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## SECU HOSTAGE INCIDENT

### 911 calls show panic, calm inside bank

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PITTSBORO — Unredacted portions of newly-released 911 tapes from the morning of September 12 provide more details about the hostage standoff at the State Employees Credit Union in Pittsboro.

The incident began in the late morning when a man with a gun entered the SECU, firing shots into the facility and ordering all those inside except for the bank's manager to leave. A multiple law enforcement department response rushed to the scene, securing the area and shutting down traffic on East Street in Pittsboro.

After tense negotiations, the suspect, Kevin Laliberte,

54, of Pittsboro, first released the bank manager and later surrendered himself to N.C. State Highway Patrol Trooper Rodney N. Cook. Laliberte was charged with one count of second-degree kidnapping, two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, 15 counts of discharging a weapon into occupied property and one count of injury to real property and was placed in the custody of the Chatham County Detention Center. While there, he was charged additionally with unauthorized use of motor vehicle in an unrelated incident.

Pittsboro Police Chief Percy Crutchfield told the News + Record the department is still investigating Laliberte's motive — "Some of it is mystery, some of it is speculation," he

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## UDC asks for Confederate monument removal extension

County attorneys conclude 'more likely than not' it's UDC property

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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Based on a review of legal documents and other evidence, the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy "more likely than not" owns the "Our Confederate Heroes" monument in downtown Pittsboro, according to Chatham County attorneys.

It's an argument disputed by the UDC, which asked the Chatham County Board of Commissioners late last week for an extension on the October 1 deadline for a removal plan's submission.

The memo, drafted by the county's law firm Poyner Spruill, states that the origi-



File photo by David Bradley

**Tommy Carroll waves a Confederate flag Sept. 14 in the shadow of the Confederate monument in downtown Pittsboro during rallies for and against the monument.**

nal "order" issued by the 1907 board of commissioners states the monument "may remain in the care and keeping of the said Daughters," referring to the Winnie Davis Chapter. It

also says that Barbara Pugh, president of the chapter, cited a compiled history of the group that says the monument was

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## MARK WALKER PROFILE | PART 1 OF 2

# Trying to make 'people over politics' work

*Mark Walker, Chatham's congressman, focused more on message, relationships than policy*

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

*Editor's Note: News + Record Reporter Zachary Horner spent parts of two days with Rep. Mark Walker (R-6th Dist.) and his staff on Capitol Hill last week, sitting in on a meeting, conducting a one-on-one interview and observing other actions and the D.C. environment. This is part one of a two-part report from that trip. In part two, which will publish in the Oct. 3-9 edition of the newspaper, Walker weighs in on Chatham, reaching a county he's lost in the last two elections, the Confederate monument discussion and gun control issues.*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mark Walker first ran for Congress not because he wanted certain policies in place, but because the word wasn't getting out.

"I believe individual liberty and opportunity should be provided for all of our communities," he said while sitting in his Capitol Hill office last week. "That was my fundamental belief, and I had looked at an overview of the Republican Party and saw that we, even maybe with good intentions, were failing to make sure that message reached all the audiences."

So here he is, in his third term in the nation's capital,

continuing to try to push his first campaign pledge — "People Over Politics."

"To be able to fundamentally do more than just simply make an argument but rather to make a difference," he said, citing his mission. "The easier path is to make an argument. You can be on the 'A' block on the pick-your-news-program tonight if you walk out the door and say, 'Ah this or that,' and you're on. Can you work in this environment with the discipline it takes to be able to one day look back and say, 'We did more than make an argument? We indeed made a difference?' That's why I ran, that's what drives me, it's what keeps my passion still engaged with this."

### An early morning

Mark Walker's September 19 started early with a 6:30 a.m. football practice.

Walker is participating in a charity touch football game featuring members of Congress, former NFL players and members of the Capitol Hill Police in a fundraiser for the law enforcement agency. It was a tad chilly, so the long-sleeve shirt he donned was needed.

He mostly played the offensive line, blocking for a few seconds before darting a few yards for a short pass. A couple throws came his way



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

**U.S. Rep. Mark Walker (R-N.C.), Chatham County's representative in Congress, listens as Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director Jack Minor talks about that morning's football practice. Walker's office is located in the Longworth Office Building on Capitol Hill.**

during the practice, and he caught them. He also took a few snaps at quarterback.

The workweek of a federal legislator is not your normal 9-to-5 job, but the grind is something Walker said he was used to. The son of a pastor, his prior career was in Christian ministry as a music and executive pastor in various

churches. He dropped it all to go to D.C., and after making it through a primary in 2014, he won the Sixth Congressional District seat and was re-elected in 2016 and 2018.

Walker's schedule for the day included a meeting with Burlington Mayor Ian Baltutis and City Manager Hardin Watkins, going to an Education

and Labor Committee hearing, sitting in on a roundtable with chancellors and presidents from historically-black colleges and universities and making votes on the floor of the House.

But that day was soon in flux. After meeting with

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## SILER CITY MAYOR RACE

# Candidates talk development

BY CASEY MANN  
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SILER CITY — With most of Chatham County's economic growth taking place in the northern part of the county, Siler City's next mayor will be tasked with helping the town get a boost of its own.

John Grimes, the incumbent who has served as mayor since his appointment in 2013 after former mayor Charles Johnson passed away, and challengers Jackie Adams and Al-

bert Reddick each say the town is ripe for growth. But they have differing ideas about how to boost Siler City's economic future.

The News + Record asked the candidates about economic development in Siler City, the challenges moving forward, and the steps to overcome those challenges.

### Economic Development

Each of the candidates for mayor described economic development as a process in

which the local government should play a role.

Grimes, a retired Army veteran and co-owner of Cecil Budd Tires in Siler City, said that process is one in which the "economic well-being and quality of life of a community is improved, enhanced and expanded." He added that local government should "exercise its authority to offer incentives and become engaged in industry partnerships."

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## CIS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY

# Caraganis gets highest N.C. civilian honor at event

BY BILL HORNER III  
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When Kim Caraganis put together the program for Tuesday's annual meeting and 30th anniversary celebration of Communities In Schools of Chatham County, one item on the agenda was missing.

Turns out it was a biggie. Caraganis, the soon-to-retire executive director of the nonprofit organization — which works in Chatham to build relationships with at-risk students through an array

of programs — was presented at the event with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civilian honor. It came as a surprise to the long-time leader of the organization when she was given the award by state Rep. Robert Reives II at the Fearnington Village Barn.

Caraganis was nominated for the prestigious award by Reives, Superior Court Judge Carl Fox and former Chatham County Manager Renee Paschal. In her nomination, Paschal

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

- The **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will have its regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 7 at Siler City Town Hall Courthouse located at 311 N Second Ave in Siler City.
- The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** has a scheduled meeting for 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7 at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro.
- The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will have its regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 14 at Pittsboro Town Hall at 635 East St. in Pittsboro.

- The **Chatham County Board of Education** has a scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14 at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

- The **Southwest Chatham Community Watch** will meet Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, located at 17721 Hwy 902, Bear Creek. All area residents are invited.
- Beginning this week, the **Second Bloom of Chatham Thrift Shop** will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fall and winter donations of clean items in good repair are accepted when we are open. All proceeds support domestic violence services and education in collaboration with Chatham County. The shop is located on the Courthouse Circle in Pittsboro next to the Roadhouse.
- The **Pittsboro Farmer's Market** is open with available items year-round on Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. They are located at 287 East Street, Pittsboro.

FRIDAY

- **Free Friday Music Jam** at the Oasis Open Air Market in Siler City from 4:30 to 6:30-7 p.m. every Friday. Get together with the acoustic community of Siler City to play, and sing while enjoying a great time of Open Blue Grass, Old-time and County music. If you want to join, show up or email John Eichorn, johneichorn72@gmail.com. Come play corn hole, sit on the patio or stay inside. If weather permits, music is outside on the patio.
- **MONDAY**
  - The Siler City Merchants Association and the Chatham Chamber of Commerce are hosting a “**Meet and Greet**” from 5pm until 7pm. on Monday, Sept. 30. This is an opportunity for the public to meet Siler City’s new Town Manager Roy Lynch and Police Chief Mike Wagner. It will be held at Peppercorn at 138 N. Chatham Ave. with finger foods and drinks.
  - For questions please contact Zoann Adams at zoannscma10@yahoo.

- com. Welcome to **Writing Toward Resilience**, a weekly opportunity for all those who are grieving or current caregivers. We meet every Monday at noon at SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC. Come and enjoy a respite from the demands of your day – to reflect and write. No writing experience necessary. Facilitated by Carol Henderson, a professional writer and workshop leader who has facilitated workshops all over the U.S. and in Europe. No registration needed. The UNC Hospice Home is at 100 Roundtree Circle, behind Bojangles in Pittsboro. 919-984-2675. For further information email ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu.
- **Circle City Squares** is a square dance group in Pittsboro that usually dances on Monday afternoons, currently, from 2 to 5 p.m., but verify the exact time and place. The usual meeting space is the Old Agriculture Building Auditorium, 65 East Chatham Street, located downstairs in downtown Pittsboro. Cost is \$5 per person each week. For more information or to verify the time/place, email: gunnhsd@embarqmail.com.
  - **Big Band swing and jazz sounds** every Monday at the Pittsboro Roadhouse and General Store, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The dance floor is open and bands rotate. 1st Monday: NC Revelers Orchestra, \$10; 2nd Monday: David Quick Jazz Combo, \$5; 3rd Monday: Triangle Jazz Orchestra, \$10; 4th Monday: Gregg Gelb Orchestra, \$10; and 5th Monday: TBA. For more information, see our website: www.pittsbororo-adhouse.com.
- UPCOMING**
- Improve your computer skills at Chatham Community Library! They are offering a series of **free computer classes** in October. You can find a description of each class, including topics covered and prerequisites for attending, by visiting www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses.
    1. Drop-in Computer Assistance: Oct. 9, Wednesday, 4 to 5 p.m. (no registration required)
    2. Ancestry & Family Search Workshop: Oct. 10, Thursday, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
    3. Internet Basics, Part 1: Oct. 22, Tuesday, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
    4. Internet Basics, Part 2: Oct. 29, Tuesday, 3 – 4:30 p.m.The Drop-In Computer Assistance session, Oct. 9, does not require registration. For all other classes, space is limited and you must register in advance if you wish to attend. Register online at the address above. For more information, call 919-545-8086 or email reference@chathamlibraries.org. -- All classes take place in the computer lab at Chatham Community Library, 197 NC Hwy 87 N in Pittsboro, on the campus of Central Carolina Community College.
  - **Silk Hope Girl Scouts**, New and returning Girl Scouts are invited to our Fall Kick-Off Event at the

- Pittsboro Public Library on Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m. For questions or to RSVP, contact Kristan Shimpi at kshimpi@nccoastalpines.org / 919 915-0634 .
- The reunion for the **Jordan-Matthews Classes of 83, 84, and 85** will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Chatham County Wildlife Club at 6 p.m. For more information, contact: Christie Scott Cook at christie.cook02@gmail.com immediately. The deadline for reservations and payment is Oct. 4.
  - **Moncure/Haywood Food Truck Festival** will be held Saturday, Oct. 5 from 1 to 6 p.m. Admission is free, and family friendly, with several food trucks. There will also be a car, truck and bike show with awards and prizes. There will be a Kid’s Zone with gaming truck, face-painting, rock-climbing wall, and lots of other interesting things. The event will be held at Moncure School, 600 Moncure School Road, Moncure. Join us if you can.
  - **Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser Turkey Shoot** will be held Friday nights, Oct. 4 thru Nov. 29 at Silk Hope Station #7, 8110 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, Siler City. Shoots run from 7 p.m. to 11. N.C. Certified Range Officers will be on hand to provide safe, clean, and alcohol-free fun for the whole family. Factory, unaltered shotguns only, and 410 Gauge Shotguns will be provided for the little ones, so this is a family event. \$3 and \$5 shots for a variety of meats and money prizes. All proceeds go to the Silk Hope Fire Department.
  - **Liberty Showcase Theater** announces that the Malpass Brothers will appear there on Saturday, Oct. 12. They are located at 101 S. Fayetteville Street in Liberty. Reservations can be made at 336-622-3844. www.thelibertyshowcase.com
  - **Jordan-Matthews High School, Class of 1982**, It’s class reunion time again! Event set for Feb. 21, 2020. Would love to hear from everyone. Contact Amy E. Smith at: https://www.facebook.com/highschoolgettogetherof1982.
  - Three Chatham County bands will come together at **The Chatham Experience Benefit Concert for Chatham Arts Council’s Artist-in-Schools Initiative** on Sunday, Sept. 29. Doors open at 4 p.m. with concert at 5 at the Chatham Beverage District in Pittsboro (220 Lorax Lane, #15, Pittsboro. The Chatham Rabbits, Tommy Edwards and The Buegrass Experience, and Diali Cissokho, along with special guest students, will join forces in the cross-generational concert in a venue as unique as the event itself. Tickets are available on line at: www.chathamartscouncil.org/ buy-thechathamexperience-tickets.
  - The Chatham County Historical Association invites you to a reenactment of **The Life of Harriet**

- Tubman** on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. in the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro. The program--The Spirit of Harriet Tubman--is appropriate for adults and school-aged children. Everyone is invited to the free performance. Diane Faison began reenacting the life of Harriet Tubman when she was a teacher. She does not use a script, preferring to base her performances on the “true method of story-sharing by African Americans of yesteryear. They didn’t write their stories”; they told their stories”, she says. “I am a traditional storyteller.” More info: https://chathamhistory.org or history@chathamhistory.org. While the north entrance is blocked, please use the east and west entrances.
- Join artist Julie Uhler for a charcoal drawing session, **Drawing by the River**, presented by the Friends of the Lower Haw on Saturday morning, Oct. 5 fro 9 to 11 a.m. Opportunity for nature lovers or anyone, especially beginners, but all skill-levels are welcome. Activity includes a 20 minute demo covering basic topics such a landscape composition, light effects and perspective. Then enjoy an hour of drawing with the artist using a “follow along with me” to guide you along. A \$5 donation, payable to the artist will help with drawing materials. Space is limited. RSVP by email to: lowerhawevents@gmail.com.
  - The **Chatham Historical Museum** is open every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11 until 4 p.m. Admission is free and there’s something for kids and adults.
  - **UNC Hospice Support Group**, “Sharing Our Stories”, will meet Wednesdays from, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Oct. 23 through Dec. 11 at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro, 984-215-2675. For further information and to register, contact: Scott Ashley, LCSW, Bereavement Counselor, UNC Hospice, 984-215-2675. Cornelius.ashley@unchealth.unc.edu. Weekly commitment and registration required for this group.
  - **Caregiver Support Group** sponsored by UNC Hospice -This group offers support for those currently providing care to a loved one. Hear information about effective caregiving and share experiences in comfortable surroundings. The facilitator has led Caregiver Support Groups for over 30 years. No registration necessary. Just Come! Every Monday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sunroom at SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro, 984.215.2675. For more information, contact Annie Ritter: 984.215.2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu .
  - The **Circle of Support** for those who have lost a loved one to death meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the second Monday of each month at the SECU Jim

- and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. Come to one or come every month to give and gain support from others who have lost a loved one. Volunteers will facilitate the circle of support. Participants can bring pictures and stories of their loved one as well as questions and concerns. No need to register! Just come! If you’d like further information, contact Ann Ritter, 984-215-2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu. If you need directions, call the Hospice Home at 984-215-2675.
- ALSO HAPPENING**
- The **League of Women Voters** of Orange, Durham and Chatham counties (LWVODC) announces the availability of VOTE411.org, a comprehensive website providing local election and candidate information. Available now, the online information hub for the local 2019 Municipal Elections includes candidate questionnaires, sample ballots, polling locations and early and regular voting dates, locations and times. All candidates in Orange, Durham and Chatham races were invited to participate in VOTE411.org. Voters simply enter their address to get a sample ballot that lists all races and candidates that will appear on their ballot, as well as read all participating candidates’ unedited and unabridged answers to questions on important issues.
  - Chatham County natives will be the focus of a new study by the **Language and Life Program** at NCSU. The research team is looking for Chatham County natives (born and raised in Chatham) who have lived in Chatham for most of their lives to interview. These will be recorded and the team will conduct analyses to look at the question of how language is changing in Chatham as it becomes less rural and more urban. The study will preserve the rich language heritage of Chatham County and our language changes. If you are a native of Chatham who has spent most of your life in the county and might be willing to participate in the project, contact Walt Wolfram@ncsu.edu or call 919-218-5374.
  - **Adult Volunteers Needed at Chatham Hospital in Siler City**, a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Siler City and part of the UNC Health Care System. Adult community volunteers are needed to assist staff with miscellaneous tasks in the nursing unit and emergency department. Volunteers may assist with administrative tasks, patient diversion (group activities, arts & crafts, games, reading mail, writing letters, conversation), distributing fresh water and ice to patients, and answering patient call lights/bells. Volunteers commit to serving a 2-3 hour weekly shift for a minimum of six months. All prospective volunteers must complete an online application, a criminal background

- check, an orientation and have documentation of required immunizations. To learn more go to: www.chathamhospital.org/ch/about-us/volunteer.
- **Volunteers Needed** — Nonprofit agencies in Chatham seek teen volunteers to help with many projects. Teens can help at food pantries, in gardens, fundraising projects, office work, and care for animals. **Chatham Connecting** website lists many volunteer opportunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community: www.chathamconnecting.org.
  - **Meals on Wheels drivers are needed in Chatham County**. Regular and substitute drivers are needed. We are looking for individuals or teams to deliver meals as a regular driver for our routes. Meals are delivered between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Routes take about an hour. Substitutes will likely deliver 1 to 2 times per month. Contact Allison Andrews with Chatham Council on Aging, phone: 919-542-4512, ext. 226. Allison.andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org.
  - **Foster and/or adoptive information** - Give children a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent. Call 642-6956 to learn more.
  - **Alcoholics Anonymous** - North Carolina District 33, call the Help Line at 866-640-0180 for the meeting schedule for this area.
  - **Motorcycle Association** - The Motorcycle Association for Chatham, Western Wake, Lee, Orange and Alamance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA.com.
  - **Narcotics Anonymous** - For drug problems in the family, Narcotics Anonymous helps! Call 1-800-721-8225 for listing of local meetings!
  - **Al-Anon Meeting** - Pittsboro Serenity Seekers Al-Anon Family Group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, at Chatham Community Church, in the lower level of Chatham Mill, Pittsboro.
  - **Caregiver Support Group** meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Pittsboro Senior Center. For more information, contact Susan Hardy at 919-542-4512.
  - **Scout News**
    - Boy Scout Troop 93 in Pittsboro meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit www.bstroop93.org for more information.
    - Pack 924 of Siler City First U.M.C. meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts.
    - Pack 900 in Bear Creek meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Meroney’s U.M.C. following the school calendar. See http://pack900.com for more information.

NEWS BRIEFS

Donations needed to provide emergency assistance for Chatham seniors

PITTSBORO — A power outage during severe weather is something many people can anticipate and plan for; however, for some older adults, loss of power is a fear they often encounter with an overwhelming utility bill they cannot afford. Through its emergency assistance program, the Chatham County Council on Aging recently approved \$50 payments for two senior households who received final notices from their utility companies.

“Without this payment, made directly to their utility company, they could have lost power and faced the extreme heat we are still experiencing and other dire consequences of not having water, refrigeration and other essentials nearly all of us take for granted,” said Dennis Streets, director of the Chatham County Council on Aging. Given the number of requests for assistance it received this summer, the Council on Aging has nearly depleted its emergency assistance fund. As a non-profit organization, the Council depends on individual donations for this fund – it receives no public funding for this service. “Our appeal for support of this fund

is normally a part of our December holiday Angel Tree campaign to help with winter temperatures, but we can’t afford to wait,” Streets noted. When the Council on Aging receives a request for assistance, it asks the older adult what other resources have been pursued. Typically, this includes their family members, churches and civic organizations. Fifty dollars is the maximum payment the Council makes for a senior household. A senior is eligible for this support – if funds are available – only once per year, unless the senior can reimburse the Council. While the \$50 payment is usually only a fraction of the amount owed,

it is generally enough to help the older adult stay living at home with power. “I would hate to see the day when I cannot approve payment to help keep a senior’s home with power,” Streets said. “I hope we can see our fund boosted by donations to help us meet future needs.” Donations can be made to the Council on Aging at chathamcoa.org or through the mail to P.O. Box 715, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Donations also can be made at either of the Council’s two senior centers, located at 365 Highway 87 N in Pittsboro and 112 Village Lake Road in Siler City.

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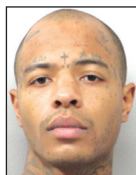
# Third suspect captured and charged in attempted murder case

## CN+R STAFF REPORT

Authorities have arrested a third suspect in connection with an attempted murder on November 6, 2018.

On that night, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office responded to the 800 block of Rosser Road, Bear Creek, after receiving a report of gunshots being fired. Occupants of a vehicle traveling along Rosser Road allegedly opened fire on a nearby parked vehicle. A single victim was inside the parked vehicle but was not injured by the gunshots.

The suspect vehicle fled, traveling into Lee County where the driver refused to stop for Lee County deputies,



Sparks

Dunn, was taken into custody then and charged with felony attempted murder, felony discharging a firearm into occupied property, felony possession of a firearm by felon, felony assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and going armed to the terror of the public. Sparks was held with a \$1,030,000

the Chatham County Sheriff's Office reported. The driver eventually pulled over in Harnett County and three black males fled the vehicle; one was arrested at the scene.

Garron Tafteeq Sparks, 25, of 194 Artesian Spring, secured bond and was scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on November 19.



McDougald

Broadway — with identical charges in connection with the incident. He was held with a \$2,000,000 secured bond.

On September 4, authorities captured the remaining suspect, Xavier Jurod Clayton, 27, of 620 Sunset Dr., Sanford. Clayton was arrested in Louisville, Kentucky, and returned through extra-



Clayton

dition to Chatham County, where authorities charged him with felony attempted first degree murder, felony assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, felony discharging a weapon into an occupied moving vehicle, and going armed to the terror of the public.

Clayton is jailed in the Chatham County Detention Center under a \$2,000,000 secured bond. He is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 7.

## CANDIDATES: Residents can cast their ballots on Oct. 16

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Adams, who owns and operates Oasis Open Air Market in downtown Siler City, noted similarly that economic development is the “progress of an economy” which allows a town to “thrive in a sustainable environment.” She said the government’s role is to investment in

quality of life projects and infrastructure, as well as “pro-actively advertis(ing) Siler City as the place to bring your small business.”

Reddick, who directs the nonprofit Becoming One, said economic development happens when the “economic well-being, quality of life and prosperity” of a community are

“transformed.” Reddick also noted the importance of economic development’s effect on Siler City’s most vulnerable residents, “28.3 percent who live at or below the federal poverty line.” He said the government should serve as a “catalyst and source of revenue to spearhead economic growth.”

### Drawing Business to Siler City

When it comes to attracting new business to Siler City, Adams emphasized that improving “infrastructure, affordable housing and regular communication” with businesses, community leaders and schools would “spearhead changes to better equip” the town for new business growth. She said she believes the town should recruit that “small and medium business(es), technology and industry.”

Reddick echoed Adams’ desires for technology-focused businesses and industries were best for Siler City, particularly those “paying a livable wage.” He also noted that the town government needed to be “honest with its residents about (its) financial stability,” stating the town’s departments are “strapped for operating funds and limited staffing.”

Grimes said “Siler City possesses all the necessary components” for a business to find the town “a fit.” He wants to recruit “well-managed, prosperous, flourishing businesses” that bring “substantial wages and benefits packages” with

“low environmental impact.” He added that any business also needs “to be ‘a fit’ for us.”



Grimes

While candidates generally agreed on most of the overarching principles of economic development, they diverged on some of their specific priorities.

Grimes said he has three goals, the first of which is recruiting businesses that will “utilize our local assets” like the workforce, available buildings and the town’s airport. Secondly, he said he wants to create “opportunities to partner with state and county agencies” associated with economic development. Lastly, he said he desires to promote an “everybody-wins philosophy.” He noted that his main priority was finding an major tenant for the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site located in Siler City.

Adams said she wants to increase the town’s “social capital, working infrastructure, clean and healthy living” to recruit businesses. She also emphasized “working in partnership” with organizations that focus on economic development like the Chatham Economic Development Corporation and Central Carolina Community College. She also wants to “develop a long-term plan

and revisit it regularly.” Reddick’s stated ap-



Reddick

proach is a bit more inward. He said his focus was on developing a “strategic budget that reflects community values and ensures that residents continue to receive a high level of city services.” He said he wanted to “eliminate the current mayor’s \$13 million debt” and “allocate resources to needed programs and cutting spending and keeping the tax rates low.”

Siler City Town Manager Roy Lynch said the town has \$10,985,411 in long-term debt, with approximately \$1 million of that for annual capital leases for equipment and vehicles with the remaining amount for water reservoir loans. Grimes refuted the claim that the town is “going broke” saying that with Lynch’s “extensive background in city finances, Siler City is in excellent financial shape for future job and community growth.”

### Final Thoughts

Grimes said that as mayor he would seek to continue his “long-standing relationships” with the town’s elected state and federal representatives and “be engaged with citizens and gather their input.”

“My role is to continue the course we have envisioned for ourselves

over the last few years,” he said, “as we are now



Adams

reaping the rewards of balanced governance, dynamic partnerships, and an engaged

community.”

Reddick touted his desire to “spend 90 percent of my time” leveraging relationships with Chambers of Commerce in and around Chatham County to develop “relationships with major and minor companies to bring quality jobs and industry to Siler City and collaborating with other towns, the county and the state.” He also emphasized his role as “voice for the people,” along with chairing the Town Board and other “ceremonial duties.”

Adams said the office of mayor should work as Siler City’s representative to build community and regional support.

“I will be an active mayor who reflects and listens to the citizens in our educational, municipal, faith communities, civic and local agencies,” she said. “I welcome the responsibility to be a problem-solver and facilitator toward a more dynamic Siler City.”

Siler City residents can begin casting their ballots on October 16 during on-stop early voting. Election Day is November 5.

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## MONUMENT: ‘Preservation of the South’

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“the gift of the Chapter to the county as a memorial to the Confederate Veterans, living and dead.” That history, Poyner Spruill writes, “is the only document we have seen which purports to support the claim that the Monument is owned by the County.”

Based on documents available, the statement concludes, “it appears to us more likely than not that the Monument is still owned by the Daughters.”

The question of ownership has been a significant one in the recent discussion. Pugh reiterated that position in a letter sent over the weekend to Mike Dasher, the chairman of the county’s board of commissioners, and said the commissioners’ “demand” for a removal plan by October 1 was “relatively abrupt.”

The commissioners had voted 4-1 on August 19 to ask the UDC to submit a plan for removal of the monument, which has been the subject of public derision and defense over the last few months. That decision came a little more than a week after Pugh told Dasher in a letter that the monument “should not be illegally moved or altered” and that it would be “inappropriate that we re-imagine the statue in any way.”

The UDC’s request for a deadline, Pugh’s letter states, comes because the chapter is “seeking counsel from all stakeholders to evaluate the issues and options relating to the Monument.” Pugh cites the “many in our community” that support the monument as part of the request.

“Collectively, the supporters of the war monument is a large group, albeit a silent group,” she wrote. “The supporters are a blend of various faiths, of races, of political parties. Many supporters believe, as our members do, that this war memorial has stood for over a century to honor the memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the preservation of the South.”

Dasher told the News + Record on Monday that

the UDC’s request would likely not be granted.

“The letter clearly states that they wouldn’t support removing the monument,” he said. “I’m not sure that we’re in really any position to agree to that at this point. If they were saying, ‘Hey, this is complicated and moving a monument is trickier than what we thought,’ I think we would be happy to grant that to them.”

“I’m not surprised that they would be looking for more time. But I think, based on what she wrote in the letter, I don’t think that’s something that we’re probably eager to do.”

Pugh did write in the letter that the chapter would “embrace ‘re-imagining’ the area around the old courthouse” by “bringing in MORE historical monuments that honor the courageous deeds of diverse variety of members of our community,” but did not suggest any concrete ideas as to what that would look like.

If the monument was owned by the county, the commissioners would have had their hands tied, as state law says an “object of remembrance” cannot be removed from public property unless it is owned by a private property and is “subject to a legal agreement governing its removal or relocation,” according to the attorney’s memo.

Poyner Spruill’s memo included 10 possible outcomes with the monument, and the statements of the majority of the commissioners reflected some of them. Among the recommendations:

• “The County and the

Daughters (as the owner of the Monument) may agree that the Monument be removed to a mutually agreeable location at the expense of the County.” That item states that it would be an “unlikely” scenario since the UDC has publicly stated they believe the monument is owned by the county.

• “Terminate the 1908 Order.” The agreement between the parties, according to the memo, “can be revoked which would terminate the right of the Daughters to maintain their property (the Monument) on County property.” The option also suggests giving the UDC “a reasonable period of time” to remove the statue, and, “if they refused, which is likely,” the County could take further steps.

• Finally, the attorney suggests the board could “assert the County’s First Amendment Free Speech Rights” and say “the location on County property represents government speech that at one time was consistent with the values of the County, but is now inconsistent with those values and conveys a message that is anathema to the views of the County.”

The Commissioners did not discuss anything related to the monument during their September 16 regular meeting. Under the board’s current stated intentions, if a plan is not given, the county will declare the monument a “public trespass” on November 1.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## More reader feedback, from the ‘pitiful’ to the pleased...

“The paper has gotten so pitiful.”



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

That was a line from a recent letter I received from a reader. From time to time, I’ve shared in this column some reader feedback, the good and the bad, and this letter was one of three I received in a two-day span a couple of weeks ago that were particularly interesting. The sender of this note — which was written in a nice cursive script, but sent to me unsigned — had two particular complaints: one was that some of the stories in the News + Record “are so small you can’t half see them.” The other: “It’s all about Pittsboro and nothing about Siler City.” I’ve kept it at my desk along with another letter received the very same day which said, “The newspaper is nothing but stories from Siler City and Sanford, and nothing about Pittsboro.” Go figure. I understand it’s all about perception. Since we began putting datelines on town-specific stories – datelines, like SILER

CITY or PITTSBORO, tell you where the story happened — I’ve gotten a number of complaints that the News + Record has “forgotten” Siler City or, to a lesser degree, Pittsboro. That’s a complaint that I’ve challenged those readers on, based on a week-in, week-out reading of our content. Stories are written based on where news is happening, and because so much of the Chatham County-specific news occurs in the county seat (Pittsboro) or related to our county school system (with central offices in Pittsboro), stories may seem Pittsboro-based, even though we as a rule don’t give a dateline to a county-wide story that’s not town-specific. But if we have had more Pittsboro-dated stories, it’s because more news is happening there. (As far as the comment about the typeface being small...which I think was the point...we changed fonts in January to one that’s more readable, but that was nine months ago.) Then there was the caller last week who asked us to cancel her subscription. “The paper is not what it used to be,” she told one of our office staff. “There was nothing about the Silk Hope event” — Old Fashioned Farmers’ Days, I think she was referring to — “and nothing about farmers.” In reality, we had a front-page story prior

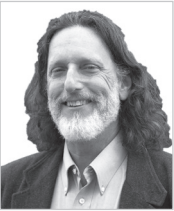
to the event, promoting it; we were a sponsor of the event, and we had multiple photos from the event the week after. Then there’s this: a few weeks ago, we had a local convenience store owner ask us to stop bringing newspapers to his stores to sell. The reason? He “heard a rumor” the News + Record was going to publish a story about lynching. I talked with the man, who had a litany of complaints about news coverage; he said the newspaper was “trying to make Chatham County look bad” with coverage about the Confederate statue issue, and that the lynching issue (our two-part story on the county’s lynching legacy, which I wrote, ended last week) was something no one was interested in. Even when I explained to him that the story wasn’t about lynching per se, but rather an effort to memorialize the victims, he wasn’t phased — “we’re going to use that space where the papers were to put other merchandise,” he told me. That might help account for our recent uptick in new paid subscriptions. That lynching story, by the way, earned a subscription cancellation from a man who last week also told me that the newspaper was “trying to blame white men who live in Chatham County now” for

something that happened 100 years ago. He was very eloquent in his thoughts about the story, but I had to ask him: did he actually read it? Yes, he assured me, but he also said he “knew” what my motives were in writing it. Yep, go figure. (Not long after that call, I got one from a reader praising us for the story. I told him I appreciated it because I’d just gotten a call from an upset reader who canceled his subscription. “No problem,” the reader told me, “I’m going to buy a subscription for a friend to make up for it.” And then there was the message from a reader who claimed we were “trying so hard to sensationalize this story and stir up a big mess just because the citizens of Chatham want to keep the Confederate monument in place in Pittsboro.”) There was no reasoning with either of those upset folks; we’re all accustomed to assigning motives where none exist, but I’ve been encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive feedback I’ve received about the News + Record (and from the stories about Bob Pearson’s efforts to memorialize the county’s lynching victims) in the last couple of weeks. I won’t bore you with all the positive comments, but suffice it to say the messages, calls and con-

versations I’ve had — and the online comments from postings and re-postings of the lynching story — have been nice to read. At Sunday’s PepperFest, I stopped counting how many positive comments the three of us working our booth heard — all of them unsolicited — about the changes we’ve made in the News + Record. I was most happy about remarks about the paper’s “balanced and fair” coverage of the statue controversy, comments from long-time readers about the increased news content (“I used to just skim the paper and throw it away, but now I keep it around all week because it takes me so long to read — there are so many good stories I’m interested in,” one told me), and a long conversation I had with a new reader who recently moved here from Boston: “I couldn’t believe this community could have such a great newspaper,” he said, among other nice things. And as for the reader who started off the letter with the statement about how the paper has “gotten so pitiful”? Here’s how that letter ended: “Also — see if you can put a newsstand at the Liberty Food Lion — I think the people in Liberty & the area will like the paper.” Again, go figure. I’ll take that as a compliment.

## Attempt to better know bananas backfires

Is there a “perfect” food? I found a list on healthline.com of the “11 most nutrient-dense foods on the planet,” salmon claiming the top spot. Kale came in at number two. Liver, blueberries, egg yolks and dark chocolate made the list, too, as did shellfish, garlic (“an amazing



**RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
Randall Reflects

ingredient”) and seaweed. Potatoes made the cut and, according to the website, “contain a little bit of almost every nutrient you need.” A similar note accompanied sardines, number eight. Each of these foods have devoted champions. Kale has become so popular, I suspect the work of lobbyists. And as a young reporter, I once covered a “sardine luncheon” in which the participants — a wide spectrum of ages, all gathered for the event underneath the picnic shelters at Aberdeen Lake in Moore County — ate only sardines and saltines. When in Rome, you know...so in the interest of journalistic integrity I peeled back the lid on a can myself and, for the next half hour or so, was an honorary member of the sardine cult, though it didn’t stick. If I’ve eaten a sardine since — just thinking about those crunchy little bones now makes me anxious — it was by accident. What I didn’t find on the list — and it was the reason I’d been curious enough to Google the information — was one of my go-to staples: bananas. Delicious, though tricky to spell, bananas didn’t make the “perfect” cut, but that doesn’t dampen my enthusiasm for the fruit. Here’s why I like them so much: They’re sweet and tasty, they’re satisfying, they contain a long list of vitamins (including nearly 10 percent of the potassium we should have each day), and they’re convenient, naturally packaged in their own easily-peeled container. If there’s a better on-the-go breakfast than a banana and a cup of coffee, nobody has told me. They’re also good on peanut butter sandwiches, baked into bread, cut up atop cereal or yogurt and indispensable as a mainstay of smoothies. And a lot of people seem to agree with me. I read somewhere once that bananas are Walmart’s best-selling item. I can’t independently verify that, but they do seem to sell a lot of them and I buy my share. But bananas, I’ve come to learn, aren’t always so simple as the grab-and-go food I and so many others love. In fact, given the wide variety of banana options the world offers, they baffle me a bit. I’ve always been a bit intimidated, for example, by plantains. I see them in some groceries, but haven’t a clue, really, what to do with them, other than some vague knowledge that they’re not commonly eaten like the commonplace yellow banana I champion. I know them, right or wrong, as “cooking bananas,” and one day I’d like to explore them more.

At some point in the last several years, I started occasionally seeing on the grocery shelves a few other banana oddities: red bananas, for instance, and tiny ones called, I think, lady’s finger bananas. Curious about these more exotic variants, and intent on expanding my banana horizons, I read about them so I wouldn’t seem like such a rookie. And what I read whet my appetite. Red bananas, the prevailing wisdom goes, are sweeter than the ever-popular yellow ones. Likewise, the lady’s fingers. A few weeks ago, I finally took the plunge at the local market, placing four red bananas in my cart and about a half-dozen or so of the smaller, lady’s fingers. My wife gave me a hard time about my choices, predicting that my unusual purchases were a waste of money. She wasn’t moved when I explained about all my reading on the topic. Even the store clerk, who you’d think would be neutral on such matters, gave me a bit of grief, siding with my wife and looking at the banana oddities with some circumspection as she scanned their bar codes. Evidently, the store doesn’t sell a lot of red bananas and lady’s fingers. The lady’s fingers, I enjoyed. They were, in fact, sweeter than an ordinary banana. But being so tiny, they were a tad inconsequential. And the higher price had me perplexed. I felt like I’d been had. What had started as an exciting foray into uncharted territory was resulting in an indifferent shrug. The red bananas proved even more confounding. Allegedly “softer and sweeter” than the common Cavendish banana, even boasting a “raspberry sweetness” according to several sources, red bananas seemed just the thing I was looking for; instead, I found them to be tough, nearly tasteless. I wasn’t even sure the ones I’d purchased were ripe, though from my reading about them, they seemed to be. The first of the four I attempted to eat, I couldn’t. I threw it away mostly uneaten, proving my wife’s forecast. “I think they need a little more time,” I announced in semi-defeat, though not yet out of the fight. A few days later, I tried another, with similar result, and another a few days after that. Inedible each time. I waited a week more before I peeled the last one for one final attempt, one last dive seeking the berry-like goodness all those articles touting red bananas promised; though the additional wait had allowed a bit more ripening, I was once more disappointed. But I’m not giving up. I’ve still got plantains to explore. And there are other bananas I’ve heard of but not encountered, including Apple bananas, Pisang Raja bananas, and the tempting-sounding Blue Java banana, known — allegedly — for its “sweet aromatic fruit” and an “ice cream-like consistency.”

I have doubts about that last claim. Regardless, I’m sticking with the ubiquitous, energy-boosting yellow banana; perhaps not a perfect food — and kin to many confounding variants — at least they aren’t sardines.



## Does anybody really know what time it is?

With apologies to the music group “Chicago,” that’s really a pretty good question.



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin’ Around

Does anybody really know what time it is? Not 9:21 a.m. Monday as I sit at my keyboard typing these words. Not 8:11 p.m. Thursday or whenever as you may be sitting in your chair, reading them. Not any “tick-tock” time at all, whatever it may be. Instead, I mean “the times.” That’s becoming a big area of discussion lately and it should as we consider who we are and how we should be who we are. Many are the individuals and groups who look at that. Futurists, evangelicals, average run-of-the-mill folks and others all seem to be paying more attention to such questions as “Is the end of time near?” or “Will there be an atomic World War III?” I don’t claim any particular insight on the answers but I am pretty sure they’re significant questions. British author Charles Dickens, in his book “A Tale of Two Cities,” told us: “It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.” And American singer/songwriter Bob Dylan told us in the 1960s that “the times, they are a changin’.” Every day I become more and more convinced of that.

Human nature itself doesn’t change all that much; people still have warts and beauty marks. We’re still greedy and giving, hard-working and lazy, self-centered and outgoing. The details of life around us, however, are different. And maybe I really am a dinosaur with enough birthdays that today’s society would consider me a relic. There have been, and continue to be, major changes in attitudes and the bottom line is attitudes produce actions. Chief among the targets for attitudes, regardless of your position and beliefs, are children. On one hand, traditional Judeo-Christian morals and values, even if they belong to families with no active faith life, tend to adhere to the Biblical admonition to “train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he’ll not depart from them.” In other words, that means helping them have some sort of solid foundation to use when dealing with life and making choices. Folks with the opposite view, however, while they may not encourage an open hostility to that way of thinking or provide an alternative of their own, may instead say something like, “I’m not going to insist on any direction.” I remember a mother and father we met years ago who had two daughters. We invited them to worship service where we were attending church, to which the mother said, “We’re not going to force religion on our children. We’re going to let them decide when they

grow up what they want to do.” Had I been bolder then, I would have said, “I notice you didn’t let them decide if they wanted to take piano lessons, go to dance classes, be a school cheerleader, take pony riding lessons or play soccer.” So, obviously, this is still a free country with all sorts of choices and Mama decided that was hers. But still the pressures and influences on children are enormous. In my career as a grandfather, I’ve watched more Paw Patrol and Puppy Dog Pals than I really want to but someone else likes them, so we watch. As I see some of the commercials during those periods, I need someone to explain to me the benefit of creating and marketing a toy dog who, when mashed, will “poop” on the floor or table and then need to have his deposit reinserted so he can do it again. There’s also a game where you attach tools to a plumber’s belt until the game loser puts on one that causes his pants to fall off. And I’ve seen another which maybe hopefully has run its course, where the game centerpiece featured a head with a very runny nose that produced enormous amounts of goo, much to the delight of the game players, at least those on the commercial. Is there a moral benefit here? Or do we need at least some guidelines? Does any of that play into the question “Does anybody really know what time it is?” Or are we dinosaurs on the way to extinction?

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# VIEWPOINTS

## LETTERS

### The ‘insidious drip’ of racism can lead to violence

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for excellent articles on the lynchings that occurred in Chatham County. I do have a small corrective: You state in regard to the 1885 lynching that, “Newspapers did not condemn the lynchings of the Finches, Tyson and Pattishall.” Perhaps, keeping in mind that a negative can’t be proven, you would have done better to say that no comments of condemnation have come to light. In fact, here is a fragment of what the editorial voice of the *Chatham Record* had to say, on Oct. 1, 1885, about the matter:

“This terrible tragedy is to be deeply deplored and we are pleased to know that it is condemned by every person

whom we have heard speak of it. The Record has so often and so strongly condemned lynch law that of course we most heartily join in the general condemnation of the extraordinary case, which is utterly destitute of any excuse to justify it... Where, oh men of Chatham are we drifting? And where will this violence end? Who will be the next victim, and whose life is safe?”

To be sure, the *Record*’s editor, H.A. London, was a white supremacist of the first order, as he demonstrated numerous times in the pages of his paper — his chief concern seemed to be that Negroes not vote. Let this be a reminder of how the slow insidious drip of institutional racism may in time cause such harm as leads to the very violence it condemns.

Doug Berg  
Pittsboro

Editor’s note: The quoted comment to which Berg refers was included in a sidebar story entitled, “The victims of lynching in Chatham County,” which was attributed to the source of the information — the “A Red Record” website, compiled by Dr. Seth Kotch, a professor in UNC-Chapel Hill’s Department of American Studies.

### N.C.’s voting system is rigged

#### TO THE EDITOR:

“One Person One Vote” doesn’t apply in N.C. The system is rigged! It’s no wonder people don’t bother to vote...

But that’s what the legislative majority wants, right? They close polling places, limit early voting, purge people from the rolls, unnecessarily raise the bar for voter registration...and then

there’s Gerrymandering. After having sat in the redistricting committee rooms and also watching and listening to live streaming when I couldn’t attend, I’ve come to the conclusion that illegal legislators, or any legislator for that matter, Democrat or Republican, should never have any role in drawing districts. That is the dumbest thing I’ve ever heard.

I also learned that “incumbency” was allowed criteria? Well, that the second dumbest. That is simply a leg of that three-legged stool...along with racial and partisan. In short, the only way that faith can be restored in election integrity in North Carolina is to have a totally independent special master draw districts. This special master should have no ties, no knowledge of voter’s political affiliation, or how they vote, and no political animus.

Amee Stewart  
Pittsboro

## State leaders to debate health care

RALEIGH — The state of the political discourse is lousy. “Laws are no longer made by a rational process of public discussion,” wrote one long-time columnist. “They are made by a process of blackmail and intimidation, and they are executed in the same manner. The typical lawmaker of today is a man wholly devoid of principle — a mere counter in a grotesque and knavish game.” The same writer observed that, compared to “a state legislature in session,” a visit to the local zoo would be “informing, stimulating and ennobling.”

His name was H.L. Mencken. He was writing about the contentious politics of 1930, not the contentious politics of 2019. And Mencken was grossly exaggerating.

Our political process is under tremendous pressure, no question. In North Carolina and beyond, politics has been overly coarsened, polarized, and trivialized. But the system isn’t irreparably broken.

Lawmakers continue to draft important bills, recruit bipartisan support, and make substantive arguments for or against enactment. Political leaders still engage each other without constantly resorting to schemes or insults. North Carolinians of differing views haven’t stopped talking to each other.

We don’t do these things enough, of course. We must do more. But cynicism about our civic dialogue is premature. There are positive examples out there, examples that deserve attention and emulation.

The North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership (IOPL) has been doing this kind of work for decades. (I have long been on its faculty and currently chair the board of directors.) Its signature program is the IOPL Fellowship. Twice a year, IOPL selects a class of promising leaders — North Carolinians aspiring to be public servants in some capacity — and provides extensive training to prepare fellows to fill those roles effectively.

The participants, faculty, and board of IOPL are carefully balanced by party, ideology, and other characteristics. Fellows learn the nuts and bolts of political campaigns, to be sure, but they also learn how to govern wisely, in either elective or appointive office, as well as how other institutions such as associations, interest groups, think tanks, and media outlets help to shape political events and issues.

Four years ago, IOPL decided to take its message to a larger audience by co-hosting a series of Hometown Debates along with local chambers of commerce. During election years, the series focuses on statewide offices or referenda. In non-election years, IOPL and its partners assemble panels of elected officials and policy practitioners to debate critical issues facing North Carolina.

The 2019 series of Hometown Debates began on Tuesday at Smith Civic Center in Lexington. Former Rep. Nelson Dollar (R-Wake) and former State Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin, current chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party, was to join two other panelists to discuss Medicaid transformation and expansion.

On Oct. 1, Rep. Carla Cunningham (D-Mecklenburg) and Sen. Carl Ford (R-Cabarrus) will headline a panel at the Norvell Theater in Salisbury on health insurance issues. On Oct. 8, Sen. Jim Perry (R-Lenoir) and Sen. Don Davis (D-Greene) will be part of a debate at East Carolina University’s Black Box Theater on how to improve health care access in rural areas. Finally, on Oct. 17, Reps. Maryann Black (D-Durham) and Donna White (R-Johnston) will discuss issues of health care delivery at the Civic Center of Vance-Granville Community College.

All four one-hour debates begin at 7 p.m. and will be moderated by Loretta Boniti, senior political reporter for the cable channel Spectrum News. Each will be broadcast on the Spectrum website and, in edited form, as an episode of Boniti’s weekly public-affairs show “In Focus.”

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, the Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina, the NC Association of Health Underwriters, and the NC Rural Center are among the series sponsors. If you want to elevate the political conversation, attend or watch the Hometown Debates — and help organize similar projects in your community. We all have a part to play in improving the practice of self-government in the state we proudly call home.

John Hood (@JohnHoodNC) is chairman of the John Locke Foundation and appears on “N.C. SPIN,” broadcast statewide at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and 12:30 p.m. Sundays on UNC-TV.

## North Carolina authors help us cope with everyday challenges

Can the struggles chronicled by four North Carolina authors help the rest of us deal with our own everyday challenges?



D.G. MARTIN  
One on One

A wife whose beloved husband is crippled by a botched medical procedure? An African-American judge breaking through centuries of institutional racism? A grossly

overweight man’s daily struggle to lead a normal life? A teenage girl tossed suddenly into a part of her family she had not known before?

These stories will be featured on UNC-TV’s North Carolina Book-watch during October.

In “Together: A Memoir of a Marriage and a Medical Mishap,” Charlotte’s award-winning author Judy Goldman tells how a newspaper ad and a doctor promised a simple procedure to give relief for her long-suffering husband’s back pain. Instead, it led to paralysis and a new set of pains, which changed the lives of her husband and Goldman. She tells the poignant story of how they and their marriage survived this challenge. (Featured on UNC-TV’s North Carolina Book-watch Oct. 6, 8.)

In November 1971 Gov. Robert Scott appointed High Point lawyer Sammie Chess Jr. as a superior court judge. Such appointments

are always special, but this one was historic. Judge Chess was the first African American superior court judge ever to serve in North Carolina. His story of how he came from a cotton field tenant shack to the judgeship, through poverty and racism, is one every North Carolinian should remember. That story is well-told by Joe Webster, a lawyer, judge, and Chess’s admiring friend, in “The Making and Measure of a Judge.”

When Judge Chess was asked how he was able to get beyond the Jim Crow situations of his youth and early law practice, he said, “You treat people the way you want to be treated, not the way you are treated. I didn’t let them set my standards. If a Klan member can bring you to his level, then you are not well rooted.” (Oct. 13, 15.)

Tommy Tomlinson is a terrific writer with a big fan club from his more than 1,700 columns in The Charlotte Observer and compelling stories as a freelance writer for Esquire, ESPN the Magazine, Sports Illustrated, Forbes, and Garden & Gun.

He also had a terrific problem that he summarized as follows:

“The government definition of obesity is a body mass index of 30 or more. My BMI is 60.7. My shirts are size XXXXXXL, which the big-and-tall stores shorten to 6X. I’m 6-foot-1, or 73 inches tall. My waist is 60 inches around. I’m nearly a sphere.”

In “The Elephant in the Room:

One Fat Man’s Quest to Get Smaller in a Growing America,” Tomlinson speaks to all of us who have trouble resisting Krispy Kreme doughnuts, bowls of ice cream, M&Ms, hot dogs, cinnamon biscuits, and Chips Ahoy cookies, all the while being worried about getting or staying fat. (Oct. 20, 22.)

In her 14th novel for young adult/teen readers, “The Rest of the Story,” Sarah Dessen introduces us to Emma, whose father is taking his new wife on a long honeymoon trip to Europe. Emma’s mother is dead, but somehow Emma winds up with her mom’s family in a working class section of a resort called North Lake, where her mom grew up. Her dad’s family had vacationed in a wealthier section.

Emma’s struggles to find a place in her mother’s family along with the usual adjustments required of a teenaged woman make for an inspiring story. There is a strong sense of place in North Lake, which Dessen says was inspired by her family’s vacation trips to a popular North Carolina vacation spot, White Lake, in Bladen County. (Oct. 27, 29.)

All four books have inspired this North Carolinian to put his life’s challenges in perspective.

D.G. Martin hosts “North Carolina Bookwatch,” at 11 a.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Tuesdays on UNC-TV. The program also airs on the North Carolina Channel at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and other times.

## It’s time to stop kicking the can down the road

At almost the same moment our state was



TOM CAMPBELL  
N.C. Spin

boasting of a \$900 million cash surplus, one important sector of state government was encountering serious shortfalls. Lawmakers should address the funding problems with the N.C. Dept. of Transportation before considering refunds to taxpayers or other options.

Last winter DOT Secretary Jim Trogden warned there were financial problems that would delay several projects in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He attributed the problems to underestimated project projections, specifically listing increased costs to purchase land, increased costs of materials and labor increases. That warning turned into a red flag signaling big troubles, with some 900 road projects postponed and layoffs of as many as 1,000 contract and temporary employees to meet projected shortfalls.

There are two budget-busters. The first is more than \$300 million spent last year for clean-up and repairs resulting from Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, along with rockslides, snowstorms and other extreme weather events. From 2004 to 2016 the average expended from the operations and maintenance budget for such events was \$65 million annually, but as our state encounters more frequent extreme weather those numbers continue escalating.

The other factor involves some \$300 million spent last year in MAP Act lawsuit settlements. The MAP Act was an ill-conceived scheme to delay paying for highway land purchases. Enacted in 1987, DOT was allowed to freeze development on private properties within future highway corridors; property owners were unable to either develop their property or, practically, sell it. Understandably, they took the state to court and the N.C. Supreme Court agreed these were illegal takings of private property by the government. The settlement totals could be as much as \$1 billion.

These two issues are

symptomatic of a larger problem. Believe it or not, our \$5 billion annual DOT budget isn’t sufficient for a large state with many miles of paved roads. The principle source of revenue has been state and federal gas taxes, but more fuel-efficient vehicles, more vehicles powered by electricity and lower gas prices at the pump have combined to yield declining revenues at a time our state is growing by some 100,000 people per year and traffic congestion is an increasing condition.

Secretary Trogden has repeatedly told us North Carolina needs to re-think the way we fund transportation. We’ve enjoyed a recent spike in funding from GARVEE bonds (Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles), borrowing tomorrow’s anticipated future federal transportation receipts to use for road construction projects today, but this isn’t a lasting solution.

Some suggestions: First, stop robbing the department’s routine operations and maintenance funds for severe events like hurricanes, floods, snow and ice storms and rockslides. The Rainy Day fund was established for such

emergencies. Next, let’s agree that those who use our roads should pay for them. Our gas taxes are among the highest in the Southeast; raising them more isn’t ideal. Higher vehicle sales taxes, license fees and Vehicle Miles Traveled taxes are potential sources but will likely need to be combined with other revenues.

To meet our state’s current transportation needs we need more money. Now we can pay for roads through a large multi-billion dollar road bond package, we can dramatically increase current taxes and fees or we can start imposing tolls on roads. Choose your poison, but we’ve needed to address this problem for decades and it’s time to stop kicking the can down underfunded roads.

Tom Campbell is former assistant North Carolina State Treasurer and is creator/host of N.C. SPIN, a weekly statewide television discussion of NC issues that airs on UNC-TV main channel at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 12:30 p.m. Sundays and UNC North Carolina Channel at 10 p.m. on Fridays, 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. on Sundays. Contact him at [www.ncspin.com](http://www.ncspin.com).

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# WALKER: ‘We’ve still got work to accomplish, bridges to build’

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Baltutis and Watkins to discuss revitalization of a street in downtown Burlington — not far from Chatham County — Walker had to dash to the Capitol for a meeting. He had been named a conferee to discuss the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. Walker serves as the Ranking Member for the Intelligence and Counterterrorism Subcommittee of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

“Mark believes in peace through strength and has been an advocate for a strong national defense throughout his time in Congress,” House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-California) said in a press release two days before.

The go-go-go schedule and long days and nights and hard work wasn’t the biggest adjustment Walker had to make going to Congress, he said. It was not being with family.

“Next week we’re scheduled to be here Monday through Friday, my wife’s birthday is Thursday,” he said. “So those kinds of things, you learn to just live remotely, and there are times when you’re home from Saturday to Sunday. Those things — not complaining because I chose this and it’s a privilege to serve — but the biggest adjustment is a lot of the family time you miss.”

He said he usually gets to take his 13-year-old daughter to school on Monday mornings and “every now and then” gets her from school on Fridays.

### Still a man of faith

It almost goes without saying that the hyper-partisan world of Washington, D.C., could make the most optimistic man cynical. And while Walker came in with strong religious faith, he says the atmosphere hasn’t taken



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

**Mark Walker, middle in blue shirt, poses with members of the Capitol Hill Police Department, other lawmakers and former NFL players after a practice in preparation for a charity touch football game the benefit to law enforcement organization.**

it away from him.

“I think the first three to four months — I can see it now when new members come in — you identify yourself,” he said. “You identify yourself if you’re going to be driven by special interest, you identify yourself by ideology where your niche is going to be. And the same thing with the faith aspect of it.”

U.S. Rep. Ross Spano (R-Florida) is in his first term in Congress and is a member of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, of which Walker is a co-chairman.

“The place brings challenges, and I think that’s true whether you’re a person of faith or you’re not,” Spano said. “I think being a person of faith gives you a leg up or advantage because you know that you’re not ultimately in control of all of the details. You’re just obedient to what you’re called to do, and then God’s responsible for the outcome.”

The CPC is a biparti-

san group of legislators who meet every Monday evening to pray and share concerns.

“If there’s anybody going through something back home in one of the districts, we all sign a card and get it to that individual,” Walker said. “There’s probably a half-dozen Bible studies going on through the week and things. It hasn’t been difficult at all.”

He’s said that faith influences him in a number of ways, but a fairly different part of that faith came out in a Tweet last month.

“Six decades ago, conservatives and evangelicals refused to call out white supremacy creating a lack of trust that has lasted more than a generation in our minority communities,” he wrote. “As hate expands its voice, I hope we get it right this time!”

Walker speaks often of his work in communities of color and inner cities. He’s particularly proud of participating in a civil

rights pilgrimage last year with U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Georgia) that consisted of 48 Democrats and two Republicans.

“Historically, it is factual,” he says, “that when, specifically in the South and the Midwest, the African-American people could not drink out of the same water fountains, could not sit at the same lunch counters, conservatives and evangelicals, there was a moment to say, ‘You know what? We will speak out on behalf of the injustice.’ And they just didn’t. In fact, we were complacent in it.”

Not only has that hurt conservative and evangelical relationships with minority communities, he theorizes, but it has allowed “a buy-in to failed leftist ideology and policy that has damaged many of our communities.” Christians and conservatives have “come a long way,” he said, but “if you’re going to talk about where we need to go, you need to be honest about where we’ve been.”

**‘Can you work in this environment with the discipline it takes to be able to one day look back and say, ‘We did more than make an argument. We indeed made a difference’? That’s why I ran, that’s what drives me, it’s what keeps my passion still engaged with this.’**

**U.S. REP. MARK WALKER, represents Chatham County in Congress**

### A popular figure

Walker has grown in D.C. stature since his tenure. He’s now the vice chairman of the House Republican Conference, meaning he’s the No. 4 Republican on that side of Congress.

With it comes various responsibilities. On this particular Thursday, he’s had members coming to his office to seek support for a spot on the House Committee on Financial Services vacated by the early retirement of Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wisconsin).

“There’s a couple guys that have extensive backgrounds, but a lot of the younger members are coming by and giving their best pitch,” he says. “We were supposed to go Monday evening, to meet and make the final choice on replacing Sean, and the two new members from North Carolina [Republicans Dan Bishop and Dr. Greg Murphy], appointing their committees as well.”

That position, along with granting him some authority in the House, has helped earn Walker a spot of favor from the White House.

President Donald Trump asked Walker earlier this year to consider running for U.S. Senate next year. Washington-based media outlets reported that it was for the seat currently held by Thom Tillis which is up for re-election in 2020. Tillis is already facing a tough primary challenge and Democratic opposition beyond that.

Walker told the News +

Record he had no interest in replacing Tillis, but didn’t rule out a Senate run in the future.

“It’s not the present,” he said. “We’ve tried to pride ourselves that we’re focused on the district we represent. As of right now, that’s the eight counties that we represent. If something like that opens in the future, then obviously we’ll pay attention. But I feel like we’ve still got work to accomplish, bridges to build throughout Chatham and Lee and Randolph and the other five counties we represent.”

He did say he’s planning to run for his same seat next year. That’s still 14 months away. In the meantime, he said, he wants to continue to try to get the message across that Republicans have the best message and maybe in the past it hasn’t been communicated that well.

“I think Republicans have been under this misnomer — we have the facts, we have the truth, that should be good enough in our culture,” Walker said. “What drives me is the motivation that we try to get in our party to be able to talk about the good things, how do we do that in a way that’s not condescending, but in a way that’s compassionate. That’s where, more than just the issue-driven, it’s more about the messaging. That’s something I’ve tried to focus on since I’ve been here.”

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CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

‘Jobs, jobs, jobs’ and the government’s role in business



**ZACHARY HORNER**  
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Politicians, especially those running for high office, on both sides of the partisan aisle, love to say they are going to create jobs. In a 2017 piece on economic development, the eponymous host of “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver” showed a montage of six individuals across the political spectrum who talked about jobs using the phrase “jobs, jobs, jobs” in some way. “Politicians seem to think jobs are like Beetlejuice,” Oliver joked. “If you just say the word a magic number of times, they’ll just pop out of nowhere.” I wrote in the first edition of this column that I wanted to explore the intersection of business and government fairly regularly. So here I am,

doing just that, but on a very broad scale. I spoke to two elected leaders — U.S. Rep. Mark Walker (R-N.C.) and N.C. Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Chatham) — on this topic because I wanted to hear it from the government people themselves. They had similar perspectives on government’s role in business and the economy, but had different perspectives over whether a current policy position is really making a difference in the long run. Both Walker and Reives generally agreed that the government should more or less do everything they can to let it do what it’s supposed to do. “I don’t think they should be controlling it,” Walker told me as we walked from his office to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, “but anytime they can create a path, whether it’s small businesses — which is two-thirds of all jobs in this country — or large ones, to have the free rein to be able to expand, to build, that’s what I feel

like their role is, not to orchestrate it to the place where they have their finger on the pulse of it.” Reives, who co-owns the law firm Wilson, Reives & Silverman in Sanford, said that can happen by the government investing things like in education, infrastructure and broadband and making more “macro” decisions. “Generally, I feel that the government ought to make it easier and better,” Reives said. “I think it’s very important for us to always be thinking forward about economic development, how to recruit businesses, how to help homegrown businesses become successful. Truly, state government decides if businesses are going to live or die in this area. We’re the ones who’ve got make it work in this area. You’ve got to think of putting stuff in place

that will allow business to thrive five to 10 years down the road.” But when it came to both federal and state pushes to lower the corporate tax rate, the two diverged. At the federal level, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in December 2017 dropped the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent. Walker has touted that bill often and brought it up again while speaking about business and government’s intersection. He said that earlier in the day he spoke to leaders from Pfizer, the drug company which announced last month it was planning to invest \$500 million and hire 300 people at its Sanford plant. “They were saying, ‘We can’t tell you how much that has even impacted Lee County, the Sanford area, by lowering the

overall corporate tax,’” Walker said. “They have been able to specifically add jobs right there in Sanford, North Carolina. We’re seeing that manifested right before our eyes. I think that’s what government’s role is, not to pick the winners and losers.” North Carolina’s corporate tax rate hasn’t dropped as dramatically as it did on the federal level, but has also seen a decrease. The state corporate income tax rate dropped from 3 percent to 2.5 percent at the beginning of this year when new legislation took effect. While Republican leaders in particular have touted the changes as part of the state’s growing economy, Reives said he believes the change is “reaching the point of diminishing returns.” He said he wants to give “everybody” tax relief, beyond corporations. “Tax policy is not as simple as, I’m going to cut this tax and it’s going to create this job. It has to be part of an overall

economic plan,” he said. “Think of all the other options you have before you increase taxes. The tax policy that we have right now, for me in particular as a business owner, has not made anything significantly better, and I feel like some of the investment in the community and that state that we’ve lost as a result has not made it a better environment.” I’m not here to provide you an answer to which way is better. Tax policy is a highly-complicated subject that I will probably never be an expert in. But I find the general agreement refreshing — government should do whatever it can to help business thrive — even though how to get there is a matter of disagreement. Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at [zhorn-er@chathamnr.com](mailto:zhorn-er@chathamnr.com) or on Twitter at [@ZachHorn-erCNR](https://twitter.com/ZachHorn-erCNR), where he will be trying to refrain from complaining about all the streaming services wanting to take his money.

Chatham County Public Libraries, Chatham County Schools boost access to library resources

From Chatham County Schools  
SILER CITY — A partnership between Chatham County Schools and Chatham County Public Libraries will enable the school system’s students to use their school-issued identification number to access library resources. The joint effort is called Chatham PASS (Public library Access for Stu-

dent Success). A kickoff event for it is set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 7 at Wren Memorial Library, 500 N. Second Ave. in Siler City. “This is a game changer for students,” CCS chief Information and Technology Officer Keith Medlin said. “They get access to check out 10 books and/or audiobooks at a time, as well as electronic resources if they can’t physically

make it to a Chatham County Public Libraries branch.” Letters about the program went home to all CCS families during the second week of September. Information about the partnership also will be shared during the kickoff, which will feature a performance of “Rapunzel,” presented by Durham’s Rags to Riches Theatre for Young Audiences.

Chatham County Public Libraries director Linda Clarke said, “From the library’s perspective, Chatham PASS is an important step in reducing barriers to information and library resources and services. Our goal in this partnership is to further our mission of being an integral part of the community while encouraging reading, lifelong learning and by providing opportunities for learning and growing.” Chatham PASS accounts do not accrue overdue fines for late

items, according to Clarke. “This can sometimes cause reluctance to return to the library to check out additional materials,” she said. The partnership began during the summer of 2018 with students from Pittsboro Elementary School, Virginia Cross Elementary School and J.S. Waters School participating in a pilot program during the 2018-19 school year. Families had the option to opt out of the program but overwhelmingly chose to participate. Public libraries are one

of the great equalizers for communities because they offer a wealth of programs and resources at no charge, regardless of the socioeconomic status of library patrons. Chatham PASS aims to broaden the library’s audience, reduce barriers to access and support literacy among CCS students. Additional details about Chatham Pass may be found at <http://bit.ly/Chatham-PASS-FAQ> or by contacting someone at one of the public library branches in Pittsboro, Siler City or Goldston.

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OBITUARIES

JOYCE ELIZABETH DAVIS GUNTER



Joyce Elizabeth Davis Gunter, 71, of Siler City died Friday, September 20, 2019.

Mrs. Gunter was born March 17, 1948 in Bessemer, Alabama, the daughter of Woodrow and Mennie (Medders) Davis. She was the seventh of eleven children.

She graduated from Brookwood High School in 1966. After graduation, she moved to Sherman, Texas to attend the Sherman Beauty School. While in Texas she met the love of her life, Joe Gunter. She began her career as a hairdresser, which she did for several years. She also worked at AJ Schneirson's for a few years. While in her thirties, she decided to go back to school to become a nurse. She received her nursing degree from Central Carolina Community College. Joyce retired from nursing after having worked at Randolph Hospital and Chatham Hospital for over 25 years. Mrs. Gunter was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church and a former member of Piney Grove United Methodist Church for 42 years. She taught in the nursery and started the Serendipity puppet ministry at Piney Grove. She worked for three years with Kairos Torch Prison Ministries, where she was a mentor to young girls, at the Juvenile Detention Center in Siler City. Joyce was a former member of the Sassy Hattitudes Red Hat Society. She was gifted with a green thumb and loved to be outdoors working in her vegetable or flower gardens. She had the ability to turn anything into something beautiful and often made crafts for her friends and family. She was an avid fan of Alabama Football and could be heard yelling "Roll Tide" during ballgames. She was most proud to be a "Grammy" and "Grandma" to her six grandchildren. She could be found cheering them on at all their sporting events, always dressed in their team colors.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Woodrow R. Davis, Jr. and Daniel Davis.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Joseph C. Gunter; daughter, Miranda G. Moore and husband, Keith of Siler City; son, Heath Davis Gunter and wife, Monica of Franklinville; sisters, Lizzie Phillips of Vance, AL, Kathy Johnson and Rillie Lou Logan, both of Cottondale, AL, and Myra Steele of Centreville, AL; brothers, Gene Davis of Coker, AL, Jim Davis of Hardy, AR, Norman Davis and Mark Davis, both of Cottondale, AL; sister-in-law, Helen G. Clark; grandchildren, Hayley Moore Sessoms and husband, Jeremy, Colby Moore, Davis Gunter, Emery Moore, Delaney Gunter and Seth Moore; great-granddaughter, Annie Blake Sessoms, and her best friend, Carol Ann Frazier and husband, Earle. She was also proud to be called "Grammy" by many "adopted" grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Emmaus Baptist Church, 2430 Silk Hope-Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312 with Pastor Steve Moore and Rev. Herbert Lowery officiating. Burial followed in Piney Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery, 2343 Piney Grove Church Road, Siler City, NC 27344. Visitation followed in the Fellowship Building at Piney Grove.

Memorials may be made to Piney Grove UMC Cemetery Fund, The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation or UNC Hospice.

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

SANDRA HOWARD GABOR



Sandra Howard Gabor, 78, died on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Health Care in Pittsboro due to complications from a head injury sustained at her home on August 15. She was surrounded by family.

Sandra was born in Pittsboro on February 6, 1941. The daughter of Frank Howard and Edith Ward Howard, she graduated from Pittsboro High School in 1959 and received a BA from UNC Chapel Hill in English Literature in 1963. She was preceded in death by her parents and beloved brother Gene Howard.

Sandra is survived by her loving husband Robert, daughter Nicole, stepson Robert Gabor, Jr., sisters in-law Marie Howard, Elinore Gabor Melle and Carolyn Gabor, aunt Ernestine Tew, four nieces and nephews and dear friend Sue Watson.

Her early years as a customer service representative at Ohio Bell prepared Sandy well for the challenge of managing the customer relations and inside sales departments at a growing electronics connector company AP Products in Painesville, Ohio, owned in part by her husband. Sandy joined the company in 1972 and was a major contributor to establishing a nationwide sales distribution network as well as to their overall growth and success. In 1978 the company was named Manufacturer of the Year at the National Electronics Distribution Show in Las Vegas.

Sandy was a devoted member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Apex. She loved singing in the choir, reading, writing short stories, solving crossword puzzles, gardening and making new friends. She was an active supporter of Chatham Habitat for Humanity and co-founded the Habitat ReStores in Pittsboro with her husband. In 1987 Sandy and Bob competed in the 4000-mile Great American Race, driving a 1929 Packard from San Diego, CA to Orlando, FL.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church at 724 Beaver Creek Road in Apex, with Pastor Patrick Jones officiating. Immediately following will be visitation and a luncheon in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ebenezer United Methodist Church Music Fund, or the SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Health Care in Pittsboro. Online condolences may be made at: [www.donaldsonfunerals.com](http://www.donaldsonfunerals.com).

CHARLES LEE "CHARLIE" GOFORTH

Charles Lee "Charlie" Goforth, 77, passed away on September 19, 2019 at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

The funeral service was conducted on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Joyce-Brady Chapel in Bennett with Rev. Ken McDowell presiding. Burial followed in the Maness-Goforth Cemetery in Robbins.

Charlie was born in Guilford County on September 30, 1941 to Hobert Lee Goforth and Jessie Mae Lawson Goforth. He was a truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Curtis Goforth.

He is survived by his daughter, Lynn Goforth of Summerfield; step-children, Christopher Allan Salmons of Seagrove; Tami Mendoza Clark of Lexington; sisters: Sue Sandlin of McLeansville, and

Sharon Watkins of Guilford County.

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

**SIDNEY SCOTT ALLEN**

Sidney Scott Allen, 57, of Oxford, passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2019.

The funeral service was held on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Mr. Bill Douglas officiating. Burial followed at Buffalo Cemetery.

He was born in Lee County on February 22, 1962 to the late Sidney Lee Allen and Helen Hickman Allen. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Reuben and Dollie Hickman and James and Maggie Allen.

Scott is survived by his mother Helen of Cape Carteret.

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

MARTHA JANE HELTON



Martha Jane Helton, 83, of Siler City died Thursday, September 19, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital, Sanford.

Mrs. Helton was born in Mecklenburg County on December 21, 1935, the daughter of Arthur Helton, Sr. and Lottie (Leonard) Helton. She was a member of Hickory Mountain Baptist Church and a retired nurse.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents; brother, "Bo" L. Helton; six step-brothers and one step-sister; great-grandchildren, Christian Gaines and Creighton Nall.

She is survived by daughter, Tara Gaines Burns and husband Paul of Graham; son: Ben P. Gaines, Jr. and wife Kim of Goldston; brother, Arthur H. Helton, Jr. of Alamance; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC.

The funeral followed Sunday at 2 p.m. in Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Klink, Rev. Lee Callicutt and Rev. Val Chadwick officiating. Burial was in the Goldston Cemetery with a reception following at the church.

Memorials may be made to West Chatham Food Pantry, 126 Village Lake Road, Siler City, NC 27344.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

BOBBY "RAY" HOLLAND, II



Bobby "Ray" Holland, II, died Wednesday, September 18, 2019 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Ray was born on June 6, 1962 to Bobby R. Holland and Mildred Sloan Holland. Ray was presented the presidential award for physical fitness in 1977 and signed by President Gerald Ford. He was active in sports and FFA at Lee County High School. He served honorably in the United States Army and was deployed to Granada in 1983 during the invasion. Ray was employed by Otis Elevator. He attended Tramway Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, Ray is survived by his wife, Laurie McCauley Holland; daughter, Rebekah Holland Wright of Leland and her children, Emily, Katie and Nora, and daughter, Hillary Holland Harrell and husband Justin of Pittsboro, and their daughter, Olivia; brother, David Sloan Holland; sisters, Kathy Holland and Becky Snyder and husband John, all of Sanford; stepchildren, Matthew Cottrill and A.J. Cottrill of Sanford.

The family received friends Friday, September 20, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. The family received friends at his parent's home located at 2344 Walter Bright Road in Sanford. The funeral service was held Saturday, September 21, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Tramway Baptist Church. Burial followed at Zion Christian Church Cemetery with military rites.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com).

SHIRLEY WRIGHT CARR



Shirley Wright Carr, 78, of Silk Hope passed peacefully Sunday, September 22, 2019 at the home of her son.

Mrs. Carr was born July 18, 1941 in Johnson County, Kentucky, the daughter of Naplin and Myrtle Smith Wright. She was retired from Teleflex Medical, enjoyed watching Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, taking care of her beautiful roses and her fur babies, Thomas and Skittles.

She is survived by children, Diana Rath and husband Steve, Kristina Cook and husband Phillip, Dan Carr and wife Janet, Robert Carr and companion Cara Burchette; grandchildren, Robbie Carr, Ashley Brown, Brad Carr, Michael Carr, Ashlee Carr, Courtney Carr, Bryan Carr, Brooke Rath, Savanna Cook and Dustin Cook; two great-grandchildren; brother, Todd Wright; and sister, Lillian "Gail" Larzelere.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Gilmore Memorial Park, Julian with Rev. Bob Wachs officiating.

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

ROBERTA F. CARTWRIGHT

Roberta F. Cartwright, 72, of Youngsville, passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Calvin Sayles officiating.

She was born in Jackson County, MO on February 20, 1947 to the late Leo Eugene Morris and Kathleen Michael Weekly. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Cartwright. Roberta worked many years as an administrative assistant with The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

She is survived by her daughter, Tammy Cartwright Whitney of Sanford; sons, Joseph Cartwright of CA, Donnell Cartwright of GA; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com).

MRS. LUCILLE DARK CURRIE

Mrs. Lucille Dark Currie, 87, of Siler City, passed away Friday, September 20, 2019 in Siler City.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

BIANCA DE SHAY WILSON

Ms. Bianca De Shay Wilson, 29, of Pittsboro, passed on Friday, September 20, 2019.

"B" leaves to cherish her memories a son, Noah Wilson; mother, Lynette Wilson; brothers, Thomas Wilson and Quincy Fox; sister, Latita Larden; and maternal grandparents, Paul and Mae Seymore.

Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home.

CHERRY SCOTTON MARSH

Cherry Scotton Marsh, 62, of Greensboro/Siler City, passed away Friday, September 20, 2019 in Siler City.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

ANNIE VANN HINTON

Ann Vann Hinton, "Annie," left us September 21, 2019.

A Celebration of Life is planned for a later date.

She was born July 26, 1928 in Kinston, to the late Edward B. Vann and Annie Elizabeth Barnes Vann. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Lee Hinton and brother Edward B. Vann.

Annie is survived by her children, Walter Vann Hinton of Durham, Louann Kitchell of Blowing Rock, Sara Huber of Wake Forest, David Hinton of Chatham County; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to in her memory to: World Vision, P.O. Box 971, Federal Way, WA 98063, SPCA, P.O. Box 8682, New York, NY 10001, or a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be made at: [www.donaldsonfunerals.com](http://www.donaldsonfunerals.com).

PEGGY PATTERSON TALBERT

Peggy Patterson Talbert, 80, of Robbins, passed away Saturday, September 21, 2019 at First Health Moore Regional Hospital.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Brown's Chapel Christian Church with Rev. Shaun Garner and Rev. James Brewer presiding. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Joyce-Brady Chapel.

Peggy was born in Moore County on June 1, 1939 to Cary Wendell Patterson and Josephine Whitaker Patterson. She retired from Clayson Knitting Company after 32 years of service. Peggy was a member of Brown's Chapel Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, JD Patterson and Cary Dale Patterson; sister, Sheila Mae Patterson Moore; her husband, Robert Edgar Talbert; son, Raymon Edgar Talbert and daughter, Roxann Talbert.

She is survived by daughter, Jeannie (Kay) Talbert Ryan; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Patterson Williamson, Virginia Patterson, Gail Patterson Johnson, Connie Patterson Harrison; and brothers, Lacy Patterson and Ronnie Patterson.

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

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

NINA PEARL WILLIAMS

Nina Pearl Williams, 82, passed away in Pittsboro on Thursday, September 19, 2019.

She was born in Ashe County on March 2, 1937 to late Robert and Faye Williams. She was employed as a bookkeeper with A&P and later, worked with NCDOT. She was preceded in death by her sons Steve Miller, Randy Miller, daughter Kathy Miller, parents Robert and Faye Williams; siblings; Jeanette Williams, Carolyn Halmagee, Jerry Williams, Kenneth Williams, and Wayne Williams.

Nina is survived by her daughter, Teresa Howard; five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; sisters, Marlene Brashier, Linda Irvin; and brother, Tom Williams.

Condolences may be made at: [www.donaldsonfunerals.com](http://www.donaldsonfunerals.com).

MRS. ERIKA M. WESLER

Mrs. Erika M. Wesler, age 78, Siler City, passed away Thursday, September 19, 2019 in Durham.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

BONITA SMITH WILKINS

Bonita Smith Wilkins, 65, of Apex, passed away on September 22, 2019

Arrangements by: Cremation Society of the Carolinas, Raleigh.



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# What could the proposed sales tax option mean for Chatham?

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Now that Chatham County staff have explored suggested possibilities for the Article 46 sales tax expansion in the county, we now know what that money could be used for in a practical sense.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has not yet decided if they're going to put a vote on the ballot, although Chairman Mike Dasher said last week he'd like to have it for the March 2020 ballot. The board is not currently required to pass a resolution stating what the revenue gained will be used for, nor has it decided on a half-cent or quarter-cent tax. There are some legislative decisions still to be made on current law on the local option sales tax, so the board is likely to wait for that.

For now, let's examine the six possibilities the board saw at its September 16 meeting in the context of Chatham County as a whole.

A reminder: If the board puts the question on the ballot, and citizens pass it, an additional quarter- or potentially half-cent would be added to the current sales tax rate of 6.75 percent. This tax would not be limited to just Chatham residents but to anyone who pays sales tax on items in Chatham County. Estimates from the N.C. Dept. of Revenue say the county could have brought in \$1.6 million from the tax if it was in place in 2017 — equivalent to about a 1.5-cent increase in the property tax rate — and that number could increase as growth comes in and the county continues to develop.

We'll tackle the items in alphabetical order, as they were presented to the board.

### Affordable Housing

What to do about affordable housing, or the lack thereof, in Chatham County has been a popular discussion topic in the county and its municipalities in recent months.

According to a study produced by the Triangle J Council of Governments for the county, affordable homes are in short supply compared to demand, and some of that supply is considered to be of "poor quality." What that means is residents making less than 80 percent of the area median income, about \$58,000 a year, are having more difficulty finding housing in Chatham.

The affordable housing item was presented to the commissioners by Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, a policy analyst for the county who focuses specifically on affordable housing. She said a "dedicated revenue source" for affordable housing would "allow the county to both



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

attract and plan for an affordable housing development." The county is 2,304 affordable rental units short of the need, she said, and any newly-generated sales tax revenue could be used to help meet that need.

She pointed to the Henry Siler School project. The county provided the land the old school building rests on and a low interest loan to Third Wave LLC to repurpose the building for affordable housing. It cost the county \$353,200 to pull that off.

The goal of the county's comprehensive plan, Plan Chatham, was to create 100 new units of affordable housing a year at a cost of . To do that, Watkins-Cruz said, the county would need around \$1.5 million a year and that's without the land and low-interest loan.

Watkins-Cruz presented multiple ideas for stimulating affordable housing development, ranging from a risk mitigation fund for "landlords willing to reduce barriers for tenants who typically struggle to quality for housing" that would cost around \$25,000 to infill redevelopment that would acquire vacant and abandoned homes and work with a partner to sell the units or use as affordable rentals. The latter program could be a one-time cost anywhere from \$500,000 to \$1 million based on estimates, but funds could be replenished through sales.

### Agriculture/Land Banking

Proposed to the board by Commissioner Andy Wilkie on the recommendation of the county's Agriculture Advisory Committee, agriculture was the next topic, and most of the presentation revolved around Phase II of work on the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center.

To study the feasibility of such a project — which could include an equine center for competitions and shows that would draw visitors to Chatham — the estimated cost is \$15,000 to \$20,000. Budget

Analyst Darrell Butts, who was presenting the item, said the total project could cost, based on early estimates, anywhere from \$10-15 million depending on what was asked of the project.

The county could also direct revenue toward recurring expenditures, like registering the county with the Visit NC Farms smartphone app, updating the Farmland Preservation Plan or securing conservation easements and permanent land preservation.

### Broadband Access

Another topic long on the minds and lips of Chatham's county and municipal officials, lack of broadband access in the county is noticeable.

According to a study by governing.com, about 65 percent of Chatham County residents reportedly have internet access, but county Management Information Systems Director Darlene Yudell told the News + Record last year that the number is misleading "because it reflects internet coverage as measured by census blocks, not individual access."

The county is a bit hamstrung, Butts said, by state law, which prevents governing entities from creating their own internet services. What was proposed was establishing an "anchor point" broadband site at Northwest District Park in Siler City. An anchor point, in Yudell's words, would be "like a spider. You build the body and then the legs would come out from there."

Butts said there's already a provider in that area that is willing to partner with the county on the project and build lines from the anchor point. An estimate would cost the county \$61,471 for the infrastructure and \$27,160 requested by the provider — an initial investment of just under \$89,000 — and an annual expenditure of just more than \$1,300 to keep the service going. The private provider would chip in \$34,311 for the construction of the

anchor point.

The point would provide service to all of the park's buildings, pool and open areas and would enable service to go along Woody Store Road and connected roads.

Providing this particular service at Northwest District Park would meet needs of both parks staff and parks goers, Butts said. Cell phones struggle with connectivity in the area, he said, creating potential safety issues; citizens often complain about not being able to make calls and a lack of connectivity prevents some events from locating at the park, which has an activity center, dining hall and two rental spaces on the grounds.

### Economic Development

Chatham Economic Development Corporation President Alyssa Byrd submitted a projected use of sales tax funds if they were directed for economic development.

Fifty percent of the revenue could be used for utility funding, like extending wastewater to the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing Site, more sewer in Moncure, paying off existing debt and even working on broadband. Another 15 percent would go to small and mid-sized business incentives designed to attract and grow industries in Chatham. Another 15 percent would be for the EDC itself, specifically expanding communication capabilities and provide more targeted business recruitment elements.

Ten percent would go toward improving the county's Small Business Center, run by Central Carolina Community College, by increasing its funding and starting bilingual and small farm initiatives. The final 10 percent could go to the Central Carolina Business Campus in Siler City — Chatham Hospital is among its tenants — to complete site certification and develop a speculative or shell building to help recruit businesses to the site.

Orange County uses half of its Article 46 sales tax revenue for economic development initiatives.

### Education

Each of the counties surrounding Chatham which have instituted this additional sales tax option use some or all of the revenues for education-related expenses. Lee, Moore and Harnett counties use their funds solely for debt or capital purposes; Durham County uses its revenue for public and community college education expenses; and Randolph's Article 46 sales tax revenue goes to capital projects for its community college. Orange County uses the other half of

its revenue for public schools capital funding.

Butts said the county is in the second year of a four-year process of transitioning its public school teacher supplement to a percentage of salary. To complete that move, he said, the county would need an additional \$775,000. School district personnel regularly speak about the need to improve pay packages and other benefits and perks to recruit teachers to and retain employees in the area.

Chatham County Schools also has several facility needs, which the county is responsible for funding. To address all facility issues at one time, Butts said, the county would need to spent around \$79 million. That's not on the table, as not all needs are urgent, but the No. 1 priority is addressing mechanical and electrical needs at Horton Middle School. That project is estimated to cost \$7 million.

Additionally, the system is in the midst of construction on both Chatham Grove Elementary School and Seaforth High School. Operating costs of the first year for the latter, scheduled to open for the 2021-2022 school year, are \$2.3 million. There are other schools coming down the road, specifically the first elementary school in Chatham Park, that will need funding as well.

### Parks & Recreation

Finally, the board is considering parks and recreation for the sales tax revenue on the recommendation of county staff.

The county approved a parks master plan in February 2018, orchestrating a 10-year vision for the system. Tracy Burnett, the county's parks and recreation director, told the News + Record in July that the plan was "important to satisfy the desire for recreation needs and wants of the public, protect natural resources, preserve the rural character of the county and to plan for future growth."

The commissioners have already approved master plans for two parks — Southwest District Park in Bear Creek at an estimated cost of \$5.1 million and Earl Thompson Park in Bynum for an estimated \$2.8 million. The county is planning to phase those improvements in over a yet-to-be-decided number of years.

At the board presentation, Butts added that there are plans in progress for a new Southeast District Park in Moncure and improvements to Northeast District Park in Chapel Hill.

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## 'Notice of violation' sent to owner of large Confederate flag in Pittsboro

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff



Staff photo by David Bradley

The Confederate Battle Flag flies over the Highway 64 area in Pittsboro. The flag was placed in the area recently.

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PITTSBORO — The political discussion regarding symbols of the Confederacy moved beyond the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and into the chambers of the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners Monday night.

Three people addressed the board during public comment to discuss enforcement of town ordinances regarding flags. Under the town's section six ordinances, prohibitions are in place against planting flags in the public right-of-way as well as erecting flags of extraordinary size in Pittsboro. The speakers referenced both the rally that occurred two weeks ago surrounding the Confederate monument that sits in front the Chatham County Historic Courthouse and a large Confederate flag that had recently been erected on US-64 Business East.

Following the meeting, Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck told the Chatham News + Record that a "notice of violation" was sent to the flag owner who lived in Pittsboro's extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Mark Barroso, who has advocated for the removal of the Confederate statue, spoke about the flag erected on US-64 which appears to be on the property of Sam White, according to Chatham County tax records. He argued the flag will have a detrimental effect on the town, which is trying to draw new business and growth.

"Don't take my word that the Confederate flag is bad for business, look at NASCAR," Barroso said. "They've banned the flag on their broadcasts after the massacre in Charleston because racists are using it for their cause. Their advertisers didn't want to be associated with it."

Pittsboro resident Elizabeth Haddix also spoke about violations of the town's ordinances during the dueling rallies at the courthouse earlier this month, saying that, with photographic support, numerous Confederate supporters had planted Confederate flags in the public right-of-way. She said when she asked various police officers to ask them to be removed, she was told they were on "state property" and they would not enforce "non-criminal state law." When Haddix noted at the time that the flags were in violation of both state law and town ordinance, she claimed she was "physically assaulted by



Staff photo by David Bradley

A recently-erected Confederate Battle Flag flies above Highway 64 near Pittsboro.

one of the flag owners."

A third speaker, Stephanie Terry, also shared her concerns about the flag as well as "flaggers carrying open rifles." Terry said she "should not feel threatened" in her community and that it reminded her that "there was a time when African-Americans could not go downtown on certain days." She said the flag was a "terroristic point of view for African-Americans."

At the conclusion of the public comment period, Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry noted that "we share your concerns for your personal safety" and assured the speakers that the situation will "be addressed quickly and efficiently."

Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at [CaseyMann@Chathamncr.com](mailto:CaseyMann@Chathamncr.com).



NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES

Revival services are in progress at New Beginnings Ministries at 7:30 p.m. and will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 25, 26 and 27.

Ministering for Wednesday night is Rev. Barry Gray, Thursday night will be Pastor Michael Trogdon, and Friday will be Evangelist Annissa Little.

All are welcome. Join these services if you can. The church is located at 155 Pondarosa Rd., Siler City.

HEAVEN'S MANNA SOGM

An Apostolic and Prophetic Explosion are being held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 25 and 26.

Apostle Napoleon and Pastor Phyllis Pittman from Port St. Joe, FL will be the guest ministers.

All are invited to join in this time or worship. The facilities are located at 155 Heaven's Manna Church Rd., Siler City, just off Hwy 64 East.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us for Homecoming at the First Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29 as we celebrate 130 years of serving the Lord. The Honorable Joseph M.

CHURCH NEWS

Buckner will bring the message. Sunday dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall for members and guests.

We are located at 314 North 2nd Ave., Siler City.

FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

Firechosen Ministries invites you to come fellowship at our "Deal With It" Women's Ministry Ladies Night at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27.

Pastor Sabrina Lewis of A Word In Season Ministries will be there to share with the women.

The address is 190 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro.

MOONS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

A mission yard sale will be held for Moon's Chapel Baptist Church from 7 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27 and from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 4217 Old US 421 North, Siler City.

There will be household goods, furniture, shoes, new Lula Roe clothes - lots of items to choose from. All proceeds will go to Moon's Chapel Mission Trip!

HOUSE OF PRAYER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Family and Friends Day will be held in the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the House of Prayer Fellowship Church. The

speaker will be Assistant Pastor Jeffery Covington.

Join us if you can. The church is located at 549 Horton Rd., Goldston.

GETHSEMANE - MT. SINAI UNITED HOLY CHURCH

The Quarterly Saints Gathering of the Mt. Sinai United Holy Church, Inc. will convene at 7:30 on Friday night, Sept. 27.

Elder Ruby Graham will be the speaker. The Gethsemane Mixed Choir will provide the music. For the Saturday session, a program will be presented at 4 p.m. with music provided by the Youth Fellowship Choir.

The Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. with Sunday School followed by morning worship at 10:30 a.m. with Elder Belinda McKoy as the speaker. Music will be rendered by the United Male Chorus. The church is located at 243 Vernie Phillips Rd., Bear Creek.

MERONEY'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Plate sale and auction will be held Saturday, October 5 at Meroney United Methodist Church, 10568 HWY 902, Bear Creek. BBQ, chicken tenders or combination plates will be offered. The auction will be held from 6:30 until 7 p.m.

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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# Scenery in ‘Abominable’ is lush, but the story is barren, lazy

Writer-director Jill Culton’s rearing inside the Pixar Animation shop shows in “Abominable,” her second feature film effort and first since joining the DreamWorks studio. Culton and cinematographer Robert Edward Crawford render a visually impressive palette, from the cityscapes of Beijing to the lush China countryside to the white peaks of the Himalayas. Unfortunately, “Abominable” is mostly a lot of pretty pictures hung around a barren fable that’s a far cry from any Pixar storytelling roots.

The film opens with a frightened and furious yeti escaping the Chinese research facility where he’s been imprisoned, owned

## ABOMINABLE

**GRADE:** C –

**DIRECTOR:** Jill Culton

**STARRING THE VOICES OF:** Chloe Bennett, Albert Tsai, Tenzing Norgay Trainor, Eddie Izzard and Sarah Paulson

**MPAA RATING:** PG

**RUNNING TIME:** 1 hr. 37 min.

by a British industrialist named Burnish (Eddie Izzard) and run by his assistant, Dr. Zara (Sarah Paulson). Back in Shanghai, a Chinese teenage girl named Yi (Chloe Bennett) works an endless series of odd jobs, apparently to satisfy the high expectations of her mother and grandmother, who nevertheless just wish Yi would play the violin like she used to before her dad died.

One night, Yi finds the yeti hunkered down on the rooftop of her apartment building. After helping it evade detection from Bur-

nish’s henchmen, the adventure-seeking Yi divines that the yeti hails from the Himalayas and gives him the on-the-nose nickname “Everest.” With her two cousins (Albert Tsai and Tenzing Norgay Trainor) in tow, Yi leads Everest on a homebound odyssey.

Early on, Yi discovers that Everest also carries mystical powers to control the elements. Whenever Everest intones some melody — eventually including Coldplay ditties, seriously — he can make blueberries spawn to gargantuan size, conjure



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks Animation

**Albert Tsai, Tenzing Norgay Trainor and Chloe Bennet star in ‘Abominable.’**

clouds big enough to carry him and friends through the skies, and germinate a tidal wave of vegetation. It’s never explained why and how Everest possesses these powers or, at some point, able to transmit them to Yi’s violin. When coupled with the revelation that

Everest can go undetected once he reaches the wintery snowscape of his home, it begs the question of how Everest was ever captured to begin with.

But at a more fundamental level, “Abominable” just sloppy, even lazy in its world building. The side characters are cardboard

cutouts, every attempt at comedic charm falls thud-dingly flat, and the story’s stab at some transcendent celebration of the virtues of life and family are pat and served by a slapdash script. “Abominable” doesn’t live down to its title, but it doesn’t scale any summits, either.

# Zellweger’s tour de force Garland not quite enough to fulfill promise of ‘Judy’

With the biopic being one of the surtest vehicles for an acting Oscar, Renée Zellweger takes the fast lane with her portrayal of a latter-days Judy Garland in the eponymous “Judy.”

Already an idiosyncratic actor, Zellweger applies her trademark twitchiness to an eccentric Garland when she was just 46 years old but with mere months to live.

Zellweger squints, puckers and otherwise vamps her way through a booze-and-barbiturates-fueled Garland, channeling the hollowed out husk of an erstwhile starlet who chooses slavish stardom over independent anonymity in the film’s opening scene, a flashback to a 17-year-old Garland (played by Darci Shaw) and film producer Louis B. Mayer on the set of “The Wizard of Oz.” It’s a Faustian bargain that gave Garland the adoration she (and her domineering mother) desired, but at the expense of everything else.

Broke, homeless, ostracized, and on the verge of losing custody of her two young children with ex-husband Syd Luft (Rufus Sewell), Garland departs America in early 1969 for the only well-paying gig she can find — a five-week concert run at The Talk of the Town nightclub in London. Mercurial and jonesing, Garland eschews rehearsal and nearly misses opening night. Held together by a sequined dress and pancake makeup, Garland is basically shoved on stage...and proceeds to electrify the crowd with a showstopping rendition of “By Myself.” She’s wide-eyed and almost manic, as if taken over by the celebrity symbiote that long since subsumed her soul.



Photo courtesy of Roadside Attractions

**Renée Zellweger stars in ‘Judy.’**

The why of “Judy” is mainly found during those periodic flashbacks, in which Mayer and his tyrannical handlers deprive young Garland of French fries and free time, instead plying her full of pills to keep her thin and awake. Her birthday becomes a weeks-removed publicity reel, a fake party complete with a cake she can’t eat and a pool in which she can’t swim. Garland’s life as the née Frances Gumm is forfeit to the stage name for a girl Mayer repeatedly reminds her isn’t nearly as pretty as many aspirants living in middle America. But Judy Garland has the voice of an angel, even if it’s in service to the devilish Mayer, cast as manipulative and abusive.

The what of “Judy” is Zellweger’s

tragic turn, laced with just enough wit to keep Garland likeable despite her occasional unprofessional spasms. She spurs standing ovations one night, then elicits heckles and thrown bread rolls the next, much of the frustration of club owner Bernard Delfont (Michael Gambon) and Garland’s personal assistant Rosalyn (Jessie Buckley). Dark clouds temporarily part with the arrival of Mickey Deans (Finn Wittrock), a fledgling American singer who woos Garland and becomes her fifth and final husband. But her downside is already too precipitous.

The screenplay, written by “The Crown” scribe Tom Edge, is adapted from the Tony-nominated play “End of the Rainbow.” Despite Zellweger’s tour

## JUDY

**GRADE:** B +

**DIRECTOR:** Rupert Goold

**STARRING:** Renée Zellweger, Rufus Sewell, Finn Wittrock, Michael Gambon, Jessie Buckley, Bella Ramsey, Darci Shaw and Richard Cordery

**MPAA RATING:** PG-13

**RUNNING TIME:** 1 hr. 58 min.

de force and Garland’s tantalizing tragic arc, the script isn’t terribly imaginative, resting mainly on the able shoulders of its headliner. As such, nearly all the supporting characters are half-written or fade into the background. Gambon is given little to do besides mug for the camera, while director Rupert Goold never seems to figure out whether to portray Rosalyn as friend, foe, both, or neither. Wittrock’s Mickey exudes a sufficient amount smarmy adoration, but his motives also remain obviously pat. Garland’s London bandleader (Royce Pierrson) is just there, as are two fictitious gay fans Garland befriends after one night’s concert, apparently inserted as proxies for Garland’s iconic status in the gay community.

As a result, the film lumbars along during its latter stages, seemingly necessitating a heart-wrenching denouement that quickly slides into a mawkish audience singalong. Like Garland’s career, “Judy” is blessed with a talented star and starts out with much promise, only to become more uneven and unfulfilling towards its end.

## CHATHAM COUNTY EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

# EMILY MORAN | Virginia Cross Elementary School

**Grades/subjects you teach:** 2nd Grade/all

**Date, place of birth:** Nov. 21, Siler City

**Education (high school & college attended, degrees):** Bachelor of Science in Marketing from East Carolina University, Masters in Education from UNC Charlotte

**Brief work history:** I taught kindergartners for nine years at a charter school in Mooresville. I have taught at VCE for four years and love 2nd grade!

**Teaching honors/awards:** 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year for Virginia Cross Elementary

**Hobbies/interests outside teaching:** Running, hiking, reading, beach time, hanging out with my family and friends, watching my daughter grow and learn.

**Family:** Daughter, Tilly, who is almost 8 years old

*On teaching:*

**What led you to a career as a teacher?** I have always loved connecting with children and helping them with life. I was not satisfied in the business world and knew I could make a difference teaching.

**Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them?** Ms. Stone, Ms. Watkins, Mr. Oakley and Mr. Rogers. I learned many things, but most of all, I learned that people cared about me and



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**Emily Moran**

that I could do anything I put my mind to, even if it was challenging.

**Has becoming a teacher been all you expected it would be?** It has been more than I expected. It has been a lot different than the days of “playing school” at my grandparent’s house. The students I teach make such an impact on me daily.

**How has teaching changed since you were a student?** There is a lot more technology than there was when I was young.

**What “makes your day” as a teacher?** The smiles and hugs from students of past years!

**What’s working in schools today?** There is a lot of work devoted to meeting children where they are and helping them

grow to their potential.

**What’s your favorite memory of your first year as a teacher?** One of my favorite memories was a little girl who called and left me a message on my cell phone telling me she had lost her first tooth.

**How would your “teacher” persona handle you as a student?** They would definitely sit me away from my friends so I couldn’t talk so much!

**Best piece of advice for other teachers?** Do the best you can each day by being you and give and balance your work and personal life. Find a team and work together to reach your goals!

**For students?** Aim for success and meet goals for YOU. Those are the ones that last.

**For parents?** Read with your child every night and take time to ask them questions about their day. Have them show you what they are learning.

**If you were superintendent for a day, you’d:** Give a week of delayed starts!

**What about your job would surprise your non-teaching friends the most?** How much time and energy is put in to every little detail of the day and how much you manage not just academically, but socially and emotionally.

**If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be?** You are important and

able, and always be kind.

**When you think about today’s kids, you:** Realize they deal with many adult problems and many challenges in life and they are quite resilient.

**If one of your students was asked for a one-word description of you by a student who hadn’t had you in class, what would that one word be?** Loving.

**How would you summarize your teaching philosophy?** I believe in engaging kids in a nurturing and loving environment while developing a mutual respect for one another and partnering with parents and other educators to create student success.

**What five things must every teacher know?** Sleep is worth its weight in gold; your co-workers are your biggest cheerleaders; tomorrow is a new day for you and the students; believe in yourself; take time for you

**What’s special about your classroom?** The kids that make up my room.

**What’s special about your school?** We have a school that has the hardest working, most dependable and caring staff I have ever been a part of.

**Most unusual question you’ve ever gotten from a student?** Did you know you could get a lot of money using cash for gold from that necklace? (Said to me about a costume necklace!)



CHATHAM CH@T | SUSAN KING COPE, CAROLINA TIGER RESCUE

# CTR celebrating its 45th anniversary with an eye toward the future

Carolina Tiger Rescue will be celebrating its 45th anniversary this week, so we've spoken with Susan King Cope

Cope, the organization's development director. She joined Carolina Tiger Rescue in 2014, having previously worked in the health and human services sector of non-profits for over 20 years in the areas of program development, advocacy, fundraising, and special events. While working to raise money and awareness for a variety of health organizations has been extremely rewarding, King Cope says "it is wonderful to work with so many dedicated people who love animals and conservation efforts just as much! I finally found home at the rescue." In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, kick-boxing and gardening.

**Carolina Tiger Rescue is celebrating its 45th anniversary with "A Southern Supper" event on Sept. 29th. What's going to happen on the 29th, and why use an event like this to observe this anniversary?**  
Carolina Tiger Rescue has been rescuing animals for 45 years — but we have evolved quite a bit over the decades. This milestone is an opportunity to unite old friends and new faces to celebrate caring for and rescuing hundreds of animals. In



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**Madonna is a very fitting name for this vocal female tiger. She always has something to say and alternates between 'chuffing' and moaning whenever someone stops by. She is incredibly active and athletic for a tiger her age and impresses volunteers and keepers alike with her stalking skills. Anytime she hears someone approach, she hides and stalks them. It is usually very hard to find her until she comes running up to the fence to say hello.**

In addition, we have been so lucky to have such a supportive community — we wanted to thank the many people who really help us perform our mission of saving and protecting wild cats in captivity and in the wild!

**As you and the staff there reflect on 45 years of work dedicated to saving and protecting wild cats in captivity and in the wild, what's foremost in your minds about what Carolina Tiger has accomplished?**

Most importantly, we have provided a forever home to hundreds of animals, many that came from abusive and negligent situations. We have provided them with the love, respect, and expert care they deserve and offered them a second chance.

Many people will remember Aria Tiger, who was kept by a family as a backyard pet. When Aria was 10, she became ill and began to rapidly lose weight. Her owners were unable to find a vet willing to treat a tiger. Aria's condition worsened until she became extremely thin and was so weak she could barely even lift her head. Animal Control officers came to evaluate her situation and immediately called Carolina Tiger Rescue. Aria's condition was so desperate; we weren't sure if she would survive the trip to North Carolina. When we brought Aria to our sanctuary, she received a thorough examination and tests showed she had Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency. We fed her beef pancreas to provide the enzymes that



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**Roman is CTR's only male lion with a mane. He is a bit smaller in stature than most male lions but his mane is quite impressive and a fan favorite. Roman is a typical male lion who takes charge of his 'pride.' Like lions in the wild, Roman can sleep up to 20 hours a day.**

her body couldn't make. After a proper diagnosis and a new diet, she began to rebound quickly and went on to live for several more years. It is these success stories that drive us to do all that we can for the animals.

**Aside from the work you do with the cats, Carolina Tiger focuses on education and its role as a tourism destination. Let's talk about education first: What kind of educational programs do you offer, and how have they changed and grown over the years?**

We offer pre-reserved guided public tours every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and some holidays. We also offer private tours, field trips, summer camps, and a variety of off-site educational opportunities. Visitors get to meet the interesting tigers, lions, leopards,

servals and other cats and learn their heartbreaking stories and see them thrive, now that they get a second chance in life. We believe that with education, we can further our mission to save and protect wild cats in captivity and in the wild. Technology has helped us expand our program, and having a great staff dedicated to education and different learning styles has really improved the level of education we can provide.

**Certainly some of your visitors come to learn, but there's also the thrill of seeing these amazing and exotic animals — which is why Carolina Tiger is such a tourism draw. Almost 90 percent of your visitors come from outside Chatham, but talk to us about what local folks are missing by NOT coming out?**  
We have over 19,000 visitors every year from

across the country and even from different countries, yet some of our neighbors have never been to the sanctuary. As an animal lover, it is hard for me to understand why they would not want to come to see these amazing animals, but maybe they don't know what to expect. First of all, we are not like a zoo. All tours are guided by experts who share stories and answer questions about the animals. Visitors can get really close to the animals, sometimes as little as four feet away from a 400-pound tiger! If you're lucky, you'll get to hear our lions start oofing at one another. It is one of the most amazing sounds I have ever heard.

**Your "golden" anniversary is coming up in five short years. What changes, additions and other new programs are planned for the near future for Carolina Tiger?**  
It is hard to believe that 50 years is right around the corner. We have so many major plans for the near future. Last year we purchased some additional land next door and are working on plans to increase our educational offerings...other than that little tease, you will have to come to A Southern Supper to learn more about our BIG proposal!

**How can people learn more about the Southern Supper event?**  
Visit our event website at <https://one.bidpal.net/carolinatiger45> or call a staff member at 919-542-4684



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# Chatham County in the process of purchasing new voting equipment

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

Chatham County will be purchasing new voting equipment and may be testing it in at least one precinct during upcoming municipal elections.

The purchase to replace 30 standard voting machines and 30 ADA accessible machines comes just after the State Board of Elections certified three new equipment machine providers, despite some controversy. Paschal noted that the county's decision to purchase equipment just "happened to be when" the state decided to certify the companies, and the lifespan of the county's current machines has come to an end.

State law requires that any county purchasing new machines must hold a public demonstration of potential equipment that it is considering. The Chatham County Board of Elections held its public demonstration two weeks ago with all three vendors at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center. Paschal said the demonstration was an "opportunity for the [Chatham County Elections] board and the citizens to see the equipment and ask questions." She noted that approximately 25 people showed up for the event including Chatham County Commissioners Diana Hales and Karen Howard.

The following day, the Chatham County Board of Elections held a special meeting to discuss the pros and cons of each vendor's equipment. The staff recommended the Hart InterCivic machine,



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**Chatham County Board of Elections Director Pandora Paschal, Chatham County Commissioner Karen Howard and her son receive a demonstration from a representative of ES&S two weeks ago during a public demonstration of election equipment.**

which uses hand-marked ballots. In a 4-1 vote, the board agreed with the staff's recommendation.

The board's recommendation will now make its way to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for consideration. Under state law, any equipment being used for the first time in a county requires a test run in at least one precinct prior to the 2020 midterms. Paschal is hoping Chatham County will be able to have all the equipment up and running for the municipal elections in November.

In 2005, the N.C. General Assembly passed a law that mandated voter-verified paper ballots, a secu-

rity review of the source code of all voting systems and random audits.

Following passage of the law, only Nebraska-based Election Systems & Software (ES&S) retained certification to provide election equipment in the state,

At that time, Chatham County used a combination of equipment, according to Paschal — voters used a touch-screen machine during early voting and hand-marked ballots fed into a scanner on election day. Several years later, the county moved to use the ballot scanner for all voting. The touch-screen machines were phased

out in Chatham but are currently in use by other counties in North Carolina. The state legislature mandated that those machines will be decertified as of Dec. 1 of this year. Because of that, numerous counties are also in the market for new equipment.

For more than two years, the North Carolina Board of Elections has been working to certify ES&S and two additional companies, Clear Ballot and Hart InterCivic. Both Clear Ballot and Hart InterCivic sell machines that utilizes hand-marked ballots which are scanned and viewable by the voter. The voter is then able



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**A representative with Hart InterCivic gives a demonstration to Chatham County resident Terry Landers two weeks ago at a public demonstration. The county's Elections Board chose Hart InterCivic to recommend for purchase to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.**

to review their ballot to ensure the device accurately logged their votes. ES&S's equipment utilizes a "ballot-marking device" which means that the machine marks the paper ballot rather than the voter using a pen to mark it themselves. In addition, the ES&S equipment does not print a full-faced ballot for the voter, but rather it prints a "barcode ballot" which uses barcodes to record votes.

Voting advocates have been active during the certification process arguing that the ES&S models do not provide the voter with a true "voter verified" ballot. Despite the controversy and the public comment throughout the certification process, the N.C. Board of Elections voted 3-2 last month, with Chairman Damon Circosta, who was ap-

pointed by N.C. Governor Roy Cooper, siding with the Republican members of the board to certify all three companies.

In a communication to the N.C. State Board of Elections in August, Hart InterCivic President and CEO Phillip Braithwaite said the equipment has "successfully achieved eight federal certifications by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and has been thoroughly tested and certified in 19 states."

He also noted that the company also provides a "ballot-marking" device for voters with disabilities, but that the device "generates a full-size printed ballot that is identical to all other ballots marked by hand."

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# Koo-Day-Tah returns to Siler City

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Rock 'n' roll will take over downtown Siler City on Oct. 19 with the fourth annual Koo Day Tah celebration hosted by renowned custom guitar maker Terry C. McInturff and the N.C. Arts Incubator.

McInturff, through his company TCM guitars, has been designing custom guitars for rock 'n' roll legends for decades, first from a studio in Holly Springs and for the past 17 years at his studio in the N.C. Arts Incubator in Siler City. He said he used to "throw a big party every year" when his company was located in Holly Springs drawing fans from all over the country and as far away as Moscow and Tokyo. McInturff relocated to just outside of Sanford with his parents about 17 years ago in order to be close to them as they aged. The N.C. Arts Incubator offered him space and he's been there ever since.

"I missed getting people together for music and guitars," McInturff said.

He remembers "floating the idea" about bringing a similar event to Siler City more than four years ago. He said he didn't think the town would support the notion of closing down the streets for a "rock 'n' roll coup d'etat." But the town agreed, so he named the event the phonetic of the phrase, and Koo Day Tah was born.

"The first year was so much fun and every year since has been fun," McInturff said. "Each year more and more people come so I decided to make it a tradition. People come from other states too so I see familiar faces and new faces every year."

The event will feature four bands which will play at the Rotary Stage next to The Chatham Rabbit and the N.C. Arts Incubator beginning at 3 p.m. that Saturday. The bands include Radar's Clowns of Sedation and Orange counties, whose music the band describes on its Face-



Photo courtesy Joe Cohn and Sean Living-Water, photo assistant.

**Renowned custom guitar maker Terry McInturff (pictured) and the N.C. Arts Incubator will host the fourth annual Koo Day Tah celebration on Oct. 19 in Siler City.**

book page as "the blues kids used to sneak away from their parents to hear" and "the blues that used to get banned from the radio." Another band, Blood Red River, a Durham band that describes itself as "a mix of surf, rock, psych, punk and garage that creates a sound all of it's own."

Liam and the Nerdy Blues, a band from Central North Carolina, is a "dynamic, eclectic and diverse blues, soul, and funk trio that will also play the event." As is tradition, Dexter Romweber, a favorite of McInturff, will also hit the stage. Romweber is a Chapel Hill musician who plays in an American rockabilly/roots rock style. Romweber is a major influence for Jack White of the White Stripes, a Detroit band from Detroit which gained prominence and critical acclaim beginning in the early 2000's.

A portion of Chatham

Avenue and Second Street in Siler City will be closed to traffic during the event to accommodate concert goers, food trucks and beer from Chatham County's newest brewery Thirsty Skull, which is owned by the same owners as 580 Craft Beer in Pittsboro. The N.C. Arts Incubator will also be featuring art from Marcela Slade and Kay Blada Recycling will present art from Haiti. McInturff will also host a tour of his studio during the event.

The event will also feature a once-in-a-lifetime raffle of a custom TCM guitar McInturff is creating to benefit the N.C. Arts Incubator. McInturff notes that he typically only makes "Lamborghini" guitars, custom-built for guitar legends based on the sound they want the instrument to make. This includes specialty woods like mahogany, rosewood, maple,

ebony, and swamp ash, each creating its own sound. He has hand-crafted some of

the best guitars in the world for artists including Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page of Led Zeppe-

lin, Chuck Garvey of moe, and Dave Hildago of Los Lobos.

The raffle is a chance for aspiring guitar legends to have a legendary guitar aptly named "Siler City Exile #1." Only 200 raffle tickets will be sold for the chance to win the guitar which has an estimated valued of \$8,195. Single raffle tickets are \$100 or two for \$150. They are on sale now through October 19 and can be purchased by messaging N.C. Arts Incubator Facebook page. The drawing for the raffle will take place on December 6 and ticket purchasers do not have to be present to win.

McInturff is thrilled to give back to his adopted home town and the N.C. Arts Incubator.

"I count Siler City and the art community here as on of my greatest blessings," McInturff said. "I feel like I'm a part of a community. That's all new to me. I've never really been embraced by a community before. I feel blessed to be able to do something like this and to have the town embrace it."

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## If you're going

**WHAT:** 4th Annual Koo Day Tah

**WHERE:** Rotary Stage on N. Chatham Avenue in Siler City

**WHEN:** 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19

**EVENT CHARGE:** free

**BANDS:** Dexter Romweber, Radar's Clowns of Sedation, Blood Red River and Liam and the Nerdy Blues

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** \$100/ticket, two for \$150

**GUITAR DETAILS:** TCM Siler City Exile#1, Retail = \$8,195

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**MORE INFO:** Message N.C. Arts Incubator Facebook page



# CARAGNIS: ‘She is warm and encouraging, knowledgeable and creative’

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wrote that in 20 years overseeing the county’s nonprofit funding process, she “saw all sorts of executive directors.”

“Most believed passionately in their cause and were good advocates,” Paschal wrote. “That is certainly true of Kim, but she is unique among EDs I’ve worked with. Some are content to deliver the same services year after year and struggle to adapt to new clients, funding circumstances, and evidence of best practices. Kim could not be more different. She doesn’t just believe in providing services for at-risk youth, she constantly seeks new information and adapts herself and her agency to make sure the right services are provided to the right youth... If one strategy doesn’t work, Kim will find one that will. In a word, she is relentless in addressing the needs of at-risk youth.”

Paschal said there are “hundreds of adults in Chatham County who have gone on to have successful lives because of the tools CISCC/CT (Chatham County Together!, CIS’ predecessor in Chatham) gave them. One reason is that CISCC/CT intervened to guide them to a better life. Another reason is that Kim pushed the other agencies these youth were involved with to do a better job of serving them. It’s one thing to change an agency, but I can say that Kim has changed a community.”

In his nomination, Fox said Caraganis has been a leader in Chatham County for more than 20 years.

“In thinking of our official State Toast, I cannot imagine a better example of the ‘strong grow[ing] great’ than Kim, nor a more deserving or qualified example of exactly the kind of citizen we want all North Carolinians to be,” he said. “I admire her as a person and as a professional, and without any hesitation, recommend her to you for the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.”

For more than three decades, Caraganis has worked in health education, youth development and family advocacy, beginning as a community health project director at the rural Goldston Medical Center in 1987. Stints in Pittsboro followed — including working as health educator for Chatham’s Health Department — followed before joining Chatham County Together! in 1990. CCT eventually joined the national Communities In Schools and by 1998, Caraganis



Kim Caraganis, the executive director of Communities In Schools of Chatham County, receives the Order of the Long Leaf Pine — North Carolina’s highest civilian honor — from Rep. Robert Reives II (Dist. 54) at CIS’ annual meeting and 30th anniversary celebration Tuesday at the Fearrington Village Barn.

Staff photo by Bill Horner III

became executive director.

In accepting the award, a “shocked” Caraganis shared credit for the honor. “This group and the people I’ve worked with over the years are the ones who’ve make me look good,” she said.

Caraganis once wrote that she chose nonprofit work “because of a life-changing volunteer service as a new high school graduate during the summer of 1972 on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. This experience made me aware of the privilege I grew up with. Since then I’ve felt an obligation and a calling to work on behalf of people who did not have the opportunities I did.”

At CIS, she’s responsible for supervising seven full-time employees, overseeing an annual budget of over \$535,000, liaison work with CIS NC and program partners on community collaborations dedicated to youth health and welfare, and directing all fund-raising. CIS reaches more than 1,500

students in Chatham County annually through mentoring, family advocacy, community service and restitution (including Teen Court) and school-based programs in collaboration with Chatham County Schools.

In a biography of Caraganis submitted for the award, it was pointed out that for three decades, Caraganis has been heavily engaged in collaborative work to strengthen relationships between local nonprofits, local educators and social services providers, state authorities, and Chatham County Schools to support under-served children, youth, and families. In addition, she’s has been active in local and state organizations striving to consistently present an agency that is inclusive and supportive of anyone, regardless of background, in order to reflect the communities they serve.

Those who work with her will tell you that from serving as a member of the N.C. Center for Non-Profits to Chatham

READS to Chatham County Child Well Being Collaborative, among many more, Caraganis has had an immense impact on the people of Chatham County and North Carolina.

CIS board Chairman Joelle Brummitt-Yale said Caraganis “brings out the best in those she works with, so they can do their best work nurturing and supporting young people.

“She is warm and encouraging, knowledgeable and creative,” she said. “She uses these strengths to make sure that the children of Chatham County have the resources they need to thrive.”

CIS board member Paul Bauer added, “This award provides recognition by the governor of what a valuable community member we have here in Chatham County. Kim has continually shown her commitment to assisting our youth and families throughout her life and career.”

Beginning in 1963, North Carolina’s governors have reserved The Order of the Long Leaf Pine award for those who “have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments.” Those named to The Order become North Carolina “ambassadors” with their names and award dates recorded on a roster maintained by The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Society.

An accomplished musician, Caraganis is volunteers her time at the Shakori Hills Community Arts Center and has been an active parent volunteer in the Chatham County Schools. She also teachers yoga as a way to “offer healing and support to others.” Caraganis and her husband Lewie, have raised three sons and continue to live on the Rocky River in south central Chatham County. She’ll retire from CIS sometime in 2020.

In addition to the presentation, Tuesday’s annual meeting featured remarks from state Rep. Graig Meyer (D-Hillsborough) and a keynote presentation by actor and playwright Mike Wiley, along with the debut of a new promotional video outlining the work CIS does in Chatham County. Miriam Lyde, who as a student benefited from CIS’ services, also spoke.

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# HOSTAGE: ‘I got my gun out because when I saw them running’

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said — but the criminal case will either be handled by the state or federal courts. Crutchfield said the Pittsboro PD met with representatives from the U.S. Attorney’s office Tuesday morning and are waiting on the federal attorneys’ decision.

Two bank employees made separate calls to Chatham County’s 911 center immediately after the perpetrator — who identified himself as Laliberte — entered the bank.

“Someone is inside the credit union shooting,” one female caller — from here on, Caller No. 1 — told a 911 dispatcher. “He told us to get out. He’s in there with the branch manager.”

According to Caller No. 1 and Caller No. 2, also a female, a short white male either bald or balding entered the bank and asked to speak to a manager.

“He walked in, said he wanted to see a manager,” Caller No. 1 said. “(A bank employee) asked what it was regarding and he pulled out two guns and said, ‘This is what it’s regarding. Everybody get out. Except for the manager.’”

Both callers indicated that they thought the suspect’s weapons were not real guns. They looked like handguns, they said, but sounded different.

“He did shoot off a gun,” Caller No. 2 said. “It sounded more like a pop gun, but I don’t know what kind of gun it is.”

Caller No. 1 added that the weapon “sounded almost like a cap gun.”

The two callers were part of two separate groups calling from outside the building. Caller No. 1 said she was part of a three-person group standing near the bank’s drive-through lane, while Caller No. 2 indicated she was in a group of eight or nine people outside the building in a different area.

Outside the bank, a third caller — a male — told a 911 dispatcher that he saw a couple running out of the bank.

“I got my gun out because when I saw them running,” he said — he had earlier referred to carrying a “45.” “I thought they were the people that were robbing the bank.”

But they were customers, he said, running from the scene.

A third, longer call — slightly more than 50 minutes — made from inside the SECU reveal a remarkably calm branch manager Chris Woodard continually reassuring Laliberte while waiting for Trooper Cook, whom Laliberte specifically requested, to arrive on the scene.

An obviously nervous Woodard begins his call by providing his address and phone number to the operator. Woodard then interrupts the operator to say: “I’ve got two guns pointed at me.”

Woodard tells the operator — with obvious stress in his voice — “we need to get Trooper R.N. Cook here.” When the operator asks why, Woodard says: “I’ve got an individual here, who’s obviously distraught, and we need to listen to what he’s saying.”

Woodard tells the operator that shots had been fired inside the building, but that at that point he and Laliberte are the only people inside

the building. Woodard tells the operator that Laliberte possesses two handguns, both .32 automatics pistols, but stresses what Laliberte wants is to speak with Trooper Cook.

For the next 30 or so minutes, Woodard and the operator, who identifies herself as Heather, work to get information from a man who identified himself as Laliberte.

During multiple occasions in this recording, Woodard attempts to reassure Laliberte and calm him. “Look,” he said at one point, “we’ll get it taken care of.” At another point in the call, Woodard can be heard telling Laliberte, “Hey, look, Kevin, I don’t want you to hurt yourself either.” Woodard tells the operator that Laliberte is “being reasonable. He just wants to talk to Mr. Cook.” And at another time, Woodard says to Laliberte, “Take a deep breath, take a deep breath... I know you are; we’ll get you through it.”

Laliberte can apparently be heard on a couple of

occasions crying.

At another point in the recording, Woodard asks the operator for her name. She tells him.

“Heather,” he says, “Kevin’s been straight up with me, I’ve been straight up with him, and I want you guys to be straight up with us.”

When asked why he requested Trooper Cook — who eventually arrived on the scene, but after a point in the recordings provided to the News + Record ended — specifically, Laliberte can be heard to say, “He’s the only one I’m turning myself over to. I’m not walking out of here alive without him.”

When Cook arrives, Laliberte tells Woodard — who relays the information to the operator — he’ll lay down and put his two guns away.

Laliberte appears to grow frustrated while waiting for Trooper Cook and can be heard re-emphasizing to Woodard that he’ll only talk — and surrender to — Cook; according to Woodard, Laliberte

says he’s going to kill himself if he doesn’t turn himself in.

Not long after, Woodard encourages Laliberte again, asking him to calm down.

“Listen, man,” he says, “I’m in here with you. The last thing I want is for that damn gun to go off.”

Throughout the 50-minute 9-1-1 call, Woodard serves as a go-between for Laliberte and the operator. The operator asks Woodard to find out why Laliberte is asking for Cook, whom he calls “a fair trooper.” Laliberte says he just needs to “ask [Cook] a question” then he will lay down his guns and surrender, but never tells Woodard or the operator why.

Numerous times, Woodard asks Laliberte to move a gun that he has pointed at his own head, while asking him not to hurt himself. At other points, Laliberte becomes highly agitated, cursing and making threats mostly toward himself. Each time, Woodard is able to calm him down.

After Cook arrives on

the scene, but prior to entering the SECU, the operator attempts to have Laliberte talk to Cook on the phone. Laliberte refuses loudly shouting, “I want to see his face” and saying, “I’m not going to hurt him” The operator then tells Woodard that protocols are in place to make sure Cook is safe. Woodard again calms Laliberte.

“He doesn’t want to hurt me or Trooper Cook,” Woodard said to the operator. “And I don’t want him to hurt himself, he’s got the gun to his head right now. I think I can get him to lay down right now.”

Woodard then calmly asks Laliberte to lay down so that Cook can feel safe entering, which he does. Laliberte slides one of his guns away from him while keeping the other to his own head. At that point, the 911 recording obtained by Chatham News + Record cuts off.

The 911 recordings provided to the News + Record can be heard on the newspaper’s website at [www.chathamnewsrecord.com](http://www.chathamnewsrecord.com).

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IN ACTION FRIDAY NIGHT IN SILER CITY

Carrboro exploits youthful  
Jets on ground and in air



Carrboro’s Jake Adams chases Jordan-Matthews’ Jayden Davis down the field in the fourth quarter of their game last Friday in Siler City. Carrboro defeated the Jets 42-6.

**BY DUCK DUCKSON**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Exploiting a youthful Jordan-Matthews squad both on the ground and through the air, Carrboro combined a balanced offensive attack with a stingy defense that recorded 13 tackles behind the line of scrimmage while allowing the Jets only four first downs as the Jaguars romped to a 42-6 non-conference victory last week at Phil E. Senter Stadium.

Posting its third straight win over J-M in a series that began in 2013, Carrboro improved to 4-1 for the year, while Jordan-Matthews, which still holds a 4-3 all-time advantage over the Jaguars, fell to 1-4 for the season.

“One positive we can take away from this game is we had a lot of young kids who got some quality reps against a good team,” said Jordan-Matthews coach Sam Spencer said, “and hopefully that will benefit us as we open our conference schedule next week at High Point Andrews.”

Jowan Murdaugh rushed for

a game-high 114 yards on eight carries, including scoring dashes of 64 and five yards, while T.K. Paisant completed 10-of-15 passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns, both to Dorian Stone, as Carrboro finished the night with 222 yards rushing and 230 passing yards.

Jaguars backup quarterback Jake Adams connected on three-of-seven passes for 99 yards despite being intercepted twice and ran for one score, while brother Luke Adams was Carrboro’s leading receiver with five catches for 119 yards.

“J-M loaded the box early in an attempt to stop our ground game, so we took what they gave us and played some throw-and-catch to loosen up the defense,” said Jaguars’ coach Ken Lathan. “I was pleased with our consistency on offense both running and passing the ball, while defensively I thought we did a good job limiting their yardage by containing their dives and sweeps.”

Jacquez Thompson was the Jets’ leading ground-gainer with 33 yards on nine totes as Jordan-Matthews was limited to

110 total yards of offense. Calvin Schwartz connected on three-of-10 tosses for 38 yards and was picked off twice, while Thompson completed a halfback option pass for 27 yards.

“Penalties killed us tonight,” Sam Spencer said. “We had two touchdowns (a 67-yard run by Thompson just before halftime and a 90-yard Jayden Davis interception return late in the third quarter) wiped out by holding calls, and several times we had drives stalled due to costly mistakes. Carrboro managed to stop our outside game early, then they shut down the middle. They just did a great job controlling the line of scrimmage.”

Starting from their own 35 after receiving the opening kickoff, the Jaguars scored on the second play of their initial series when Murdaugh burst up the gut through the Jets’ defense 64 yards to the end zone before Luke Adams, who was a perfect six-for-six on extra-point kicks, split the uprights to put Carrboro in front 7-0 just 61

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Leading the pack

Woods Charters’ Maddie Sparrow leads a group of cross country runners down the trail during last Thursday’s cross conference meet at Wood’s Charter High School. Eight schools participated in the event, a 3.1 mile course through a variety of terrains and conditions. The Woods Charter girls team took second place in the meet.

5 get the call for  
Northwood Athletics  
Hall of Fame

**BY DON BEANE**  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Northwood High School Athletics Hall of Fame will gain five members prior to the Chargers’ football game against Cedar Ridge High School at 7 p.m. Friday.

The 2019 class includes Ronald Brooks, Kathryn Dispennette, Bill Hall, Tobias Palmer and Will Shambley.

Brooks was a stand-out offensive tackle for Northwood, distinguishing himself as an all-con-

ference performer for two years, all-county for two years and all-state during his senior season.

Also a star on the baseball diamond as a third-baseman for Northwood’s baseball squad, Brooks made the all-conference team for three years, all-county for three years and was the conference player of the year in 1977.

“I took great pride in wearing the green and gold,” Brooks said. “I wanted to represent

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Pittsboro’s  
Randall  
records first  
collegiate goal

**BY DON BEANE**  
News + Record Staff

LYNCHBURG, VA — Pittsboro’s Ella Randall recorded the first collegiate goal of her young career Friday afternoon in Lynchburg, Virginia, as Randolph College defeated Johnson and Wales of Charlotte 5-2 at Wildcat Stadium.

The wins lifts Randall’s record to 3-1-2 on the season. Johnson and Wales drops to 2-3-1.

Randall’s goal came at the 82:20 mark of the contest when the freshman midfielder aggressively attacked the back end of the Johnson and Wales defense and received a pass from Makenzie Collins before depositing the ball into the net to send the host Wildcats up 5-1.

Randolph College was firmly in control of the game from the outset and in the 11th minute Sara Bane got the Wildcats on the scoreboard for a 1-0 advantage.

Less than five minutes later, Bane scored again off an assist from Marisa Santacruce as the Randolph lead leaped to 2-0.

Brook Ford got in on the action with a solo score in the 35th minute for the first goal of her career to send the Wildcats in front 3-0 at the intermission.

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NORTH WAKE 42, CHATHAM CENTRAL 20

Saintly performance by  
Nemitz propels North Wake  
over Chatham Central

**BY ATTICUS CROTHERS**  
News + Record Correspondent

BEAR CREEK — Sherman Howze noticed. The Chatham Central coach could sense the strong bond that the North Wake Saints quarterback had with his coach.

“You can tell if a dad’s coaching a kid,” Howze said. “He’s probably worked with that kid for so long.”

Ryan Nemitz has, in fact, coached his son Ian’s teams for 10 years running. So the elder Nemitz wasn’t surprised when Ian torched the Bears defense in a 42-20 Saints win at Chatham Central on Friday night.

Nemitz piled up 210 passing yards and two touchdowns to go along with 77 yards and a touchdown on the ground as North Wake improved to 2-2 with the win, while the Bears dropped to 0-5.

“We’ve been improving and improving,” Ryan Nemitz said. “I think this week just showed that we are playing the way we’re supposed to play.”

The Saints offense began clicking quickly, as Ian Nemitz led a 12-play, 75-yard drive, culminating in a 14-yard floated pass to Joshua Pryor in the back of the end zone to make it 7-0 with 7:50 remaining in the first quarter.

Chatham Central struck back just under five minutes later when quarterback Michael Moore found Hunter Strickland on a 29-yard strike down the sideline, bringing the score to 7-6. But that was as close as the Bears would get, as North Wake scored four unan-



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Central’s Tyler Oldham takes a handoff and scrambles for yardage against the North Wake Saints defensive lineman Jackson White last Friday.

swered touchdowns in a 7-minute span to put the game firmly out of reach.

The first score came as Nemitz, smoothly operating the offense as one would expect from a coach’s son, directed the Saints down the field again and pitched to Jerron Harper on a 2-yard sweep to bring the score to 14-6 with 9:46 to go in the second quarter.

North Wake’s next possession saw

the Saints march 80 yards in just five plays, scoring on a 33-yard slant from Nemitz to Jackson White to extend the lead to 21-6.

“The short passes were there, long passes, run, all of it was sort of opened up,” Ian Nemitz said.

Moore was intercepted by Van Jack-

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# Olympic Channel stirs up some fond sports memories of glorious past



DON BEANE  
Sports Editor

In recent years, I’ve frequently been quick to assert that the younger generation has it made when it comes to viewing sports. Football, basketball and baseball games seem to be on 24/7 nowadays with virtually all games televised or live-streamed.

Only in the past month have I began to rethink this assumption a bit, primarily due to my discovery of the Olympic Channel. During that short span of time I’ve watched sports such as the World Championships in Greco Wrestling this past weekend in Kazakhstan as well as archery, rhythmic gymnastics, badminton, ping pong and, even as I type at 1 am on now Tuesday morning, I’m watching World Championship Road Cycling taking place in Chengdu, China.

So how did all this make me rethink how great sports were as a child? Well, it’s what I feel was a greater appreciation of sports as well as a more rounded viewing of a wide range of sporting events.

Pretty much when I was a kid, you watched whatever was on and you loved it. I know, that sounds like Dana Carvey’s “Grumpy Old Man” character on “Saturday Night Live” decades ago, but it’s true. You watched games and sporting events religiously and were always left with a thirst for more.

I’m talking about an era when a college football game was shown on Saturday afternoon, and if you were lucky, one on Saturday night. Two NFL games were shown on Sunday and one on Monday Night Football. Basketball, well in college you had a Jefferson Pilot Game of the Week featuring two ACC teams, and then local/national games on Saturday and Sunday. Baseball, well, it was Saturday during the day and Monday Night Baseball — yes, Monday Night Baseball.

In a way, all this seems agonizing right now considering when I think about it since we can see any game we want in the present day. But honestly, it made you so thankful, fo-

cused and tuned in to each and every game that you watched every play, regardless if your team was playing or not (more often than not they would not be), and at halftime, you went out side and played the game until the second half started. To this day, I’m 100 percent certain I shot the 1983 North Carolina State basketball team past Sydney Green and UNLV in that famous game which the Cardiac Pack had to rally on that crisp and sunny spring day on Sunday, March 20, before eventually going on to win the National Championship over the Phi Slamma Jamma Houston Cougars.

And the teams were absolutely loaded back then before Free Agency kicked in. The Pittsburgh Steelers, Dallas Cowboys, Oakland Raiders to name a few, and the play wasn’t for the faint of heart, certainly much more brutal than the games of today that appear more like touch football. In baseball there was the Yankees, the Big Red Machine in Cincinnati, the LA Dodgers, the Boston Red Sox. Basketball with Julius Irving and the Sixers, the great Boston and LA teams, and then Jordan winning the title at UNC, and later taking Chicago to the top of the mountain. And again, not for the faint of heart, the Detroit Pistons - can you imagine Lebron driving down the lane against that group (insert laughing emoji)? The millennials may go into shock at what would happen.

So far, I’ve touched on the big three sports, but I did say more rounded, and that appreciation came from us wanting more and more of sports during that time, because as stated earlier, viewing those big three were sports were obviously limited.

What that did, however, was provide time for other sports to take the limelight. I remember spending nights over at the family of David Hart, and the Dave Man loved all sports, including tennis, specifically the U.S. Open and Wimbledon. And since he watched it, us young rugrats did as well, and what a time it was. Bjorn Borg, Arthur Ashe, Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Boris Becker, Billy Jean King, Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova — it was awesome.

That’s just the tip. The wrestling was second to none with Black Jack

Mulligan, Andre the Giant, Tony Atlas, Ric Flair, Ricky Steamboat, Wahoo McDaniel, Rufus Jones, Ernie Ladd, Dusty Rhodes, I could go on and on. You simply could not wait for the likes of Georgia Championship Wrestling on Saturday morning.

And who could forget the Wide World of Sports with virtually anything you could think of from strong man competitions to cliff diving to ping pong to surfing to demolition derbies to downhill skiing, you name it, that show had it.

On Sunday afternoons in the spring kids would gather around the television and watch The Professional Putters Tour, aka Putt Putt. It was held right here in North Carolina and actually began in 1959 in Fayetteville with the prize winner earning a free trip to Miami.

Hockey and soccer were also exciting during those times, with the World Cup coming on PBS every four years, and the Olympic Hockey, just awesome. The Miracle on Ice is still the most incredible sport’s memory of my life.

Then there was Evel Knievel. I mean, get out of here, that man was in a category all by himself. The excitement he generated for us kids was second to none, though it’s a wonder some of us weren’t killed or maimed after emulating him.

Bill Dance and the bass fishing tournaments were also a treat, as was Richard Petty and NASCAR.

It’s really hard to put into words what an incredible time that was to grow up with such a variety of sports. I’m not saying that I would change the present day and being able to see any game I desire to. I appreciate that, I really do. I just encourage kids to not always view the norm, take time to tune in to such channels like the Olympic Channel, the Hardwood Classic games on the NBA Network, or any of the Wide World of Sports shows — YouTube is incredible for being able to look back at these times. Take a gander of the sports world outside the box from time to time. It makes you more well-rounded, and will probably surprise you at how much fun it is to add some variety to your sporting life.

## PROPELS

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son on the ensuing drive, setting up North Wake with great field position. Three plays later, the Saints capitalized when Jonathan Nichols busted through the left side of the line for a 35-yard rushing touchdown with 3:16 to go before the half.

Jackson kicked the extra point, then recovered his own onside kick, which set up White for a 34-yard touchdown run just 41 seconds after the previous score to boost the lead to 35-6.

Chatham Central committed seven penalties in the first half, largely stifling its attack. But the Bears managed one more score before the break when Moore found Strickland again, this time from 24 yards out on a skinny post. Tailback Riley Lagenor, who led Chatham Central with 12 carries for 79 yards, forced his way into the end zone for the 2-point conversion to make it 35-14 at the half.

“Riley is a great kid,” Howze said. “We ask him to do a lot. He’s just a strong kid. He’s got a big heart and he loves the game.”

Moore threw another interception coming out of the half, giving North Wake great field position once again. On third down, Nemitz made a cutback and broke several tackles for a 23-yard touchdown run.

“There was absolutely nothing going through my head,” the quarterback said. “I was really confused when I bounced off my own teammate. When you’re playing a game and people are trying to hit you your instincts kind of kick in and you just go.”

Howze called Nemiz a “very shifty kid.”

“That’s what we talked about all week, that he would pull it and run it,” the Chatham Central coach said. “He made plays.”

Moore led a long drive on the ensuing series and found the end zone on a 1-yard quarterback sneak for the final score of the game with 4:10 remaining in the third quarter.

Chatham Central has now been outscored by a combined 136 points in five games this season.

“It’s all about effort,” Howze said. “Right now we’re struggling. We’ve just got to get it together.”

Ian Nemitz, meanwhile, is proving he belongs as the quarterback of the defending Homeschool Football League champions.

“It’s just a joy coaching Ian and I enjoyed seeing him do so well in the game,” Ryan Nemitz said. “I’m very proud of him.”

As a homeschool program, the Saints have no team bus. So Ryan and Ian Nemitz, no longer coach and quarterback, but now just father and son, left the field together and walked out to their car.

“We’re going to eat,” the father said of the Nemitzs’ postgame plans. “We’re going to stop to eat because he’s always hungry.”

# Chatham on the Gridiron - Week 6

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

### FROM THE BEAR’S DEN

**This week:** Chatham Central (0-5) travels to Albemarle (0-4). Kickoff: 7:30 pm at Albemarle High School, Bulldogs Stadium.

**Head Coach:** Richard Davis

**Last year:** (4-3, 4-7; 1A Yadkin Valley Conference)

**Leading returnees for Albemarle:** QB Antonio Burns, RB Julius Smith, WR Manaurian Hall, OT Unique Cavalho, OLB Jylukus Hyatt, CB Kyshawn Mouton, MLB Jaylen Ridenhour.

**Last week:** North Wake 42, Chatham Central 20; Union Pines 36, Albemarle 3

**Last meeting:** Albemarle 55, Chatham Central 0 last year

**Notable:** 1A Yadkin Valley Conference opener for both teams.

**Game keys:** The contest will provider a first-time

winner for one team on Friday night as both squads have gotten off to disappointing starts. One thing’s for sure in facing the Blue Bulldogs — the Bears will have to contain the speed. Albemarle can take it to the house on any play and the likes of Burns, Smith and Hall are all homerun hitters. Cavalho is a good one at OT as the 6’5, 270 lineman may be best in the league this fall. Hyatt, Mouton and Ridenhour lead an aggressive defense that’s struggled at getting off the field at times this fall, and has been susceptible to big plays. Sustaining drives and forcing some Albemarle turnovers will go a long ways in determining the outcome of the game.

**From the coaches:** Bears coach Sherman Howze said his team will have to “come out motivated and ready to play. It’s the first conference game of the year so we are treating it like a new season. That’s our mentality going in.”

### ON CHARGER BOULEVARD

**This week:** Northwood (1-3) is hosting Cedar Ridge (0-4). Kickoff: 7 p.m. at Northwood High School, Chargers Stadium.

**Head Coach:** Torrean Hinton

**Last year:** (No team; 3A Big Eight Conference)

**Leading returnees:** QB William Berger, RB Isaiah McCambry, WR K.J. Barnes, LB Braedon Thompson, DT Javon McKivers, DB Brandon Poteat, DE Braxton Mergenthal.

**Last week:** Northwood was off; Providence Grove 42, Cedar Ridge 6

**Last meeting:** Northwood 48, Cedar Ridge 20 in 2017

**Notable:** Cedar Ridge didn’t field a team in 2018 and the Red Wolves are virtually a junior varsity roster this fall. Northwood will induct five new members to its Athletic Hall of Fame which should have the Chargers crowd excited and ready. 3A Big Eight Conference opener for both teams.

**Game keys:** Simply put, Northwood needs to show up ready to play and to show no sluggishness from the bye week. The Chargers enter on a high after a beat down of Western Harnett two weeks ago, and if they are focused, will win handily. Northwood is the better team, and Deuce Powell, Aaron Ross and Justin Brower should run roughshod all night. Defensively, Northwood needs to stuff what has been an anemic Cedar Ridge offense which comes in averaging just six points per game. Winning the field position battle would mean a lot of success for the green and gold on Friday evening.

### IN THE JET HANGAR

**This week:** Jordan-Matthews (1-4) is traveling to High Point on Friday night to battle T.W. Andrews (3-1) Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. at Simeon Stadium.

**Head Coach:** Mitchell Jenkins

**Last year:** (2-4, 3-8; 2A PAC 7 Conference)

**Last week:** Carrboro 42, Jordan-Matthews 6; HP Andrews 29, HP Central 28

**Last meeting:** HP Andrews 62, Jordan-Matthews 7 last year

**Leading returnees:** QB Jenoah McIver, RB Trey Lindsay, WR Kenel Barrett, DE Montez Archie, DT Jakohe Moman, DT Antonio Peak, MLB Marcel Bailey.

**Notable:** Friday night will be the 2A PAC 7 Conference opener for both teams. HP Andrews and Jordan-Matthews are both under first-year coaches.

**Game keys:** Simeon Stadium is a beautiful place to play and Jordan-Matthews will have to be ready, because the Red Raiders of Andrews are battle-tested already this season, including a 29-28 win over rival HP Central last Friday night. Jordan-Matthews will have to hold on to the football, sustain drives, eliminate big plays and

force turnovers to have a shot. Andrews is one of the favorites to win the conference this season.

**From the coach:** J-M’s Sam Spencer said his team must “tackle well. If you miss assignments against Andrews, they will score and fast. Take care of the football on offense and find away to sustain drives and put the ball in the end zone. Our kids are battling. I just want us to go up there and compete for four quarters on Friday night.”

## CARRBORO

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seconds into the contest.

Regaining possession at their own 25 following a J-M punt two minutes into the second period, the Jaguars marched 75 yards in seven plays to forge a 14-0 advantage when Paisant capped the drive with a 26-yard touchdown strike over the middle to Stone with 8:09 left in the first half.

After a failed fourth-down Jordan-Matthews gamble at the Carrboro 25 turned the ball over to the Jaguars with 4:30 to go prior to intermission, the winners mounted a five-play scoring drive climaxed by Paisant’s 18-yard toss to Stone in the left front corner of the end zone to extend the margin to 21-0 with 2:22 remaining until halftime.

Then with less than a minute before the break, Thompson broke loose around the right side for an apparent 67-yard TD scamper, but the score was negated by a holding penalty that resulted in the Jets restarting from their own 23.

Following a failed fourth-down J-M gamble at the Carrboro 48 two minutes into the second half, the Jaguars moved 52 yards in six plays to increase their lead to 28-0 when Murdaugh concluded the drive by scooting wide left the last five yards to the goal line with 8:15 to go in the third quarter.

Tim Rogers-Neal’s 20-yard return of a Jordan-Matthews’ punt to the Carrboro 45 three minutes later set in motion a three-play scoring march, highlighted by consecutive runs of 26 and 25 yards by Rogers-Neal and Murdaugh, respectively, prior to Jake Adams crashing the final four yards off left tackle to boost the Jaguars’ advantage to 35-0 with 4:38 remaining in the period.

Exactly four minutes later Jets’ defensive back Jayden Davis appeared to register a pick-six when he stole a Jake Adams pass at the J-M 10 and outran his pursuit down the near sideline to the end zone only to have his score nullified by a holding call that caused Jordan-Matthews to begin its next possession at its own 16.

Starting its next series from the Jets’ 46 following a J-M punt two minutes into the fourth quarter, Carrboro traveled the distance to score in five plays, with Rogers-Neal finishing off the drive with a three-yard run around the left side to stretch the Jaguars’ lead to 42-0 with 8:31 to play.

Jordan-Matthews managed to avoid its second shutout of the season with three-and-a-half minutes remaining on the clock when free safety Luke Fuller made a perfect read on a pass thrown into the left flat by Carrboro third-string quarterback Calvin Martin and streaked 55 yards to pay dirt with his interception to account for the final spread.

## GOAL

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Randolph continued to dominate in the second half as Sidney Keyes scored the first goal of her career at the 52:18 mark to up the led to 4-0 in favor of the yellow and black.

That set up the final Randolph College goal by Randall to increase the Wildcat advantage to a commanding 5-0 count.

Johnson and Wales University notched its first score at 84:44 with a goal from Jaedan Smith before the visiting Wildcats tallied again with its second goal of the day at 87:34 on a penalty kick by Lana Truese.

Goalkeeping duties were split between Zoe Waring and Deaven Milam for Randolph College with Waring getting the start and the win while Milam came in the second half and stopped two shots to earn a save.

Randolph had a 16-7 edge in shots and doubled up JWU in shots on goal10-5. Both teams recorded two corner kicks each.

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# NCHSAA warns of vaping crisis

**BY DR. KARISSA L. NIEHOFF**  
NFHS Executive Director

The issue of vaping has reached a crisis stage across the United States, and leaders in our nation's schools must take immediate steps to stop the use of these electronic cigarette products by our nation's youth – particularly the more than 12 million participants in high school athletics and performing arts programs.

On Tuesday, CBS News reported that Kansas health officials confirmed the first death in that state linked to vaping. The CBS News release stated that last week, officials in Indiana, California and Min-

nesota reported deaths in their states linked to vaping. Previous deaths had been reported in Illinois and Oregon.

Yesterday, the Associated Press reported that public health officials confirmed two people in Idaho had developed a serious lung disease linked to vaping. The outbreak of vaping-related lung disease has sickened about 450 people in at least 33 states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), causing the CDC to urge people to consider stopping vaping as the number of cases of severe lung illnesses continues to rise.

In February 2019, the CDC reported a 78 percent increase in high

school students vaping from 2017 to 2018. Youth e-cigarette use has been called an epidemic by major public health officials.

Students in our nation's schools have been sold a false bill of goods that vaping is a safe alternative to cigarette smoking – particularly by industry giant JUUL, which held a 76 percent share of the e-cigarette market at the end of 2018 and has wooed the youth market with its products that contain flavors such as cotton candy, chocolate, gummy bear, strawberry and many others.

While the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is giving e-cigarette companies until sometime next year to demonstrate that their

products can help people stop smoking cigarettes, leaders in our nation's school activities programs must do everything possible to stop the use of these products by our nation's youth now – not in 2020.

One educational tool that schools can use immediately is the online course "Understanding Vaping and E-Cigarettes" created by the NFHS with support from the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General. The free course is available on the NFHS Learning Center at [www.NFHSLearn.com](http://www.NFHSLearn.com).

Several articles related to vaping will appear in the September issue of High School Today, which will be posted this week on the NFHS website ([www.NFHS.org](http://www.NFHS.org)).



Staff photo by David Bradley

## Saints declaw the bears

**North Wake Saints' Jonathan Nichols, Chris Humes and their teammate surround Chatham Centrals' Hunter Strickland to block a pass on third down. The final score was 42-20.**

## FAME

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my school, town and community to the best of my ability. Northwood athletics taught me toughness and to compete with great intensity in everything I do. I was also very fortunate to have great men as coaches in my life. Coach Horton, Coach Tilley, Coach Arthur and Coach Shaw were all great men that had a positive effect in my life."

Brooks graduated from Northwood in 1977 and matriculated to what would become Chowan University. The school was a junior college when Brooks was there playing both football and baseball. At Chowan, Brooks was all-Region 10 in football and participated in the North/South Region 10 All-Star Game in 1979.

In baseball, he was Chowan's most valuable player and made the all-region team.

Brooks moved on to Campbell University, emerging during his senior season in 1981 as the baseball team's most valuable player. He finished his career with a .375 batting average.

In 2016, Brooks earned a bachelor's degree in biblical studies from Bethel Bible College.

The former Northwood star has coached the junior varsity baseball team at Northwood and for two seasons was the assistant coach for the varsity

baseball team. He spent 12 years coordinating the football team's offense and coaching its offensive linemen.

Brooks, a dispatcher for Pilgrim's Pride in Sanford, said he plans to continue serving his community, which could include establishing his own ministry in the near future.

Dispennette was a standout for Northwood in soccer, cross country and both the indoor and outdoor track teams. Her Northwood records in the 5K, 3,200-meter and 1,600-meter races still stand and she was all-state in cross country in 2007 and was the indoor track state-champion in the 3,200-meter run in 2009.

After graduating from Northwood in 2009, Dispennette matriculated to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she was an Academic All-American in cross country and both outdoor and indoor track.

In 2013, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and also earned one in psychology. Dispennette earned a master's degree in kinesiology from Western Kentucky University in 2018 and is pursuing a doctorate in that field of study from Ohio State University.

"Northwood athletics has opened many doors for me, specifically allowing me to run cross country and track at UNCW, where I then discovered my love for academia and

research," Dispennette said. "Being on a team every year in high school gave me the dedication, confidence and teamwork skills needed to succeed in life."

Bill Hall won more games as Northwood's head football coach than anyone in school history with a 114-64 career.

"For 14-plus years, not a day went by where I didn't take the time to think and write down what I could do to make the Charger football program better," Hall said. "Northwood football was my life. I was consumed with it. To this day, the Charger football program means the world to me."

He served Northwood's director of athletics for eight years, coached the varsity football team for 28 years, coached the softball team for two years, coached the girls basketball team for two years and coached the golf team for a year.

But the football field is where Hall set himself apart. The Southern Pines native was one of the most successful head football coaches in the history of Chatham County. He said his teams never lost in overtime or in the rain because he regularly had his guys practice for those situations.

Hall's Chargers won three conference championships and for five consecutive seasons made it to the third round of the state playoffs while his players competed in the Shrine Bowl and the NCCA East-West All-Star Game.

A 1988 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Hall was selected to coach with the NCCA West staff in 2016 and prided himself on positioning his student-athletes to play college sports and earn degrees.

In 2006, Palmer set Northwood records with 35 total touchdowns including 28 rushing touchdowns. In 2005, he had 503 all-purpose yards against Carrboro High School, is Northwood's career rushing leader with 4,708 yards and 82 touchdowns — 70 of those scores on the ground.

Palmer also excelled in track and field, in 2006 legging it out for a state championship in the 100-meter dash.

"Northwood athletics was a start to create my platform and gaining a positive image of myself, family and friends," said Palmer, who in 2019 returned to Northwood as an educator and assistant football coach. "Northwood made an impact on my life to continue to strive and go get what I want in life."

Following his career at Northwood, Palmer played football under head coach Tom O'Brien at North Carolina State University, where he set a single-game Atlantic Coast Conference record with 496 all-purpose yards against Clemson. That mark ranks third in the NCAA. Palmer also is the second all-time leading kick returner in the NCAA and is first in the ACC with 1,396 return yards.

Palmer would graduate from N.C. State and sign as an undrafted free agent with the Jacksonville Jaguars. He also had stints with the San Diego Chargers, New Orleans Saints, Buffalo Bills, Pittsburgh Steelers and Carolina Panthers. His last season of professional football was with the Birmingham Iron in the Alliance of American Football.

Shambley is a 1993 Northwood graduate who distinguished himself as a state champion in wrestling. During his senior season, he emerged as state champ with a 34-0 record in the 189-pound weight class. For his career Shambley was 97-22.

Shambley said Northwood coach Darrel Bradshaw was influential in his development.

"Coach Bradshaw went above and beyond the call of a teacher or coach," he said. "He drove us all over the state and spent countless hours and used his own gas to take us to camps. I credit him with instilling the values that enabled me to succeed at Northwood, Penn and life."

Shambley's hard work and dedication both on the mat and in the classroom landed him an opportunity at the University of Pennsylvania. He wrestled four seasons in the Ivy League, even grappling as a heavyweight for the Quakers, before graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering.

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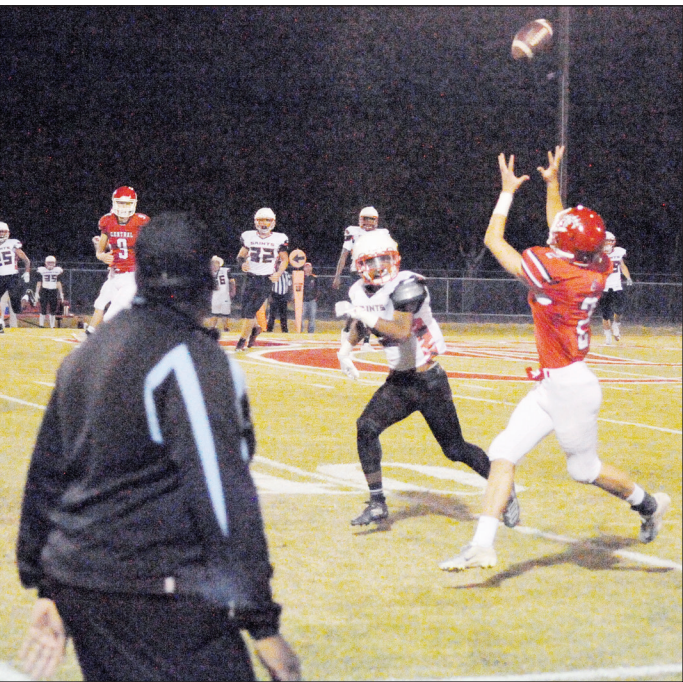
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**North Wake Saints' Dominic Mastroianni defends against a long bomb to Chatham Central's Tyler Oldham in their game in Bear Creek last Friday. The Bears went down 42-20, their fifth loss of the season.**

**Jordan-Matthews' Erik Mendoza gets the goal in last Wednesday's match against Eastern Randolph in Siler City. The Jets won the match 7-1.**

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**Woods Charter's Chloe Richardson (front) leads a Cornerstone Academy runner through the trees in the back of her home school in last Thursday's cross-conference cross country meet between eight schools. The girls' team took second place in the match.**



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**Woods Charter's Mac Czyzewski keeps his eyes on the ball as teammate Caleb Jackson collides with Chatham Charters' Jagger Cole in their Sept. 16 game in Chapel Hill. Wood's Charter defeated the Knights 6-2.**



**Jordan-Matthews' Jacquez Thompson watches as his teammate Calvin Schwartz comes out of the backfield past the line of scrimmage to get through the defense of Carrboros' T. K. Paisant last Friday in Siler City. Schwartz was brought down after a few yards gained.**

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**Woods Charter's Elijah Heatherington sandwiches the ball with teammate Kyle Howarth as Chatham Charter's Cameron Turner looks on. Wood's Charter had the home field advantage in their Sept. 16 game, and defeated Chatham Charter 6-2.**

**Chatham Central's cheerleaders get the crowd going early in the first half of last Friday's game against the North Wake Saints.**

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**Woods Charter's Primo Costa follows the cross country path through uneven terrain and hot weather in last Thursday's cross-conference meet in Chapel Hill. The home team advantage worked its magic, with the boy's team winning the match with seven other teams.**



# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Jorge San Juan Tolentino, 22, of Goldston, was charged September 13 with first degree statutory liberties with a child and sexual battery. He was held under a \$250,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Curtis Matthews, 64, of Siler City, was charged September 13 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,500 bond with a September 17 court date in Siler City.

Jerome Little, 68, of Siler City, was charged September 13 with possession of a firearm by a felon, assault by pointing a fun, assault on a female and failure to appear. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Amber Lewis, 37, of Sanford, was charged September 15 for assault on a government official, assault on a government official/employee, resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer and injury to personal property. She was held under a combined \$5,000 bond with an October 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Misty Mashburn, 42, of Staley, was charged September 16 for violation of a conditional release order. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with a September 18 court date in Pittsboro.

Carissa Sutton, 27, of Siler City, was charged September 16 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$350 court date with a November 25 court date in Graham.

Franklin Birchett, 51, of Pittsboro, was charged September 17 with stalking, cyberstalking and five counts of violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Shawn Busenlehner, 29, of Siler City, was charged September 17 with burglary/breaking and entering, destruction/damage/

vandalism of property and probation violation out of county. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with a September 24 court date in Siler City. He was also charged September 18 with driving under the influence and held under a \$300 bond with an October 22 court date in Siler City.

Kevin Laliberte, 54, of Pittsboro, was charged September 17 with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was an October 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Todd Lyght Jr., 33, of Chapel Hill, was charged September 18 with failure to appear-child support. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a September 27 court date in Pittsboro.

Alfred Creque, 41, of Siler City, was charged September 18 with probation violation, illegal use/possession of food stamps, possession of stolen goods/property, obtaining property by false pretense and buying/selling/distributing food stamps. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a September 23 court date in Chatham County.

Paul Jones Jr., 61, of Pittsboro, was charged September 18 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$300 bond with a September 25 court date in Pittsboro.

Lateesha Utley, 36, of Pittsboro, was charged September 18 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$500 bond with an October 21 court date in Pittsboro.

Xavier Clayton, 27, of Sanford, was charged September 19 with attempted first-degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling or moving vehicle and going armed to the terror of the people. He was held under no bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Ladonya Kelly, 25, of Greensboro, was charged September 19 with identity theft, financial card fraud, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and misdemeanor larceny. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with an October 7 court date

in Pittsboro.

Ruben Perez Corona, 27, of Siler City, was charged September 19 with failure to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with an October 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Bruce Neal, of New Hill, was charged September 19 with assault by strangulation, assault on a female and communicating threats. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Carson Williams, 54, of Eagle Springs, was charged September 19 with criminal contempt. He was held under no bond.

Geoffrey Evans, 41, of Pittsboro, was charged September 19 with assault by strangulation, assault with a deadly weapon, second-degree kidnapping, assault on a female, communicating threats, intimidating a witness, interfering with emergency communications and injury to personal property. He was held under no bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Ricky Looney, 51, of Pittsboro, was charged September 20 with trespassing of real property. He was released on a written promise with an October 23 court date in Pittsboro.

Steven Bear, 35, of Chapel Hill, was charged September 20 for larceny and failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with separate October 7 and October 22 court dates in Durham.

Justin Maness, 31, of Siler City, was charged September 20 with violation of pretrial release. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Victor Claros, 25, of Charlotte, was charged September 21 with failure to appear on a misdemeanor. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with an October 24 court date in Goldsboro.

Shannon Greene, 45, of Chapel Hill, was charged September

22 with disseminating obscene material to a minor. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Michelle Jenks, 28, of Siler City, was charged September 22 with violation of pretrial release. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Larry Harris Jr., 47, of Siler City, was charged September 22 with multiple counts of failure to appear. He was held under a \$2,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Isabelle Hernandez, 23, of Siler City, was charged September 22 with assault and battery. She was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an October 1 court date in Siler City.

Seth Rowe, of Pittsboro, was charged September 22 with assault on a female and two counts of injury to personal property. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with an October 23 court date in Chatham County.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

James Brown, 55, of Bear Creek, was charged September 17 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under no bond with a September 24 court date.

Arturo Lopez, 44, of Siler City, was charged September 18 with felony indecent liberties with a child and two misdemeanor counts of sexual battery. He was held under a \$15,00 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Tabitha Alston, 48, of Siler City, was charged September 18 with felony assault by strangulation, assault and battery and child abuse. She was held under a \$5,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Jaymonee Artis of Siler City was cited September 18 with driving while license revoked and failure to stop at a hit and run in Siler City.

Ruben Corona, 27, of Siler City, was charged September 19 with two felony counts of trafficking opium or heroin, two felony counts of trafficking in methamphetamine, felony maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, felony possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver heroin, felony possession of heroin, felony possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, felony possession of methamphetamine, felony possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession with intent to sell/deliver marijuana and simple possession of a Schedule III controlled substance. He was held under a \$1 million bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Aubrey Hornaday, 21, of Siler City, was charged September 19 with two felony counts of trafficking opium or heroin, felony maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, felony possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver heroin, felony possession of heroin, possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held under a \$250,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Xzavier Allison, 18, of Siler City, was charged September 21 with communicating threats. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Richard Fields of Siler City was cited September 22 for a safe movement violation on North Dogwood Avenue in Siler City.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL


Aideen Weickert of Pittsboro was cited September 16 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Marion Geisler of Pittsboro was cited September 16 for unsafe movement on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.



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## READ IT ONLINE



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2019 Annual Meeting


Central Electric members, make sure you come out to this year’s Annual Meeting of the Members at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center in Sanford.

There will be free food, gifts and give-aways starting at 5 p.m. along with musical performances by Sensory Expressions.

Plus, one lucky member will walk away with the grand prize of \$500, so make sure it’s you!

## Pet of the Week: Hank

The Chatham County Sheriff’s Office would like you to meet Hank, a 7-month-old pointer mix looking for his fur-ever home. Hank is a true lapdog with a penchant for treats, ear rubs and chin scratches. He loves to explore the outdoors as long as he doesn’t lose sight of his human. Hank prefers to stay up close and personal with his caretakers, who instantly fell in love with his dark, dreamy puppy eyes! If you’re looking for a cuddle buddy who will also join you for your evening walk, Hank is ready to oblige. For more information on how to meet or adopt Hank, swing by our office at 725 Renaissance Drive in Pittsboro or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an animal resource officer.



## Silk Hope PTA

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

### 11AM - 7PM (EAT IN OR TAKE OUT)

## SILK HOPE SCHOOL GYM

Delivery available for lunch.

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\$8 per plate

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# HIPPOS

### How Hippos Keep Their Cool

To stay cool in the African heat, hippos spend most of their day in rivers and lakes. Their eyes, nose and ears are located on the top of their head, which means they can see and breathe while the rest of their bodies are under water.



## The Hippo Code

Use the code to discover some facts about hippos.

-  = CALF
-  = BULL
-  = COW
-  = RIVER
-  = HORSE
-  = TUSK

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A:  

Q: What is a baby hippo called?

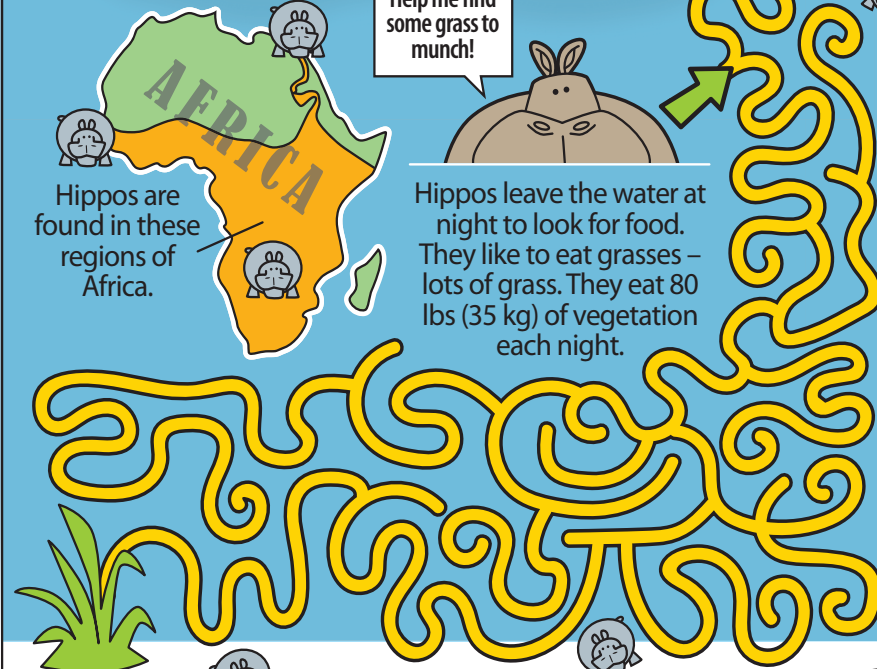
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Q: What is a female hippo called?

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Q: What is a male hippo called?

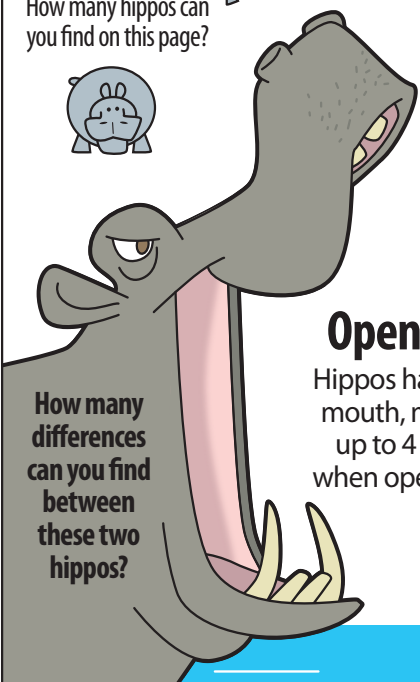
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How many hippos can you find on this page?



How many differences can you find between these two hippos?



### Open Wide!

Hippos have a huge mouth, measuring up to 4 ft (1.2 m) when opened wide!

CAUTION: SPEEDING HIPPOS

**Are hippos slow? Quite the opposite!**  
Even though their legs are short, and their bodies are large and heavy, a hippo can run fast! Hippos have been clocked running at speeds of 19 to 25 mph (30-40 km/h).

### Extra! Extra! Opposites

Look through the newspaper to find words that are opposites. For example: large and small wet and dry

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Recognize antonyms.

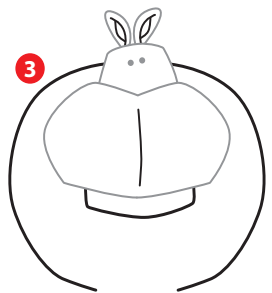
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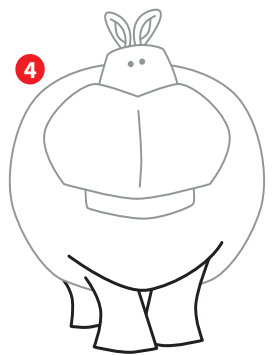
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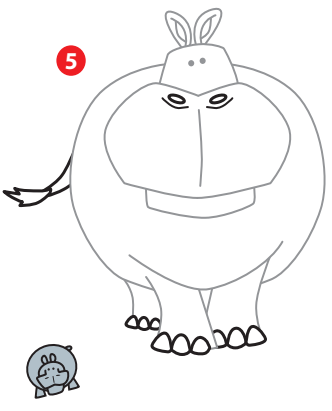
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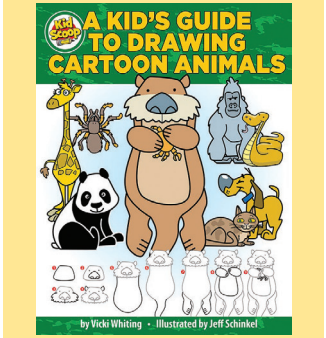


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### Our new Kid Scoop drawing book is here!

Learn to draw a wide variety of animals in our brand new how-to-draw book published by Happy Fox Books. Order from your local bookstore or online at BarnesandNoble.com, Target.com and Amazon.com



### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **COMBAT**

The verb **combat** means to fight with or struggle against.

When you have to **combat** a cold, plenty of fluids and lots of rest are helpful.

Try to use the word **combat** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

### Write On!

### Elephant Jokes

Tell your friends your favorite elephant jokes and riddles.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Sweaty, Sweaty Hippos?

Hippos have an oily red liquid that oozes out of their skin. It isn't sweat. Sweat evaporates and cools a body. This liquid looks red in sunlight and it stays on the skin and protects it from drying out – and acts as a sunblock, too!

When early European explorers first noticed this reddish liquid on the hippos they observed, they gave it a name.

Circle every other letter to see what they called it.

**D B K L T O W O Y D J S A W P E D A V T**

**B**

### Double Double Word Search

DEADLIEST  
INCISORS  
SUNBLOCK  
BREATHE  
GRASSES  
AFRICA  
HIPPOS  
RIVERS  
THREAT  
OOZES  
TUSKS  
SWEAT  
COOL  
SLOW  
JAW

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

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S B R E A T H E I E  
E T H R E A T N V A  
S W J A T H C E E D  
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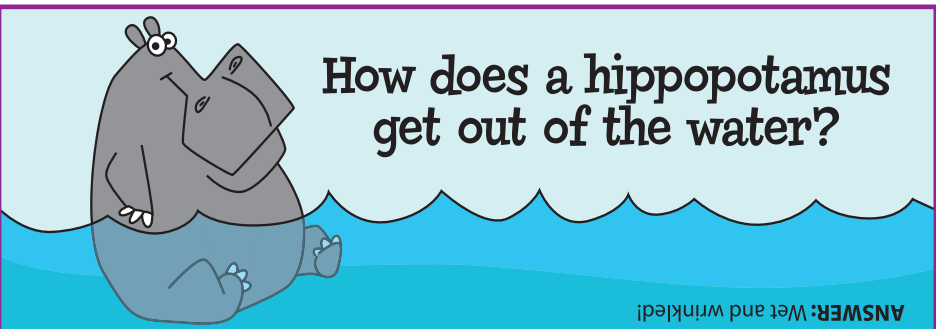
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

### Fact and Opinion

Look through the newspaper to find and circle five facts. Then look through the newspaper to find and underline five opinions.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Know the difference between fact and fiction.



ANSWER: Wet and wrinkled!



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CHATHAM CH@T | VICKI NEWELL, CHATHAM LITERACY COUNCIL

# CLC offers help with soft skills, literacy and more for adults

This week, we chat with Vicki Newell, executive director of the Chatham Literacy Council, about the organization's upcoming literacy luncheon. Newell has worked as the executive director for eight of her nine years with Chatham Literacy. Before that, she worked in early childhood development with local and statewide Smart Start initiatives. All told, she has 31 years working in the nonprofit world, having started that journey as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Newell hails from the state of Utah and has lived in Chatham County since 2003 with her husband and three sons.

**Let's talk about your literacy luncheon event on Oct. 12. N.C.'s poet laureate, Jaki Shelton Green, is coming. What will she add to this annual event for Chatham Literacy?**

Diversity. Ms. Green is the first African American author, the first poet, and the first N.C. Poet Laureate to present at one of Chatham Literacy's author luncheon fundraisers. As well, Ms. Green is the first African American and the third woman to serve as North Carolina's ambassador for poetry. We hope that she will draw a diverse audience to generate awareness of our programs and to create connections within the community to further our goal of increased diversity among our adult learners.

**What does Chatham Literacy do?**

Chatham Literacy provides free tutoring services for adults in the following three areas:

1) Traditional Literacy in which we help adults improve their basic edu-



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

**Chatham Literacy Council Executive Director Vicki Newell (right) and volunteer B Demers pose at the organization's booth at PepperFest.**

cation such as reading, writing, and math; prepare for the GED or high school diploma; enroll in a vocational degree; or ready themselves for training opportunities to advance their employment.

2) Civics and Language Literacy in which we teach English language learners how to speak, read write and understand English; we help prepare adults for the citizenship exam.

3) Life Skills Literacy in which we prepare adults for expectations and norms in today's workplace by offering workforce soft skills training, computer literacy and financial literacy.

In Chatham County (per 2016 census), 13.1 percent of the population over 25 years old do not have a high school diploma.

Chatham Literacy, as

an established, growing organization, provides much needed free and individualized adult literacy services within Chatham County.

**Can you talk about the work tutors do?**

Tutors teach adult learners in their area of interest based on the above subject areas.

Tutors volunteer once or twice a week for two hours each session, with their adult learners in one of fourteen different locations from Siler City to North Chatham. Free nationally recommended educational materials (text books, workbooks and tests) are used for all classes. These materials include lesson plans.

**How can someone become a tutor?**

Those interested in tutoring do not need previous experience in

tutoring or teaching and they do not have to speak a language other than English. All they need is to value education and a desire to give back to the community. A minimum of two lives will be transformed by this experience.

Tutors must complete the Chatham Literacy tutor application. The Volunteer Coordinator then completes a background check. They must attend a 7-hour training session that focuses on the tutor's role, responsibilities, adult education methods and cultural sensitivity. Additional support and periodic in-service opportunities are provided.

If somebody is interested in becoming a tutor, they can find a tutor application on our website ([www.chathamliteracy.org](http://www.chathamliteracy.org)), under the volunteer tab on the home page or contact our Volunteer Co-



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**Vicki Newell**

ordinator at 919-930-7284 or [travis@chathamliteracy.org](mailto:travis@chathamliteracy.org).

**Why is literacy important?**

Literacy leads to gainful employment, financial and family stability, improved health care and is beneficial to the community. Tutoring services help adults gain confidence, pride and independence as well as better outcomes for the next generation.

**Looking into 2020, what's ahead for Chatham Literacy?**

In looking beyond 2019, we plan to focus on sustaining growth and organizational capacity to serve more clients, provide more diverse services and improve service quality and outcomes.

The 2019 Chatham County Literacy Needs Assessment verifies the need for adult literacy and will guide us into the future, which will require the recruitment of more volunteer tutors. In preparation for the foreseen growth that Chatham County will undergo, Chatham Literacy strives to build an educated workforce so that, as businesses expand or arrive in Chatham Coun-

ty, they will hire locally - strengthening families, our community and Chatham County.

**How can people find out more about the event?**

Go to [chathamliteracy.org](http://chathamliteracy.org) or call us at 919-742-0578.

What: Author Jaki Shelton Green will present "Celebrating the Power of Our Stories"

When: Saturday, October 12 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with lunch at noon

Where: Western Chatham Senior Center, 112 Village Lake Road in Siler City

Tickets: \$60 each. Tables seat six people per table.

Tickets available: Online at [www.chathamliteracy.org](http://www.chathamliteracy.org) > events OR by phone at 919-214-1269

Can't go? Donate a ticket for somebody who otherwise might not be able to attend.

Combined with the luncheon is a raffle. Win one week at a mountain cabin getaway in Lake Luke, NC.

Tickets: \$50 each. Only 250 sold.

Winning ticket will be drawn at the luncheon.

You do not need to be present to win.

## Recovery Rally to celebrate, remember those affected by mental health, substance abuse issues

**BY ZACHARY HORNER**

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Chatham County, like many, has citizens who struggle with mental illness and substance abuse.

A group of local organizations are hoping to raise awareness, celebrate individuals who are fighting and remember those who didn't make it.

The Community Recovery Rally, an event hosted by Chatham Drug Free in collaboration with the Chatham County Sheriff's Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substances and Siler City Parks & Recreation, will take place from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday at Bray Park in Siler City. The rally, according to a press release, "will bring together local substance abuse treatment and mental health resources, as well as other community-based services to offer a network of support for recovery."

Renita Foxx, director of Chatham County Court Programs and one of the event's organizers, said the rally was born during a discussion at a meeting of the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership and is all about awareness and making people familiar with some of the struggles their neighbors face.

"We've had a few opioid deaths and suicides in Chatham County, and you really don't hear a lot of talk about what's going on," she said. "Our public doesn't know that we have an epidemic going on right in our small hometown. This is an opportunity to educate, uplift and inspire on both mental health and substance abuse."

According to the N.C. Opioid Database, Chatham County had 11 opioid-related deaths from 2014-2017, fewer than other counties around it, but other statistics indicate that Chatham ranks in the middle or near the top in the area of other opioid-related statistics like the percentage of patients receiving

more than an average daily dose of more than or equal to 90 morphine milligram equivalents, sitting at 6.87 percent, or total pills prescribed per person in 2018, at 34.7.

According to the 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment, 20.1 percent of Chatham residents surveyed said they had "ever been told by a doctor that they had anxiety or depression," and 7.6 percent described their mental health status as "fair or poor." The 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported that 33.6 percent of Chatham high schoolers said they had felt symptoms of depression almost every day for the two weeks prior to the survey and 11.3 percent said they had ever attempted suicide.

Friday's rally will feature several speakers, including Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson and Siler City Police Chief Mike Wagner, as well as music and various agencies who focus on mental health and substance abuse. Agencies scheduled to attend include Daymark Recovery Services, El Futuro, Alcoholics Anonymous, Chatham Recovery and the Chatham Health Alliance.

"If someone comes and they want to know, 'How do I do this? How do I start this process (of recovery)?', they can pick out among our vendors the information and get on the path to recovery," Foxx said.

Additionally, Chatham youth Elijah Roebuck and Kevin Manzanarez are scheduled to speak on the topic of "youth and mental illness," according to the event program. Foxx said organizers thought it was important to have youth representation at the event.

"That's another area that we really don't talk about that's needed," she said. "That's just to bring awareness to the community of the services that are needed and what's going on with our youth."

The event actually begins at 5 p.m. with exercise line dancing

### Want to Go?

**WHAT:** Community Recovery Rally

**WHERE:** Bray Park, 800 Alston Bridge Road, Siler City

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 27, 5:30-8 p.m.

**COST:** Free

**HOSTS:** Chatham Drug Free, in collaboration with the Chatham County Sheriff's Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substance and Siler City Parks and Recreation.

before the rally kicks off officially at 5:30 p.m. After a mixture of speakers and music, Siler City Parks & Recreation will show "Ralph Breaks the Internet" at 8:30 p.m. to close the night. Food will be provided throughout the night.

The overall theme for the night — as part of the 30th anniversary of National Recovery Month — is "Together We Are Stronger," and Foxx said she hopes attendees come away with that message first and foremost.

"I want the community to recognize that this is not something that happens in one aspect of the city or one aspect of the community or to a certain population, but it has no respect of color, creed, race, gender, any of that," she said. "The more that we come together, the more that we can get solutions and build a network that are in recovery or wanting to walk toward recovery."

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at [zhorn-er@chathamnr.com](mailto:zhorn-er@chathamnr.com) or on Twitter at @ZachHorn-erCNR.

## Getting ready for the big show



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Alex Thompson and Heidi Spainhour prepare Tybee Block Anna to be shown during the 4-H AgFest last Saturday in Pittsboro. Spainhour has been showing animals for two years. Loretta Batchelor, co-leader of the Chatham County Charging Champions 4H club, said that raising a cow as part of their program teaches children responsibility, care and compassion. Participants help with vaccines, grooming and washing the animals. 'It takes a lot of daily work,' she said.**



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**Addison Farris, 12, grooms her sheep, York, just before judging starts at the 4-H AgFest last Saturday.**



**Fortino Cruz, 9, shows his Chula sheep that he's entering into competition at the AgFest. The festival offered showings of cows, sheep and goats.**

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THE CN+R INTERVIEW, PART 2 OF 2 | DR. BARTON COBERT

# Medical marijuana: A leading researcher shares his thoughts on cannabis as a cure

*In the second of a two-part interview, Dr. Barton Cobert, who resides in Governors Club in Chatham County, discusses the use of medical marijuana. Dr. Cobert is a consultant in drug safety and pharmacovigilance with 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry. He's written six textbooks on drug safety. As a gastroenterologist and fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Gastroenterology, Dr. Cobert has specialized in the side effects of medications. He is licensed in three states and is on the staff at the NYU School of Medicine and Rutgers. He was head of global drug safety at Schering Plough from 1993 until his retirement in 2004. He also headed the global drug safety group at Novartis Consumer Health and has a decade of experience in clinical research and the side effects of drugs. He now teaches and consults to governments, companies and the public on the benefits and risks of drugs.*

**When it comes to medical use, some of us may envision users rolling their own and smoking to relieve pain. But what other forms are patients using? What types are drugs and medications are in the marketplace now that are derived from marijuana, and how do they differ from the rapidly growing use of CBD?**

Well, keep in mind that CBD, by definition, has minimal amounts of THC (the compound producing “highs”). Many people, rightly or wrongly, say that CBD is marijuana without the “high”. The idea here is that to avoid the high (which may or may not be harmful) use CBD. Some say they both work medically but CBD is safer. Maybe, maybe not.

So if we reach the stage where we have good data on which one to use, in what formulation (smoke, pill etc.) and how much we may see a parallel to diabetes patients who draw up their own insulin to treat themselves after checking their blood sugar. This would be excellent if we can get there. In the meanwhile, since the removal of CBD from the dangerous drug category we are now seeing enormous numbers of products.

I just googled “CBD products” and got 178 million hits. Here are just a few of them: citron hemp oil hair and body wash, hemp olive oil, raw honey and hemp extract, kosher vegan hemp olive oil, hydration emulsion cream hemp seed oil, hemp beauty chocolates, radiance hemp face oil for aging skin, hemp pain relief roll on (looks like a deodorant bottle), hemp extract for pain, anxiety and stress relief, also heals with sleep, skin and hair, hemp infused water, hemp chamomile chews for to relax dogs, hemp gummies, hemp chocolate truffles, hemp cigarettes with or without tobacco, turmeric hemp oil and more. There are dozens of cookbooks including, not surprisingly Cannabis for Dummies™. One finds hemp and cannabis products at major stores, supermarkets, on-line etc. For state regulated medical cannabis many preparations

are available. Most require some sort or registration by both the prescriber (physician etc.) and “patient”. Purchases are made in shops. Searching on one randomly chosen California pot shop shows 538 products available including flower, vape, extract, edible, tincture, topical, roll-on and seeds to grow your own.

In terms of drug and medication types, one sees almost all possible formulations. Unless marijuana leaves or plant parts are smoked, most if not all other products require that the plants be treated to obtain active ingredients in liquid form (e.g. emulsions) which can then be mixed with creams, oils, foods etc. This requires complex chemistry and this manufacturing process is, to a certain degree, regulated in many of the states where medical and recreational cannabis is permitted. One can choose products by potency of THC and CBD.

**You’ve pointed out that the legal and regulatory issues surrounding medicinal marijuana are complex, and we get mixed signals from the Food and Drug Administration, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and from individual states. Can you clarify some of those issues and questions for us?**

As noted above, in all states cannabis (except hemp with CBD and THC limits) is illegal. At the state level, pretty much anything goes if that state has approved medical and/or recreational use.

To use medical cannabis, some sort of medical “recommendation” is required. Doctors cannot write a prescription for marijuana or cannabis. Prescriptions are only for FDA-approved (or rarely experimental) drugs. So doctors make “recommendations” sometimes in writing; sometimes on-line. One usually has to find a doctor (or in some states a non-physician prescriber) to make the recommendation. Not all doctors can. One usually goes on-line in these states to find one.

North Carolina, for example, allows the hemp CBD products that were legalized in December 2018 but not recreational or medical marijuana (except for a few patients with epilepsy). The CBD products can be purchased without a recommendation or any medical intervention including in North Carolina. But possession of marijuana is still illegal. Possession is a misdemeanor or felony for depending on the amount possessed. Manufacturing, trafficking, possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver are felonies with possible jail time. Crossing state lines, particularly between a legalized marijuana state and a non-legalized state can be very dangerous. Things may change so pay attention.

**Your expertise includes looking at the safety of certain drugs. How safe — or unsafe — is medicinal use for adults and children?**

As noted, there is not much data to

draw from. There is one FDA-approved version of CBD (Epidolex) for a rare form of epilepsy. The common side effects in the official FDA label include: drowsiness, decreased appetite, diarrhea, liver abnormalities, malaise, fatigue, weakness, lethargy rash, insomnia, disordered sleep, infections, (yellow) jaundice, dark urine, stomach area discomfort, itching, suicidal thoughts, depression, anxiety. From this information, one can say that in carefully done clinical studies there were significant side effects with CBD in this population.

There are two FDA-approved synthetic THC drugs (Marinol and Casamet) for the nausea and vomiting of cancer chemotherapy and appetite and weight loss in AIDS. The side effects include: mood change, confusion, delusions, fast heartbeat, feelings of unreality, memory loss, depression, anxiety, memory problems, hallucinations, palpitations, fast heart rate, low blood pressure, muscle pain, vision problems, chills, dizziness, rash, seizures, mouth sores and more.

Marijuana crosses the placenta and gets into the fetus. It is also found in breast milk. There is not a lot of data on use in pregnancy. An Australian study suggested moms who used marijuana were twice as likely to end up with their babies in the neonatal intensive care unit. Another study suggested marijuana moms had lower birth weight babies compared to tobacco smoker moms. Other data suggests lower cognitive, memory and behavior scores in the babies at 3 and 4 years of age and increased risk of hyperactivity, inattention and impulsivity at 10 years of age.

From a society and public health point of view, there is data from Colorado and other areas suggesting driving safety issues: From 2009-2012 as medical MJ became available, average yearly marijuana-related traffic deaths increased by 48 percent compared with the “early medical marijuana era” between 2006 and 2008. In the first two years after the recreational use of marijuana became legal (2013 to 2014), the average yearly marijuana-related traffic deaths increased by another 41 percent.

Kids’ emergency room visits for marijuana increased in Colorado after legalization even though there was child-resistant packaging. The average age was 2 years old.

Bottom line: No drug anywhere is totally safe. The correct approach to evaluating safety is: do the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks and safety issues. At this point in the cannabis timeline, one cannot say that marijuana has a mild or benign safety profile. We have no idea of the safety profile in “at risk” people such as: babies, children, the elderly, diabetics, cancer patients, psychiatric patients, alcoholics, people with liver or kidney disease, people with weak or abnormal immune systems etc. We do not know the appropriate dose to give or the best means of administration (smoke, pill, cream etc.). So prudence suggests that people should be very very cautious about using cannabis. Pregnant women should not use cannabis and kids should not use cannabis.

**As more and more state considering legalizing marijuana, what does the future hold for medicinal marijuana?**

Well, as noted, the culture wars are over and cannabis won. It will likely be legal in all of the US for both medicinal and recreational use sooner rather than later if for no other reason than the tax dollars coming in. It will likely become legal at the federal level.

There will be serious, well-run clinical studies out of the U.S., Canada, Europe, Israel and elsewhere that will give us a real idea of the uses and safety profile of the various cannabis preparations. There may be a public health disaster which will force Congress and FDA to put in regulations to cover cannabis.

To me, the simplest course would be to move cannabis under the current drug, food and biologic regulations and laws and handle safety as we handle drug safety. But we will not be able to limit sales to pharmacies as we do with most drugs. CBD/hemp products are widely available in stores, supermarkets etc. Medical marijuana and cannabis may be restricted to cannabis shops only. All this remains to be seen. There is likely to be a blurring amongst CBD, hemp, medical marijuana and recreational marijuana. So the various products will probably be widely available. It is also interesting to see how the illegal organized crime operations currently selling marijuana and cannabis will react to the legalization. Many of us in the field of medicine, public health and drug safety are very scared.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Chatham Tech Talk plans Cybersecurity Awareness Month forum

**CN+R STAFF REPORT**  
PITTSBORO — Chatham Tech Talk announced a new community learning event to help small businesses, local governments, and individuals improve their cybersecurity posture.

The event will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Chatham Community Library. It is free and open to the public.

“Every business, government body, and home computer user needs a plan to stay safe online, recover from cyberattacks, and keep learning about evolving cybersecurity threats,” said David Delaney, co-founder of Chatham Tech Talk and former cybersecurity attorney with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. “October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, which makes it a great time for all computer users to take stock and learn together.”

Two featured speakers will bring almost 40 years of cybersecurity experience to the discussion.

Kristof Pasternak is an army veteran who served in information security management roles with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the U.S. Government Accountability Office before founding his own cybersecurity consulting company, Cyber Inspekt.

Mike Harrison, the senior network engineer for Chatham County MIS, has previously worked for numerous private IT companies and Durham County.

Pasternak and Harrison will provide an introduction to cybersecurity, discuss important laws and policies, and suggest best practices to counter evolving threats.

“Cybersecurity continues to be a critical national and state government election concern, and the recent ransomware attack on Texas government computer systems has prompted many public officials to ask important questions,” Delaney said. “Employee training is one of the best steps small businesses can take to avoid cybersecurity disasters. But every company and government also needs a team of experts to prepare for, respond to, and recover from successful attacks.”

Delaney and Zach Smith, also a Chatham resident, co-founded Chatham Tech Talk in 2018 as a community of tech enthusiasts to promote public learning, networking, and the sharing of ideas. Since then, Chatham Tech Talk has held numerous events on diverse topics,

including biotechnology, precision medicine, diversity and inclusion in the technology workplace, and high-speed internet initiatives in Chatham County.

Future events will be announced on the group’s Facebook page and Google Group, which are open to all.

### Academic growth continues upward trend in Chatham County Schools

PITTSBORO — Students in Chatham County Schools (CCS) are graduating at a rate of 88.4 percent, and every one of the district’s high schools either met or exceeded the state’s expectations for academic growth, according to data for the 2018-19 school year released by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

That growth, in part, means even solidly performing schools showed improvement, such as the Chatham School of Science & Engineering, which moved from a B to an A. Science & Engineering is an early college that in June 2020 will graduate its first class of students who will have earned both a high school diploma and an associate’s degree.

Across the state, the graduation rate is 86.5 percent. In 2017-18, the graduation rate for CCS was 85.9 percent, marking improvement in the district.

The state uses another set of metrics to evaluate SAGE Academy, which provides alternative programming in CCS. According to the state, SAGE maintained its overall performance this past school year. SAGE stands for Students Achieving Greater Education.

Seventeen of the district’s 18 schools receive letter grades from the state. Nine of those schools earned Bs, six earned Cs and one earned a D.

While three of the district’s schools did not meet the state’s expectations for academic growth, four of them exceeded growth expectations, and 10 met that standard.

Grades for North Carolina’s school districts take into account, for example, the ability of students in middle and elementary school to read, do math and understand science proficiently at their proper grade levels. The measurements also track the preparedness of high school students to begin college or enter the workforce. Numerous testing categories such as those break down school performance, and CCS outperformed the state average in every one of them.

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# Body image a struggle for Chatham youth, sometimes driven by social media

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

The rise of social media has given way to people called “Instagram influencers” — people who use their Instagram platforms to sell products or generally influence public opinion about a topic.

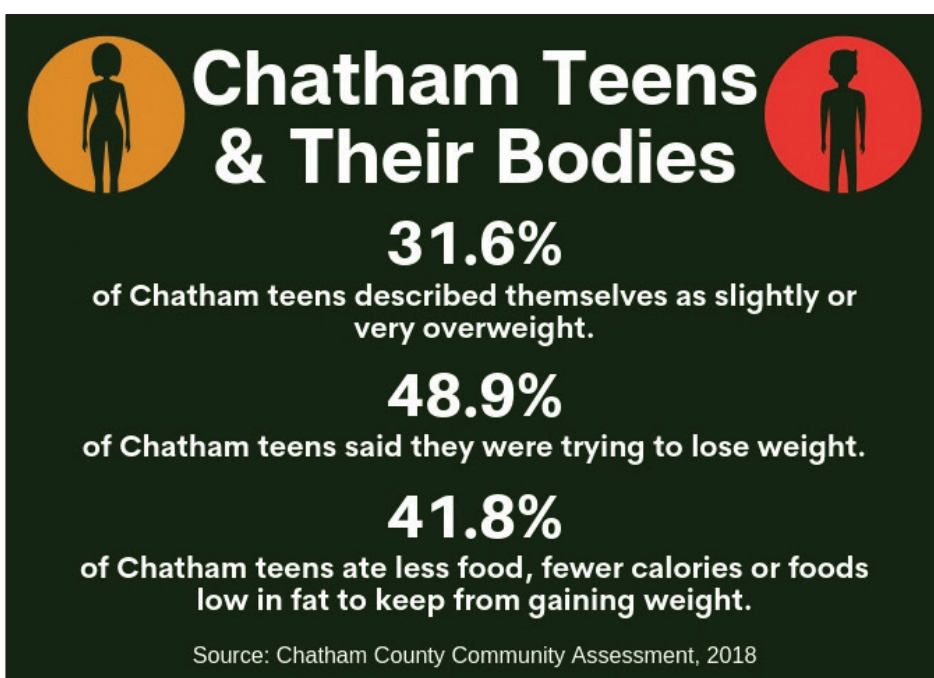
If you search the term on Google, you’ll come up with stories about how to become one, how to connect your business or product with them and a news item that just broke last week.

According to CBS News, Instagram announced that it would be restricting posts promoting weight loss products and cosmetic procedures. Some posts will be hidden from users under 18, while some will be removed from Instagram and Facebook altogether.

Emma Collins, the social media giant’s public policy manager, said in a statement that the company wanted Instagram “to be a positive place for everyone that uses it and this policy is part of our ongoing work to reduce the pressure that people can sometimes feel as a result of social media,” CBS reported.

This comes at a time when youth in Chatham County and beyond are feeling the effects of a culture they feel values looking a certain way. In 2014, Minnesota-based psychologist Heather Gallivan reported that 53 percent of 13-year-old girls in America are unhappy with their bodies; that number rose to 78 percent by age 17.

Specific numbers are



Graphic by Zachary Horner

hard to come by in Chatham, but the 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment revealed that more high schoolers said they were trying to lose weight (48.9 percent) than those who described themselves as slightly or very overweight (31.6 percent). Additionally, 41.8 percent ate less food, fewer calories or foods low in fat to keep from gaining weight.

Michelle Brick, a counselor at Bonlee School, said she often has conversations with mostly girls about this topic. But she’s not hearing kids talk about celebrity appearances. It’s more about them “comparing themselves to their peers.”

In her book “Under Pressure: Confronting the Epidemic of Stress and Anxiety Among Girls,”

clinical psychologist Lisa Damour writes that “girls get the message that their looks count for much of their value,” citing her time as a consulting psychologist for a all-girls private school in Ohio. But like Brick, she says it’s not about celebrities.

“There has never been a generation as steeped in pictures as the girls we are raising today,” Damour writes. “In addition to viewing traditional media, they consume hundreds, if not thousands of photos, posted online by their friends. And what do they see in a lot of those posts? Girls showcasing their appearance, seeking to replicate the perfected look of professional models, and doing what they can to run up the likes each photo will receive.”

A poor body image can

have potentially severe health consequences. Gallivan said that more than half of teen girls and 30 percent of teen boys use “unhealthy weight control behaviors” such as “skipping meals, fasting, smoking cigarettes, vomiting and taking laxatives.”

It’s not that Chatham doesn’t have a weight problem. Obesity is the No. 2 Health Impact Priority for the Chatham Health Alliance as revealed in the 2018 CCA. But Brick says she wants the students she serves — and all students across to Chatham County — to move away from a solely “lose weight” mindset.

When she talks with students — mostly girls, she says — she tries to focus on the concept of “wellness” and “how you deserve to treat



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

**Michelle Brick (center), a school counselor at Bonlee School, is with (right to left) school social worker Jamie Allen and students Itzel Ibarra Alva and Miciah McSwain.**

yourself,” mostly through small group conversations.

“Wellness looks like healthy food, healthy sleep, healthy relationships and a healthy self-concept,” Brick says. “We spend most of our time on that. I don’t ever get into bad food, good food. We spend a majority of our time talking about how we deserve to be treated and how we deserve to think about and treat ourselves.”

She said she wants parents to consult with their child’s doctor “if they are concerned about their child’s weight,” but otherwise to observe their child and ask some questions.

“I will talk with the parents about how expansive this concern,” she said. “What do you see your child doing? What is your child saying? Do you see them restricting anything? Depending upon that answer, I might go a few different ways.”

That might potentially include mental health

services. The American Psychological Association, in a 2014 paper, wrote that body image’s connection with low self-esteem in adolescents “can lead to eating disorders, early sexual activity, substance use and suicidal thoughts.”

Brick says body image and total wellness is a “personal passion” of hers,” and she tries to “model that with our kids.”

“It all comes back down to having students think more about wellness than weight,” Brick said. “Taking more of a holistic approach with them — thinking about the sleep that we get, the way that we move our bodies, the way that we feed our bodies and, most importantly, the way that we think about ourselves and our bodies. That would be the most healthy approach.”

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## Chatham 4-H’ers take part in livestock show

Chatham County 4-H held its ninth annual 4-H Livestock Show earlier this month at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center. Under the discerning eye of livestock judge Callie Birdsell Carson, youth showmen from Guilford, Randolph, Cumberland, Rockingham, Moore, Stanly, and Chatham counties exhibited heifers, steers, and lambs over the course of the day. In total, more than \$1,200 in premiums were paid out to talented 4-Hers who traveled home with numerous ribbons and prizes in tow.

During special mid-day festivities, the crowd was treated to a specialty show which showcased some of the county’s elected officials and government staff trying their skills as junior showmen. Chatham County Commissioners Diana Hales and Karen Howard, Chatham County Assistant County Manager Bryan Thompson, Chatham County Clerk Lindsay Ray and Sheriff Mike Roberson exhibited local 4-H member’s heifers under the careful guidance of our talented young showmen, who also acted as judges for the specialty show.

The Chatham County 4-H Livestock Show operates as one of 12 shows which form the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit. Through the generous sponsorship provided by co-sponsors Carolina Farm Credit and Cape Fear Farm Credit, the circuit provides numerous 4-H youth with the opportunity to exhibit their hard work on livestock projects through demonstration of showmanship skills and high quality stock.

**Beef Heifer Show Results**  
Grand Champion Beef Heifer: Caroline Scarlett, Randolph County  
Reserve Champion Beef Heifer: Lindsey Seitz, Chatham County  
**Lamb Show Results**  
Grand Champion Lamb: Lydia Dean, Guilford County  
Reserve Champion Lamb: McKenzie Beeson, Guilford County



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**As Judge Callie Birdsell Carson looks on, McKenzie Beeson wins Reserve Grand Champion Lamb.**



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**As judge Callie Birdsell Carson and Alycia Hagler look on, Lindsey Seitz holds her Reserve Grand Champion Heifer**



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**As Judge Callie Birdsell Carson looks on, Caroline Scarlett wins Grand Champion Heifer.**



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# Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy

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Strengthening the Community Health

**How will Chatham Cares use United Way donor dollars?**  
Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy was founded in 2006 as a pharmacy which assists indigent patients who are underinsured or uninsured in receiving medications at no cost and are residents of Chatham County. With our efforts we are strengthening the community in its health needs. As a result of our work, we have given patients the medications they need. The end product of this has been a reduction in physician visits, hospital emergency room visits, and hospital admissions.

We have been able to accomplish our goals to help those in poverty through various grants and partnerships with agencies such as United Way. With these dollars, we have been able to purchase medications and pay salaries for our two paid employees.

**Why is this program essential to Chatham County?**  
Chatham County's story is a tale of "two counties." Many residents in north and eastern areas of our county have



In this file photo, Lynn Glasser, left, and Patricia Dowdy work on a prescription at Chatham Cares Pharmacy, located on Raleigh Street in Siler City.

more income and resources than those in our southern and western areas. In areas such as Siler City, Bear Creek, Goldston, Bennett and Moncure, many of our patients exist in poverty. Statistics for 2018 Chatham County Assessment indicated a population of 73,000 with an uninsured rate of 14.2 percent and a poverty rate of 10.3 percent. In 2018 we served 444 residents of our county with needed prescriptions which add an estimated retail value of \$1.7 million. Our efforts in the pharmacy have resulted in helping and educating them and helping them find insurance who are borderline to the poverty level.

**How does the program make a difference in the community?**  
The need of our services in Chatham County is large, but we know that our pharmacy has impacted the lives of many of our residents in invaluable ways. Many people don't understand that some of our residents live with the thought process of "can I afford my rent, food, bills and medica-

tions this month?" Sometimes one or more of these life-sustaining needs goes unanswered each month.

**Can you share a success story?**  
A husband had a stroke at 55 years old and was out of work for months. He need medications to help prevent another stroke and keep blood pressure stable, but had no insurance to purchase these medications, and his wife was in need of daily maintenance medications to keep her in good health. The family was struggling with being able to afford food, pay bills and buy medication. Churches helped but then they came to us and we were able to supply their medications free to them until husband was able to go back to work.

Our service has helped this family get back on their feet. The husband is back at work with his same company doing great and now has insurance for both of them. The family was so appreciative that the wife contacted us to thank us for all we had done for them during their struggling time and they no longer needed our services. The wife said that someone else can now take our place. The wife and husband were so thankful to us they have donated to us and brought us baked goods.

# Dubester honored as 2019 Defender of Justice by statewide agency

**BY RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Ilana Dubester, the founder and Executive Director of El Vinculo Hispano, also known as the Hispanic Liaison, was honored with an award from the N.C. Justice Center this month recognizing her work over the past quarter century to improve the lives of Hispanic immigrants.

Dubester, honored as a "Lifetime Champion," founded El Vinculo Hispano in Siler City in 1995 to serve the unique needs of the local Latinx community.

The N.C. Justice Center, Dubester said, "is an organization that I have deep respect for and have collaborated with many times over the years. I'm incredibly humbled, of course, to be recognized by them."

Dubester received the award Friday, September 20, at the Washington-Duke Inn in Durham.

Each year the Justice Center celebrates "the inspirational work of outstanding leaders in our community who are leading the fight for justice at our annual Defenders of Justice Awards," the center noted in a press release. "These few exemplify our mission — they are working to eliminate poverty in North Carolina, ensure the creation of an economy that works for everyone, and advance progressive and inclusive policies proven to advance equity and opportunity."

Receiving the honor, Dubester said, "I have always been an immigrant, a stranger in a strange land. My ancestors sought refuge in



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**Ilana Dubester, founder of the Hispanic Liaison in Siler City, was honored last Friday by the NC Justice Center for her work over the last 25 years on behalf of Latinx immigrants.**

Brazil, fleeing pogroms and the holocaust. Although I was third generation Brazilian, I was frequently reminded that our permanence and welcome could abruptly come to an end. In 1989, a twist of fate brought me to your shores. After two crazy cold winters in Chicago, I moved south to Chatham County with the dream of buying land and starting an organic farm, which I did, for a few years."

The year was 1991, "when Latinxs were beginning to arrive in large numbers lured by the promise of jobs in the poultry industry. Their journey and mine

converged in 1995, when I was at the right place, at the right time to start The Hispanic Liaison or El Vinculo Hispano."

The nonprofit agency — with its office in downtown Siler City, at 200 N. Chatham Ave. — was among the first Latinx organizations established in North Carolina.

"Although I knew nothing about starting or running a nonprofit," Dubester acknowledged, "I had chutzpah and the backing of amazing mentors."

Their goal, then and now, "is to help Hispanics access services, learn about their rights and work together to defend



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**Ilana Dubester, recipient of the NC Justice Center's 'Lifetime Champion' award, celebrates with her husband Gary Phillips.**

those rights," Dubester told the audience in Durham. "All our staff are first generation immigrants. We too had to learn English, a new culture and new systems and laws."

The organization recently celebrated its 24th anniversary with a dinner for 150 community members, volunteers and allies.

But just as Dubester found herself "a stranger in a strange land," so too do many immigrants who make their way to Chatham County.

"The Hispanic community is now three generations deep in North Carolina, and yet, we continue

to be talked about and treated like strangers in a strange land," she said. "Although progress has been made, the horrors being inflicted against immigrants are even worse now. We are having to adapt to more cunning and powerful enemies of common decency and the common good."

Meanwhile, the Hispanic Liaison continues its work, helping "thousands of adults, youth and children adjust to life in the U.S., access the services they needed to succeed, and affirm their rights," according to the agency's website. "We serve as a bridge between the Hispanic community

and non-profits, government agencies and law enforcement. We also help dozens of non-profit and governmental agencies to respond to the needs of the Hispanic community by learning about Hispanic issues and culture, and revising policies or procedures that may prevent Hispanics from accessing services."

Dubester was honored alongside other recipients of the N.C. Justice Center's 2019 Defenders of Justice award. The other honorees were Sue Perry Cole, President and CEO of the NC Association of Community Development Corporations (NCA CDC), works to strengthen communities and increase opportunities for North Carolinians, uplifting families with low incomes and communities of color; Gerry Hancock, partner at Everett Gaskins Hancock LLP, who has spent decades improving the lives of North Carolinians by organizing with nonprofit organizations and advocating for children and schools; Marge Foreman, Government Relations Specialist/Chief Lobbyist/Research Specialist for the North Carolina Association of Educators, the state affiliate of the National Education Association, who has spent decades advocating for education, students, and all public school employees; and Patricia Beier, Executive Director of Wayne Action Group for Economic Solvency, Inc. (WAGES), a community advocate dedicated to providing services for children, seniors, and families in Wayne County.

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## Rock the Block



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**Volunteers from Mountaire, working in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, worked in the Westmont community in Siler City to clear debris and restore a community walking path.**



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**Mountaire's Rock the Block event saw volunteer helpers clearing a formerly overgrown walking path in the Westmont community in Siler City, restoring the path to use.**



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**Working together, volunteers from Mountaire and Habitat for Humanity spent part of last weekend working to make improvements to the Westmont community in Siler City.**



NEWS BRIEFS



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Several Siler City churches/organizations were represented a protest against abortion in Greensboro on Sept. 14. Members from First Wesleyan Church, Freedom Family Church, Loves Creek Baptist Church and The Hangout of Siler City are pictured.

Siler City churches take part in Love Life Youth Prayer Walk

Several Siler City churches/organizations were represented in Greensboro at the Love Life Youth Prayer Walk on Randleman Road on Sept. 14. The leading cause of death in Greensboro, according to organizers, is abortion, not cancer and not overdoses. On Sept. 14, nearly

600 people gathered to stand for life next to the largest abortion clinic in Greensboro. Ninety percent of those that gathered are the next generation — middle school, high school, and twenty-somethings. There were many children, too. Over 50 different churches in the area are represented in the photos. The group picture is made up of First Wesleyan Church, Freedom Family Church, Loves Creek Baptist Church

and The Hangout of Siler City. You can find out more about the movement at [lovelife.org](http://lovelife.org). Love Life prayer walks are held every Saturday for 40 weeks in Greensboro, Raleigh and Charlotte and pray for the unborn children headed to death at the abortion clinic. Every week mothers and fathers are choosing life. Only love is shown through prayer and worship. There is no condemnation, no interaction, no protesting. Mentoring and free ultrasounds are offered, along with alternative options of foster care and adoption for the babies.

Television personality to emcee talent show

Applications are still being accepted for a Chatham County talent show that will feature a regional television personality as master of ceremonies and one of the judges but the deadline for entering is fast approaching. Ken Smith of television station WRAL-TV, Channel 5, in Raleigh will serve in that role for the first annual “Chatham’s Got Talent”

event, set for Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 PM in the auditorium of Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City. Also judging the show are Leslie Brown, owner of the Liberty Showcase Theater, and Jacob Toth, Associate Artistic Director of the Temple Theater in Sanford. Along with that announcement comes a change in registering for the event, which is being sponsored by Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy. Originally, acts were to go through an audition process but that has been eliminated. “We realized that we were getting close to the registration deadline,” says pharmacy board president Lynn Glasser, “and some folks told us they couldn’t do two performances. So, we decided to have an open registration and limit the number of acts to 15 or so.” Entries are now due at the pharmacy office by 4:30 on Friday, Oct. 4. “Acts can include individuals or groups of singers, dancers, comedians, magicians, anything like that,” Glasser says. “Chatham County is blessed with local talent and we think this is a good

way to recognize it and raise some funds to help the pharmacy help our community. “Our directors decided to do this,” Glasser says, “to help as a fund-raiser for what we do while letting folks see some of the really good local talent on display in a fun family atmosphere.” What the pharmacy does is to provide medications and other health-care needs at little or no cost to Chatham County residents who are under- or uninsured. There’s a \$20 entry fee for anyone wanting to perform in the talent show; tickets at the door are \$10 for people over 13 while those 12 and under are admitted at no charge. A free adult ticket comes with the entry of a child in the competition. Top prize, to be decided by a three-judge panel, is \$100. There’s also a second prize of \$50 and a third of \$25. Applications are available at the pharmacy office at 127 East Raleigh Street, across from the Siler City post office. Hours are 10 AM until 4 PM on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 9 AM until 1 PM on Wednesday. More information on the

talent show or services the pharmacy provides is available by calling 919-663-0177. Chatham Cares has been a part of the county scene for almost 15 years. “We’re grateful we can help some of our neediest residents,” Glasser says, “but like practically everyone, we’re faced daily with meeting those needs while being financially responsible. We cut corners where we can — our pharmacists and board members are all volunteers; we have only two paid staff members but increasing needs and rising costs of many medicines are everyday issues for us. “That’s why we sponsor fund-raisers, to help us keep going. In the past, we’ve had a Christmas tour of homes and this year we’ll again have our Christmas candlelight memorial service. We’re also working on events and information for the eastern end of the county. Chatham’s a big county and we’ve got a lot of work to do. We’re thankful for the support given to us in so many ways. We just want to help our neighbors in need.”

— CN+R staff reports

Age won’t stop them!



Staff photo by David Bradley

A group of 90-year-old-plus seniors sit at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center last Thursday, celebrating seniors who are still active in the community and volunteer at the center. The decor was based on the decor of the 1920s, when most of them were born.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Rene Slotnick attended the senior celebration Thursday with her mom, one of the oldest members of the community who came for the event. Her mother was born in Brooklyn, New York, and had a career in radio broadcasting. She interviewed several famous personalities, including Betty White.



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It’s not as hard as you think it is! Ernie Smith is 90 years old, but that doesn’t stop him enjoying his smartphone. He’s scheduled to give a class soon on electronic tablets.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jackie Green, coordinator of activities at the Senior Center, poses with the oldest member of the 90s crowd at last Thursday’s event in Pittsboro, John Scotto. Scotto is 98 years young.



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Christine Degraffredt is 92, but don’t let those numbers fool you. She is still active as a volunteer at the senior center, she delivers meals on wheels, takes exercise at the center and she is happy and active.



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Virginia Waldeck was one of several 90-year-old-plus residents who brought joy to last Thursday’s celebration of National Senior Center month at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center. Waldeck was born in 1922.

Siler City man scores big at State Senior Games

Siler City resident Nick Murray scored big at the N.C. State Seniors Games State Finals, earning a bronze medal in bowling.

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SILER CITY — Siler City resident and Western Chatham Senior Center member Nick Murray scored big at the N.C. State Seniors Games State Finals. Murray brought home the hardware for third place, an engraved Bronze Medal, for being in the best tier of bowlers in the state for his age division. The State Bowling Finals were held at Buffalo Lanes in Raleigh. Murray is an avid bowler and qualified for the State Games by producing very high scores at the Chatham County Games in



Murray

April. His qualifying score happened to be a perfect 300 game, a major accomplishment for him. “I’ve been bowling since I was eight years old,” he said. “My father used to work in a bowling alley as a youth, so I was able to learn and perfect the game at an early age.” Murray is originally from Red Hook, N.Y., but has lived in Chatham more than 12 years. The Chatham Senior Games were hosted by the Chatham Council on Aging with help from Siler City Parks & Recreation Department, Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department, the Duke Center for Living, Galloway Ridge, the Chatham Sheriff’s Department and a host of

other Chatham volunteers and sponsors. NC Senior Games has 52 local games that serve all 100 North Carolina counties. Events including basketball shooting, bocce, shuffleboard, tennis, cycling, swimming, running, bowling, cornhole, softball and football toss and Silver Arts categories are open to residents ages 50 and better. All of the competition categories are broken down by age groups. Each year, local competitors report that the social connections, the fun activities, and the physical activity of preparing for events give help them feel healthier. Chatham Senior Games registration will begin again in February 2020.



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**WELL ESTABLISHED** home care agency is looking for committed CNAs and Habilitation Technicians in Chatham, Orange and Durham Counties for IMMEDIATE hire. Must be compassionate, have a pleasant demeanor, possess good work ethics, and passionate about making a difference in people's lives. Call 919-967-0507 NOW. S26,03,10,17,24,31,6tp

**HOMECARE SEEKING**, Now hiring for immediate positions in Pittsboro/Siler City: Certified Nurse Aides - Competitive Weekly Pay, CNA's start at \$10.00/hr. & up for extra care cases - Total LifeCare, Call (919) 704-8962 for more info or to apply. S26,03,10,17,24,31,6tc

**SHOP ASSISTANT** - Sheet metal shop has opening for shop assistant to prepare panels for shipment. Help in all areas of production and clean shop. Must have dependable transportation, be reliable, non-smoker preferred. Apply 290 East Street #107, Pittsboro, S26,03,2tc

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**CPA - Koonce, Wooten & Haywood, LLP** is seeking a CPA to join our team in Pittsboro. Ideal candidate would have the following: Minimum of 2 years of public accounting experience, CPA license or candidate, Not-for-profit auditing experience, Business and individual tax preparation experience. Send resume to KWH, P.O. Box 1399, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or email to lholt@kwfhcpa.com. S26,1tp

**LPNs - PITTSBORO CHRISTIAN VILLAGE** is accepting applications for LPNs, all shifts. Apply in person 8:30 am-4:00 pm Monday-Friday, at 1825 East Street. in Pittsboro. Au29,tfnc

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!** Need extra money? CNAs needed immediately for private duty cases in Chatham County. Please call 919-545-2011. Au22,tfnc

LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 432** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **ELISABETH ERIKA BITTLE** 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 December 5, 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 29th day of August, 2019. Michael L. Bittle, Executor 716 Shady Lawn Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27514 S5,S12,S19,S26,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 435** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JACQUELINE H. ELLIS** 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 December 5, 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 29th day of August, 2019. Jacqueline Marion Ellis, Executrix 83 Juniper Hills Dr Weaverville, NC 28787 S5,S12,S19,S26,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 147** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **CLARITA PENARANDA LANGMAN** 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 December 5, 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 29th day of August, 2019. Jose N. Langaman, Administrator 846 Dorcut Hills Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 S5,S12,S19,S26,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 401** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **RITA SLOTNICK** 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 December 5, 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 30th day of August, 2019. Gail Ann Slotnick, Executrix c/o Clarity Legal Group PO Box 2207 Chapel Hill, NC 27515 S5,S12,S19,S26,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 308** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Jennifer Hoben, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **WAYNE MORGAN MILLER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of December, 2019, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 5th day of September, 2019. Jennifer Hoben, Administrator for the Estate C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S5,S12,S19,S26,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 426** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Louise Kessell, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **ELTON KESSELL**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of December, 2019, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 5th day of September, 2019. Louise Kessell, Executor for the Estate C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S5,S12,S19,S26,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **HELEN C. STEDMAN**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before December 12th, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 12th day of September, 2019. George Cary Stedman, Executor Estate of Helen C. Stedman c/o Roberson Law Firm 1829 E. Franklin St., Ste. 800C Chapel Hill, NC 27514 S12,S19,S26,03,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 449** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **MARYLIN CAULK WILSON** 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 December 12, 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 5th day of September, 2019. Hollis W. Freeman, Executrix c/o Clarity Legal Group 415 Wade Stedman Rd Stedman, NC 28391 S12,S19,S26,03,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons having claims

against **JOAN EARLE CONDORET** aka JOAN E. CONDORET aka JOANIE CONDORET ["Joan Earle Condoret"] of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 12th day of August, 2019, are notified to present them to Arielle Schechter, Executrix of the Estate of Joan Earle Condoret in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834, on or before December 19, 2019. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executrix, and the devisees of Joan Earle Condoret. Those indebted to Joan Earle Condoret are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. This the 12th day of September, 2019 David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 S12,S19,S26,03,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 30th day of August, 2019, as Executor of the ESTATE OF **BEVERLY A. HARLAND A/K/A BEVERLY ANN HARLAND**, Deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of December, 2019 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 12th day of September, 2019. JULIE HARLAND ROUSE, EXECUTOR ESTATE OF BEVERLY A. HARLAND A/K/A BEVERLY ANN HARLAND c/o Shirley M. Diefenbach, Attorney Walker Lambe Rhudy Costley & Gill, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 S12,S19,S26,03,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 459** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **KEVIN JOHN WOOD** 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 December 12, 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 12TH day of September, 2019. Nancy Anne Wood, Administrator PO Box 64 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S12,S19,S26,03,4tc

**AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 18 SP 94** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Joe Siler, Sr. aka Joe Siler aka Joe C. Siler, Sr., (Joe Siler aka Joe Siler, Sr. aka Joe C. Siler, Sr., Deceased) (Heirs of Joe Siler aka Joe Siler, Sr. aka Joe C. Siler, Sr.: Joel Patterson, Tanga Scotton, Regina Siler, Yolanda Scotton, Jay Siler, Tiffany Siler and Unknown Heirs of Joe Siler) (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Joe Siler) to Fidelity National Title Insurance Company of New York, Trustee(s), dated the 22nd day of November, 2004, and recorded in Book 1143, Page 364, 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 customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on October 3, 2019** and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: BEING all of Parcel "A", containing 3.00 acres, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Survey for Danny D. Marsh

and wife, Cherry S. Marsh", Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, dated August 17, 1995, prepared by James D. Hunter, RLS and recorded as Plat Slide 95-363. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at **138 North Richardson Road, Siler City, 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

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

**Line ad deadline** Tuesday — Noon

**Display ad deadline** Monday — 5 p.m.

**Rates and payment** Minimum charge of \$5 for each classified advertisement of 25 words or less per week. For each additional word, no matter how many insertions, add 20¢ per word. Payable in advance.

**Blind ads** No information will be given out by this office to the identity of person placing "keyed" or "blind" ads.

**Errors** In advertisements that run more than one week, we are responsible for errors appearing in the first week only. If you find an error in your ad, report it immediately.

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

**PITTSBORO VILLAGE APARTMENTS**  
Now accepting applications for 1 and 2 BR apartments. Handicapped accessible/adaptable units available.  
Rent based on income however; limited rental Assistance available. For more information, call 919-542-5410 or TDD 1-800-735-2962.  
Equal Housing Opportunity  
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Visit [www.chathamnc.org](http://www.chathamnc.org) and click on Jobs

**PITTSBORO VILLAGE APARTMENTS**  
newly renovated 2 bedroom 1 1/2 baths available. Range, refrigerator, dishwasher and ceiling fans are included in the rent. Water and sewer are also included. Rents start at \$600.00.  
Reba Dixon, Site Manager.  
400 Honeysuckle Dr., Pittsboro, NC 27312  
919-542-5410  
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

**Sandy Branch Baptist Church** is looking for a part-time administrative assistant to work 16 hours per week, with the potential to increase. The position will involve general office duties. You can find more information on our Facebook page. Please direct all questions and resumes to [www.sbbcpersonnel@gmail.com](mailto:www.sbbcpersonnel@gmail.com). The church is located at 715 Sandy Branch Church Road, Bear Creek.

**BUSY LOCAL OPTOMETRY OFFICE**  
seeking immediate opening for someone to help with front office duties and filing insurance claims. Previous insurance experience filing is preferred. Full time or part time. Full time benefits include paid health insurance premiums and paid holiday/vacations.  
Please fax resume with salary requirements to 919-742-4599



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: 1237055 (FC.FAY) S19,S26,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 423**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **MARION LEMLY BLACKBURN** 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 December 19, 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 19th day of September, 2019.  
Sheppard H. Monroe, Executrix  
c/o McCuiston Law Offices, PLLC  
200 Town Village Drive  
Cary, NC 27513  
S19,S26,03,010,4tc

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION CHATHAM COUNTY 19SP140**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY MARK L. MURPHY AND DAWN V. MURPHY DATED JULY 25, 2006 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1273 AT PAGE 735 IN THE CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash **at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 2:00PM on October 2, 2019** the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Chatham County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of Trust executed Mark L. Murphy and Dawn V. Murphy, dated July 25, 2006 to secure the original principal amount of \$193,000.00, and recorded in Book 1273 at Page 735 of the Chatham County Public Registry. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warranty is intended.  
Address of property: **1210 Clyde Ave, Siler City, NC 27344**  
Tax Parcel ID: 0017161  
Present Record Owners: Mark L. Murphy and Dawn V. Murphy  
And Being more commonly known as: 1210 Clyde Ave, Siler City, NC 27344  
The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Mark L. Murphy and Dawn V. Murphy. 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, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either 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. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid 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. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.  
**SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE-HOLD TENANTS:** If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. The date of this Notice is September 11, 2019. Grady I. Ingles or Elizabeth B. Ellis  
Substitute Trustee  
10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400  
Charlotte, NC 28216 (704) 333-8107  
http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/07-92502  
S19,S26,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19-E-462**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons having claims against **RICHARD F. POTTER** aka Richard Frank Potter ["Richard F. Potter"] of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 1st day of August, 2019, are notified to present them to Diana E. Potter, Executrix of the Estate of Richard F. Potter in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before December 26, 2019. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executrix, and the devisees of Richard F. Potter. Those indebted to Richard F. Potter are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. Dean P. Broz, Atty for the Estate Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 S19,S26,03,010,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 466**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **THOMAS F. STEWARD** 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 December 19, 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 19th day of September, 2019.  
Lisa Ordner, Executrix  
2751 Chieftain Run  
Duluth, GA 30097  
S19,S26,03,010,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 464**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **ALLEN BENTON BARBOUR** 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 December 20, 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 19th day of September, 2019.  
John D. Barbour, Executor  
c/o Cindy Thompson Bowen Law Firm PC  
590 New Wavery Place, Suite 120  
Cary, NC 27518  
Phone: 919-859-3224  
www.bowenlawfirm.net  
S19,S26,03,010,4tc

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION**  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM  
FILE NO.: 19 JA 69  
IN RE: "A.A."  
DOB: 04/10/19  
**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**  
TO: Cierra Kenya Alston, biological Mother and biological Father of the above female child born April 10, 2019 in Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina.  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Juvenile Petition (Abuse/Neglect/Dependency) and Order for Non-Secure Custody has been filed regarding the above-referenced minor child, and you are a respondent. You have forty days from September 19, 2019, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.  
If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney. A provisional attorney has been appointed to represent you in this matter.  
STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P.  
BY: /s/ ANGENETTE STEPHENSON,  
Attorney for Petitioner, CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
109 Conner Dr., Suite 208  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514  
Telephone: (919) 869-7795  
S19,S26,03,3tc

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 17-CVD-819**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY COUNTY OF CHATHAM PLAINTIFF, vs KEVIN M. ARMFIELD, et al DEFENDANTS.  
**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
TO: KEVIN M. ARMFIELD and spouse, PAULA ARMFIELD, and any HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DEVISEES OF KEVIN M. ARMFIELD, and spouse, PAULA ARMFIELD, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder  
A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on September 26, 2019.  
The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect

delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property.  
You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after September 26, 2019, or by November 5, 2019, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought.  
This the 18th day of September, 2019.  
MARK D. BARDILL  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
NC Bar #12852  
310 W. Jones St.  
P. O. Box 25  
Trenton, North Carolina 28585 (252) 448-4541  
S26,03,010,3tp

**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE GOLDSTON GULF SANITARY DISTRICT**  
A Municipal election will be held on **November 5, 2019** in the **Goldston Gulf Sanitary District**, to elect three Board Member seats. The three candidates that receive the highest number of votes for Board Member will be elected.  
The voting place will be at the **Goldston Town Hall, 40 A Coral Ave., Goldston, NC 27252**. All residents of the Goldston Precinct that live within the boundaries of the Goldston Gulf Sanitary District and are registered to vote with the Chatham County Board of Elections will be eligible to vote in this election. All residents of the Goldston precinct that live within the Goldston Gulf Sanitary District will vote at the Goldston Town Hall for the Sanitary District Election. The polling place will be open from **6:30 am until 7:30 pm on Election Day**. Those residents who are not registered to vote must register by **Friday, October 11, 2019**. You may register to vote at the Board of Elections office located at 984 Thompson Street, Suite D in Pittsboro or you may pick up a mail-in voter registration form at the **Goldston Library, 9235 Pittsboro Goldston Rd., Goldston, NC 27252**. You can request a voter registration form by calling the Board of Elections office at 919-545-8500. Any voter that has moved must notify the Board of Elections office. Persons wishing to register and vote after the registration deadline may appear in person at the one-stop absentee voting site, complete the voter registration application form and provide proof of residence by presenting valid documents showing current name and address. Voters are encouraged to register by the October 11, 2019 deadline. Voters who are registered may also apply for an absentee ballot by mail. The application can be submitted in person at the Board of Elections office, by fax at 919-542-6430, by e-mail to Elections@chathamnc.org, or by mail to Chatham County Board of Elections office at P O Box 111, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The request must be made on the State Absentee Ballot Request form. The form can be found at the Elections webpage at www.chathamnc.org/boe or you call the BOE office to obtain a copy. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is **Tuesday, October 29, 2019**. You can vote in person using No-Excuse One stop voting in the Board of Elections office in Pittsboro beginning **October 16, 2019**. The schedule for the One Stop voting site is **Wednesday, October 16th thru Friday, October 18th from 8 am until 5 pm, Monday, October 21st through Friday, October 25th, 8 am until 5 pm, and Saturday, October 26th, 9 am until 1pm. Monday, October 28th through Wednesday, October 30th, 8 am until 5 pm. Thursday, October 31st and Friday, November 1st from 8 am until 7 pm**. The last day to vote absentee in person is **Friday, November 1, 2019 from 8 am until 7 pm**. The polling place is accessible to the handicapped and to the elderly. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute, 163-166.8, any voter requiring assistance is entitled to such from a person of his or her choosing. Voter Photo ID is not required for elections in 2019, but will be required for elections in 2020. If you have any questions regarding registration, absentee ballots or other election matters, please call the Board of Elections office at 919-545-8500. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Exercise Your Right To Vote!!!!!! It's Your Voice..... Laura Heise – Chairman, Chatham County Board of Elections S26,03,010,3tc

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**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF PITTSBORO**  
A Municipal election will be held on **November 5, 2019** in the **Town of Pittsboro**, North Carolina, to elect a Mayor and 3 Town Commissioners. The candidate that receives the highest number of votes for Mayor will be elected. The top 3 candidates that received the highest number of votes for Town Commissioner will be elected to the Town Council. The voting place will be the **Multipurpose Room at Central Carolina Community College at 764 West Street in Pittsboro**. All residents that live within the town boundaries of the Town of Pittsboro that are registered to vote with the Chatham County Board of Elections will be eligible to vote in this election. The polling place will be open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm on Election Day. Those residents who are not registered to vote must register by **Friday, October 11, 2019**. You may register to vote at the Board of Elections office located at 984 Thompson Street, Suite D in Pittsboro or you may pick up a mail-in voter registration form at the **Chatham Community Library at 197 NC Highway 87 North on the Central Carolina Community College Campus**. You can request a voter registration form by calling the Board of Elections office at 919-545-8500. Any voter that has moved must notify the Board of Elections office. Persons wishing to register and vote after the registration deadline may appear in person at the one-stop absentee voting site, complete the voter registration application form and provide proof of residence by presenting valid documents showing current name and address. Voters are encouraged to register by the **October 11, 2019** deadline. Voters who are registered may also apply for an absentee ballot by mail. The application can be submitted in person at the Board of Elections office, by fax at 919-542-6430, by e-mail to Elections@chathamnc.org or by mail to Chatham County Board of Elections office at P O Box 111, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The request must be made on the State Absentee Ballot Request form. The form can be found at the Elections webpage at www.chathamnc.org/boe or call the BOE office to obtain a copy. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is **Tuesday, October 29, 2019**. You can vote in person using No-Excuse One stop voting in the Board of Elections office in Pittsboro beginning **October 16, 2019**. The schedule for the One Stop voting site is **Wednesday, October 16th thru Friday, October 18th from 8 am until 5 pm, Monday, October 21st through Friday, October 25th, 8 am until 5 pm, and Saturday, October 26th, 9 am until 1pm. Monday, October 28th through Wednesday, October 30th, 8 am until 5 pm. Thursday, October 31st and**

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**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF SILER CITY**  
A Municipal election will be held on **November 5, 2019** in the **Town of Siler City**, North Carolina, to elect a Mayor, Town Commissioner - District 2, Town Commissioner - District 3, Town Commissioner - District 4, and a Town Commissioner At Large seat. There will be two Referendums on the ballot. Town of Siler City Malt Beverage Election, and Town of Siler City Unfortified Wine Election. The candidate that receives the highest number of votes for Mayor will be elected. The Town Commissioner candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the Town Council. The voting place will be at **The Earl B. Fitts Community Center at 111 South Third Ave, Siler City, NC 27344 for voters registered in the East Siler City Precinct. Voters registered in the West Siler City Precinct**

**will vote at the Paul Braxton Gymnasium, at 115 S. 3rd Ave., Siler City, NC 27344** (beside the Earl B. Fitts Community Center) for this election only. All residents that live within the town boundaries of the Town of Siler City that are registered to vote with the Chatham County Board of Elections will be eligible to vote in this election. The polling place will be open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm on Election Day. Those residents who are not registered to vote must register by **Friday, October 11, 2019.** You may register to vote at the Board of Elections office located at 984 Thompson Street, Suite D in Pittsboro or you may pick up a mail-in voter registration form at the **Chatham Community Library at Wrenn Memorial Library at 500 North Second Ave, Siler City, NC 27344.** You can request a voter registration form by calling the Board of Elections office at 919-545-8500. Any voter that has moved must notify the Board of Elections office. Persons wishing to register and vote after the registration deadline may appear in person at the one-stop absentee voting site, complete the voter registration application form and provide proof of residence by presenting valid documents showing current name and address. Voters are encouraged to register by the **October 11, 2019** deadline. Voters who are registered may also apply for an absentee ballot. The application can be submitted in person at the Board of Elections office, by fax at 919-542-6430, by e-mail to Elections@chathamnc.org or by mail to Chatham County Board of Elections office at P O Box 111, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The request must be on the State Absentee Ballot Request form. The form can be found at the Elections webpage at [www.chathamnc.org/boe](http://www.chathamnc.org/boe) or call the BOE office to obtain a copy. The last day to receive a

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 470**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JESSE REID WATTS** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to ex-

hibit them to the undersigned on or before December 26, 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 26TH day of September, 2019.  
Stephen R. Watts, Executor  
309 NE 42nd Street  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
S26,03,010,17,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 471**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **PATRICIA HARRIS WATTS** 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 December 26, 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 26th day of September, 2019.  
Stephen R. Watts, Executor  
309 NE 42nd Street  
Oak Island, NC 28465  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 473**  
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **BETTY GARNER BREWER** 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 December 26, 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 26th day of September, 2019.  
Debra Starr Porter, Administrator  
3830 Silk Hope Liberty Rd.  
Siler City, NC 27344  
S26,03,010,017,4tc

**BONLEE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL MEETING**  
The annual meeting of all property owners in the Bonlee Volunteer Fire Department will be held on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bonlee Fire Department. The purpose of this meeting is to elect two new members to the board and conduct the general business of the Bonlee Fire Department. All property owners in the Bonlee Volunteer Fire Department District are urged to attend this important meeting.  
Bonlee Volunteer Fire Department  
185 Bonlee-Bennett Road  
Bonlee, NC 27313  
S26,03,2tc

**CHATHAM COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) /FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM**  
Chatham County has been chosen to receive \$8,513.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in th county. The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army and The United Way World-

wide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county. A Local Board made up of local representatives of the organizations listed above will determine how the funds awarded to Chatham County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Chatham County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army participating. This agency was responsible for providing over 80 families with emergency financial assistance. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Jane Wrenn, Emergency Services Director for The Salvation Army Chatham County Service Unit, at 2535 Old US Hwy 421 N, Siler City and/or at 919-542-1593 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is Wednesday, October 2, 2019, by 5:00 p.m. S26,1tc

# PepperFest brings in visitors, pepper cash



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

**Birdie Pedraza, the 5-year-old daughter of Elizabeth and Juan Pedraza of Briar Chapel, shows off her painted face at Saturday's PepperFest in downtown Pittsboro. Mom Elizabeth says she's attended all 12 PepperFest events and was enjoying the event's attractions with Birdie.**



**A wreath of peppers around his top hat makes Lyle Estill of Fair Game Beverage stand out in the crowd of pepper lovers at last Sunday's Pepperfest in Pittsboro.**

Staff photo by David Bradley

An estimated 2,500 people came to this year's edition of PepperFest, the annual celebration of peppers and more produced by Abundance NC, held in downtown Pittsboro for the first time. Organizer Tami Schwerin of Abundance NC said the event was in its natural place. "We could not have asked for a better event," she said. "The PepperFest truly belongs to downtown Pittsboro. The community came together to celebrate local food, local economy and each other. The happy faces I saw made the months of

work so worth it." More than \$4,700 was spent on locally-grown peppers, of which there were 74 different varieties. The event also included numerous other volunteers and vendors. The Pepper Nobility were also crowned. Paul Sacca earned the title of King "for his amazing work on sponsors, parking and bringing 110 vendors in one-and-a-half hours," Schwerin said, while Meredith Leight was crowned Queen "for her ongoing pepper farming, sustainability, beautiful attitude and longterm pepper support."



**Barb Carter, from Durham, said she really loved PepperFest. 'It's awesome,' she said. 'My first time. There's lots of good food and entertainment.'**  
Staff photo by David Bradley



Staff photo by David Bradley

**One highlight of PepperFest was a performance by some cast members from "The Little Mermaid," who sang some numbers from the production at the Sweet Bee Theatre. The four final performances of the musical are scheduled for Sept. 28 and 29.**



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Katrina Elsheimer gets a hot snack at the Honey Bee Hills booth during PepperFest from Liz Mason. Honey Bee Hills is an organic farm growing year round. 'I love peppers and garlic,' Elsheimer said. 'My relatives came from New York and built their vacation around this festival.'**



Staff photos by David Bradley

**Several bands played during the three-hour PepperFest. Bringing the crowd back to the past was the soulful, funky sounds of 8-Track Minds, playing tunes from the '70s.**