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## COMING DOWN: Commissioners vote 4-1 to terminate Confederate monument agreement

Local UDC has until Oct. 1 to develop plan for removal

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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PITTSBORO — “You’re a traitor to the county!”

“I hope y’all rot in hell!”

And with that, it’s been decided.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted 4-1 on Monday night, with Commissioner Andy Wilkie the lone dissent, to terminate the county’s agreement with the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy regarding the Confederate soldier monument in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in downtown Pittsboro.

The motion, presented by Commissioner Jim Crawford, stipulated that the UDC has until October 1 to communicate plans for the monument’s removal in writing. The county manager would then be responsible for “making

every effort” to remove the monument in a timely manner. If a plan is not received, the statue would be declared a “public trespass” on November 1.

“The monument represents government speech that at one time was consistent with the ruling values of the county,” Crawford’s motion said, “but now its message is inconsistent with the ruling values of the county.”

The decision ended several months of debate — most of it among citizens during the public comment section of commissioner meetings — surrounding the monument, which was placed outside the courthouse in 1907. Now, 112 years later, its days — at least in its current resting place at the courthouse — are numbered.

The UDC had previously pledged, in a statement two weeks ago, to seek legal remedy if the statue were to be “reimagined.”

The vote came after a long commissioners’ meeting during which the monument discussion and all public comments were saved until the end. The restless crowd, which had sat through public hearings on zoning and a presentations on other topics, erupted after the vote.

A sizable portion of those in attendance, who had previously stood in support of removing the statue, began applauding, while another portion began booing and shouting at the commissioners. It continued a trend that had been established a few minutes earlier, when some of the commissioners began explaining their position.

Commissioner Karen Howard said it was “disappointing” that the UDC had backed out of discussions to “reimagine” the monument and that

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Staff photo by Zachary Horner

The ‘Our Confederate Heroes’ monument was shrouded in darkness Monday night after the Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted 4-1 to terminate the county’s agreement with the United Daughters of the Confederacy to locate the memorial statue on county property.

## Snakes are out there — don’t be afraid, but be cautious and respectful



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A mature copperhead snake sits in its habitat at the North Carolina Zoo. One of the most common snakes to be seen in the south, they prefer to live near streams and waterways.

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE  
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PITTSBORO — “It was rather scary,” said Karen Crowell, recalling the copperhead bite she sustained two years ago.

“And painful,” the Pittsboro resident added. “Incredibly painful.”

Crowell encountered the venomous snake when it became entangled in deer netting she’d erected to protect her garden.

First, she saw the snake, struggling in the netting; then her dog saw it, too, and began to move toward it. Reaching out with her right hand for her dog’s collar to protect her pet from a strike, Crowell became the closer target for the struggling snake.

“It ended up biting me instead of her,” said Crowell, whose right index finger took the hit.

The incident — in addition to the pain of the snakebite, the incident involved an expensive visit to UNC Hospital’s emergency room, where she was administered antivenom costing thousands of dollars — was an unwelcome one, but from it Crowell found out a lot more about snakes, and snakebites, than she’d known before.

“I learned quite a lot about snakes after I was bitten,” she said.

And she learned a bit about what not to do if bitten, including elevating her hand, which she did, believing it would reduce swelling — when in-

stead it hastened the spread of the snake venom through her circulatory system.

“I know a lot more about snakes now,” she said.

Though she hasn’t had any close encounters since, thanks to her experience two years ago Crowell is equipped with more information about avoiding another snakebite: she removed the deer netting around her garden, saying she’d rather the deer enjoy the hostas than risk imperiling an innocent life, including a snake’s; and she takes more precautions now to avoid a repeat incident, including wearing thick rubber boots on her frequent walks in the woods.

Her advice to others, should one encounter a snake?

“Just walk away,” Crowell said. “Don’t try to do anything to get them out of the way. A lot of people get bitten doing that. Your best bet is simply walk away.”

Snakes — and their venomous bites — have gotten a lot of attention this summer. Crowell recently shared her personal snakebite story on a local online forum, part of a lively local discussion on the topic.

And several news outlets have reported recently that venomous snakebites are on the rise in North Carolina. A recent story in The Wall Street Journal noted that in North Carolina and Georgia, snake bites are up 10 percent from a

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## Officials: Security constantly upgraded at schools

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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*Editor’s Note: This is the second in a four-part series looking at “The Things They Face” as students prepare to head back to school. This week: school safety. In part three next week, we’ll examine sexual assault and domestic violence.*

The reports of shootings at schools have been frequent in recent years, and while Chatham County has not been affected directly, the headlines have been hard to miss.

Six killed and 18 injured at Rancho Tehama Elementary School on the Rancho Tehama Reserve in California in November 2017. Two killed and 18 injured at Marshall County High School in Marshall County, Kentucky, in January 2018. Seventeen killed and 17 injured at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on Valentine’s Day 2018.

School shootings even came to North Carolina during the last school year — a single homicide at Butler High in Matthews, just outside of Charlotte, in October 2018 and two killed and four injured on the campus of UNC-Charlotte in April of this year.

Chatham County Schools has seen some incidents on its campuses in recent years.

A hunter shot a deer near a school one morning in November 2017. Two schools went on lockdown in February 2018 when someone stole a vehicle and came near the campus. This March, a threat against Chatham Central High School was made on social media — it was later deemed to be false — but additional sheriff’s deputies were posted to the school and 175 students were absent from the school that had 401 students on its rolls that month.

In light of these incidents, both locally and nationally, both Chatham County Schools and Chatham Charter School have increased security capabilities and sought to reassure teachers, students and parents that when they come to work or learn, all will be well.

Students, according to Chatham County Schools Chief Operations Officer Chris Blice, are an important piece

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## CN+R adds ‘chatham brew,’ 411 publications

CN+R Staff Report

The Chatham News + Record has created two brand new ways for readers and residents to be informed about life in Chatham County.

The debut issue of “chatham brew,” a weekly e-newsletter, was emailed to registered users of the newspaper’s website, chathamnewsrecord.com, on Monday. It’s a free product created to help serve as a bridge between weekly publication dates of the News + Record and will include both a look back at that current week’s edition of the newspaper and a peek at stories being developed for the coming week, plus additional community infor-

mation and links.

“We know that some people prefer a quick read delivered directly to their inboxes,” said Alexis Allston, a recent graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill’s School of Media and Journalism who has developed “chatham brew” with News + Record Publisher Bill Horner III. “That’s why we’ve created the chatham brew — an email newsletter that will tell you everything you need to know in less than 10 minutes, every Monday.”

To sign up to receive chatham brew, see the link on the News + Record’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ChathamNR/> or send an



email message to [news@chathamnr.com](mailto:news@chathamnr.com).

Meanwhile, the News + Record’s first specialty publication — Chatham 411 — is nearing completion. The maga-

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ANTI-GUN GATHERING IN PITTSBORO

# Kindergarten student, others speak at 'Do-Something' rally

BY DAVID BRADLEY  
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PITTSBORO — “They said there’s someone with guns in the school,” Tommy said. “We had to hide in the classroom. We were very scared, and one kid cried.”

Tommy — a 6-year-old student at Carrboro Elementary — is proof that even the youngest among us is affected by the potential of gun violence in our schools.

Last Wednesday at 6, before stepping up to the microphone, the youngster watched from the sidelines as adults spoke about stopping gun violence at a peace rally held at the Historic Pittsboro Courthouse to address gun violence. When additional speakers were requested, the young boy left his mother’s side, passed through the group of adults and made his way to the courthouse steps to address the crowd about his personal experience with the topic.

“They said there were guns, but there weren’t,” the boy said in front of the crowd.

His mother cried a bit as her son spoke, moved by his courage speaking in front of the group of more than 50 people at the courthouse steps.

“I was very proud of him to say that,” she said later, requesting that her name and Tommy’s last name not be used. “I got a call about an active shooter. It was terrifying for 15 minutes. Everyone is tired of children in lockdown drills. I mean, he’s in kindergarten.”

The school later reported that no shooter had been present. But the scary reality for parents, teachers and students, 20 years after Columbine, is the very real potential for an actual shooting event.

At last Wednesday’s rally, several teachers spoke about their concerns while on the job.

“I was also a teacher, and I’ve been on that



Staff photo by David Bradley

Alirio Estevez, an English as a second language teacher for for the Chatham County Schools system, spoke to the crowd at the “Do Something” rally in Pittsboro last week.

end,” the boy’s mother said. “It’s terrifying. We’re protecting the lives of our students.”

Former Wayne County school principal Dottie Hobbs, also participating in the Pittsboro rally, had very definite ideas about the situation in schools.

“It’s time for something to be done,” Hobbs said. “I lived in fear everyday of guns coming into my school. I thought about it all the time.”

“We’re asleep at the wheel,” said Jennifer Gillis, also speaking at the rally. “Kids are being murdered. People go about their day, it’s commonplace to go out in the morning, and not come home at night.”

“We need to love our children more than we love our guns,” said Alirio Estevez, a local ESL teacher, said.

“We all think that it can’t happen here in Pittsboro,” said Mayor Cindy Perry. “We don’t know. We hope not. We come together so it doesn’t happen.”

As some members of the community came together for the event, other members of the community mocked their efforts — some drove past the small crowd with their

hands pointing like guns through their windows. Other passers-by yelled out the name of President Trump. One truck spewed a cloud of black diesel exhaust towards the group.

The vigil, organized by Perry — who said she did so as a private citizen and not as mayor — along with Nancy Jacobs and Mary Hart, wasn’t about any specific political party.

“The Republicans that I know want background checks and reasonable gun laws,” Katie Hart said.

Many speakers said they want to see change, not only in gun laws but in public attitudes about guns in our society.

There are many schools of thought about what the changes should be, speakers said. Some favor legislation to change the types of weapons available. Others want to change who can purchase weapons after a background check. A third option is a Red Flag law to take away guns from someone who may pose a threat to themselves or others.

There are no easy answers, but the community members at the rally last Wednesday had some ideas.

“I think we need a clear first step articulated by

political leaders,” Kathy Zinn said after she spoke with state Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Dist. 54). “For me, the first step is deeper background checks. A lot of people agree with tighter background checks.”

“We need common sense background checks,” said Beth Carter, who carried a “Love trumps hate” sign at the rally. “We do it with cars, it certainly wouldn’t be difficult with guns.”

Some of last Wednesday’s conversation didn’t focus on the handguns used for protection, but rather high-powered weaponry and high-capacity magazines.

Jennifer Gillis shared her concerns.

“I’m really concerned about access to high power weapons. There’s no reason to own that type of weapon, to me,” Gillis said. “An AR-15 is designed to kill a lot of people rapidly, not for protection. If someone wants to own a gun, fine — no reason to own a power gun.”

“We need Red Flag laws,” Hobbs said. “Mental health checks, and remove high capacity guns. Other countries don’t have the level of violence, don’t have access to guns, not high-capacity.”

A common saying after the mass shootings seen in America has been “Our thoughts and prayers going out to people,” but Elaine Chiosso carried a sign that says, “that’s not enough.”

“It’s obviously important for the shootings to stop,” Chiosso said. “Each one is so tragic, and terrible.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry, left, and Jennifer Gillis were part of the “Do Something” event at the Historic Pittsboro Courthouse last Wednesday night.

Nothing is being done. Our leaders offer thoughts and prayers. We need to look hard at gun control. We can’t have people with military grade hardware. To me, it’s not acceptable. The big question to me is why is the USA the leader in these kinds of shootings? We need to try to bring rationality to this. What ever these weapons are, I don’t think they should be allowed. We need to pass bills languishing in North Carolina and Congress. It would be a good place to start.”

“I think we’re lobbying for something completely reasonable,” Allie Gartland said. “If no one fights for it, nothing will change.”

“Look at our culture — what is it that has caused this level of hate?” Chiosso said.

“When hate comes from the top, it influences people in a bad way,” said Carter. “I’m in support of people who have suffered so much.”

“It’s a multi-faceted problem, look at attitudes to each other and the community,” said Gary Leath, pastor of Hank’s Chapel United Church of Christ. “Have concerns about what happens to fellow citizens, address every area that leads

us to a mass shooting.”

“It’s a good way to get out and show the community that they’re not alone,” Deanna Hardesty said. “If you think there should be gun legislation, you’re not alone.”

What will the difference be because of this rally? “It won’t be immediate,” Perry said. “I think most people feel we can’t be silent any longer. That’s what really motivated me to do this.”

Rep. Reives attended the “Do-Something” rally, and for him it had a positive meaning.

“It means people pay attention and people care,” Reives said. “I hope it leads to discussion. I hope they can look at and see more people with their concerns than three or five issues. It’s no longer a partisan issue.”

“If I could say anything, it would be to stop yelling at each other,” Pastor Leath said, “and start talking with each other.”

“We need to love everybody, shouldn’t have to be afraid because of skin color,” Estevez said. “We can change. It’s not a sprint, it’s a marathon. It will end soon, but we must start now.”

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Chatham “had a unique opportunity to address this in a more productive way than other counties.” Board Vice Chairman Diana Hales said the story of Confederate veterans was “worth retelling and commemorating,” but not in the form of a monument on public property.

“It is a constant reminder of the brutality, second-class status and political power that the white population exercised over their neighbors of black skin,” Hales said. “The monument should be relocated to an appropriate commemorative site.”

During Hales’ comments, some of the individuals who had defended keeping the monument in its current place began shouting “no!” and interrupting. The comments continued during Crawford’s motion and later comments by Howard.

“What’s clear is, regardless of what side of this issue you reside on, this statue does not reflect the views of this governing board,” Howard said. “The mere fact that anybody in this community has expressed that the monument is abhorrent to anyone should have been disposing of the issue.”

She added that the county should probably pursue some racial reconciliation efforts, a suggestion that prompted laughter on the “keep” side of the courtroom.

After the meeting, Wilkie, the lone Republican on the board who represents District 5, explained his no vote by saying he attempted to represent his constituents. District 5 includes most of the land south of Siler City and west of Goldston.

“All my friends and neighbors were against it,” he said. “I live in Goldston and you know where these people are from. They’re from western Chatham County. That’s where I live, and that’s what I’m here for, to represent them.”

Commission Chairman Mike Dasher said the monument was placed outside the courthouse “in a very different time in a very different Chatham County,” and if the same agreement were proposed today, it would go nowhere.

“I think we certainly made every effort that we could to have a collaborative approach,” he said. “The option still exists, but the whole point was to work together in good faith. If the signatory to that agreement isn’t willing to do it, I’m not sure what options are left.”



Staff photo by David Bradley

The ‘Our Confederate Heroes’ statue in front of the Historic Chatham County Courthouse.

Dasher said he wasn’t willing to commit to fighting any potential legal action from the UDC — which Winnie Davis Chapter President Barbara Pugh hinted at in a letter to Dasher earlier this month — but acknowledged the sides had “different interpretations of where the law is.” The UDC has maintained the statue’s placement is protected under a state law.

Pugh spoke during the public input portion of the meeting, directing her comments to the idea that the Civil War was not about slavery as part of her defense for the monument.

“If you destroy the truth, there’s no virtue left,” she said. “The truth is that the Confederacy was for a limited and decentralized government as opposed to a strong centralized government with a one-size-fits-all policy from D.C.”

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# VIEWPOINTS

## On the art of getting offended

The cancellation request arrived in the mail without much fanfare or much written explanation — just a simple message which read: “Please cancel our subscription immediately! Send any refund...”



**BILL HORNER III**  
From The Publisher's Desk

No further explanation was necessary because the reader's reasoning accompanied the note: a clipped-out editorial cartoon we'd published that week which depicted a trolling shark facing an under-water warning sign which read; “Go near shore at own risk. Angry white males with easy access to guns.”

The cartoon, by syndicated cartoonist Joe Heller, was drawn in reaction to recent mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton. Like all good editorial cartoons — whether you agreed with its premise or not

— it used humor and irony to adroitly make a point or perhaps compel conversation.

Draw your own conclusion about the punishment (us losing a valued subscriber) fitting the crime (a cartoon which rankled a reader's sensibilities), but when I read the note, and saw the enclosed cartoon, I smirked silently to myself about the writer and the ease at which he was offended. It's just an editorial cartoon, one man's opinion, published in the specific part of the newspaper where viewpoints and opinions are welcome and designed to stimulate dialogue.

Why so easily offended, I wondered?

But then I remembered having my own sensibilities rankled just a week or so before, and had a moment of clarity. I'd taken my car to a local dealership for an oil change late one afternoon and sat down at a table in the waiting room to do some work. Three other men were there, also waiting: two, like me, were quietly engaged in some task or reading, but the third — a man in his 30s

dressed in shorts and a pressed, untucked button-down shirt with a “Make America Great Again” hat perched atop his moppish dirty-blond hair — dominated the space, talking loudly on his cell phone.

I couldn't help but eavesdrop. The man was barking out orders to what I suppose was a subordinate, enthusiastically instructing him about what to say on specific Twitter posts and which videos to post on other platforms.

If he was trying to sound like a political consultant, he succeeded.

It wasn't necessarily the “MAGA” hat — 25 bucks at donaldtrump.com for red, but \$30 if you want it in pink, ladies — that was like a smack in the face to me, though. Trump is my president, too, but his Twitterstorm of insults and his attacks on the press — calling us “the enemy of the people” and, this week, even going after his beloved Fox News — combined with the guy in the waiting room's loud and pointed arrogance, really...well, offended me. I was a bit shocked at what stirred inside me — probably not

too dissimilar to the reader who just canceled his subscription.

I was curious who the dude was. It didn't take long to find out. A customer service rep soon bounded through the door with some bad news: Hatman's radiator was busted and he needed a new one.

A hushed conversation followed, one I couldn't hear. The service rep left, and soon our guy was on his phone again — this time using a much lower tone, calling around the state trying to find a cheaper radiator than the dealership was offering.

His arrogance having abated at this turn of misfortune, the preppy political operative seemed cut down to size. I silently — and I'm embarrassed to admit this, because it was petty on my part — cheered his misfortune.

On one of his calls he was asked for his name, and he obliged. Naturally, upon hearing it, I Googled him on the spot. Turns out he had at one time worked in North Carolina as an adviser to some high-profile candidates, but his Tweets

— good ol' Twitter — got him in hot water, and ultimately got him fired, according to a story on CNN.com.

Both of these experiences — the cancellation note from a subscriber, my encounter with a loudmouth in a car dealership — reminded me that we each have a propensity to take things too personally. We focus on us, not others. That habit is strongly reinforced on social media, and few of us are immune. We're programmed to be critical and have an inherent need to be “right,” and thus make others wrong.

We're selfish, and culturally becoming more selfish, I think, as time goes on.

The worst thing about all this, in my observation, is that it creates blindspots in our lives, areas of lack of awareness and too many instances where it's “all about me,” even though we'd deny it if brought to our attention.

Fact is, we've learned to yell, but we don't take time to listen.

And that's a shame. We can't understand until we listen.

## Visiting Charlotte like a fish out of water

The entertainment industry has forever and successfully mined a deep well of “fish out of water” stories.



**RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
Randall Reflects

From “The Odyssey” to “Gulliver's Travels,” “A Connecticut Yankee In King Arthur's Court” to “The Wizard of Oz,” “E.T.” to “Crocodile Dundee,” storytellers have long loved placing their protagonists in unfamiliar or uncomfortable surroundings and letting them sort things through.

It's an effective dramatic device for building tension and generating laughs.

Even Tarzan saw action far from his familiar jungle haunts in the 1942 film “Tarzan's New York Adventure,” which includes a memorable scene where Johnny Weissmuller's jungle hero, arriving for his first visit to North America, peers out the window of his plane and declares the skyscraper landscape a “stone jungle.”

The perennial popularity of the “fish out of water” motif tells us it's not just screenwriters who love it; audiences do, too.

But where its entertaining to watch Tarzan or Crocodile Dundee navigate (and conquer, of course) unfamiliar terrain, being a real-life “fish out of water” sometimes falls short of being fun and entertaining.

I'm thinking about my recent visit to Charlotte.

No rube, I've traveled some. I've lived in other states. I have a passport (the terrible photo verifies it's authentic) and I've visited other countries. After our recent walk around Disney's Epcot, where we dashed in and out of countless international pavilions — Mexico one minute, Germany the next — I felt like a veritable globe trotter.

I've also spent a good deal of time in Charlotte, though prior to my wife and I driving there for a concert a couple of Friday afternoons ago, I hadn't set foot in the Queen City in nearly 20 years.

It's grown a bit since I last visited. For a 10-year span in the early part of the 21st century, Charlotte was the country's fastest-growing metropolitan area, growing from 2004 to 2014 to include 888,000 new residents. North Carolina's most populous city, Charlotte is also the second largest (Jacksonville, Florida, is the first) in the southeastern U.S.

Before we got to the big city, we drove through a lot of smaller ones — Carthage, Biscoe, Albemarle, Locust and Mint Hill — on the mostly-rural stretch of N.C. Hwy. 27, enjoying the fresh scenery, especially the lush and pretty path we followed through Uwharrie National Forest.

Without any accompanying fanfare, we quietly crossed into the Charlotte city limits and things immediately began to feel different.

Of course, there was traffic,

which I expected, especially on a Friday afternoon. I'm accustomed to heavy traffic — which you can find that just about everywhere now; and I'm fully comfortable driving in it — but the Queen City traffic seemed especially dense and cutthroat.

We hadn't been in Charlotte five minutes before somehow — and I haven't a clue how — I enraged another motorist. I know I did because he demonstrated his displeasure with me (or life in general, I'm not sure) by pulling alongside our car and offering us a lingering look at one of his up-pointed fingers before he hit the gas pedal and quickly darted away like a hummingbird, leaving us wondering in his wake what highway faux pas we'd committed.

We were early for the 7 p.m. show so we decided to kill some time at North Carolina's only Ikea. We got there without further offending anyone, but after we parked and stepped foot onto the enormous parking lot, we were greeted by two low-flying helicopters repeatedly encircling the area overhead.

Maybe I was still a bit on-edge from the road rage incident, but the disconcerting noise of the aircraft and their odd and repetitive flight patterns had me feeling like a fugitive, or wondering if they were searching for a fugitive. It wasn't conducive to relaxation.

Ikea's meandering furniture displays were a welcome distraction.

When we exited the superstore an hour or so later, the mysterious helicopters were gone — for good or to refuel I could only guess — and we seized the quiet moment to flee the scene, too, setting our navigation for our ultimate destination, the Spectrum Center, which our app told us was 10 miles away, or, incredibly, a 30-minute drive.

Through more heavy traffic we traveled, eventually getting to the 20,000-capacity arena and circling about it for a few minutes looking for a place to park. We found a parking lot close enough that only cost \$15, but I would have paid double that just to be done with the traffic.

The show ended around 11 p.m. We'd toyed with the idea of spending the night in Charlotte, but road/hotel-weariness from our recent drive to and from Disney, we'd scrapped that plan in favor of a late night drive home.

But first we had to get out of Charlotte and that proved nearly as challenging as driving into Charlotte, with the late Friday night traffic still heavy as the clock approached midnight. It was, thankfully, too dark for me to tell if I angered anyone else.

We drove as fast as we could home, the Uwharrie Mountain range dark on our return trip and not nearly as inviting as it had appeared that afternoon. Or maybe I was just still carrying a lot of tension from the big city.

Around 1 a.m., we pulled into our driveway, thoroughly tired of driving, tired of traffic, just tired; but relieved to no longer be a fish out of water.



## ‘Back to school’ not same animal it once was

It wasn't so long ago youngsters were getting out of



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around

school for the summer and singing such favorite ditties as “No more pencils, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks,” which is, of course, one

of the all-time hit tunes in the world of juveniles.

There is another favorite homemade made-up juvenile tune that has to do with “My country's tired of me, I'm going to Germany to see the king.” It goes on to note that “the king is Mickey Mouse, the queen is Minnie Mouse, they run a boarding house,” and so forth but that's another story for later.

Anyway, the line of reasoning on the part of students about teachers ignores the fact that teachers have a similar ditty that runs something like, “No more students, no more mess, this is better, I confess.”

Now as August winds its way toward autumn (the season, not the girl) it seems so long ago that both sides were just starting their vacations. Now it's back to class time — teachers have reported within the past few days and students are close behind. I wonder if both sides are ready.

In the dark ages when dinosaurs roamed the earth and I was a lad, getting ready for “back to school” was an exciting time. For me the event was usually compressed into one day and covered several areas:

clothing, school supplies and the lunch Mama would get me if I didn't drive her insane during the other two parts.

As a slightly rotund and a bit round (I know that's a surprise to you) youth, my wardrobe, until I got to the enlightened (read “aware of girls”) age of 15, consisted of several pair (or is it “pairs”?) of stiff Blue Bell jeans, some really ugly long-sleeve shirts I buttoned to the top collar button, white socks and shiny black loafers, sometimes with a penny in them and sometimes not, especially if there wasn't a slot for the pennies.

The bulk of those clothes came from the annual trip to the bargain basement of Belk in downtown Raleigh, a place I hated because it was full of other boys being tortured the same way I was. It was only the promise of the toasted ham and cheese sandwich — with a slice of dill pickle — and all the Coke I could drink waiting at the lunch counter that kept me going.

In time as I celebrated a few birthdays between 7 and 15, I realized my wardrobe left something to be desired if I were going to make it in the world of school success. So I morphed over to Sammy Griffin's Shoe Shop and William Ray Arthurs and his Men's Store in downtown Pittsboro. Today I realize that those two gentlemen spoiled me with \$5 shirts, \$8 pants and \$10 shoes, which is what I think those garments still should cost even today.

The supply part Mama pretty much left to me: a new loose-leaf binder, a humongous pack of Blue Horse paper (the one with the big coupon

around the picture of the horse), some (as in a couple or three) packs of unsharpened number two pencils, a pencil sharpener (the little kind you could hold in your hand) and other assorted items, all age-appropriate. For instance, it wasn't until high school that I'd get a new compass (the math kind, not the Boy Scout one) and a protractor and ruler and such, not that I could ever put them to good use in geometry class.

Later, in the 11th grade, I think, I wore my brother's slide rule on my belt. Couldn't do a thing with it except find Pi (whatever that is) and then I didn't know what to do with that but, boy, did I look sharp, even if I accidentally wore white socks.

I'm not sure what youngsters want for back to school these days since I'm not in it and neither are the two 40-somethings who used to be teenagers who lived at my house. I don't know if youngsters still use pencils; seems like most everything today is “press this key” on some sort of electronic device.

Reminds me of the young lady who called computer service one day and asked, “Where's the ‘any’ key?”

“Where's the what?” her helper asked.

“The ‘any’ key,” she said. “The message on my screen said that to continue, I should press any key and I can't find it.”

So, if there are any youngsters out there who need some pencils, I've got a bunch of them.

Now if only I could find some shirts for \$5...

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## LETTERS

### Where's Mark Walker?

In reference to the story, "How Much are Chatham's Governments in Debt?" in Chatham News + Record's edition dated Aug. 1-7, Mark Walker commented on the House of Representatives vote to lift the debt limit.

On July 22, he told CNN, "With 22 trillion in debt and the deficits that have been out of control, we have got to find some things, specifically maybe even in mandatory side to make sure we are curbing that and not leaving our children and grandchildren a debt that they cannot repay." This would follow a good conservative principal, but for Mark Walker and the rest of the Grand Old Trump Party, it's just a

talking point. How soon he forgets voting in favor of one of the largest tax cuts to the wealthiest one percent and large corporations.

This is Mark Walker speak for "we're going to cut your Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to make up for lost revenue Congress" is in recess for the entire month of August, but where is Mark Walker?

Representative Walker's office in D.C. stated that he currently has no town halls scheduled. Maybe we'll accidentally see him if there's an appropriate "photo op" that will make him look good in our part of the district. If Mark Walker really cared what his constituents think, he'd come around the 6th District. If he really cared about our healthcare, he'd stop

voting to hack the ACA to death and push A.G. Barr to defend it. If he really cared about children, he'd call out the current administration and try to stop the caging of children and the separation of families at our border seeking asylum...which is perfectly legal by the way. If he really cared about the plight of our local farmers, and all of us who purchase consumer goods, he'd do something to end the disastrous trade war with China. If he really cared about addressing violence and hatred, he'd call out the "Divider in Chief" for all the hate filled rhetoric in his tweets and at campaign rallies. If he really cared about doing something to end the senseless mass shootings, which is at a record high of over 250 this year so far, he'd

take back his "NAY" votes on background checks, which most recently passed in the House.

Could it be that he opposes any gun restrictions due to the fact that the NRA endorses him and he accepts campaign financing from them?

IF MARK WALKER ONLY REALLY CARED!  
Amee Stewart  
Pittsboro

### Chatham GOP's fundraiser looks to put heavy artillery on streets

#### TO THE EDITOR:

The local Chatham County Republican Party (CCGOP) is now fundraising for its party coffers with a gun raffle.

Apparently it is not enough to take over six

figures from indicted donors, but now the CCGOP is adding a cherry on top of its rancid pile by endeavoring to raise money by raffling an assault style weapon and a pistol grip shotgun commonly called an "alley sweeper."

Weapons that the CCGOP blithely calls in a press release "a modern sporting rifle and a shotgun."

Now I can understand a bit of creative license, but I am no more a young, nubile super model than those weapons are as innocent and suitable for hunting as they are described by CCGOP leadership in their literature.

Furthermore, I am fine with guns and own guns, but I favor reasonable gun laws and do not favor promoting military style weapons in civilian hands.

My deceased husband

was from the mountains of North Carolina and at one point his collection of modern, rare and antique guns was quite large.

A collection that I no longer own.

What I find fascinating is how the local parties approach fundraising.

The local Democratic Party raises money in its raffle by offering up a vacation to a destination of your choice through a time share network.

What better difference between the parties.

One raises money by offering a chance to visit fun and exotic locations, while the other is stuffed to the gills with dirty money and wants to put more heavy artillery on the streets of Chatham.

This is truly a difference worth pondering.

Virginia J. Penley  
Chapel Hill

## Trade wars hurt North Carolina workers

RALEIGH — The political temptation to protect "domestic" industries from "foreign" competition is strong, persistent and understandable. But for the vast majority of North Carolina workers, their interests would best be served if politicians resisted the temptation rather than yielding to it.

I have many objections to protectionism. As you can see from my use of quotes around "domestic" and "foreign," I even object to the terms its advocates frequently employ. Modern corporations and supply chains are far more complicated than that.

Many North Carolinians work for companies that started or are headquartered in other countries but maintain large facilities and workforces in our state. Many other North Carolinians work for companies based here but relying heavily on plants, suppliers, or distributors in other markets. The fuzzy line between "domestic" and "foreign" runs right through their jobs and paychecks.

I also think using punitive taxes or restrictive rules to make imported goods artificially expensive is little more than a coercive attempt by government to dictate buying decisions and thus redistribute income from consumers to producers. I object to that on principle.

But set aside these definitional and philosophical matters for the time being. On its own merits, protectionism tends in practice to be a counterproductive policy. Its net effect is to reduce employment, not to boost it.

One pioneer of economic analysis, Frédéric Bastiat, made this point well in a famous 1850 essay. He observed that when government or any other institution takes an action, there isn't a single effect but rather a series of them. The immediate effect is easily seen. Others come later and can escape notice, like a visible billiard ball moving across a table of invisible ones and producing patterns that can only be detected indirectly by sound or touch.

"The entire difference between a bad and a good economist is apparent here," Bastiat wrote. "A bad one relies on the visible effect while the good one takes account both of the effect one can see and of those one must foresee."

In the case of trade restrictions intended to boost domestic employment, you have to reason beyond the initial effect to understand and predict the overall consequences. If protectionist policies raise the cost of imports, consumers may well purchase domestic alternatives in the short run. But many will ultimately respond to the higher prices by buying less of the good in question, choosing to purchase other kinds of goods (including imports) or services instead.

The authors of a recent National Bureau of Economic Research working paper used economic data to simulate the effects of various trade policies. They found that the substitution effect I just described offsets the protection afforded domestic industries, resulting in a net loss of manufacturing jobs — not to mention the wholesale and retail jobs the policy also endangers.

Another billiard ball you have to track across the table is retaliation. Many companies, workers and farmers are suffering significant losses as other countries retaliate against American tariffs. Some \$33 billion in exports departed North Carolina for foreign markets in 2018, including aircraft and automotive products, pharmaceuticals, wood products, tobacco, machine parts, pork, poultry, textiles and fiber-optic cable.

Lots of North Carolinians earn their living by designing, producing, processing, transporting, or marketing these wares. Political posturing and "tough" talk can't replace the income they lose as other countries hike tariffs in response to ours.

There are bad actors in international commerce, of course — and China is certainly among them. To the extent Chinese firms and officials swipe intellectual property or engage in other coercive or fraudulent activity, their actions merit a spirited, targeted response. Generalized tariffs or trade barriers do not constitute such a response, however. They are the policy equivalent of blunderbusses. They do tremendous harm to innocent bystanders, including North Carolinians whose jobs and opportunities depend on access to the global market.

Many victims of protectionism may not know the policy is hurting them. But their losses still count. There aren't enough benefits to offset them.

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## Do we owe somebody an apology?

What does a story told by a Jewish rabbi late last month at Chautauqua, N.Y., have to do with the North Carolina Board of Elections?

D.G. MARTIN  
One on One

Chautauqua. Founded in 1874, it is the host to more than 100,000 visitors each summer. They participate in a series of lectures about religious, political, and other current topics, and enjoy a rich program of entertainment.

For instance, in the afternoons in the Hall of Philosophy during the week

beginning July 29, there were lectures on the theme "What's So Funny About Religion." The program explained, "Even religion can have its less serious side, and in this week we will look for a lighter, smiling way to lift one's heart and mind in the human enterprise that tends to take life and its meaning and purpose very seriously."

On Tuesday of that week, Rabbi Bob Alper gave a talk and told a story. Chautauqua praises Alper's "wonderfully unique material presented in a way that's intelligent, sophisticated, and 100 percent clean."

Alper opened his presentation with stories to illustrate the value of using humor at the beginning of a serious speech.

Here is one of those

stories:

Years ago in a small shtetl, a Jewish community and very poor, the communal cow died.

They collected 300 rubles, all the money they could collect, and sent a representative to Moscow to buy a new cow. He came back with 300 rubles and no cow. The cheapest cow was 600 rubles.

What are we going to do? The committee met. They thought, they thought. Finally, they came up with an idea that maybe cows are less expensive in smaller cities.

They sent him off to Minsk. He came back leading a cow.

This cow gave milk like no one ever remembered, amazing amounts of milk, to the point where they said, we need to breed her.

So they got a bull, and brought the bull to the pasture. The cow went to the far end of the pasture. The bull went to the far side of the pasture. The cow went to the east side of the pasture. The bull went to the east side, the cow to the west side the bull...

Nothing was happening.

They went to the wisest man in the village, the rabbi, and they told him what was happening.

He stroked his gray beard, and he thought and he thought. And he said, "Let me ask you a question. This cow, she's from Minsk, isn't she?"

"Why yes Rabbi, she is," they answered. "How did you know that?"

"Heh, Heh," the rabbi said, "my wife's from Minsk."

## The saga of Dale and Goliath

This is a modern day re-telling of the familiar Bible story of David and Goliath. In our version, David is played by N.C.'s State Treasurer, Dale Folwell. The Philistine giant Goliath represents the large hospitals in our state.

Like David, Dale is also a shepherd. His flock includes more than 700,000 current and

retired state employees; he is the Administrator of the State Health Plan. Because the state doesn't adequately fund the 5-9 percent annual cost increases there is a threat to its short-term solvency, but a much more serious crisis is looming: approximately \$35 billion in unfunded liabilities the plan has incurred.

Did we mention that Dale is a forensic accountant? Dr. Larry Crumbly, in the "Journal of Forensic Accounting," explains, "You have an external auditor — that's like a guard dog. Maybe a bulldog. An internal auditor is a seeing eye dog. A forensic accountant is a bloodhound." The seeing eye dog in Dale examined the plan's numbers, the bloodhound started sniffing for ways to save money, then the bulldog took charge. Dale asked the hospitals to reveal

what they charged for various procedures, saying there needed to be more transparency so as to understand how health plan members were charged. Hospitals responded that pricing was a highly complicated issue, besides they wouldn't reveal proprietary information. Bulldog Dale said that if hospitals couldn't or wouldn't tell him what they charged, he would tell them what the State Health Plan was going to pay, a formula based on a percentage above what they accepted from Medicare.

No self-respecting Philistine is going to stand for such a threat, and neither were the hospitals. Game on. Which side was going to prevail? Dale issued a deadline for hospitals to sign onto what he called the Clear Pricing Plan if they were going to serve those in the State Health Plan next year. They refused, with the exception of five small hospitals. Dale sweetened the pot by increasing the percentage paid over the Medicare rate and extending the deadline. Still the hospitals refused to sign.

Crows gathered as the clock for a decision was running down. Dale received a letter from the North Carolina Association of Educators urging him to concede. Dale blinked and agreed to a proposal from Blue Cross with the Blue Options Network, an agreement that would allow members to keep the same doctor and hospital networks they now have, but essen-

tially moved them to value-based healthcare, where providers get paid for health outcomes, instead of the traditional fee-for-service model.

Dale was correct in demanding transparency and its time will surely come soon. But hospitals were also correct in saying this isn't just a black or white matter and many factors are at play in procedure pricing. They cite a federal law that requires they treat anyone who comes to their doors, regardless of their ability to pay, however indigent care is not a huge percentage of their overall costs. Neither is the justification for their accumulating large surpluses on the grounds they are necessary for the purchase of new machines or to pay out malpractice lawsuits. Transparency is essential to reigning in healthcare costs.

Unlike the Biblical narrative, Goliath won round one, however I'm betting Dale is gathering small stones and this battle is far from over.

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# SNAKES: 'Most, if not all, snake species are declining overall'

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year ago. The N.C. Poison Control Center, which serves the entire state, "tracks the number of phone calls they receive about venomous snake bites," said Thomas Hughes, Media Relations/Social Media Strategist with UNC Health Care and UNC School of Medicine. "They say they've had a 67 percent increase in calls from January to April."

But Hughes said the hospitals within the UNC network, including Chatham Hospital in Siler City, haven't observed any recent uptick in snakebite treatments administered.

"Dr. Warren Perry, who is one of UNC Health Care's emergency department physicians, looked into this for us," said Hughes. "He said there is no evidence in our records of an increase in snakebite cases at Chatham Hospital."

Snakes, however, are ever-present and as more of their natural habitats are developed, experts say, the likelihood of people encountering snakes rises.

Longtime Pittsboro-based developer Ricky Spoon, owner of Ricky Spoon Builders, spends a lot of time outdoors and said he's actually observed fewer snakes this year than in year's past.

"I haven't noticed a lot of snakes this year," said Spoon. "My wife has seen a few in the yard."

Likewise, local Extension agent Debbie Roos, a self-professed "snake lover," said she hasn't personally seen an increase in snakes this year.

But Spoon acknowledged that as people expand their territory with more development, snakes — and other wildlife — have fewer places to go, increasing the odds they'll encounter more people.

"I'm sure we're doing it," Spoon said. "Just like with deer. We're doing it every day."



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**A copperhead snake at rest at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. The copperhead snake is described as having hourglass patterns on the body, with a triangular-shaped head.**

Snakes, confirmed Jeff Beane, collections manager for herpetology with the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, "are definitely being displaced, usually destroyed along with their habitats rather than just displaced by the habitat loss. And this undoubtedly leads to a lot of instances of humans encountering them. There are also more humans now than there have ever been before."

There are not, however, more snakes.

"Most, if not all, snake species are declining overall," said Beane, "due mostly to habitat loss and fragmentation, but also to other anthropogenic factors such as deliberate persecution, invasive species, etc. A few species may undergo population increases in some areas, for certain periods of time, due to favorable conditions, abundant resources, etc. Populations of most species in nature are cyclical, experiencing fluctuations over time. This time of year — late summer, early fall — in this part of the world, all snake populations undergo a slight increase because this is the time of year that their eggs hatch or their young are born. Populations will then decrease over the next year, until next year's young are born."

While there are several species of venomous snakes in central North

Carolina — including cottonmouths and rattlesnakes — copperheads, the kind of snake Crowell encountered up-close two summers ago, is the most common in our region.

"In Chatham County, the only one we really have to worry about is the copperhead," said Roos.

But left alone, Roos said, copperheads aren't aggressive and "won't bother anybody."

And Beane said no snake — copperheads or otherwise — should be feared.

"We should appreciate and respect them," said Beane, "just as we should all other components of the natural world. Learn about them. Be aware of their presence and their habitats. Become familiar with them. Knowledge and familiarity foster appreciation."

And, like Crowell does on her walks in the wild, take precautions.

The N.C. Poison Control Center's website recommends "a few simple steps you can take to decrease your chances of getting bitten by a snake," which include wearing proper footwear, illuminating after-dark walks outside with a flashlight, and avoiding putting your arms and legs in places you can't see fully.

Antagonizing a snake in any way, including picking it up or throwing something at it, increases your chances of being

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**JEFF BEANE**, collections manager, Herpetology, NC Museum of Natural Sciences

bitten, the Poison Control Center advises. "Leave the snake alone," the website instructs, "stay at least six feet away from it, and give it some space to move. There's no reason to try to kill it. After all, the environment is still reliant upon snakes to keep rodent populations in check."

It's also notable that snake bites are not limited to any particular demographic. Forty percent of NC Poison Control snake bite patients were aged 60 or over or under 18, meaning children and older adults are just as likely to be bitten.

While summer and fall are very active seasons for snakes, we're approaching the colder months when snake activity will lessen.

"In central North Carolina," said Beane, "snakes are inactive for most of the winter, which they typically spend underground, below the frost line. They are most active from about March to early November and do not move around much during the colder months."

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## IF YOU ARE BITTEN

# Right steps can save your life

BY WARREN PERRY, M.D.

What should a person do if they're bitten by a snake? What if the victim is a child?

All snake bite victims — adult/adolescent/child — should be treated the same.

Safely remove the person from the area where the snake bite occurred.

If it is safe and will not delay transport to a hospital, identify the snake by taking a picture or viewing it from a safe distance for a later description to a healthcare provider.

Remove any jewelry or items from the affected arm, hands, fingers, legs, or toes. This should include in tight fitting clothes that may cut off circulation.

Mark the edges of any redness or swelling to measure for progression

Do not allow the person to use the arm or leg as this can increase the absorption of the snake venom.

Immobilize the arm by putting it in a sling or the leg in the extensor position by using a rigid object (piece of wood, tent rod, etc.) to the back of the thigh extending past the knee to the lower leg.

There is literature to support the use of pressure pad for snake venom that causes paralysis and minimal local destruction at the snake bite, such as in the Elapidae family. However, this requires one to know what snake bites this applies to, otherwise it can cause more harm than good. So, I suggest immobilization and timely transport out of the area to a medical facility.

Quickly take the person to the nearest medical facility. Remember that the victim should not walk or use their arm during transport.

Do not give any medications or use cleaning chemicals — ibuprofen, alcohol or hydrogen peroxide — as this can alter the health provider's evaluation.

*Dr. Warren Perry is an emergency department physician with UNC Health Care.*



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# Chatham COA, Habitat reaching out to faith community

**BY ZACHARY HORNER**  
News + Record Staff

Surveys and data routinely show that people who are religiously-affiliated in some way are more likely to make a charitable donation than those who are not.

Seeking not only to raise funds and get volunteers but to also offer their own services to those in need, two Chatham County nonprofits — the Chatham Council on Aging and Chatham Habitat for Humanity — have recently held events focused on members of faith communities.

Within an eight-day stretch from Aug. 8-15, Chatham Habitat held two focus groups for members of faith communities and the COA hosted a clergy summit to meet those goals.

The clergy summit, held Aug. 12 in Pittsboro, was part of the Chatham County Aging Plan 2018-2023, and according to Dennis Streets, the COA's executive director, the event will hopefully springboard future partnerships.

"We really don't have a lot of businesses — there are some like Mountaire — but one of the prominent resources in our community is the church community, the faith community," Streets said. "So not only is it a matter of looking to them for resources but we also know that they're having to fill a lot of needs and trying to address things themselves. I think that partnership is critical to the seniors and the families that we're trying to serve."

According to the Giving USA Special Report on Giving to Religion, 62 percent of religious households give to charity of any kind, including religious congregations,



Rich Gwaltney (left, dark blue jacket) leads the discussion Aug. 12 at the Chatham Council on Aging's Clergy Summit at the Chatham County Agricultural and Conference Center in Pittsboro.

Staff photo by Zachary Horner

compared to 46 percent of households with no religious affiliation. Blaise Mercadante, a summer intern with the COA and Duke Divinity School student, said that's reflective of many of those individuals' faith and aligns with the mission of many charities.

"Both the faith community and nonprofits are focused on improving the quality of life for everybody in the community, but particularly for those people who are underserved," Mercadante said. "More than anything else, they are the ones who bring a sense of care, a sense of belief, that what they're doing is for the benefit of the people they're serving."

The elderly population is a particularly grow-

ing one that will need more assistance in the near future in Chatham. The county is projected to have the third-fastest rate of aging in the state by 2030 and be the fourth-oldest county in the state in regards to proportion of older adults. Chatham was eighth-oldest in 2010.

Streets said faith groups already play a big role in the COA's work, whether it's helping with Meals on Wheels, volunteering to help with home improvement projects or simply donating financially. He hopes to repay the favor by making churches and religious organizations aware of what the COA can offer to aging congregants.

"A lot of us will need some assistance," Streets

said. "We'd look for family and friends, but we may also look for the church, and then we might look to human service agencies. Again, it's together that we would help someone."

While working on planning the Clergy Summit, Mercadante met with Rachel Horowitz, the volunteer program manager at Chatham Habitat, which was founded by St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Pittsboro. Habitat for Humanity has a Christian-based history and founding, and Chatham Habitat already has established faith partnerships in the community.

The organization runs a campaign every year called "Apostle Build" to bring together churches and faith groups to build a house. But Horowitz,

who is Jewish, wanted to expand the playing field and be more inclusive.

"From the beginning, we've had these faith connections with different groups in the community," she said. "It was important to be to re-frame something that was inclusive of people of any faiths."

Chatham Habitat is going to kick off a new campaign in January called "Raising Faith." The goal is to raise \$30,000 to use for building homes in Siler City and Habitat's New Roberts Run neighborhood in Pittsboro. But at the same time, Horowitz said, the nonprofit is seeking to find a more robust Habitat.

To do that, they hosted focus groups on Aug. 8 and Aug. 15 to gather

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**DENNIS STREETS**, Executive Director, Chatham Council on Aging

feedback from community members and religious leaders about what's worked in the past and what they hope to see in the future.

"I think that our faith connections are a very, very important part of what we do, and I think pastors and other faith leaders are looking for clear information that they can give to their congregation," Horowitz said. "We wanted insight on how to re-frame our faith partnerships to be more inclusive."

Both Horowitz and Mercadante said they hope these partnerships continue to expand. After all, they say, no one group can do it alone.

"Pastors are focused on their congregation," Mercadante said. "They're trained theologically, they're not trained socially. Hopefully this is a way to broaden for pastors their understanding of the community, and also bring pastors together and pastors together with the not-for-profits."

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## Chatham services mostly not affected by state budget delay

**BY ZACHARY HORNER**  
News + Record Staff

While the debate over the state budget rolls on in Raleigh, most of the government work in Chatham is running normally.

Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne said the delay will likely affect "some" county programs, but not for a while if that.

"Sometimes there's a little cushion in timing for when their funds are used and they get them," he said.

The state budget debate has centered around Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's insistence on expanding Medicaid and the GOP leadership in the General Assembly's unwillingness to do that. Because a spending plan was not passed by July 1, agencies that receive state funding — including public schools and county social services departments — are currently getting the same funding they got last year.

That's led to no immediate problems for people like Jennie Kristiansen, the director of the Chatham County Department of Social Services.

"So at this point in time, there are no impacts to services being provided at DSS," she said.

Kristiansen added that she didn't anticipate any further delay to make a dent in the department's operations.

A couple of agencies are keeping a closer eye on budget proceedings, particularly Chatham County Schools and the Chatham Council on Aging.

During last week's Chatham County Board of Education meeting, the board discussed possibly expanding

what had been a pilot program for composting across the district, but Superintendent Derrick Jordan warned that the projected cost — \$15,000 to extend the pilot to five schools — might not be available right away.

"This is something that I believe that everybody is on board with, at least from an operational standpoint," he said. "However, it's an un-budgeted expense in terms of an expansion. I do think we'd have to find the dollar amount that could be absorbed within the existing budget with the plan of planning proactively and expanding in subsequent years."

District Financial Officer Tony Messer told the News + Record that things are "business as usual as much as possible," and that July and August, budget-wise, have been like the 14th and 15th month of the 2018-2019 school year.

What's being held up is planning.

"We're asked to accept students two weeks from today, and we just don't have a definitive answer on what our actual funding is going to be," Messer said. "Is money going to be there for teachers if needed? You have some grants that are out there, and if the grant is part of the state budget and hasn't been approved, you don't have authority to spend that money. The planning piece of it, trying to start the school year without a budget in place, is quite different than in the private sector."

The district's 2019-2020 budget showed state funding accounted for 57 percent of expenditures. As of now, Chatham County Schools is operating

on the \$54,125,330 from state sources they received last year, plus local and federal funding and other sources as expected.

Another concern Messer mentioned is a potential raise in the state employees retirement rate. If that goes up, more money will have to be paid into the retirement fund, but without something in place, the district sits in a bit of a holding pattern.

But those concerns will be more pronounced later in the year, Messer said.

"You're always concerned when you're operating without a budget, particularly because of the unknowns. As the school year approaches and begins, not having a state budget adds on to the complexities of what you have to do within the school year."

Dennis Streets, the executive director of the Chatham Council on Aging, told the News + Record that the agency is waiting on two sets of funds.

The COA lost just more than \$30,000 from its annual Triangle J Council of Governments allocation from last year to this year, and Streets said he hopes the state will help offset the loss with the Home and Community Care Block Grant. He said he's not sure what's going to happen with the funds, but the state House had proposed an increase.

Additionally, the council's Senior Center General Purpose funds, in the total of \$21,000, come from the State and, according to Streets, have not yet been released.

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# OBITUARIES

## WILLIAM ROBERT BATLEY



It is with heavy heart we must share the unexpected news that Bill Batley, a true son of the sea, has set sail for Valhalla, where daughter Vicky and son Robbie welcomed him with open arms. William Robert Batley passed peacefully Sunday, August 11, 2019 at UNC Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, NC after a brief stay.

Bill was born in Philadelphia, PA. in 1935, difficult times for America and for his widowed mother, Blanche Eckert Batley, but with younger sister Carole by his side, soon joined by little sister Karen Paradiso Winks, they met the challenges of the day. Bill also was fortunate to have his father's sister, Mary Ann Burkhart offer him escape from the inner city in West Newton, PA, where as a young teenager Bill had a trap line he checked each morning before school, where he hunted with best friend Bob Peebles, trading in crow's feet for bullets. His love for nature was born there. A Navy veteran, having served on the USS Missouri during the Korean War, Bill kept the dream of returning to the sea in his heart, and, after many years as an owner operator, Bill sold his truck and bought an old wooden boat and set sail for Key West, where he met and married his true love, Linda in 1982. They raised son Claes on board Dance before moving to Pittsboro in 1988. During these last 37+ years, Bill has been a good friend to many and, for a lucky few, confidant and counselor. Bill enjoyed helping anyone in need with their projects, putting his own aside, but his happiest moments were those spontaneous conversations with family, friends or strangers, with people young or old, black or white, rich or poor. He loved these encounters with people, eager to learn something new, or share a good story. Bill made one feel so good by his kind nature and humble heart.

So, please visit [knottsfuneralhome.com](http://knottsfuneralhome.com) to see some photos of his wonderful life, and remember, the cure for anything is salt water—tears, sweat and the sea. Listen more, talk less and let's open our hearts as wide as the open sea.

This wonderful man will be honored by family and friends on Saturday August 24th at 3 p.m. at St. Bart's, Pittsboro, NC.

## SABRA JANEILL 'JAN' MACDANIEL SCOTT



Sabra Janeill "Jan" MacDaniel Scott, 77, of Siler City died Sunday, August 18, 2019 at UNC Hospice, Pittsboro.

Mrs. Scott was born in Chatham County on July 8, 1942, the daughter of Marshall Henry and Dorothy (Dark) MacDaniel. Jan raised cattle and showed paint and cutting horses. She loved the "farm life" and her animals, enjoyed gift-giving to her friends and a good joke. Jan enjoyed attending the Stockyard Cowboy Church.

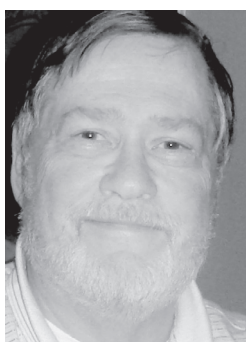
She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Lester W. Scott, Jr.; son, Marshall (Marty) Lee Allen and wife Janet; granddaughter, Kasie Tague; step-children, Patricia and Earl Dowdy, Sheila and John Tally, Scotty and Kathy Scott, Larry and Susan Scott; seven step-grandchildren and ten step-great-grandchildren.

The memorial service will be Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Stockyard Cowboy Church, 260 Stockyard Road, Siler City with Pastor Willie Pickard officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project P.O., PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675, <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/> or a charity of donor's choice.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

## REV. RONALD DAVID LANDER



Rev. Ronald David Lander, 75, of Siler City died Thursday, August 15, 2019 at Chatham Hospital, Inc., Siler City.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Janet Leigh (Jones) Lander; his children, Veronica "Bailey" Barbis, Lisa Brethen, Amy Glisson, Rachel Brewer and Jennifer Culberson, Jeremy David Lander, Scott Allen Lander; 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Ron was a loving and dedicated father and friend. His added family grew continuously including many news folks as his family. He worked various jobs, including sales, being part of a race car pit crew, an electrical inspector for a small town in upstate NY, and owning his own heating and air conditioning business. His passion and purpose in life was sharing the love of a merciful heavenly Father by being used of God to meet the needs of people throughout his community. He found the joy to do this by maintaining an unwavering faith in his Savior Jesus Christ and trusted the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. When health allowed he volunteered as a Chaplain at both Randolph and Chatham Hospitals. He loved to lead Bible studies at the Senior Center and nursing homes.

The family received friends Tuesday, August 20, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at Siler City Church of God, 510 N. Fifth Ave., Siler City with Rev. Neal Kight officiating. Internment followed in Chatham Memorial Park, Siler City.

Memorials may be made to Faith In Love Church Ministries, 237 South Third Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Lander family. Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

## MARY HURLENE PICKARD PIKE



Mary Hurlene Pickard Pike, 78, of Siler City died Saturday, August 17, 2019 at UNC Hospice Home, Pittsboro.

She was born on April 2, 1941 in Chatham County, the daughter of Harvey C. and Lou Quakenbush Pickard. Mrs. Pike was a member of Rocky River Baptist Church, Acteen leader, and choir member. She worked for years in textiles. Her love was working at Victory Village Child Care. Hurlene was an avid reader, a wonderful cook, and she enjoyed canning her harvest from the garden. Quilting and being a seamstress are other things that gave her pleasure.

Mrs. Pike was preceded in death by her parents, step-mother, Clara Moore Pickard, and sister, Linda Faye Pickard.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, George Edward Pike; daughters, Sarah Lou P. Gardner and husband Frankie, Diane P. Wright and husband Tony, both of Siler City; sons, Danny Pike and wife Pam, Manuel Pike and wife Andrea, Chris Pike and wife Catie, all of Siler City; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Rocky River Baptist Church Cemetery, 4436 Siler City-Snow Camp Road, Siler City, NC. with Dr. Greg Burriss officiating. Visitation followed in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hand Bell Choir at Rocky River Baptist Church, or to UNC Hospice Home, PO Box 1077, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Pike family. Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

## PATRICIA ANNE LORD



Patricia Anne Lord of Chapel Hill passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2019. She was on hospice care at her home due to lung cancer and slipped away peacefully a little before midnight, with her family by her side. She was 73.

Pat was born September 2, 1945 to Robert and Jean Lord in Bronxville, NY. Her family soon moved to Rye, NY, where she grew up. Robert Lord was an electrical engineer with RCA. Jean Lord was a homemaker. Pat earned an Art degree from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. in May, 1967.

After college, Pat moved to Chapel Hill and worked in the art department at N.C. Memorial Hospital. She later moved to work as an artist at the Herald-Sun of Durham, where she stayed for 36 years. Former U.S. Senator Jesse Helms once requested her original political cartoon depicting "Senator No." After her newspaper career, Pat pursued a master's degree in special education at N.C. Central University. Later, she was a teaching assistant in the Durham Public Schools and with Head Start in Chapel Hill and worked as a caretaker for special-needs children.

Pat was renowned for her deeply whimsical sense of humor. She made countless people laugh over the years and in turn was known for her bouts of mellifluous laughter. Pat always had a book and a magazine with her and read everything one could imagine, a few of her favorites including: R. Crumb, David Sedaris, Michael Crichton, Flannery O'Connor, and Mary Oliver, as well as The NY Times and The Weekly World News. She loved her Irish heritage, drawing, daily writing in her journal, caring for rescued animals and houseplants, saving turtles in the road, Irish and Funk music, and collecting art, books and underground comics. She was also a gifted writer, producing numerous short stories based on her life.

Pat valued compassion, humor, character, spirituality, toughness, and intellectual pursuits above all else. She cared little about material wealth and outward appearances. She was truly a humble person and actively sought to help and spend time with those at the farthest fringes of society.

Pat came to love Pittsboro and often attended St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church over the years there with her friend Michael McCormick. Later in life, she returned to the Catholic faith in which she was raised as an active member of St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill.

Pat is survived by son, Dr. Jackson Taylor, 34, and his fiancé Vanessa Boynton of Providence, R.I.; brother, Robert Lord and his wife Sandy of Deerfield, Mass.; her three nieces, Elizabeth, Katie and Samantha; her former husband Richard Taylor of Ocracoke; plus her dog Beanie and beloved cat Kali Ra.

Her funeral mass will be at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 10 a.m. Monday, August 26. Friends and family will gather afterwards to share memories in the church's Friends and Family Hall.

Donations may be made to the Humane Society or The Catholic Church. Online condolences: [www.hallwynne.com](http://www.hallwynne.com).

## ANNIE 'LENA' CAVINESS LEONARD



Annie "Lena" Caviness Leonard, 93, of Bennett passed away on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at The Siler City Center.

The funeral service was conducted on Friday, August 16, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Fall Creek Baptist Church, where she was a member, with Rev. Tim Strider, Rev. George Townsend, and John Phillips presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to the service and other times at the home of Gary Leonard.

Lena was born in Moore County on April 23, 1926 to Alfred and Florence Ritter Caviness. She was a kind and giving lady. If you visited her home, you always left with a piece of cake or candy. She enjoyed singing, walking, working in her flowers, making pound cakes, going to church, and spending time with her family and friends. She always had a smile on her face and loved her time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Lena was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Cleo Leonard, and ten brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a daughter, Becky McDaniel (Bruce) of Siler City; sons, Mitchell Leonard (Lorraine) of Timberlake and Gary Leonard (Debbie) of Bennett; grandchildren, Jeffrey McDaniel, Scott Leonard, Leighann Leonard Long, Brandon Leonard, and Erin Leonard McGowan (Colin); great-grandchildren, Anderson Long, Nora McGowan, Maeve McGowan, Henry McGowan, and a host of family and friends.

Flowers accepted or donations may be made to Fall Creek Baptist Church, 1745 Fall Creek Church Road, Bennett, NC 27208.

Condolences may be offered online at: [www.joycebrady-chapel.com](http://www.joycebrady-chapel.com).

Joyce-Brady Chapel is honored to serve the Leonard Family.

## HERBERT CARLISLE HENLEY JR. 'CARL'



Herbert Carlisle Henley, Jr., "Carl" and "Father Chief" to many, passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at Galloway Ridge in Pittsboro, NC.

Carl was born to Herbert Carlisle Henley, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Hunt Henley in Kinston, NC on March 20, 1938. Carl graduated from Pittsboro High School in the class of 1956. He continued his education, graduating from NC State in 1960, after which, he taught Jr. High math at Virginia Beach from 1960-1961. His quote: "They almost drove me crazy!"

In 1962, Carl received his Masters in Public Health from UNC. From 1962-1964 he served in the US Public Health Service while working for the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. His education continued with graduate school at the UNC School of Public Health from 1964-1968. He then began teaching at the UNC School of Social Work in the fall of 1968, where he taught for 31 years. Carl received his PHD in Biostatistics in 1971 and was named Teacher of the Year in each of four decades, spanning 1960 to 1990. Carl was preceded in death by his father, Herbert C. Henley; his mother, Mary Elizabeth Hunt Henley; his son, Andrew Carlisle Henley; his second wife, Martha Lillian Henderson; and his first wife and mother of his children, Rebecca Jackson Henley.

Carl is survived by his daughter, Caroline Keith Henley; her husband Richard Douglas Thorne; his two grandsons, Richard Marshall Thorne and Jake Douglas Thorne; his sister, Mary Ross (Rossie) Lindsey; his brother, Thomas Franklin Henley and wife Sandra; many nephews and nieces from both the Henley and Henderson families; as well as his special friend, Joan Watts.

Carl was a dedicated member of Binkley Baptist Church for more than 50 years. He loved teaching, sharing jokes and will forever be an NC State fan! However, very little else brought the joy he got while playing, watching and talking golf! After he suffered a spinal cord stroke in 1995, he was "the come-back kid" and made three holes-in-one on the golf course and carried the Olympic torch up a portion of Franklin Street in Chapel Hill for the 1996 Olympics.

Carl's service will take place at Binkley Baptist Church in Chapel Hill on August 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. Reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

The family would like to recognize the loving care he received from the staff of the Arbor at Galloway Ridge, his friends and family.

## RALPH STEPHEN HARRINGTON

Ralph Stephen Harrington, 87, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, August 19, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

In keeping with Ralph's wishes, all services will be private.

He was born in Harnett County on February 3, 1932 to the late John and Annie Jane McNeill Harrington. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Janet F. Harrington; brothers, Charles Harrington, John Harrington, and Dewey Harrington. Ralph attended the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and worked with Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant prior to retiring.

Survivors include his son, John B. Harrington of Whitsett; daughter, Lesley H. Moore of Broadway; stepson, Kevin Knight of Wilmington; step-daughter, Tori Knight Ferguson of Knightdale; and one step-grandson.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com).

## PETER JAMES SMITH JR.

Peter James Smith, Jr., 29, of Sanford, died Friday, August 16, 2019 at his home.

The funeral was held Monday, August 19, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. Burial followed in Lee Memory Gardens.

Mr. Smith was born in Orange County on December 26, 1989 to Peter James Smith and Lois Dawn Evans Smith. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jenny May Spears Smith.

Peter is survived by his father, Peter James Smith and step-mother, Lois M. Smith of Sanford; his mother, Lois Evans Smith of Sanford; a son, Evan James Smith of Sanford; daughters, Caitlyn Maria Smith, Carolyn Jena Smith, and Elleanna Smith, all of Sanford; sisters, Teresa Baker of Broadway and Nicole Saenz of Sanford; and paternal grandparents, James and Virginia Smith of Sanford.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com).

## MARGARET LOUISE CHURCHILL ASHWORTH

Margaret Louise Churchill Ashworth, 85, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at her home.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Burial followed in White Hill Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

She was born in Chatham County on January 9, 1934 to the late H.T. Churchill and Bessie Boling Churchill. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kent Lee Ashworth and several brothers. Prior to her retirement, Louise worked at Carter-Webber.

She is survived by her sons Glenn Ashworth of Sanford, Steve Ashworth of Cameron; daughter, Karen Knight of Sanford; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com).

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home, Inc.

## THOMAS 'TOMMY' WESLEY CARSON

Thomas "Tommy" Wesley Carson died Saturday, August 10, 2019.

He was born in Chatham County on August 29, 1940, the son of the late Thomas Caley Carson and Agnes Edna (McFarland) Herndon. Tommy was also preceded in death by his brother, Eddie Wayne Carson. A graduate of Pittsboro High School, he also attended Bells School. He had owned University Auto Supply in Carrboro for over 30 years.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Paula Lynn (Abramson) Carson; daughter, Teresa Dawn (Carson) Mitchell; three grandchildren; and half-sister, Becky (Sparrow) Eubanks.

A reception celebrating Tommy's life will be Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Donaldson Funeral Home in Pittsboro.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Tommy to: NC Coastal Federation, 3609 NC 24, Newport, NC 28570; The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 401 Harrison Oaks Boulevard, Suite 200, Cary, NC 27513; or Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

Donaldson Funeral Home is serving the family.



# OBITUARIES

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## KEVIN JOHN WOOD



Kevin John Wood died unexpectedly, Thursday, August 15, 2019. He was 68 years old.

Kevin was born in Paeroa, New Zealand and made Chatham County, NC his home in the mid-1980's.

Excellent with his hands, Kevin's expert knowledge and talented experience kept him busy building many residential houses and commercial buildings, including Manifold Recording Studio. He was an avid collector of classic cars, motorcycles and other historic memorabilia. A particular

favorite was his M274 military mule which saw use daily in his work around home. He had a passion for history and often rescued and restored historical documents, artifacts, and buildings, relocating them to places more conducive to preservation.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Wood of Pittsboro; son, Zach (Cassie) Wood; stepdaughters, Khara Gonzalas and Rebecca Whitt; stepsons, Michael Whitt and Bryce Whitt; grandchildren, Eloise Wood and Oliver Scott Branch-Sherrill; sister, Pamela (James) Walsh of Christchurch, New Zealand; nieces, Ellen Walsh, Jessie Walsh and Lauren Walsh; in addition to many friends and colleagues who were touched by Kevin's life. A Celebration of Kevin's life will be held at a later date.

## SHERRI ANN TOOMES



Sherri Ann Toomes, age 62, a Randolph County native, gained her angel wings to make her grand entrance into heaven while surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, August 18, 2019. She valued her family from her deepest core, and all who had the privilege of meeting her came to love and cherish her dearly.

Professionally, Sherri began in Wilmington as a bookkeeper for Dean Gutch for over 15 years. This led to her devoting over a decade to another company, Newsome Hardwood Flooring, owned by Monty Newsome, where she worked as an office manager in the Wilmington and Southport locations. Sherri considered Dean Gutch, Monty Newsome, and all employees at Newsome Hardwood Flooring as a second family. Sherri was preceded in death by her parents, George "Buck" Toomes and Rebecca Toomes, siblings Rusty Toomes, Paula Butts, and Jerry "Jock" Toomes.

She is survived by siblings Tim Toomes and Renee Toomes and by her loving children Stanley Spencer and Tiffany Albright. Her legacy also entails her grandchildren, Jasmine Spencer, Caitlin Spencer, Carlie Spencer, Madison Spencer, Tristen Spencer, and Lua Star Chantal Albright. Sherri will also be missed deeply by her devoted and loving partner, Charles "Ed" Little and all of their canine companions. Sherri also had a large extended family, which included ten nieces and nephews, that she always held near and dear to her heart. Known to many as "Anniball", she was the glue that held us all together, and a living angel to any child in need. Sherri will be greatly missed in her death with the same unwavering effort we all gave through loving her in life.

All flowers may be sent to Ridge Funeral Home in Ashboro, North Carolina.

Family will also be receiving guests and services at Ridge Funeral Home. Visitation will be Saturday, August 24th from 6 to 8 p.m. and a memorial service will be held Sunday, August 25th at 2 p.m. with burial concluding the memorial service at Randolph Memorial.

# North Carolina ranks near bottom for health care

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

North Carolina is the second to worst state in the country, including the District of Columbia, for healthcare based on a survey released by Wallet Hub on August 5.

The report used data from numerous sources including the U.S. Census, Centers for Disease Control and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to evaluate healthcare in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The data was then assessed in three categories — cost, access, and outcomes.

### Costs

The study looked at several aspects of healthcare costs for consumers. Costs of medical visits, hospital expenses, dental visits and monthly insurance premiums were all reviewed. The survey also considered out-of-pocket expenses and the number of adults who do not go to a doctor because of those costs. North Carolina ranked 50th, the second to the worst in the country for costs for patients.

### Access

North Carolina also ranked 50th in the country for access to quality healthcare. The survey looked at data that included quality of the public hospital system, number of beds available per capita, wait times and transfer times for patients. It also looked at the number of physicians, nurses, specialists, and urgent-care center availability. The "access" portion also considered the number of adults and children who were covered by health insurance.

### Outcomes

North Carolina came in 33rd for outcomes in the study. To determine each state's rank, the study considered infant, child, and maternal mortality rates as well as the share of patients readmitted to hospitals. Life expectancy, cancer incidence, heart disease and Type 2 Diabetes rates were also considered. When all the data was reviewed, the study determined

that North Carolina was 50th out of 51 overall.

### What needs to be done

The study involved asking several experts their views on the state of healthcare and what can be done to improve the outcomes and reduce costs for more Americans.

Carolyn A. Watts, Ph.D., is the Richard M. Bracken Chair and Chairman, Department of Health Administration, College of Health Professions, at Virginia Commonwealth University and believes that more options for health insurance will help communities that are lower on the list.

"Clearly residents without exchange options are made worse off by having few choices," she said. "At present, the ACA provides some consistency in the benefit package that all plans must offer, but there can still be (and is) wide variation across plans in premiums, cost sharing, and covered providers in addition to such basic factors like customer service. With little to no competition among plans, consumers in these areas must either take what is offered by the remaining plan, find coverage off the exchange if it is available (which would mean giving up any subsidy for which the individual would be eligible through an exchange plan), or going without coverage."

Watts notes that a report from the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 17 percent of enrollees in 37 percent of U.S. counties had only one option using the exchange while the number of providers on the exchange fell as well.

"The future of these markets will remain volatile as long as federal and state policy surrounding the ACA remains uncertain," Watts said. "Every policy change that alters the incentives for consumers to purchase insurance changes insurers' risk pools, which changes their decisions about premiums and market participation, and perpetuates/exacerbates the churn in the small group insurance market that the ACA hoped to reduce."

Linda V. Green of Cain Brothers & Company Professor

of Healthcare Management, Columbia Business School, Decision, Risk and Operations Division believes that consumers need to be informed and aware of what they are spending in order to reduce the costs.

"Aside from having comprehensive health coverage, one of the most important things a person can do is to question the need for any office visit, hospitalization, imaging, lab work, or procedure being recommended by their physician," Green said.

"It is well-known that there is a huge amount of overuse and waste in healthcare, based on evidence-based standards of care. Much of this is due to physician habits, the profit motive, and a disregard for the costs involved due to third party payment.

"Some of this is due to patients insisting on getting some treatment, e.g. an MRI for back pain or an antibiotic for a viral infection, that is highly unlikely to result in better clinical outcomes and can actually result in more harm than good, e.g. incidental, benign finding in the first case and an increase in antibiotic resistant bacteria in the latter case," she said.

Stephen F. Gambescia, Ph.D., MEd, MBA, MHum, MCHES, a Professor with College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel University believes that healthcare reform is needed to improve the costs and outcomes for residents.

He believes substantial changes will be required to have "real reform" in healthcare. Among his ideas are the belief that the country needs to "dump insurance companies" because "health care and health insurance are two different activities" where we should pay more attention to providers rather than health insurance rules and regulations. He also believes that employers should get out of the business of healthcare because "when our property (labor) is linked, even tacitly, to our person (health care of), we abdicate control to our employer, and thus we misuse an inalienable right."

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## Pet of the Week: Yurie



The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Yurie. She is a photogenic 2-year-old who loves playtime with humans and fellow canines. Yurie is watchful and attentive and enjoys time outdoors where she can explore sights and smells. She is happiest when perching close to her human — and may try to sneak in a reassuring doggy 'kiss' to prove it. Whether you're looking for a selfie companion or a loyal birdwatching partner, Yurie is the girl for you! For more information on how to meet or adopt Yurie, swing by the office at 725 Renaissance Dr. in Pittsboro or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an animal resource officer.

Chatham Sheriff's Department photos



### CHATHAM COUNTY ELEMENTARY AND K-8 SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOL MENUS

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**Monday, August 26**

**BREAKFAST:** Mini Waffles, Peaches (\*\*Chicken Biscuit, Fruit Choice)  
**LUNCH:** Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Toast, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Sweet Potato Fries, Mandarin Oranges (\*\*Same, Add Fruit Choice)

**Tuesday, August 27**

**BREAKFAST:** Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Croissant, Mandarin Oranges (\*\* Scrambled Eggs Bacon & Croissant, Fruit Choice)  
**LUNCH:** Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit, Mini Waffles w/Cheese Stick, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Cup, Chilled Pears (\*\*Sausage Biscuit w/Eggs, French Toast Stx w/Egg & Sausage, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Box, Chilled Pears, Fruit Choice)

**Wednesday, August 28**

**BREAKFAST:** Chicken Biscuit, Pears (\*\*Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit Choice)  
**LUNCH:** Chicken Tenders w/Roll,

Beef Volcano Sub, Build a Pizza Combo, Glazed Carrots, Ranchero Pinto Beans, Chilled Applesauce (\*\*Chicken Tenders w/Roll, Beef Volcano Sub, Mozzarella Sticks Combo, Seasoned Corn, Ranchero Pinto Beans, Chilled Applesauce, Fruit Choice)

**Thursday, August 29**

**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce (\*\*Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice)  
**LUNCH:** Oven-Fried Chicken Drumsticks w/Roll, Cheeseburger on Bun, Seasoned Corn, Baked Beans, Chilled Fruit Cocktail (\*\* Oven-Fried Chicken Drumsticks w/Roll, Turkey Corn-Dog Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit Choice, Fruit Cocktail)

**Friday, August 30**

**BREAKFAST:** Sausage Biscuit, Chilled Fruit Cocktail (\*\*Sausage Biscuit, Fruit Choice)  
**LUNCH:** Chicken Pot Pie w/Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Chilled Peaches (\*\*Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Green Peas, Gazed Carrots, Fruit Choice, Chilled Peaches)

### CHURCH NEWS

**WORD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER**

Bishop Micheal Goings will speak at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, August 22 and 23 at the Word of Life Christian Outreach Center's Prophetic Conference for the Word of Life School of the Prophets and the School of Ministry. He is the pastor of Outreach Family Fellowship in Dillon and Florence, SC. The church is located at 8930 Silk Hope/Liberty Road, Siler City.

**CAMERON GROVE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

Youth Takeover Sunday will be held at 10 a.m. on August 25 at Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church. The speaker will be Brother Christian Locust, a graduate of Southern Lee High School and currently an educator with Scotland County Schools. Radio announcers from WCCG 104.5 FM will also be present with school supplies for all attendees. Lunch will be served. The church is located at 309 Vernon Street, Broadway.

**EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

You are invited to attend an "Old Timey" Southern Gospel Concert at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 25 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Bring your friends and family for this free event performed by our music department. A light social will follow immediately afterward, with refreshments for all! The church is located at 724 Beaver Creek Road, Apex (just ¼ mile south of US 64 in Wilsonville.

### CAGLE GRADUATES FROM COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

The Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC has announced that Alexandria Cagle is an August 9 graduate with

a Bachelor of Arts in intelligence and national security studies. She is from Snow Camp.

# Love's Creek group continues addressing watershed concerns

**BY RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Members of the Loves Creek Watershed Stewards group, continuing to address the problem of flooding within the watershed, convened last week to discuss future potential actions that could help mitigate the ongoing concern, including potentially buying out and relocating businesses within the flood-prone area. Representatives of organizations including the Town of Siler City, N.C. State, the Piedmont Conservation Council and Biocensus, all aiming to address Loves Creek flooding, convened last Thursday in downtown Siler City's Peppercorn Restaurant to discuss their work. The Loves Creek watershed, which lies within the larger Rocky River watershed, encompasses eight square miles and comprises approximately 400 acres. Downtown Siler City lies completely within the Loves Creek watershed and more than 200 residents live within it. For decades, flooding has presented a problem in the area, illustrated perhaps most dramatically by periodic flooding of Park Shopping Center, whose paved parking lot has suffered extensive water damage in recent years.

To help reduce flooding and better protect the watershed, the Loves Creek Stewards have identified a number of approaches, from doing nothing to buyout and relocation of businesses — Piggly Wiggly, Park Shopping Center and Southern States — existing within in the problem area. Sarah Waickowski with N.C. State's Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, who has been working with the Loves Creek Stewards, presented to the group an update on the Park Shopping Center Restoration Study. The study, currently in draft form, isolates five potential scenarios for restoration and stormwater control measures in the watershed, including doing nothing. Waickowski noted the advantages to this scenario include no restoration or construction costs; continuous use of existing businesses by the public; and no construction zones preventing public activity. But the "do nothing" approach is not recommended because nuisance flooding will continue and most likely worsen as the watershed is developed; the economic vitality of the commercial area would likely decline severely; and hazardous conditions could jeopardize public safety. Waickowski said a more "hot topic" approach would be buyout and relocation of existing businesses. The engineer said this approach could be "controversial because people don't want to move." As outlined in the draft report, the "buyout and relocation" option has the advantage of reconnecting the waterway to the flood plane; increases public safety; improves

water quality and habitat and creates opportunity to develop in-town green space. Disadvantages outlined for this scenario include relocation costs and loss of walkable shopping and commercial area for local residents with transportation issues. Similar buyouts have, however, occurred in other locations, including a City of Charlotte buyout program which has, since 1999, purchased more than 400 flood-prone houses, apartment buildings and businesses in flood planes throughout the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area. An additional approach to the problem outlined in the study is employing a combination of stormwater control measures to retrofit commercial, public and residential properties, which has the advantage of being a holistic watershed approach that can be implemented as funding is obtained. This would reduce localized flooding, but not eliminate ongoing flooding problems at Piggly Wiggly and Park Shopping Center. The discussion will continue later this year when the Loves Creek Watershed Stewards conduct their next quarterly meeting on Nov. 7.

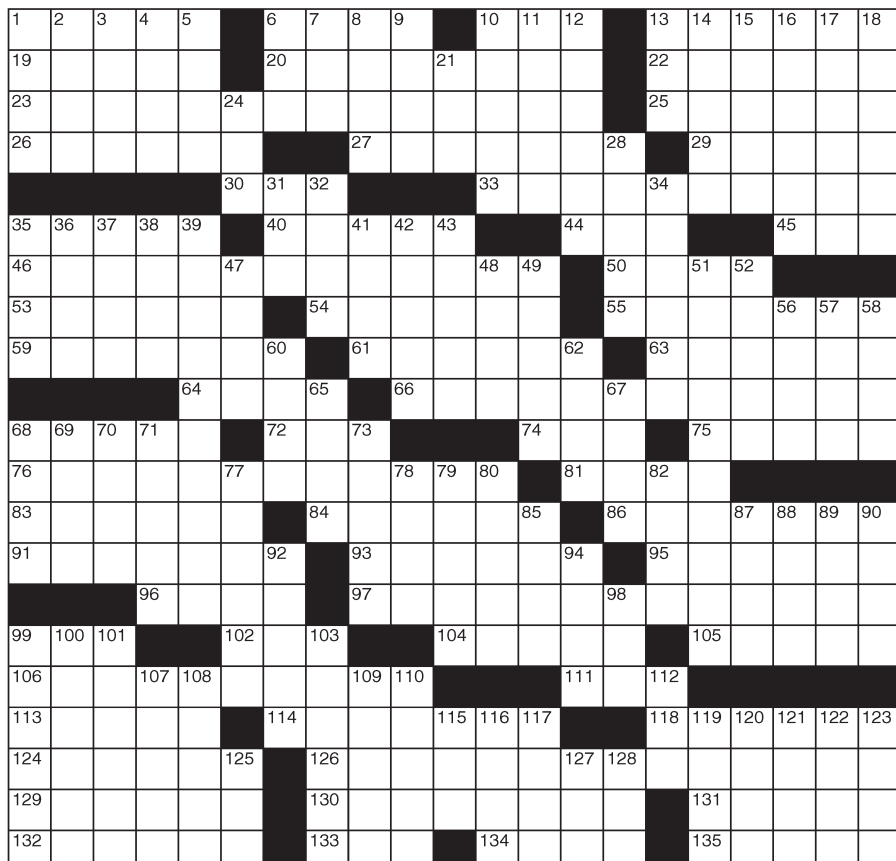
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**Who Me 60? Happy Birthday**

### PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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CHATHAM CH@T | 'BROOKSIE' EDWARDS TALKS HEART2HEART, LIFE, DEATH — AND CUPCAKES

Cathy Brooks (Brooksie) Edwards is most alive when she's helping people deal with death. The Oklahoma native is the founder of heart2heart, which provides holistic services for living and dying. Edwards attended Plattsburgh State University in upper state New York, completing her undergraduate degree in music performance and her graduate degree in community counseling. She moved to Chatham County in 1996 to attend The Body Therapy Institute for massage therapy.

Today, Edwards is a licensed professional counselor and a licensed massage and bodywork therapist. She completed her death doula certification three years ago and has a private practice, Integrative Intuitive Therapist in Pittsboro, where she lives and has been involved in community projects for 20 years.

She's married to "one of the sweetest men in the county" — her husband Richard — and has two beautiful teenage girls. She says she loves her life and is currently working on the first anthology, called "Heart Space: Honest Life Stories on Death and Dying."

**What is heart2heart and how did it get started?**

heart2heart is a non-profit program that provides holistic services for living and dying. It is supported by contributions from the community, which are tax deductible through the fiscal sponsorship of Abundance NC, a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit.

This program was birthed through the heart-breaking struggle and death — passage that Chris Lucash, co-founder of Sparkroot Farm, made with his family, friends and community after he was diagnosed with ALS in June of 2015. Chris' dying time was supported weekly with a variety of holistic modalities which brought him comfort, ease and support, and provided him with the safety and love he needed while he experienced the changes in his body.

Our mission is serving individuals, families and communities to navigate the living path from



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**Cathy 'Brooksie' Edwards is the founder of heart2heart, a non-profit program that provides holistic services for living and dying.**

diagnosis to death and beyond. We are a community of open-hearted professional, compassionate massage therapists and energy workers, musicians, storytellers, teachers, poets and traditional and non-traditional holistic practitioners.

We serve individuals and families in ways that are honest, transparent and ethical. We honor people in their own unique paths with empowerment to their culture, values and spiritual beliefs.

heart2heart connects professional healers and musicians to individuals, families and communities seeking guidance through serious illness, dying, death and beyond. Together, participants and heart2heart develop a treatment plan that encourages integration of body, spirit and imagination.

**Your "Death and Cupcakes" event is coming up September 4th. Why is conversation about death so essential and what can attendees expect to experience at this event?**

Death and Cupcakes was birthed through the "Death Cafe"-style conversation about death and dying. Death Cafes are part of a global movement. The idea was born from the writings of Bernard Crettaz, a Swiss sociologist who felt that

talking about death led to authenticity.

The objective is to raise awareness through open conversation about a topic that remains taboo. It is a much needed opportunity to have open ended, free flowing and organic conversation about topics related to death, dying and beyond — anything from Advanced Directives to honoring our ancestors, from home funerals and green burials, to artistic expressions of grief. We'll discuss death, share our own stories, celebrate life and be in community together. I lead the sessions, and it starts with live sacred music and a short meditation.

These events are open to everyone. This is a discussion group, not a grief support group or educational seminar. It's held in a respectful, confidential space. This is a vulnerable topic — so feel free to express your sorrow, joy and anything in between. Bring your knowledge. Bring your tears. But most of all — bring an open mind. And yes, cupcakes will be served!

These are held quarterly and the topics vary. This upcoming Death and Cupcakes is "Sharing your Stories - Heart Space," to be held at the Abundance Foundation offices, 220 Lorax Lane in Pittsboro from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Sept. 4. For more information and to RSVP,

email me at [listeningtoyour soul@gmail.com](mailto:listeningtoyour soul@gmail.com) or call/text 919-548-4963.

Suggested donation is \$10 - \$20, but no one is turned away

**You're also involved in the annual Death Faire. Between now and that event, heart2heart will be involved in other events related to the subject. Can you talk about each of these events?**

heart2heart sponsors two other community opportunities to sit with one's own self while being supported by the community, and to learn how to care for the dying as well as caring for the caretakers and their families.

*Tending to the Heart* is a quarterly event held at The Joy Of Movement in Pittsboro. This is a chance to sit with your own inner landscape around loss, and to be supported by the powerful combination of light touch, sound, intention and gentle guidance. This offers the possibility of deep healing, relaxation and stillness all within the support of our community. It's from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 18, and will be led by me, with music provided by Amy Durso and Sheila Fleming.

*Hands on Healing* offered by Dr. Roxanne Hollander. This event is in coordination with the first Chatham Health tour, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Oct. 19 and 26. The



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**Edwards says heart2heart 'connects professional healers and musicians to individuals, families and communities seeking guidance through serious illness, dying, death and beyond.'**

mission of the Chatham Health tour is to educate the community in the area of alternate health and healing modalities. For more information find it on Facebook ([chathamtour2019](https://www.facebook.com/chathamtour2019)) or contact Dr. Hollander at [doctor\\_roxanne@protonmail.com](mailto:doctor_roxanne@protonmail.com).

**From what you've experienced and learned, what can we all be taught about caring for the dying, as well as caring for the caretakers and their families?**

Caring for the dying is one of the most intimate and notable acts that a person can offer to a family member, friend or stranger. To know your own fears, biases and concerns around death and dying can help to prepare you for the emotional labor of losing a beloved or working as an end of life doula.

I have learned that being able to observe without judgment, express deep compassion and to show up with a kind and loving presence is essential for the ease of both the dying person and the family members.

On Oct. 12, musician Amy Durso and I will present a one-day workshop dedicated to teaching care-givers, massage and bodywork therapists and anyone who wants to explore the many aspects of caring for the dying person. This class offers a small insight into the stages of dying and how to care for the dying person. Much of the day is spent creating a safe container to

explore this delicate subject. This class is held at the beautiful South Winds Retreat Center in Silk Hope. To register, or for more information, contact [www.integritytrainings.com](http://www.integritytrainings.com)

**Part of what heart2heart does is focus on caregiving in the community and for the earth. What are some of the lessons we can all learn from this?**

heart2heart is dedicated to providing the community with alternative experiences to help change the way that our society views death. We draw upon the available source of wealth that supports this holy process in our community. We honor and tend to the land that holds our beloveds, offering green and conservation burials at The Sanctuary at the Burrow.

(We believe that death is a natural process and the rituals and practices associated with that passing is supported by the Earth. For people who are interested in green burial we can connect them to the resources)

The biggest lesson in all of this is the understanding that death and dying is the one thing we all have in common and the importance of living each day as if it might be our last...to treat ourselves and each other with love and to find joy in the present moment.

For more information about heart2heart, contact Edwards at 919-548-4963 or go to [www.heart2heartnc.com](http://www.heart2heartnc.com).

# 'Transition classrooms' the next step for CCS' service for disruptive students

**BY ZACHARY HORNER**

News + Record Staff

Chatham County Schools is trying a different option for students who, for whatever reason, don't respond to normal efforts for behavioral adjustment and social-emo-

tional development. Transition classrooms, new for the 2019-2020 school year, are designed to give students more specified counseling and academic instruction in a separate environment from the normal classroom. The district is planning

for three such classrooms — one each for elementary, middle and high school students — for this year with low class sizes, behavior specialists assigned to each group and regular involvement of the student's base school, or where they are assigned

by attendance zone. While presenting the program along with other district administrators last week, district Superintendent Derrick Jordan told the Chatham County Board of Education that this is an additional part of the "battery of resources" available to students

that are disruptive. "We're hearing that Chatham is ahead of some of our partners across the state," he said. "We're finding that some of these extreme behaviors absolutely can become such that they are disruptive in nature. It falls to us to figure out how to serve some of those students. This is an additional step we believe in trying to ensure that we are providing student-specific support for the students with the greatest needs, and in this case, behavior support."

Students would be referred to these classrooms by administrators at the child's base school after exhausting other options for behavioral mediation. Amanda Hartness, the district's assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support, said candidates could include students in the Exceptional Children's program as well as other students whose behavior problems may stem from childhood trauma or mental illness. The classrooms wouldn't be for just any student — administrators said it would be for students who are "just not being successful no matter what we do," said Tracy Fowler, director of student support services.

The K-5 Transition Classroom — or possibly multiple, depending on student needs — would be assigned a teacher and teacher's assistant and include no more than eight students. The grade 6-8 and 9-12 classrooms

would be located at SAGE Academy in Siler City and have an online facilitator to help students complete online courses. The middle school classes would be no more than six students and be designed for long-term suspensions as well, while the high school class would be capped at five students.

An important part of the initiative, administrators said, was the inclusion of behavior specialists who would serve as counselors. Melvin Diggs, the district's EC director, said the day would be split among academic work "as their needs allow," but also have a focus on mental health counseling as well as "skills work" on social-emotional attributes. Over the period of the time the student is in the class — an average of 8-10 weeks, Hartness said — the student would gradually be introduced back into their regular school environment if progress is shown.

The student's base school would be involved throughout the process and attend all transition meetings.

The full cost of the program would vary on the number of students being served and their needs, but at the very least, \$125,000 would be required to fund the teacher and classroom assistant for the K-5 class, for which the location has not yet been determined.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Jim Quick and Coastline to play Mann Center in Sanford**

SANFORD — Beach music band Jim Quick and Coastline are performing Aug. 28 at the Mann Center in Sanford as part of the Sanford Arts & Vine Festival, and tickets are limited. Quick has been touring the southeastern United States for more than 20 years and has received the Carolina Music Awards “Entertainer of the Year” award 16 times. The group originally started out as the Coastline Band and played Carolina beach bars, but changed to feature Quick, a Carolina native. The band’s most recent album, “Down South,” features

appearances by Delbert McClinton and Bekka Bramlett and is available now. Quick said his early job as an AM radio station DJ helped push him to the next level, which he has been pursuing ever since. “I want my music to be a bridge for many genres, a place where traditional and contemporary music can unite,” he said. “But I do love the pure emotion and simple-yet-deep concepts of country music. I’m a Southern boy and it all hits home — the lyrics and roots of the music, from the melodies to chord progressions, seem to strike an ancestral nerve with me.” The show begins at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 7 p.m. Tickets are limited and the VIP

section is sold out. Visit [sanfordartsandvine.com](http://sanfordartsandvine.com) or call (919) 775-5273 to order tickets today.

**DOT: School’s back, be safe around buses**

RALEIGH — School is starting and that means more buses will be on the roads and more children will be walking and biking. It’s critical that drivers know the rules of the road to keep everyone safe. On average, there are nearly 3,000 incidents of cars passing stopped school buses every school day in North Carolina, according to the N.C. Dept. of Transportation. This is not just dangerous for students; it’s also against the law. At the school, be sure to pay attention while

**BREW: ‘Go-to resource guide’**

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zine-style publication, created in partnership with the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation, will serve as a community almanac with sections on the arts, business, education, government, services, homes, recreation, seniors, wellness and more. “This is going to be Chatham County’s go-to resource guide if you need to find critical information fast,” said Horner. “There’s no other single-source place to go to get this kind of content, and we’re delighted that Alyssa Byrd and the EDC are working with us on this project.” A total of 10,000 copies of Chatham 411 — a higher total than

any other publication produced or distributed in the county — will be delivered to News + Record readers and placed in public spaces throughout Chatham and replenished throughout the year. The magazine is being produced and designed by Pittsboro writer and designer Chip Pate, who, along with Horner, created a similar successful publication in Lee County in 2015. Publication is scheduled for early fall. Chatham 411 — a 10-inch by 10-inch publication with a glossy cover and heavy-stock inside pages — will also be available digitally. The News & Record’s sales team has been working with business and advertising partners. Horner said most of the magazine’s

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premium advertising positions have already been sold, but standard advertising spots still remain. Year-long advertising packages begin at just \$99. “We’re used to going to Google.com to find information,” Horner said, “but this will be a finger-tip guide to find out what you need to know faster and more convenient.” For information about that, or other advertising opportunities, call Horner at (919) 663-3250.

**SCHOOLS: ‘We are always looking to improve what we have’**

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of the puzzle. “A big piece of it is that we don’t want kids to feel that they’re alone,” he said. Chatham’s middle and high schoolers haven’t expressed large concern about a lack of safety at school. According to the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 8.8 percent of Chatham high schoolers said they “did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school in the past 30 days” and 3.6 percent of middle schools said they had ever not attended because of safety concerns. The district recently invested financially in a major upgrade to its security systems. In February, the Chatham County Board of Education contracted with Brady Integrated Security of Greensboro to provide an active database of users with key-card access to the district’s

18 campuses that can be updated in real-time. The system linked into each school’s security camera systems and front-door locks. But district officials insist that technology is just a part of the solution. “It really isn’t always about buying stuff,” Blice said. “It’s more about training people and making them conscious, giving them options, helping them understand how to handle things. In a crisis situation, i.e. an active shooter, time is lives. The amount of time that individual will likely be shooting people is fairly limited but it’s incredibly disruptive.” That includes training staff and parents. Chatham Charter School has implemented a safety plan that Beth McCullough, the school’s executive director of secondary programs and communications, calls a “living document.” “We are always looking

to improve what we have,” she said. “We’ve been able to have plans that have adapted and have still been relevant throughout the years from Columbine forward.” The school first developed its plan with the Chatham County Emergency Operations department and updates it regularly, McCullough says. The school also made upgrades to its door lock system this summer as part of normal tweaking and improvements. A popular topic of conversation at the state level on school safety is putting a program in place to train teachers to carry firearms to increase security. McCullough said that conversation has not taken place at Chatham Charter, but Blice is blunt on his position. “We’re going to arm you and you’re going to shoot someone’ — I’m not sure that’s a good idea,” he said. “Teachers are trained to be teachers. Training you on firearms is not necessarily

part of being a teacher. In an active shooter situation, we want our teachers to take care of themselves and the kids. That means lock them down, get them in a safe place in the room, wait this thing out — and we’re training them on some of those pieces. We really want them taking care of the kids more than running down the hall looking for someone to shoot.” Chatham County’s teachers generally feel safe in their schools, according to results from the N.C. Teacher Working Conditions Survey, which is done every two years. In the 2018 edition, 93.9 percent of Chatham County Schools teachers agreed or strongly agreed that “the faculty work in a school environment that is safe,” and 100 percent of Chatham Charter and Woods Charter teachers agreed with the statement. Just 1 percent of Chatham County Schools teachers “strongly disagreed” with the state-

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**CHRIS BLICE**, chief operations officer, Chatham County Schools

ment. Chatham Charter’s “living document” approach is applicable on a campus that continues to expand. The school has made additions to its parking lot and is constructing new athletic fields this year, which extends that safety plan. “As our campus changes, you have to incorporate that in your safety considerations,” McCullough said. “Our campus has different people with different needs each year. You may have different numbers of students who are driving, people in the car line. There are factors that play into those kinds of things each year. She added that it takes

a team effort — whether that’s at a public school, public charter school or private school — to truly keep students and staff safe in the possibility of an incident. “Anyone who is in anyway touching your campus and is affiliated with it, it takes everyone to make your campus as safe as possible, and you can never take for granted that nothing will happen at your school,” she said. “Everybody has to be proactive and share information with each other.” Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at [zhorn@chathamnr.com](mailto:zhorn@chathamnr.com) or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.



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## Honor bestowed on Pittsboro's Houston by UNC volleyball, Team IMPACT

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — What a day Saturday was for Kelsie Houston.

The 8-year old Pittsboro native was signed by North Carolina head volleyball coach Joe Sagula through Team Impact to the Tar Heel volleyball team.

"This is an exciting way to kick off the year," Sagula said. "Kelsie will become our newest Tar Heel, part of our team, part of our program. Her family has taken a few unofficial and official visits over the summer. We're really excited about her letter today."

Sagula spoke about Houston like he would any new recruit, praising her intangi-

bles above all.

"Kelsie can help our program get to the next level with the personality she brings every day," he said. "She has a never give up attitude and has been through a lot and that's what she inspires in all of our players. She's a great teammate."

Houston is one of 30,000 patients in the United States living courageously with cystic fibrosis (CF), a disease predominantly diagnosed in children at a young age. Houston was

diagnosed at birth with CT, which is a chronic, progressive, and incurable disease that primarily affects the lungs and digestive system.

Through Team IMPACT's program at North Carolina, Houston will become an official member of the volleyball team. As a team member, she will attend Tar Heel practices, games, team dinners, events and more.

"We're excited because she

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**Eight-year old Kelsie Houston of Pittsboro joins the UNC's women's volleyball program. Kelsie (center) is seen signing while sister Mackenzie, mother Kimberly and UNC volleyball coach Joe Sagula look on.**

Photo by Jeffrey A. Camarati



Kelsie Houston of Pittsboro signs with the University of North Carolina women's volleyball program in Carmichael Arena in Chapel Hill on Saturday. Pictured (from left) are father Nathan, sister Mackenzie, mother Kimberly, Kelsie, UNC mascot Ramses and UNC volleyball coach Joe Sagula.

Photo by Jeffrey A. Camarati



## Chatham on the gridiron



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan Matthews' Ja'Quez Thompson at first breaks a tackle from a Green Hope team member before being brought down after a running play in the scrimmage match at the Jamboree last Friday night.

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

Excitement abounds in Chatham County as the 2019 football season is upon us.

On the slate this week will feature a pair of home games for Chatham Central and Jordan-Matthews while Northwood will be on the road, albeit a short bus trip into Wake County.

In Pittsboro, Northwood is preparing to take on 4A Apex Friendship in what will be a tough task for the Chargers under new coach Cullen Homolka. The Chargers looked sharp at times on Friday, August 16 at the Jack Shaner Jamboree in Pittsboro, displaying some dangerous skill with a slew of weapons in the likes of Aaron Ross, Deuce Powell, Justin Brower and Jalen McAfee-Marion. That group is sure to cause some sleepless nights for opposing defensive coordinators and did so in its scrimmage sessions with the likes of Southern Alamance and Jordan-Matthews.

Northwood struggled at times up front on Friday, however, and that improvement in a week's time will be the key to how well the green and gold can fare against Apex Friendship.

Offensively, Northwood will have a speed advantage and could exploit Apex Friendship if they can create the running lanes and space for its playmakers. Accounting for Justin Reed, a hand in the turf defensive end will be imperative as the All-South Wake Conference performer is relentless in his pursuit while Adrian Moore gives the Patriots a stocky DT who is also disruptive at the line of scrimmage.

Defensively, it will be all about stopping bowling ball running back's Sam Cabe and Judah Wilson, a senior and sophomore tandem that can grind out yards north and south in the Patriots Spread offensive attack. Nigel Toster gives the Patriots a deep threat, though replacing graduate QB Dylan Elkins is a key question mark for Apex Friendship.

In Siler City, new Jordan-Matthews head coach Sam Spencer is excited for Friday night despite what is being dubbed as a rebuilding process for the Jets. More than 50 players have come out for the blue and gold, which certain-



**Northwood's Deuce Powell II sprints ahead of the secondary defensive line of Southern Alamance in a 20 minute scrimmage at the Northwood Jamboree last Friday.**

Staff photo by David Bradley

ly has bolstered the enthusiasm of the program. A surprising showing at the Jack Shaner Jamboree appears to have the Jets ahead of schedule as a program as the locals stood toe to toe with bigger schools in 4A Green Hope and 3A Western Harnett. Offensively QB Xavier Woods, a junior, looked sharp running the show for Jordan-Matthews and proved a threat running and throwing the ball. Jerrell Brooks had a couple of touchdowns and an interception in the scrimmage while Jayden Davis added two touchdowns and a pair of picks. Freshman linebacker Makil Watson was all over the field and made an instant impact when he came in.

Bartlett Yancey is a known foe for Spencer and the Jets who were in the 2A Mid-State Conference with the Buccaneers up until the 2016 season. Jordan-Matthews won the contest in Siler City that year 28-26.

To get a win on Friday night, the Jets will have to eliminate mistakes, especially the bad exchanges, while stopping the explosive plays by the Buccaneers.

"We need to get off to a good start and to play aggressive," said Spencer. "Taking care of the football on offense and sustaining drives while getting off the field on third downs is another key. We have to play four quarters and I think our kids are excited."

Containing RB Jacob Scales and QB

Chase Johnson will be a challenge for the J-M defense while keeping a Miles Jefferson led defense off balance will be essential.

In Bear Creek, coach Sherman Howze and his Chatham Central squad are coming into an opening night contest with Eastern Randolph with nothing to lose.

Chatham Central showed a lot of positives in its scrimmage sessions at the Jack Shaner Jamboree on Friday. Michael Moore, well, was Michael Moore, one of the top quarterback talents in the state. The junior can make all the throws from the out routes and also the fades where he hooked up with the likes of Micah Gurley on a scoring pass in the corner of the end zone from 40 yards out. Tyler Oldham also looked good at WR while J'aaron Wise had a pick six from his defensive end spot and continues to get better and better as just a sophomore.

Things will be much tougher this Friday nights as the Wildcats are favored big by everyone, and are expected to be better this fall under coach Burton Cates who returns for his second season after a lengthy hiatus in Lee County.

Eastern Randolph returns a bulk of talent, including QB Cade Snoterly, big time WR recruit in junior Kaemen

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## Idaho Falls ousts Post 45 from World Series

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

SHELBY — Missed opportunities proved to be the difference Monday afternoon at Keeter Stadium in Shelby as Idaho Falls, Idaho Post 56 moved to 3-0 in pool play by holding on in a tough 4-3 win over Randolph County in third round action of the 2019 American Legion World Series.

The win sent Idaho to the national semifinal versus Danville, IL Post 210 (38-9), and eliminated the North Carolina representative with a 1-2 record in the event. The Post 45 loss also allowed Fargo, ND Post 2 to finish second in the Stripes Division. Fargo was scheduled to play Destrehan, LA Post 366 (38-8) in the first semifinal.

Seen as an overachieving team built on youth surmounting veterans such as Trevor Marsh, a three-time World Series participant and UNC-Wilmington signee, Randolph County came within an eyelash of advancing to the semi-finals before coming up just short and closing the season at 35-11.

Marsh kept Idaho off the board in the top of the first and Randolph County came in and took a 1-0 advantage when leadoff hitter Harris Jackson singled and Marsh lined a double to move him to third. Spencer Lanier's sacrifice fly brought home Jackson and gave the game its first run. The opportunity of a big inning was doused by a double play to kill the threat, and was the first of three double plays turned by the strong Idaho defense which also replicated the feat in the second and fifth innings.

In the fourth, Idaho tied the contest behind two costly Post 45 mistakes. Randon Hostert was hit by a pitch to lead things off before Tavyn Lords singled. A throwing error by Randolph County allowed Hostert to score to tie the game at 1-1.

Idaho (59-6) was still threatening, with runners on second and third and one out, when a fly ball into foul ground forced first baseman Spencer Lanier to shift over and make an over-the-shoulder grab. Lanier then wheeled and fired home to barely get the Lords at home, keeping the game tied at 1-1.

In the fifth, Idaho broke through for two more to take the lead. Bruer Webster belted a one-out double to the right-field wall and came around to score on an Alex Cortez single to right field. Randon Hostert and Tavyn Lords smacked consecutive singles to bring home Cortez to extend the Post 56 advantage to 3-1.

Idaho tallied one more run in the top of the sixth to go up 4-1 when pinch hitter Kai Howell drove in Webster who had singled with one down before Cortez also smacked a base hit to right field.

North Carolina showed some real heart in the home half of the sixth as the locals used back-to-back singles to right

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# Athletes get on track with new surface at Northwood

BY DAVID BRADLEY  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The athletic track at Northwood High School in Pittsboro is getting a resurfacing treatment that will provide a new rubber base for high school athletes and community events.

The original track, projected to last about 10 years, actually lasted longer than anticipated. It was installed at the same time as the tracks at Chatham Central and Jordan-Matthews High Schools.

“All three tracks in the high schools were installed prior to 2008,” said Chris Blice, chief operations officer for Chatham County Schools. “They actually lasted a little longer than typical.”

Blice stated that they had an outside company check the tracks at each school, and Northwood was the first one to be done because of the wear and tear on the track required it. The reason for this is the higher population at the school creates more use of the track.

Cameron Vernon, one of the athletic directors at Northwood, said the track was showing wear and tear. The new surface, he said, will create



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Ricardo Lopez sprays glue onto the asphalt surface of the athletic track at Northwood High School Aug. 9. After the glue has cured for several hours, new rubber will be placed on the track to create the new surface.**

a “safer environment.”

“It makes a world of difference when you see it,” Vernon said. “It brightens up to see our facilities.”

Blice said the size of a student population affects how quickly the track needs replacing.

“The population projection for Northwood next year is

1,400 students,” he said. “It wears out track faster.”

Another reason for getting this taken care of now is the community, Vernon said.

“The community and parents of track students have been advocating for the resurface,” he said. “We are super excited to get them out there on the track and competing on it.”

In addition to the student population using the track for classes and running events, the track is also used for the Relay for Life cancer fundraising event and evening walks by community members.

The other tracks in the county are to be resurfaced according to need. The plan is for Jordan-Matthews to get a new surface next year, and Chatham Central in the following year.

Blice was complimentary of the athletic directors at each of the schools in that the tracks had lasted as long as they had.

“All three have lasted longer than their design,” Blice said. “Generally speaking, the athletic directors do their best to take care of facilities.”

Funding for the replacement cost is high. Keeping the tracks up to par is a key to longer life for the facilities. The money for the projects are planned seven years in advance of their actual need, Blice said, as part of the capital outlay that the county borrows money for.

The money is budgeted with a specific cost, but there has to be some extra set aside for a project like this, just in case.

“The project is close to

budget of \$159,000,” Blice said. “The track itself is \$110,000, but they ask us to keep \$50,000 in reserve, in case of the need to repair the asphalt base.”

The money for the resurfacing project comes through the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, who borrow money for the project, and Blice and Vernon mentioned the strong relationship that they have with the board.

“The Northwood athletic department would like to thank the Chatham County commissioners and the Board of Education, and Mr. Blice for this,” Vernon said.

Blice also related his thanks for the commissioners funding of the project.

“We very much appreciate our relationship with commissioners and their financial support,” said Blice.

The finishing touches are underway, said Vernon.

“It’s not quite finished yet,”

Vernon said. “We have two more layers to put on, seal it and painting the lanes. If the weather cooperates, it will be done by the first day of school.”

Photographer David Bradley can be reached at david@chathamnr.com.

## Fargo unforgiving in 4-1 second day World Series win

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record

SHELBY — Cole Hage crushed a first pitch hanging curve from Randolph County starting pitcher Braxton Davis in the opening inning here Saturday afternoon at Keeter Stadium in Shelby as Fargo, North Dakota, jumped to a quick 2-0 lead and would never trail in a 4-1 victory over Post 45 in second day action of the 2019 American Legion World Series.

Randolph County fell to 1-1 in the tournament and 38-11 for the season with the loss while Fargo improved to 1-1 in the event and 53-7 overall.

It only took three batters for Post 2 to take its 2-0 advantage in the top of the first. After a leadoff single by Zach Sanday and an out, Hage launched his two-run bomb to dead center to put Fargo up 2-0.

In the bottom of the frame, Harris Jackson and Trevor Marsh both singled for North Carolina, setting up runners at the corners for Post 45. A flyball to shallow left field off the bat of Austin Curry was flagged down, and Jackson was thrown out at third after being caught off the bag too far after bluffing a tag up attempt.

The double play proved costly for Randolph County as the Mid-Atlantic champions took advantage of an interference call and a slicing double out of the wrong barrel down the left field line by Colby Hammer to plate Marsh and trim the deficit to 2-1 Fargo starter Taylor Parrett would escape any further damage by Post 45 by coaxing Blake Marsh into a ground out to end the inning.

North Carolina loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the second when Easton Morgan walked, Troy McKinney singled to right, and Harris was hit by a pitch. Parrett once again doused what could have been a huge inning by Post 45 by striking out Blake Marsh and getting Spencer Lanier to fly out to centerfield on a 3-1 offering.

Davis worked out of a jam in the third inning after North Dakota loaded the bases with two outs behind singles from Sandy and Zach Kluevers, and a walk by Blake Anderson on four pitches. The Post 45 starter recorded a ground out by Brayden Koenig to second to end the threat.

Fargo would not be denied in the fourth, however, tacking on a pair of insurance runs behind costly walks to

Brandt Kolpack and Drew Sandy, both of whom came around on a looping single just out of the reach of Post 45 shortstop Easton Morgan.

A one-out walk by Kinney and a single to left by Marsh put Randolph County in business again in the bottom of the fourth but another base running mistake crippled the opportunity and Parrett got out of the jam again.

North Carolina put two in scoring position in the fifth behind a walk to Lanier and a single by Curry but Parrett got a huge strikeout to end the frame and his day. He finished with just the lone run allowed after scattering six hits, walking four and striking out a pair in 93 pitches (52 strikes) over his five innings.

Fargo threatened in the sixth with two on, as well, but Hunter Hill came on in relief and worked out of trouble to keep the deficit just three.

Koenig nearly added to the Fargo lead with a shot to right field but just missed, hitting the wall for a double. One batter later, second baseman Tatum Marsh made a leaping grab to keep the score at 4-1.

Austin Manuel, who came on in relief for Parrett, put the Randolph County offense down quietly in the sixth and seventh, allowing just one runner to finish off his save.

Randolph County, which stranded nine runners in the contest, mustered just six hits in the loss including Kinney going 1-for-2 with a walk and Colby Hammer 1-for-3 with an RBI. Also for Post 45, Jackson, Curry and Tatum Marsh were all 1-for-3 while Trevor Marsh was 1-for-4 with a run.

Davis suffered the loss after going four innings and allowing six hits, four runs, four walks and striking out two. Matthew Brewer came in for 1 1/3 innings in relief while yielding nothing while fanning three in a great performance, and Hunter Hill went 1 2/3 innings and allowed two hits, one walk and whiffed two.

Sandy was 2-for-2 with a run, two RBI and two walks to pace Fargo offensively while Chandler Ibach was also 2-for-3 in the win.

With this result, both teams are 1-1 going into the final day of pool play.

The game was played as part of USAA Military Appreciation Day. Prior to the game, Medal of Honor recipient Hal Fritz addressed the crowd and met with the teams.

## American Legion organization could teach NFL some respect



DON BEANE  
Sports Editor

In a day and age when multi-million dollar NFL athletes led by Colin Kaepernick are shamefully disgracing our country, flag, veterans, law enforcement and first responders by taking knees

during the National Anthem, a bunch of unpaid athletes playing for the love of the game of baseball, and a non-profit American Legion organization are doing the opposite.

First and foremost I will make my stance clear: there is never any excuse to take a knee during the our National Anthem. Period. I will never accept any arguments otherwise. Never ever do you disgrace the veterans that have died for this country, been injured, have fought, have served, have sacrificed, and that includes veterans of every race, gender, and socio-economic background. Also on this list I include law enforcement, firefighters, and EMT workers. They put their lives on the line every day for us and this country.

Now, do I acknowledge that there have been problems? Yes, but the mainstream media has continually blown things out of proportion for ratings and a clear political agenda. Some of the attention has been needed to help bring some fixes on a case-by-case basis. But overall, this is by far the best country in the world as a whole, and it's not even close really. Travels outside its borders will make you see how fortunate Americans have it, and it

won't take long.

And let's point out right now that it's because of our real heroes that grown men playing a kids' sport are making millions and millions of dollars while most Americans go to work every day just to do all they can to support their families, many working more than one job.

Well, I am proud to report that, once again, the American Legion organization is doing things right. On Saturday, August 18 at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby, USAA Military Appreciation Day was held and it was a thing of patriotic beauty. Yes, while some of our politicians are shamefully promoting socialism and communism, which is absolutely astounding given the over 200 million deaths its caused throughout history, and terror groups such as the fascist ANTIFA organization are busy on the left coast ganging up and applying cowardly whippings to the elderly and a small Asian journalist, the American Legion, its teams, fans and the fine people of Shelby, N.C., and from all over the country, were celebrating our fine men and women of our armed services.

Decorated veteran Hal Fritz was awarded the Medal of Honor on Saturday and addressed the crowd after the opening game of the day while hundreds of other veterans filed onto the field, including the 505th Engineer Combat Battalion.

The honor and pride felt in that small stadium would put to shame anything that the bumbling NFL commissioner Roger Goodell could stage in any of the billion dollar stadiums which are often paid for by hard-working Americans and their taxpayer dollars. And the

smiles and tears exhibited by the veterans and active duty soldiers is something that one could not forget. You could tell that they truly felt appreciated, and that's something that we, as Americans, should always make sure that they know.

And the National Anthem had an extra special feel on Saturday, and younger generations were being shown what it means to be an American, and what heroes truly are.

As for Goodell and Kaepernick, you two may be millionaires, but I promise you one thing, you will never be half the men that Josh Woods, a Siler City Firefighter and EMT who lost his life in the line of duty on January 12, 2016, or Luke Moody, an Officer in the US Navy, who we lost on June 24, 2018, were. God gave me the privilege of coaching both and I would not trade that experience for any of your millions. And that holds true for the likes of Cliff Brooks, Justin Patterson, Will Cockman, Derrick Lee, Tyler Bridges, Stacy Baldwin, Ben Hadley, Dexter Snipes, and many others who are firefighters, military, police, sheriffs, and EMT's. The same goes for my former teammates such as Mike Bullis and Jeff Griffith. Those are examples of real heroes in this country, and not some over-paid prima donas.

And you can believe as long as I have a breath in me, I will never disrespect any of those young men or any other veterans, military, law enforcement personnel or first responders by taking a knee. I will ALWAYS stand in their honor during the National Anthem. It's the least I can do for those that do so much.

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brings a breath of fresh air every day,” Sagula said. “I like that the fact that she comes with limited volleyball experience so her freshness is a great value to our team. She'll be a role model for our team with her smile and positive attitude.”

Team IMPACT is a national nonprofit headquartered in Boston that connects children facing serious or chronic illness with college athletic teams, forming lifelong bonds and life-changing outcomes. Since 2011, Team IMPACT has matched more than 1,800



Kelsie Houston's signing day was held Aug. 17 in Carmichael Arena, making her an official member of the University of North Carolina volleyball program.

Photo by Jeffrey A. Camarati

children with more than 600 colleges and universities in 48 states, reaching over 55,000 participating student athletes.

Children such as Houston join the athletic teams and the student athletes join the child's support

team – from Draft Day to Graduation. During the journey, the child gains strength, camaraderie, and support while the student athletes experience lessons of courage, resiliency and perspective they can't learn in a classroom.

Stay up to date with Houston and the Carolina Volleyball by following the Tar Heels on Twitter and Instagram.

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Marley, and shifty back Tavis Mcadoo from a team that went 9-3 a year ago and that is expected to be vastly improved on both sides of the ball. James Locklear spearheads the ER defense from the linebacking spot.

Stopping the potent Wildcat offense will be a chore on Friday night while establishing a ground game and giving Moore time to throw the ball will be additional keys if the Bears are to pull what would be a monumental upset.

"We have to go in and play hard and see what happens," said Howze. "Our kids have nothing to lose and everything to gain. I want them to have fun and compete."

## FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

This week: Eastern Randolph (0-0)  
Last season: 9-3  
Head Coach: Burton Cates  
2A PAC 7 Conference  
Leading returnees: WR



Northwood's Jalen Paige gets through the Chatham Central blockers in their scrimmage last Friday night at the Jamboree.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Kaemen Marley, RB Tavis Mcadoo, QB Cade Snottherly, LB James Locklear

NCHSAA 3A State Champions 1983, 3AA State Champions 2006

Prediction: Eastern Randolph 48, Chatham Central 7

## ON CHARGER BOULEVARD

This week: @ Apex Friendship (0-0)  
Last season: 4-8  
Head Coach: Adam Sanders  
4A South Wake Conference

Leading returnees: RB Sam Cabe, RB Judah Wilson, WR Nigel Toster, DE Justin Reed, DT Adrian Moore

4th year of the program which has posted records of 1-9 in 2016, 6-5 in 2017, and 4-8 in 2018

Inaugural game for Northwood Head Coach Cullen Homolka

Prediction: Apex Friendship 24, Northwood 21

## IN THE JET HANGAR

This week: Bartlett Yancey (0-0)

Last season: 3-8  
Head Coach: Joshua Brumfield

2A Mid-State Conference  
Leading returnees: QB Chase Johnson, RB/LB Jacob Scales, WR Quinton Noble, DE Miles Jefferson, DL Caleb Dance, LB Triston Winn

Bartlett Yancey and Jordan-Matthews were in the 2A Mid-State Conference for eight years prior to the 2017 season.

Jordan-Matthews won the last contest over the Buccaneers in 2016 in Siler City 28-26.

Inaugural game for Jordan-Matthews Head Coach Sam Spencer.

Prediction: Bartlett Yancey 34, Jordan-Matthews 26



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthew's Ethan Jordan dives for an extra yard gain as Green Hope players defend. The scrimmage match was designed to test plays and players in a brief simulated game at the Northwood Jamboree.

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field by Harris Jackson and Marsh, a wild pitch, an RBI-ground out to first by Lanier, and a sacrifice fly to right field by Austin Curry to trim the deficit to 4-3.

Idaho closed the door to seal the win, however, as Idaho reliever Andrew Gregerson set Post 45 down in order in the bottom of the seventh to preserve the win and pick up the save after two innings of two hit, two run pitching. Jace Hanson took the win after going five innings and allowing five hits and one run.

Jackson, Marsh and East Morgan were all 2-for-3 in the loss for Randolph County with Jackson scoring twice and Marsh adding a run and a double. Braxton Davis added the other hit for Post 45 in a 1-for-3 day while Lanier had two RBI.

Marsh suffered the loss on the mound after working 5.1 innings and allowing seven hits, three runs, a walk and fanning four.

Editor's Note: Fargo, ND downed Destrehan, LA 10-4 in the first semi-final on Monday to advance to the American Legion World Series title game on Tuesday, August 20. Idaho Falls, ID outlasted Danville, IL 4-3 in nine innings to earn the other spot the championship game. Idaho Falls downed Fargo 7-3 in opening round action last Thursday, August 15.

# Randolph County tames Shrewsbury, Mass., in World Series opener

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

SHELBY — Trevor Marsh continued a torrid post-season with a 3-for-4 effort last Thursday at Veterans Field at Keeter Stadium in Shelby to ignite Randolph County (35-10) to an 8-4 victory over Shrewsbury, Massachusetts (30-8) in opening round action of the 2019 American Legion World Series.

Randolph County trailed 3-2 entering the top of the sixth before exploding for six runs to complete a torrid comeback, with Marsh crushing a key double in the uprising off the right field wall.

Post 45, in the World Series for the third straight year, would allow just a run in the bottom of the seventh to take the win over Post 397, which is in its second World Series in three years.

With one down in the top of the first, Randolph strung together consecutive hits by Trevor Marsh, Spencer Lanier and Austin Curry to take a 1-0 advantage.

Shrewsbury answered in the home half of the frame when John West slapped an RBI-fielder's choice to the right side to bring home TJ Morgera, who had earlier singled and eventually stole third base.

In the top of the second Braxton Davis send Randolph County back in front by belting a high 1-0 fast ball from Shrewsbury starter Nick McDonald over the wall in left for a solo homerun.

"I took the first pitch because it was kind of quick and I was late on it," Davis said. "The second pitch I decided to speed up a bit, got my hands through it and hit it well."

The Post 45 lead stood until the bottom of the fourth when West reached on an error and later scored on a wild pitch to even the game at 2-all.

Shrewsbury was back at it again in the fifth when Post 397 took its first lead of the contest after Morgera walked, stole second and third, and scored on another RBI-ground out from West.

The North Carolina team started the inning with two walks and loading the bases on a sacrifice bunt attempt which Shrewsbury couldn't find an out on.

Staring at a 3-2 deficit in the top of the sixth, Randolph County loaded the bases behind a pair of walks and Shrewsbury misplaying a Post 45 bunt. Another walk coupled with a wild pitch and a fielder's choice sent across three runs before Marsh mashed his RBI-double off the wall in right to send the locals up 6-3. Marsh would later score in the inning as Post 45 pushed across two more to race in front 8-3.

"I got behind in the count so I choked up on the bat and stepped in and just put the bat on the ball and he supplied all the power," said Marsh, one of three players in his third American Legion World Series for Randolph County. "This year I came back more confident and relaxed. It's always fun to be here with my teammates in front of a big crowd."

Shrewsbury added a late run when Morgera singled and scored again in the seventh, but the Post 397 comeback bid was snuffed out by Marsh who worked the final inning and allowed two hits and a run.

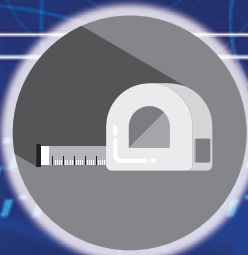
Marsh added two runs, a stolen base and an RBI to his three hits while Easton Morgan was 2-for-4 with a run, Spencer Lanier 1-for-3 with a run and a walk, Davis 1-for-3 with two runs, two RBI and a walk, Austin Curry 1-for-3 with an RBI and a walk, and Blake Marsh 0-for-2 with a run and two walks.

Bryson Hamlet picked up the win on the mound for Post 45 after working 4.1 innings and allowing one hit, three runs (two earned), four walks and striking out two. Dawson Davis went 1.2 innings and hit one batter.

Morgera led Shrewsbury with a 2-for-3 outing that included three runs, a walk and three stolen bases as Post 397 stole six as a team in as many attempts.

McDonald suffered the loss on the mound for the Massachusetts team after working five innings and allowing seven hits, five runs (three earned), and two walks while striking out two. Carson Hauben went 2/3 of an inning and yielded a hit, three runs (none earned), and three walks while whiffing one. Alex Zidonis went the final 1 1/3 innings and walked two and struck out one.

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A Northwood player is tackled behind the line of scrimmage by Central Chatham.

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Jordan-Matthew's Ethan Jordan gets past defenders from Green Hope High School in Pittsboro at the Northwood Jamboree last Friday.

# Hot gridiron action at the Jack Shaner Jamboree



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Chatham Central's Collin Lagenor, on the ground, and William Douglas take down Western Harnett's Misha'el Vines in early scrimmage play last Friday.



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On a handoff play from the quarterback, Northwood's Deuce Powell II is taken down by the defensive line of Southern Alamance.

Chatham Central's Riley Lagenor lines up to catch a long bomb at the goal line in Friday's scrimmage with Northwood.

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Chatham Central's William Douglas takes a powerful hit last Friday at Northwood from Western Harnett's Jae'sean Snipes while under Central Head coach Sherman Howze's eye.

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The Jordan-Matthews defensive line brings down a Green Hope running back in scrimmage play.

Chatham Central's Riley Lagenor bursts through the Western Harnett defense for a yardage gain.

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Jordan-Matthew's Ethan Jordan gets tackled on a running play by Green Hope backs.



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Chatham Central's William Douglas breaks through the line of scrimmage against Western Harnett players in Friday's matchup.



Western Harnett's defensive back Jae'sean Snipes blocks the pass to Chatham Central's Brady Cunnup in the gridiron scrimmage last Friday at Northwood High School.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Amber Lewis, 37, of Sanford, was taken into custody August 13 on a warrant service for another jurisdiction. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with an August 15 court date in Sanford.

Ricky Oldham, 34, of Bear Creek, was charged August 13 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$400 bond with a September 10 court date in Siler City.

Michael Everwine, 38, of Siler City, was charged August 13 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$400 bond with a September 3 court date in Siler City.

Charles Smith of Moncure was charged August 13 with criminal offenses. He was held under \$475 with a September 16 court date in Sanford.

Melva Cleary, 48, of Siler City, was charged August 13 with

second-degree trespassing. She was held under a \$500 bond with an August 14 court date in Pittsboro.

Jamie Wilson, 24, of Ramseur, was charged August 14 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a September 4 court date in Asheboro.

Christopher Gilliland, 44, of Bear Creek, was charged August 15 with trespassing. He was released on a written promise with a September 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Danny Jones, 53, of Bennetts, was charged August 17 with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a September 9 court date in Chatham County.

Karly Riddle, 21, of Pittsboro, was charged August 17 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$500 bond with a Sep-

tember 4 court date in Chatham County.

Adam Beaton, 22, of Cary, was taken into custody August 17 on a warrant from another jurisdiction. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a September 10 court date in Lillington.

Stacy Jasso, 28, of Pittsboro, was charged August 18 with driving while impaired, expired registration and possession of an open container of alcohol in the passenger area. She was released on a written promise with a September 25 court date in Chatham County.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tina Smith, 31, of Siler City, was charged August 16 with probation violation. She was held under a \$500 bond with an August 27 court date in Siler City.

Nelson Gaimez, 33, of Siler City, was charged August 16

with two counts of assault on a female and assault by strangulation. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a September 10 court date in Siler City.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Sherry Salyer of Apex was cited August 12 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Erica Gonzales De La Cruz of Sorrento, Florida, was cited August 13 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Samantha Medlin of Cary was cited August 13 for failure to reduce speed/no operator's license on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Andrew Hayes of Durham was cited August 13 for failure to maintain lane control on O'Kelly Chapel Road in Pittsboro.

Stephanie Brenner of Chapel Hill was cited August 15 for failure to yield at a left turn on U.S. Highway 64 in Siler City.

Horace Godwin of Selma was cited August 15 for failure to yield on Old U.S. Highway 421 N in Pittsboro.

James Cook of Bear Creek was cited August 16 for failure to maintain lane control on Arthur Teague Road in Siler City.

Donathan Stuckey of Cary was cited August 16 for driving while impaired on Moncure Pittsboro Road in Pittsboro.

Nicholas Atkins of Goldston was cited August 17 for careless and reckless driving and seat belt violation on U.S. Highway 421 in Siler City.

Walker White II of Graham was cited August 18 for driving while license revoked and lane control violation on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

## NEWS BRIEFS

# Chatham 4-H Avian Bowl Team wins 2nd at state competition

## Prep yourself for a busy time at the DMV

RALEIGH — The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles is reminding people of several tips to make it easier to complete their business efficiently during the busiest time of year.

The agency experienced its busiest period of 2018 during the last two weeks of August. As a result, DMV implemented improvements to help combat the impact of this year's summer peak season. These improvements include express driver license services, extended hours and the opening of the state's largest office in Charlotte.

In anticipation of a potential uptick in DMV office visits during these last weeks of August, please

remember these tips:

- Go online. Many DMV services can be completed online. Visit MyNC DMV.gov to see if you can skip an office visit and complete your transaction online.

- Plan your trip. If you need to visit DMV, plan your trip to ensure you have all the proper documentation needed to complete your service. Review the office visit checklist on the MyNC DMV.gov.

- Wait if you can. If your DMV service can wait until after Labor Day, postpone your visit until the summer peak season ends.

Since a first-time REAL ID issuance must be completed in-person, DMV recommends customers wait until after the summer peak season to obtain one and using the newly-launched REAL ID tool to determine if a REAL ID

PITTSBORO — A group of Chatham youngsters, calling themselves the "Chatham County Peeps," performed well recently at the State 4-H Avian Bowl, placing second in the competition at N.C. State in Raleigh.

The format of the competition was double elimination, and each round consisted of eleven questions, including true/false, fill-in-the-blank (short answer), multiple choice and spelling. The Chatham County Peeps competed against three other counties — Bladen, Catawba and Forsyth — and their perseverance led them to a successful second place finish despite



The Chatham County Peeps team includes Samantha Andrews, Emily Stecher, Tristin Elkins and Gage Lindley.

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losing in the first round.

Team members Samantha Andrews, Gage Lindley, Emily Stecher and Tristin Elkins started their day against Catawba County. They lost, but then went on to win three straight rounds to get to the final.

Three of the four members competed in the State 4-H Poultry Judging Competition last year and finish first, then went to Louisville, Kentucky, for the national competition, where they finished 13th.

is a fit for you. DMV will continue to find and implement

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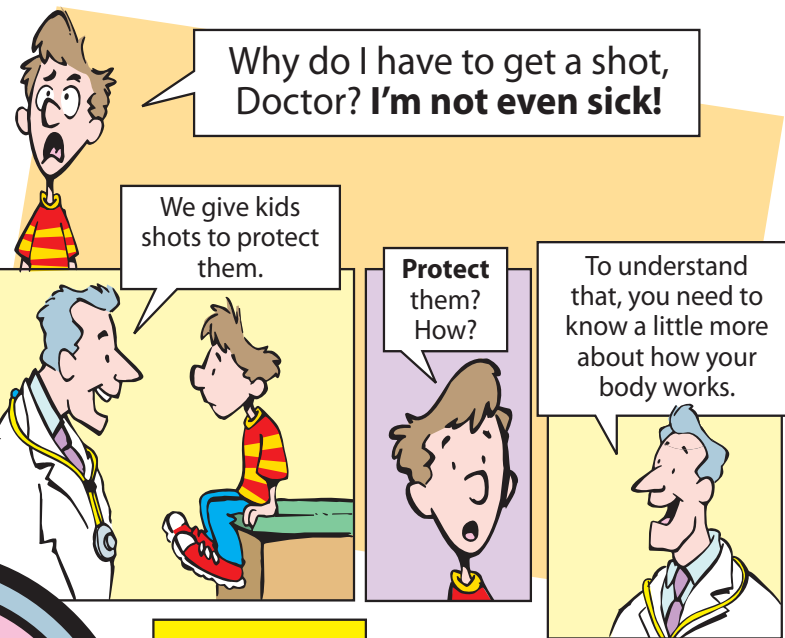


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## Why? Why? Why? Why?

### Blood Basics

Blood carries tiny cells to all parts of your body. There are fat, round, red cells. There are white cells, too. The white cells have a special job. They fight germs and kill them. White cells keep you well. When germs get in, your white blood cells go to work.



But some germs are too strong for an unprepared body. When a doctor gives you a shot, or **immunization**, this helps your white cells prepare for certain kinds of germs.

Shots are like a fire drill. A fire drill gets you ready in case of a real fire. A shot gets you ready in case of a real attack by germs.

**Standards Link:** Health: Students understand ways to prevent disease.

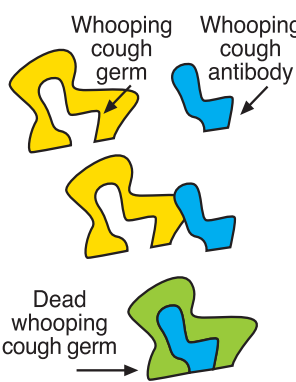
### How do germs invade the body?

Germs can get into your body in many ways. They can enter through your mouth or through your nose or even through a cut in your skin.

Germs are everywhere – even all over this page! Can you find the two germs that match?

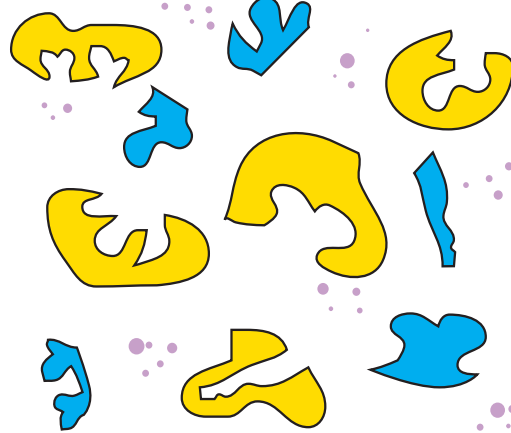
### Whooping Cough Warriors

Long ago, whooping cough killed many people. Now most people never get this disease because they have been immunized with a shot.



When the doctor gives you a shot with a small amount of weak whooping cough germs, certain white cells in your body start making a germ-killing chemical called an "antibody."

Help the antibodies kill the germs. Draw a line from each antibody to the germ it kills.



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### Body News

Trace your body on a large sheet of paper. Find information in the newspaper about the human body. Paste the articles in the outline where you found the body part mentioned.

**Standards Link:** Health: Students identify body parts and describe their functions.

**Standards Link:** Health: Students understand ways they can maintain their own health.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Polio Police

When you take polio vaccine drops, killer white cells in your body find the polio germs and kill them. After that, these cells act like polio police and keep on looking for more polio germs.

Help the "Polio Police" find the polio germs.



**Standards Link:** Health: Students understand ways they can maintain their own health.

### Double Double Word Search

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Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Cut out five advertisements in the newspaper that show products designed to help you stay healthy. Why did you choose each product?

**Standards Link:** Health: Students understand ways they can maintain their own health.

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CHATHAM@WORK | CHANA MEEKS, WILD WOMEN CHASING PERIWINKLE

Chana Heins Meeks was born in San Diego — her father was stationed in the Navy there — and grew up in Sanford, graduating from Lee County High School in 1980. She's part-owner of Siler City's Wild Women Chasing Periwinkle, located at 134 N. Chatham Ave. — a co-op of talented ladies who create beautiful and creative (and functional) works of art. Wild Women is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays. "We always have something interesting going on," Meeks said.

What's unique about her job? "That I'm able to create the inventory that I sell in the shop," she said. "I'm a potter, painter, and weaver...I make leather and copper cuffs and key chains and hand-painted market bags. I'm always trying something new."

She and her husband Andy have lived in Chatham County since 1990. A dog, Skeeter, lives with them. The couple has two sons: Heins, who lives in Wilmington with his wife Rebekah and daughter Addie, and Kurth, who also lives in Wilmington with his fiancée Carli Williams.

**First paying job?**

My first paying job was as a keypunch operator at the Carolina Bank in Sanford. I worked after school into the evening punching into a "computer" the transactions for the day. I learned all the "firsts" you're exposed to with this job. Be on time, be dependable, do your best, work etiquette...it was an awesome experience.

**Most difficult job?**

Most difficult was as a customer service representative for a



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Meeks' partners in Wild Women Chasing Periwinkle include Shelly Joyce (middle) and Sherry Johnson Allen (right).



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Chana Meeks stands outside the Wild Women Chasing Periwinkle store on Chatham Avenue in Siler City.

long distance telephone company. Back in the day when you received a code for making long distance calls. As a customer service rep, we dealt with billing issues, unidentified numbers, fraud, some polite people, but mostly angry. Wasn't all that difficult, but not always pleasant.

**What's the most unusual special request you've gotten from a customer?**

As an artist, I'm always getting special requests... which I love! I love the challenge of making something that's special just for you. I can't say it's an unusual request, but one of my favorites are the hand sculpted mugs (I call muggies) — it's a mug or flower pot that can look like you or someone you know. I work from a photograph and sculpt a caricature of you into the clay.

**What's the most surprising thing about your work?**

Most surprising? Hmmm... I don't think most people realize just how much time or materials go into an original piece of artwork. In clay, there's the kiln, tools, wheel, drying space, glazes, and clay, of course. Yes, I can make a mug in a few minutes; however, before I can fire that mug, I have to make enough pottery to fill the kiln. Well...I guess I could fire one piece, but I don't! It can take weeks before the process is complete. Not to mention (in any medium) all the pieces or paintings that didn't make the cut. If I'm not happy with it, it will never be seen.

**What advice would you give someone looking to go into the same line of work?**

This is the best job ever. I work at my own schedule

(although, I often have deadlines to meet and it can be stressful). I look forward to working in my studio. I often lose track of time and work well into the evening. When you're on a creative roll.... you just have to go with it! Surprisingly, tomorrow it might not be there, you can have days that nothing works. Recognize when you need to take a step back and refocus. It's OK!

**What's your go-to order at a coffee shop?**

Cortado

**Where do you want to retire?**

To my camper. I love, love, love traveling around in remote places exploring, looking for photo opportunities to use for reference material or to set up and paint "en plein air."

**What's better — starting or finishing?**

That's a difficult question...you've gotta start somewhere and hope that the finish is what you envisioned or be pleasantly surprised.

**Dogs or cats?**

Dogs

**Heard a good clean joke lately?**

"What never asks questions but receives a lot of answers? A telephone."

**Was there a toy you wanted as a child but never received?**

Not a toy, but I wanted a horse.

**Best use of a snow day?**

Hiking in the woods, following animal tracks, building a snowman, snowball fights, and making snow cream.

**What's been your greatest travel adventure?**

Going from North Carolina to Alaska in my

camper for the summer. We explored almost every road you can travel by car and camped in some of the most beautiful places.

**Best one-day trip?**

To Wilmington to visit my granddaughter.

**Favorite snack?**

Apple dipped in peanut butter.

**Anything you collect?**

Arrowheads and gemstones.

**Favorite book?**

Lonesome Dove

**What talent do you wish you had?**

To be able to play guitar and sing.

**Would you rather explore space or the deep ocean?**

The ocean floor for sure. Sunken treasures, seashells, interesting creatures, unexplored worlds...

# Simmons honored as 'Community Hero' by Rep. Walker

CN+R Staff Report

SANFORD — U.S. Representative Mark Walker (R-N.C.) honored Lee County's Daniel Simmons as the Sixth District Community Hero of the Month for August.

Simmons, the CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, "is an excellent example of how one person can impact their community in a variety of ways."

In presenting the award Aug. 13 at the Rotary Club of Sanford, Walker said Simmons volunteers his time as a Guardian ad Litem, where he represents the interests of children who are in the court system due to abuse and neglect. Daniel led the effort to raise funds for many causes as last year's Sanford Rotary President and serves as the Small Business Advocacy Chairman for the Chamber of Commerce. He also finds time to volunteer as a musician at local churches.

"I know firsthand what it's like for kids who deal with tough familial challenges and disadvantaged circumstances, as my mother was a single mom who worked very hard to provide for us," Simmons said. "In addition to support from my grandparents, I saw how individuals outside our family mentored and even welcomed me into their families when things got tough, expanded my horizons and made sure I



Submitted photo

Daniel Simmons, CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, poses with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol presented to him by U.S. Rep. Mark Walker (R-N.C. Sixth District).

knew my potential. I'm able to see very similar things in action every day in leadership at Boys and Girls Club. As a Guardian ad Litem, I have a strong voice in the courtroom in advocating for the best interests of children and improving their trajectory of their lives. I've always



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Simmons receives the Community Hero of the Month Award from U.S. Rep. Mark Walker, a Republican who represents Chatham County in Congress.

wanted to serve the community and the world through Rotary due to their investment in me when I was young."

Each month, Rep. Walker awards a constituent, business, or organization in his district for displaying extraordinary acts of service and for making a difference in the lives around them. Simmons was presented with a certificate and a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in his honor.

"Daniel is an excellent example of how one person can serve their com-

munity in a variety of ways, and he's accomplished all of this before the age of 40," Walker said. "Daniel remembers what it's like to be in need and I'm inspired by his commitment to invest in the next generation in very tangible ways."

Simmons lives in Sanford with his wife, Jessica, who is a middle school band director in Moore County. He's an avid off-roader and teaches ATV safety courses on Saturdays. The couple enjoys performing with the Lee County Community Orchestra and traveling North Carolina and beyond.

Simmons is a native of Randolph County and a graduate of Southwestern Randolph High School. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in music and business administration from Winthrop University, holds a Master of Science degree in human resources management from Indiana Wesleyan University, and holds the "SHRM-Certified Professional" certification credential from the Society for Human Resource Management.

He joined the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sanford/Lee County as the executive director in July 2015. Upon the merger of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sanford/Lee County and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Eastern Piedmont, Daniel became the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina in October 2016. The organization currently serves well over 1,000 children per year in Chatham and Lee counties. The organization is opening its third Boys & Girls Club, the Robin Paige Boys & Girls Club, in Lillington on August 26.



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Daniel Simmons poses with U.S. Rep. Mark Walker at one of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina's centers. The organization currently serves more than 1,000 children per year in Lee and Chatham counties.



# Effort in third 'Angel' trilogy not bad, but result not terribly good

"Angel Has Fallen" has several unexpected surprises. Who knew that Gerard Butler would still be headlining action movies in 2019? Who knew that the "Fallen" film series would become a trilogy? Who knew that Nick Nolte was still around? And who knew that, as far as August action movies go, "Angel Has Fallen" isn't that bad?

Butler is back as Secret Service agent Mike Banning, last seen saving President Ben Asher for a second time in the repugnant "London Has Fallen." Asher is out of office, replaced by Allan Trumbull (Morgan Freeman), who has worked his way up from Speaker of the House to Vice President and now POTUS over the course of three films. Banning is mulling whether to accept the post of Secret Service director and give up the field work that's in his DNA when someone tries to make Banning's decision for him. During a fishing expedition,

## Angel Has Fallen

**GRADE:** B -  
**DIRECTOR:** Ric Roman Waugh  
**STARRING:** Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman, Danny Huston, Michael Landes, Tim Blake Nelson, Jada Pinkett Smith, and Nick Nolte  
**MPAA RATING:** PG-13  
**RUNNING TIME:** 2 hr. 1 min.

Banning is framed for a swarm of drones that kill the entire POTUS Secret Service detail and lands Trumbull in a coma. Banning survives, which makes him the prime suspect, along with his DNA being found on the drone controller and millions of dollars discovered in an off-shore account bearing Banning's name. Arrested for the assassination attempt, Banning somehow escapes FBI custody (for reasons and circumstances too ridiculous to explain) and goes on the lam, taking refuge at the isolated woodland home of his estranged father, Clay (Nolte). It's a hoot to see Nolte as a crotchety conspiracy-theorist living off the grid, gleefully exploding gobs of C-4 ringing his forest hideaway when anyone gets too close. Meanwhile, Banning is pursued on two sides, by an FBI agent

(Jada Pinkett Smith) who slowly starts to believe Banning's pleas of innocence and an Erik Prince-esque friend and former colleague (Danny Huston) who now runs a private military company. "Angel Has Fallen" hardly breaks any new ground as far as government action thrillers go — anyone even vaguely familiar with these sorts of stories will suss out the bad guys 15 minutes into the movie. The right-wing fan fiction of "London Has Fallen" is mostly missing, although there's a subplot involving false allegations of Russian aggression. At least this go-around, the baddies aren't the lazy foil of brown-skinned terrorists but instead shadowy domestic actors. The story remains fairly taut during the lead-up to Banning's frame-up. It's when Banning decides to strike



Nick Nolte (left) and Gerard Butler star in 'Angel Has Fallen.'

back when the plot goes from serviceable to silly. Over the final half of the film, as the villains try to take out Trumbull with a final hail of bullets and bombs, I spent more time

trying to decide whether Nolte or Freeman is now showing his age more. Director Ric Roman Waugh conspicuously borrows from "The Fugitive" and last-stand

movies like "Rio Bravo" and "Assault on Precinct Thirteen." Do not mistake "Angel Has Fallen" as being anywhere near the quality of those films. But at least the effort is there.

# Chatham, CCCC's relationship growing as funding increases

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
 News + Record Staff

*Editor's Note: This is the second in a two-part story previewing the new school year for Central Carolina Community College. Last week, we covered what was new for CCCC in Chatham County this year.*

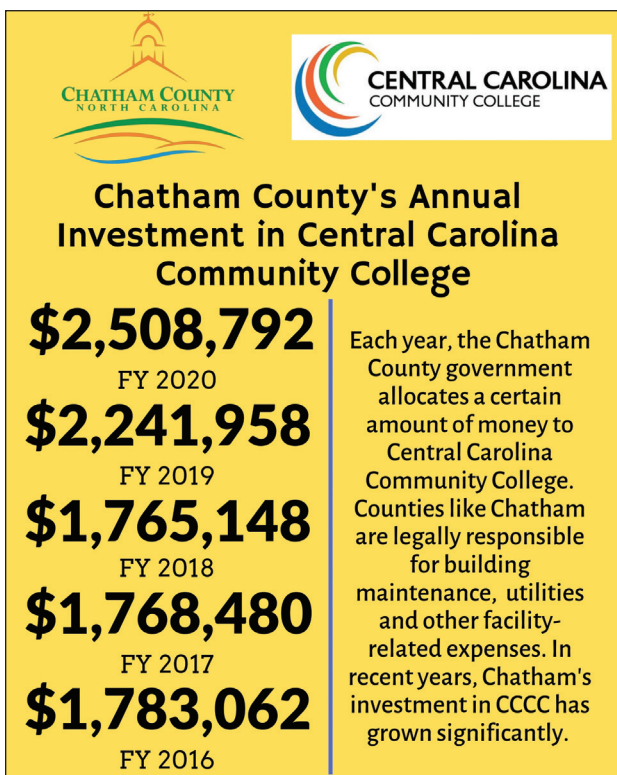
SANFORD — Unlike their neighbor in Chapel Hill, Pittsboro and Siler City are not "college towns" in the traditional sense, where the university permeates most if not everything around it. But to say higher education has little to no impact in Chatham County is at the very least an understatement, according to people who are regularly involved. While fresh construction projects are under way and academic offerings premiere in both Lee and Harnett counties, CCCC's offerings at its Pittsboro and Siler City campuses continue to draw in students and, the college's administrators hope, make an impact in the county beyond the classroom. The county, so far, has responded in kind — just look at the budget. Mark Hall, the college's provost in Chatham, said that influence may not be as noticeable but is certainly still there.

"I honestly think we're already playing a pretty significant role as is," Hall said. "It's just not always as visible to larger density spots in Chatham County. Part of what I would like to see happen is that the people that don't know that we're there know that we're there."

It starts with money. The county has increased its yearly financial investment in Central Carolina Community College by 41 percent over the last three years — from \$1,768,480 in FY 2017 to a projected \$2,508,792 in FY 2020 — speaking to the role that CCCC plays in the county. County Manager Dan LaMontagne said the college is "an important part of the community."

"We definitely see them as developing our workforce here in Chatham County," he said.

The county has also spent money and is scheduling future investments in CCCC-related projects. The CIP includes \$500,000 for infrastructure development at



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the Central Carolina Business Campus, which includes CCCC's Siler City facility, for FY 2021, as well as \$478,500 for replacing the roof on one of the buildings on the Pittsboro campus. Additionally, the county is planning to spend an additional \$115,000 over the next two years on the walking trails around the Pittsboro campus and in developing and finishing a connector between the college and the Chatham County Agricultural & Conference Center.

Along with expanding facilities, Hall said he wants to grow "educational opportunities."

"That sounds like pandering, but what I really mean by that is more programs," he said. "For many years, the campus in Pittsboro only had a few programs. I would like for people who live in Chatham or near Chatham to do everything they need to do for their education in Chatham. That's the kind of presence I want to have over

the next five years."

The list of classes at the soon-to-open Chatham Health Sciences Center is not fully finalized, but Hall said offerings will include medical assisting technology, health fitness science and classes that prepare students for the state exam that will qualify them to become Certified Nurse Assistants, or CNAs. With a rapidly-aging population, there will likely be a market for more CNAs, particularly near the Briar Chapel area which is surrounded by retirement communities.

"Our population's showing a continuing trend toward the aging population," LaMontagne said. "We really need to be prepared to handle all that change, even though it's not that much of a change. We think that's the logical next step for the community college. Of course, their board saw that. We have some of the best medical facilities in the state right here."

The program also fits in, Hall said, with the pleth-



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

**Central Carolina Community College's influence in Chatham County has been growing in recent years, as has the county government's investment in the college's operations and facilities.**

ora of medical facilities LaMontagne mentioned.

"There's already doctor's offices and other places being opened up off of U.S. 15-501," he said. "We know with the growth of Chatham, especially in that area and down to Pittsboro, there will be a lot of opportunities for our students to do training on-site in doctors' offices, at the other medical facilities coming down from Chapel Hill, over in Siler City."

The building will also serve as an early voting and regular voting site

for northeast Chatham, something the CIP stated "has been very difficult

to find in past elections." The site has been drawn to potentially include a 10,000-square-foot library in the future.

All of these potential benefits seem to fit right in with the vision of Lisa Chapman, the college's new president as of April 1. She said her goal for CCCC's presence in Chatham to be the same as it is in Lee and Harnett counties: service.

"We want to serve," Chapman said. "We're good at serving. We are a first-class opportunity for our students and our community."

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# On the lookout for toxic algae

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

Mecklenburg County residents have been warned to steer clear of ponds at Charlotte parks after tests revealed toxic algae at a pond in Park Road Park in south Charlotte. In Wilmington, three dogs died after exposure to toxic algae there.

As for Chatham County? It's rich with natural and man-made ponds and lakes, which means residents should be aware of the potential for toxic algae.

The typical season for algal blooms is between April and October. According to Sarah Young, public information officer for the Department of Water Resources at N.C. DEQ, algal blooms are most common during summer months when bright sunlight, warm temperatures and increased nutrient availability in waterbodies provide conditions that promote algal growth.

According to N.C. DEQ, Cyanobacteria, commonly called blue-green algae, are naturally occurring bacteria present in most fresh waterbodies across North Carolina. When conditions are right, such as an "extended photoperiod during summer, sufficient nutrients, and slow moving or stagnant waters" the algae can form a bloom, some of which produce toxins called cyanotoxins. These toxins can cause illness in humans and can be deadly to animals when in contact with a bloom.

Toxic blooms can also cause fish kills. According to the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services, toxic blooms can "affect



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Green algae blooms are being seen in ponds and other bodies of water in North Carolina. It's not possible to see and distinguish the toxic algae from non-toxic algae with the naked eye.**

the kidneys, gastrointestinal tract, liver, and nervous system of people, pets, livestock and other animals." This is especially true for children and dogs, but NCDHHS notes that there have been "no reports of adverse health effects in children associated with cyanobacterial blooms have been identified in North Carolina." Though there have been numbers of media reports on algae blooms in North Carolina, Young is hesitant to say this year is different from any other.

"Because our algal bloom response is dependent on citizen reports of bloom occurrence, we cannot say definitively that this year is any different from previous years," Young said. "Cyanobacterial (blue-green) algal blooms are not a new phenomenon in North Carolina, but as public awareness of

blooms increases, the number of reports we receive increases. However, research indicates that cyanobacterial bloom occurrence is increasing globally as a result of rising temperatures associated with climate change."

Young notes that the "swimming areas around Jordan lake are not routinely monitored for the presence of algal blooms" as testing by N.C. DEQ is "conducted in response to citizen reports of algal bloom activity."

"We have received no algal bloom complaints from Jordan Lake this year," Young said.

According to Park Superintendent Shederick Mole, Jordan Lake's recreations beaches have not been closed for algae blooms in the eleven years he has worked at Jordan Lake State Park.

According to Young, algae comes in many

types that are able to form blooms creating a wide variety of possible characteristics. N.C. DEQ has a Cyanobacterial Bloom Identification Guide on its website to assist residents.

"The characteristics of a bloom can change over time," Young said. "For example, many cyanobacterial blooms will turn from green/bluegreen to milky blue/white when they begin to decay, but the range of descriptions tends to be caused by different types of blooms and not the different stages of a bloom."

"Cyanobacterial blooms may or may not be easily visible," N.C. DEQ's website notes. "Blooms can form below the water's surface or along the bottom. Cyanobacterial blooms that form near the water's surface can cause water discoloration, surface scums (often described as "spilled

## KEEPING SAFE

### DHHS provides safeguards from blooms

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recommends the following guidelines to safeguard people and pets from cyanobacterial blooms:

- Keep children and pets away from waters that appear discolored or scummy.
- Do not handle or touch large accumulations ("scums" or mats) of algae.
- Do not water ski or jet ski over algal mats.
- Do not use scummy water for cleaning or irrigation.
- If you accidentally come into contact with an algal bloom, wash thoroughly.
- If your pet appears to stumble, stagger, or collapse after being in a pond, lake or river, seek veterinary care immediately.
- If your child appears ill after being in waters containing a bloom, seek medical care immediately.
- If you are unsure whether or not a bloom is present, it is best to stay out of the water.

paint"), or floating clumps or mats. Blooms can appear bright green, blue, red, or brown. As cyanobacteria in a bloom begin to die, they may produce a strong, foul odor and turn milky blue in color."

NCDHHS notes that if residents see an algae bloom, they should keep themselves, their pets and their livestock out of the water. It also notes that there is no way to tell if a bloom is toxic just by looking at it so it is best to steer clear. If a resident notices a bloom after they or their pets enter a lake or pond, it's important to rinse off immediately with tap water and prevent pets from licking their fur.

Though testing for toxic

algae requires a specialized laboratory, there are home test kits available through private vendors. Even if a waterbody tests positive for a cyanobacterial bloom, there are no effective means of treating it once it appears.

"Treatment with algicides is not recommended as these compounds can cause the cyanobacteria to rupture releasing any toxins contained within the cells," Young said.

If you suspect an algae bloom, N.C. DEQ suggests reporting it either through the Fish Kill/Algal Bloom Reporting form or by contacting the nearest Regional Office.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Chatham Community Library hosting author, 'gentle movement' yoga class

PITTSBORO — Local author Ruth Moose and yoga instructor Tim Keim will be featured at two upcoming events at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro.

Author and Chatham resident Ruth Moose will visit the library at 6 p.m. on Sept. 5 in the Holmes Meeting Room. She'll be reading from her latest collection of short stories, *Going to Graceland*.

Moose was a member of

the Creative Writing faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill for 15 years. She's published four collections of short stories; *The Wreath Ribbon Quilt*, *Dreaming in Color*, *Neighbors and Other Strangers*, and *Going to Graceland*. She's also published stories in the *Atlantic*, the *Alaska Quarterly Review*, the *North American Review*, the *Southern California Review* and other publications based in Holland, South Africa, England, and Denmark.

Moose has published six collections of poetry, most recently, *The Librarian and Other Poems and Tea*. She's received a MacDowell Fellowship, a North Caroli-

na Artist Fellowship, and the prestigious Chapman Award for Teaching. Her first novel, *Doing it at the Dixie Dew*, won the Malice Domestic prize and was published by St. Martin's Press in 2014. Its sequel, *Wedding Bell Blues*, was published in 2016.

This event is free and open to the public.

The library will host a free yoga class September 7 focusing on gentle movement at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro.

The event, which will run from 2-3:15 p.m., will focus on building strength, balance and range of motion. The class will also address

### Raven Rock State Park hosting 50th anniversary celebration next month

Raven Rock State Park, located in Lillington, is celebrating its 50th anniversary by hosting a free event on September 14 featuring several activities.

Kicking off at 11 a.m., the Raven Rock 50th Anniversary Art & Eco Fest, put on in conjunction with Campbell University, will include an artists village, world-class historians, nature hikes and displays, local music, food trucks, games and more. At

noon, former Campbell professor and Pittsboro resident Robert Soots, who created the state park in 1969, will be honored, followed by a presentation on Soots and the history of the park by historian John Hairr.

The event, which goes until 4 p.m., is free, and any donations will support Friends of Raven Rock and Campbell student scholarships. For more information, visit [ravenrockfestival.org](http://ravenrockfestival.org).

core strength including ways to reduce lower back pain. Proper breathing hygiene and an introduction to meditation will be also included to teach participants to manage mood, increase mental health and brain function.

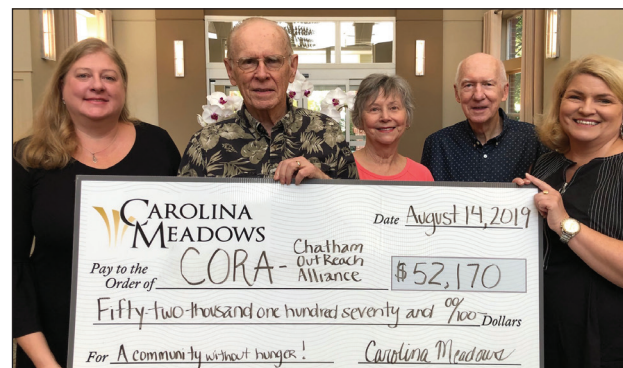
Keim is in his 25th year of personal yoga practice and 15th year as a certified yoga teacher. He is also an IAYT certified Yoga Therapist, using therapeutically-applied yoga to create an optimum environment for healing in the body. Tim is also certified as an Ayurvedic Health Counselor. Ayurveda is the healing system of yoga that dates back prior to 3,000 B.C.E. He is also the author of "The Dynamic Dozen: 12 Accessible Yoga Poses for Building Bone Density, Strength and Balance."

This class is designed for ambulatory adults who can get up off the ground without assistance. Each participant should bring their own yoga mat and yoga block/brick if possible.

The program is free and open to the public. Space is limited.

### CORA, Carolina Meadows partner for fundraising drive

PITTSBORO — CORA announced recently that, through its partnership with the Carolina Meadows neighborhood, it has received more than \$34,000 in



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**CORA, through its partnership with the Carolina Meadows neighborhood, has received more than \$34,000 in support of its food pantry.**

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Each spring, Carolina Meadows residents host an annual fundraising drive and raise funds. CORA — the Carolina Outreach Alliance — worked with representatives from Carolina Meadows and provided information on how CORA serves those in need in Chatham County through a presentation, direct mail appeal and even two tours of the pantry. Throughout the entire year, Carolina Meadows residents donated more than \$52,000 to CORA. In addition to resident support, CORA received \$5,000 in corporate support to purchase a walk-in refrigerator for the new CORA facility to be completed in 2020.

"Carolina Meadows is committed to enriching and improving lives," said Amy Gorely, director of community relations for Carolina Meadows. "We have a culture of generosity which includes the desire to support our

neighbors throughout Chatham County. Residents realize the important work that CORA does and are thrilled to support their crucial work in our community."

Melissa Driver Beard, CORA's executive director, said the nonprofit was "so pleased" to be working with "community partners like Carolina Meadows."

"Support like this is what enables us to continue to meet an increasing need and to work toward our mission of creating a community without hunger," she said.

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the 8th day of November, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 2nd day of August, 2019. Daniel C. Puckett, Executor 346 West Salisbury Street Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 387**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **GARY ALBERT JAKEWAY**, 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 November 8, 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. This the 8th day of August, 2019. Heather Jakeway Hensley, Administrator 4526 Bradbury Dr Charlotte, NC 28209  
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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **BETTY R. HOWARD**, 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 November 8, 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. This the 8th day of August, 2019. Barbara Howard Hueske, Executrix 351 Dark Forest Drive Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
Au8,Au15,A22,Au29,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **RUTH U. MITCHELL** of Apex, 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 at 1506 E. Franklin Street, Suite 100, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514, on or before the 18th of November, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. Father Jason Ross, Executor 4220 Erdman Avenue Baltimore, MD 21213 Send claims to: Estate of Ruth U. Mitchell Father Jason Ross, Executor c/o Ann B. Petersen, Esq. Glover & Petersen, P.A. 1506 E. Franklin Street, Suite 100 Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514  
Au15,Au22,Au29,S5,4tc

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **CATHERINE MILDRED ROBERSON OLDHAM**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at 344 West John Street, Matthews, NC 28105, on or before November 13, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned. This the 8th day of August, 2019. Wallace B. Oldham, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Mildred Roberson Oldham, Chatham File No. 19-E-378 c/o Garrity & Gossage, LLP 344 West John Street Matthews, NC 28105  
Au15,Au22,Au29,S5,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
John Thomas Gaines Jr. qualified on January 22, 2019, as Collector of the Estate of **SHIRLEY C. MCNEILL**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations, as required by NCGS 28A-14-1, having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney on or before November 12, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned. Payments and claims should be presented to Sara Harrington, Attorney at Law, Averett Family Law, 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150, Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
Au15,Au22,Au29,S5,4tc

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 19 SP 98**  
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Larry Switzer and Jennifer Switzer (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Larry Switzer) to FNTIC., A CA Corp, Trustee(s), dated the 31st day of August, 2016, and recorded in Book 01889, Page 1022, in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the **City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the**

However, by showing this address no additional coverage is provided. Being the same property conveyed to Larry Switzer and Jennifer Switzer, husband and wife by Deed from Helton Homes, Inc., a Inc. Corporation recorded 05/28/2008 in Deed Book 1405 Page 368, in the Register of Deeds Office of Chatham County, North Carolina. Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a) (1). The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. **SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE c/o Hutchens Law Firm LLP P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311** Phone No: (910) 864-3068 <https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com> Case No: 1261268 (FC.FAY) Au22,Au29,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 409**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **DORIS M. VAUGHN aka DORIS MANN VAUGHN**, 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 November 22, 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. This the 22nd day of August, 2019. Ronald Edward Vaughn, Executor 8847 NC Hwy 87N Pittsboro, NC 27312  
Au22,Au29,S5,S12,4tc



NEWS BRIEFS

**Jim Quick and Coastline to play Mann Center in Sanford**

SANFORD — Beach music band Jim Quick and Coastline are performing Aug. 28 at the Mann Center in Sanford as part of the Sanford Arts & Vine Festival, and tickets are limited.

Quick has been touring the southeastern United States for more than 20 years and has received the Carolina Music Awards “Entertainer of the Year” award 16 times. The group originally started out as the Coastline Band and played Carolina beach bars, but changed to feature Quick, a Carolina native. The band’s most recent album, “Down South,” features appearances by Delbert McClinton and Bekka Bramlett and is available now.

Quick said his early job as an AM radio station DJ helped push him to the next level, which he has been pursuing ever since.

“I want my music to be a bridge for many genres, a place where traditional and contemporary music can unite,” he said. “But I do love



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**Jim Quick and Coastline**

the pure emotion and simple-yet-deep concepts of country music. I’m a Southern boy and it all hits home — the lyrics and roots of the music, from the melodies to chord progressions, seem to strike an ancestral nerve with me.”

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**13th annual Hoppin’ John Old-Time & Bluegrass Fiddlers’ Convention set for Sept. 12-14**

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PITTSBORO — The schedule for the 13th annual Hoppin’ John Old-Time and Bluegrass Fiddlers’ Convention, taking place Sept. 12-14 has been released. This popular Chatham County event is Shakori Hills Community Arts Center’s version of a longstanding North Carolina tradition, offering string band and instrument contests, family activities, nightly square dances, concerts and workshops.

The convention will be held at 1439 Henderson Tanyard Road in Pittsboro. View the full schedule and purchase tickets by visiting [www.hoppinjohn.org](http://www.hoppinjohn.org).

Friday evening’s “Generations Showcase” features mother-daughter handmates Emily and Martha Spencer sharing their music and discussing growing up,

playing and dancing in a musical family. And Saturday afternoon’s All-Woman Fiddle Players’ Showcase features Tatiana Hargraeves, Betty Vornbrock and newcomer Aila Wildman.

Saturday’s program include family activities such as the Hoppin’ John cook-off, family square dance and cake walk, musical hayrides, workshops and contests. The festival also features craft, instrument and food vendors. Carolina Brewery will also be on site.

Long-time Hoppin’ John Band Contest emcee and musician Tommy Edwards, of the Bluegrass Experience, said, “Hoppin’ John staff and volunteers strive to have a family-oriented event that emphasizes enjoyment of music and a sharing of musical experiences.”

Saturday evening’s concert features Richie

Stearns & Friends. Stearns’ banjo-playing talents cross all musical genres. He has toured with Natalie Merchant, jazz guitarist Bill Frisell, Malian bluesman Vieux Farka Toure, North Indian Gypsy band Musafir, Tibetan singer Yungchen Llamo, pop legend Linda Ronstadt, country and bluegrass musicians, Cajun groups and Celtic bands. He will also be leading an instructional workshop earlier in the day.

A total of \$3,500 will be awarded to bands, musicians, and dancers who compete at Hoppin’ John. Additionally, the popular Hoppin’ John Cook-off will be held Saturday with the judging being done by people’s choice. Anyone wishing to register for the contests may read the rules and regulations on the website and register in



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**The 13th annual Hoppin’ John Old-Time and Bluegrass Fiddlers’ Convention will take place Sept. 12-14 at the Shakori Hills Community Arts Center on Tanyard Road in Pittsboro.**

advance. All proceeds from Hoppin’ John go to benefit the non-profit Shakori Hills Community Arts Center, an administrator and sponsor of the local Junior Appalachian Musicians chapter.

**Siler City’s Wren Library closed for repairs, leaving some needs unattended**

BY MOLLY WEISNER  
Our Chatham

SILER CITY — In recent years, changes have come to county libraries as needs expand beyond books. Libraries have invested in resources on living safely and healthily, enmeshing their importance in the information age.

But with the Wren Memorial Library in Siler City closed for four scheduled weeks of infrastructure repair, the county’s information needs are now stretched between two branches.

“It’s a pretty big project, so that’s why the library had to be closed,” said Linda Clarke, director of the Chatham County Public Libraries. “It was something that was badly needed.”

The 50-year-old branch has been closed since July 29. Repairs include a new roof, interior ceiling, insulation, duct work, shelving and carpet cleaning. Mike Cowell, branch manager at Wren Memorial, said the work repairs damage left by flooding and heavy rains from the last hurricane.

The three libraries in Chatham County offer services that most other community libraries share, including programming for children and adults, e-books and free internet. But the Chatham public library system adopted other services that uniquely accommodate its majority rural population with communities dotted all over the income spectrum.

Some of the more recent initiatives to meet the library system’s goals of minimizing barriers to service and

promoting consumer health literacy included in-house distribution sites for CORA’s Summer Nutrition Assistance for Chatham Kids (SNACK!) program, job fairs, more K-12 programming and health care enrollment sessions, according to the 2019-2020 county budget.

The triangular network of the Goldston, Pittsboro and Siler City branches sits centered in the rectangular county, so the corners are excluded from a local branch.

The Wren library building is owned by the town of Siler City, which hired the contractors and paid for the repairs, said Clarke. She added that the last hurricane forced a leak in the building that damaged the biography section of the library.

The town of Siler City is also funding the repairs, which cost about \$200,000, Cowell said. Cowell said the repairs had been planned, but after the hurricane, they gained priority in the budget.

Clarke said donations also came from patrons to fix the library, but those numbered less than 100, she said.

Siler City in itself also presents specific needs because the majority of the growing Hispanic population is based there.

The Goldston and Siler City branches share a bilingual staff member who splits her time between the two. But since Wren Memorial is closed, she works exclusively at the Goldston branch until the repairs are complete, Goldston Branch Manager Sharon Brewer said.

Other services usually offered in Siler City have been temporarily absorbed by the other two locations.

Afterschool programming for youth is also helpful for parents who work late jobs and perhaps cannot provide homework help. Though most youth activities are suspended, storytime has moved off site to the Pittsboro branch, Clarke said.

But the construction work is so extensive, no one, including staff, is permitted in or around the library. So, staff members were either relocated or went on planned vacations for this time period.

“All of the library staff is very customer-service oriented so it doesn’t matter what branch they’re in, they do the same customer service,” Clarke said.

Late fees that patrons could incur during this closing are on hold, but material returns can be made at the other locations.

The library’s scheduled reopen date also coincides with the first day of school on Aug. 26. If all goes to plan, all the library’s services should resume then, but the press release from the town said the reopen date could be delayed depending on construction.

But Cowell said there have been some weather delays to construction because of rain.

“Some days they can work on it,” Cowell said. “Some days they’ve only been able to work on it [for] half a day because we’ve been in a rainy spell.”

That’s a critical time win-



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**Siler City’s Wren Memorial Library is closed for repairs.**

dow considering Siler City houses seven public schools, and 50 percent of public school children receive free or low cost meals in Chatham County, an indicator of poverty. Over the summer, SNACK! serves to fill in any gaps left by free or low-cost meals provided by schools.

The food pantry distribution at Wren Memorial paused on July 23, almost a week before the branch closed.

Clarke said the library could not continue distribution in the parking lot or outside the building because construction barricaded the entire site. Relocating the distribution temporarily would also be difficult because she said families get used to

coming to the same place, and farmers who deliver fresh produce in the mornings would also have to change their route.

“It takes quite a bit of organization to make this run smoothly,” Clarke said.

So instead, to compensate, the group gave out extra food during the last distribution to keep some families from missing a crucial food source.

“The way we look at the library, it’s not like, “OK, well, here’s the part that’s our job; there’s the part that’s your job,” Clarke said. “It’s just like, “Here’s the library that we have in the town of Siler City and how best can we make that function?””