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Despite initial resistance to the genre, romance books shape local writer’s world

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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PITTSBORO — “Write the book.”
It’s a literary-specific paraphrase of the more familiar Nike slogan: “Just do it.”
But whichever three-word

motivational mantra you pick, they’re words by which Dolly Sickles has lived.
Her expansive resume reflects such forward-motion drive and determination. Should she forget, the words “write the book” are memorialized in a promi-

nent tchotchke resting on a bookshelf in her home.
At 46, she’s not only written the book, she’s also been a newspaper writer, author of children’s literature, book reviewer, grant writer, blogger, college writing instructor, mar-

keting director and project manager in the corporate arena as well as a wife, a mother and, throughout all, an optimist.
Sickles lives in the quiet countryside — there are
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Peyton Sickles photo

Appropriately surrounded by shelves filled with books, Dolly Sickles is an author and book reviewer.

On the learning trail, a ‘magical place’



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Meghan Friday, preschool director at The Learning Trail, helps her preschool students pronounce the word “cat” during a class session last month.

Neighborhood-specific learning center supports low-income, mostly-Hispanic families in Chapel Hill

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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CHAPEL HILL — Monday, Sept. 16 started off like any Monday at any normal preschool.
The kids walked in, shepherded by their parents, and got to playing. There were art and puzzles and Play-Doh crafting and baby doll-caring. After a little bit, the teacher called the class to the carpet.
Meghan Friday, The Learning Trail’s preschool director, began to sing a song about the different fingers on your hand. The thumb, the pointer, so on. Then she reinforced some letters — A, B, C, and so on.
It was a normal day at The Learning Trail, which can only be described as a somewhat abnormal preschool.
See, The Learning Trail is located in the Nature Trail neighborhood, a trailer park right down the road from the entrance to Governor’s Club off of Farrington Road on the northeastern side of Chatham County. The Learning Trail only serves children living in Nature Trail, and it’s a picture of when wealthy meets poor for what those involved say is the greater good.



Artist and volunteer Christine Duprez Young works with Camila Garcia, in yellow, and Camila Trejo behind her on an art project during the first hour of The Learning Trail’s preschool program last month.

Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Started with an idea

In 2007, Governor’s Club was home to a group of former educators, and if you know any teachers, they’ll tell you that you never really stop being a teacher.
“They knew about this community and they saw a need for after-school tutoring,” says Suzanne Morris, current president of The Learning Trail’s board of directors. “So in the fall of 2007, six tutors and six third-graders started here.”
Morris wasn’t here when The Learning Trail started, but the

33-year vet of special education got plugged into the program in 2011. By then, the number of tutors had grown beyond 25 and the student population expanded beyond third grade.
Anyone who is somewhat intimately familiar with the program will tell you about Carol Tomasen. She became the de-facto director of The Learning Trail after the original leader moved to Maine. In 2011, Tomasen and Morris and another individual started an after-school tutoring program for
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2019 Elections Early voting starts Oct. 16

BY CASEY MANN
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Early voting for the 2019 municipal elections begins next Wednesday, Oct. 16, giving Chatham residents who live within the town limits of Goldston, Siler City and Pittsboro a chance to cast ballots for several races, including those for mayor and town board in all three municipalities and the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District.
Of all the races, only three are contested — Pittsboro town board, Siler City Mayor and Siler City Town Commissioner District 3. Goldston’s Mayor Tim Cunnup, Town Commissioners Steve Cunnup and Charlie Fields, and Sanitary District Board members Danny Scott, Henry Kitchings and Ricky Beal are running unopposed.
In Siler City, Commissioners Larry Cheek (District 2) and Bill Haiges (District 4) are running unopposed. Siler City Mayor John Grimes is facing two challengers for his re-election bid, Jackie Adams and Albert Reddick. Commissioner Mike Constantino (District 3) is seeking re-election against two opponents — Curtis Brown and Timothy (Cookie) Brown.
In Pittsboro, Jim Nass is running unopposed for mayor, while seven candidates are vying for three open seats on the Pittsboro Board. Commissioners Jay Farrell and John Bonitz are seeking re-election; Commissioner Bett Wilson Foley decided not to run for re-election. Other candidates vying for a seat on the board include Pam Cash-Roper, Heather Johnson, Bridget Perry, Kyle Shipp and Lonnie West.

Early voting for the municipal elections will take place at one location — the Chatham County Board of Elections office located at 984-D Thompson St. in Pittsboro. Residents will be able to early vote on weekdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. through Nov. 1. There will also be early voting from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.
Residents who need to register to vote or update their voter registration will be able to do so during early voting. Photo identification will not be required to vote until next year, but voters will be asked whether they have an approved photo id to ensure that voters know it will be required for the 2020 elections.
There will be four polling sites open on election day, Nov. 5. There is a temporary change of polling location for West Siler City residents on election day this year. The West Siler City Precinct will vote at the Paul Braxton Gymnasium located at 115 S. 3rd Ave. in Siler City. Voters in the East Siler City Precinct will vote where they have in the past, the Earl B. Fitts Community Center at 111 S. Third Ave. in Siler City. On election day, Pittsboro residents will vote at the Multipurpose Room at Central Carolina Community College at 764 West St. in Pittsboro. Goldston residents will vote at Goldston Town Hall located at 40A Coral Ave. in Goldston.
One precinct in Chatham County will be testing new voting equipment. The county is purchasing new voting equipment from Hart InterCivic as its
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Affordable housing is top of mind for Pittsboro commissioner candidates

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — On questionnaires filled out for the News + Record, five of the seven candidates for the Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners listed affordable housing or improving the town’s affordable housing stock as their No. 1 goal or area of improvement for the town.

And the other two are well aware that it’s a big deal.
As Pittsboro continues to grow, having places for people to live is a vital part of keeping the community running, the candidates say, and they have various ideas and thoughts about how to approach it.
Incumbent commissioner Jay Farrell, who is seeking his third term in office, pointed to the work of the town’s affordable

housing task force — which has been chaired by incoming mayor Jim Nass.
“We all look forward to hearing this report,” Farrell said. “After the review from our committee I feel we will have better understanding on how the town, community, county, Chatham Park and all other stakeholders can work together to provide housing to all.”
More recently, Chatham Park

has been waiting on the town to put together an affordable housing ordinance to work off of. Developers have promised to set aside 1 percent of all housing units to meet “affordable housing criteria,” set aside a minimum of 100 of those units for single-family detached dwellings and contribute \$100 per residential dwelling unit built into an Affordable Housing Fund.

The other incumbent running this year, John Bonitz, said developments like Chatham Park “worsen the problem” of a lack of affordable housing in Pittsboro “by building higher-priced housing which creates demand for lower-wage service jobs,” despite the development’s pledge to support affordable housing.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• The **Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District** will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 10 in the conference room in the new Agriculture Building in Pittsboro. This is an open meeting! To confirm the meeting or for additional information call the office at 919-542-8240.

• The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will have its regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, 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.

• **Chatham County Partnership for Children's** Board of Directors will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center.

THURSDAY

• The **Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** meet the third Thursday of each month (Oct. 17), at 7 p.m. at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments are welcome. For more information and/or directions, contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol.com or 919-929-5359.

• The **Second Bloom of Chatham Thrift Shop** is now 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 Farmers 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

• **Northwood High School, class of 1989** - join classmates Friday, October 11 at 7 p.m. for Family Night at Northwood's Homecoming Game. Then Saturday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m., Party Night will be held at the Pittsboro Roadhouse. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2427631597521958/>. For questions, contact: august.burns@duke.edu or 919-972-1787.

• **Free Friday Music Jam** at the Oasis Open Air Market in Siler City from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30-7 every Friday. Get together with the acoustic community of Siler City to play, and sing while enjoying Open Blue Grass, Old-time and County music. If you want to join, show up or email John Eichorn, johnnichorn72@gmail.com. Come play corn hole, sit on the patio or stay inside. If weather permits, music is outside on the patio.

SATURDAY

• **Goldston Annual Old Fashion Day** will be held from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. This is a free event with something for the whole family. With over 100 vendors participating, the event offers a mix of art, antiques, crafts, food, jewelry and much

more for your enjoyment. The event is sponsored by the Goldston Lions Club and all proceeds go back to community projects and provide aid to the Blind and Visually Impaired. The Lions will be collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids to be recycled at the Lion's Club ice cream tent.

• The **Chatham High School Class of 1969** will gather at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 12 at Haley Bayles Steakhouse inside of Bestfoods. All class mates are encouraged to attend. Then on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., the class will meet at Evans Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church for morning worship, and dinner if you would like to stay. Rev. Lorinzer Johnson, host pastor says all are welcome to attend.

• 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.Cook02@gmail.com immediately.

• **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. Shenandoah's 30th anniversary Tour featuring Marty Raybon will be held at 7 p.m., October 19, and Wayne Taylor' Great American County Band will be featured at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 26.

• **Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser Turkey Shoot** will be held Friday nights, 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, with 410 Gauge Shotguns 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.

MONDAY

• Welcome to **Writing Toward Resilience**, a weekly opportunity for all those who are grieving or current caregivers. We meet Mondays 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 ro-

tate. 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.pittsbororoadhouse.com.

UPCOMING

• The **Siler City Lions Club** will present its 'Fall Festival' Pancake Breakfast at the First United Methodist Church in Siler City on Saturday, October 19 from 6:30 a.m. until 11. Tickets are \$6 per adult and \$3 for children under 6 years, in advance and at the door — eat in or take out. Neese's Country Sausage will be available for \$30 per case. The church is located at 1101 West Raleigh Street.

• As part of **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month** Chatham Community Library will host a screening of the documentary Private Violence on Tuesday, October 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Holmes Meeting Room of Chatham Community Library. The film explores a simple but deeply disturbing fact of American life: the most dangerous place for a woman in America is in her own home. Through the eyes of two survivors Deanna Walters and Kit Gruelle, the film bears witness to the complicated and complex realities of intimate partner violence. Private Violence begins to shape powerful, new questions that hold the potential to change our society: Why does he abuse? Why do we turn away? How do we begin to build a future without domestic violence? This event is free and open to the public. Resource tables and informational displays will be on site.

• The **UNC Hospice Support Group**, "Sharing Our Stories" will meet on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., October 23 through December 11 at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. For further information or to register, contact: Scott Ashley, LCSW, Bereavement Counselor, UNC Hospice, 984-215-2675, Cornelius.ashley@unchealth.unc.edu. A weekly commitment and registration is required for this group.

• Improve your computer skills at Chatham Community Library! The library is 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. Ancestry & Family Search Workshop: Oct. 10, Thurs., 3-4:30 p.m. Internet Basics, Part 1: Oct. 22, Tues., 3-4:30 p.m. Internet Basics, Part 2: Oct. 29, Tues., 3-4:30 p.m. For all 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.

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• The **PlayMakers Repertory Company** offers a free performance of "Wilder & Wilder," a medley of Thornton Wilder short plays, on October 17 at

Jordan-Matthews High School. The production is part of PlayMakers' annual mobile tour designed to make outstanding theater accessible to communities throughout central North Carolina. The event begins with coffee and cookies at 3:30 p.m. and continues with the performance at 4 p.m. "Wilder & Wilder" runs about 90 minutes, with a 70-minute performance and 10 minutes of audience activities before and after the play. Join us if you can.

• **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>.

• The **Chatham Historical Museum** is open Wed, Thurs, and Fri from 11am until 4pm. Our friendly and knowledgeable volunteers are ready to welcome you. Bring your friends and family. The museum is adult and kid friendly. Admission is free. While the usual entrance on the north side is blocked, please enter using the east or west entrances.

• **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 announces the availability of VOTE411.org, a comprehensive website providing local election and candidate information. Available now, the on-line 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.

• **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 on-line 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.

Siler City receives \$20,000 grant from Duke Energy Foundation

SILER CITY — The Town of Siler City received a \$20,000 grant from Duke Energy Foundation which Siler City will use to fund improve-

ments in its Emergency Operations Center

Siler City is one of 65 grant recipients across the state selected from more than 140 applications, with projects ranging from swift water rescue equipment and specialized radios to non-profit training and Spanish language outreach.

Awarded projects will be implemented in communities over the following weeks and months.

Siler City will utilize the grant toward improvements in its Emergency Operations Center, which is located in the Police Department building on Second Avenue in the downtown area. Additions will

include modular tables and seating, expanded wireless capabilities, video monitors and communications tools to allow for enhanced interaction with local, county, state and national, as well as to increase and improve incoming and outgoing exchange of information.

“We look forward to

utilizing these much-appreciated funds from the Duke Energy Foundation to improve the safety of our personnel and citizens by expanding our ability to provide a higher level of emergency services,” said Roy Lynch, Siler City’s Town Manager.

“Duke Energy stands

with our communities as they recover from the devastation of recent storms, and we want to help them become more resilient to the impacts of future storms,” said Stephen De May, North Carolina president, Duke Energy.

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Three arrested in Saturday protests around Confederate monument

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PITTSBORO — For the second Saturday in a row, three individuals — two of whom are not Chatham County residents — are facing criminal charges in relation to competing rallies surrounding the “Our Confederate Heroes” monument in downtown

Pittsboro. A Virginia woman, Pittsboro man and Durham woman can add their names to the three arrested the previous Saturday for various acts surrounding

the rallies, which have become commonplace in downtown Pittsboro since the Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted 4-1 in August to terminate the lease to the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for placement of the monument on county property.

Jessica Reavis, 40, of Danville, Virginia, was charged with illegally carrying a concealed gun and illegally carrying a concealed weapon. Thalia Considine, 30, of Durham, was charged with disorderly conduct, illegally carrying a concealed weapon and illegally carrying a weapon at a parade or demonstration. Richard Allen, 43, of Pittsboro, was charged with disorderly conduct. All three were released on a written promise to appear with November 6 court dates in Pittsboro.

One week prior, on September 28, two non-Chatham residents and one Chatham resident were taken into custody and then released with future court dates.

According to a release from the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office, protesters and counter protesters assembled on either side of East Street in downtown Pittsboro around 10 a.m. Saturday. The rallies were finished by 5 p.m. with no injuries reported.

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neighbors, yes, but they’re not too close — a few miles west of Pittsboro off U.S. Hwy. 64 in a spacious house she shares with her husband Matt; their son Peyton, a junior in college and a talented photographer; and Magnolia Mae, a loving beagle who mostly answers to Maggie Mae.

Born in Columbia, S.C., Sickles was an “Army brat,” relocating with her parents to Germany when she was a toddler.

“I always say that my life was really heavily shadowed by the Vietnam War,” she said. “I was just a child, but my dad fought in the final years over in Vietnam.”

When the war ended, the family relocated to Garner, near her father’s new job as an Army recruiter in Raleigh. But her parents would soon split, leaving Sickles — an only child — and her mom on their own.

“My mother and I grew up very, very meagerly,” said Sickles.

There wasn’t a lot of money and Sickles — a “latchkey kid,” though she dislikes the term because “it sounds kind of mean” — spent a lot of time on her own after school while her mother worked. They weren’t easy times, but there was a saving grace, and it didn’t cost anything: the local library.

“My mom had a library card,” said Sickles, “and we went to the library every Saturday. She would get a bagful of books — at least eight or ten books — I would get a couple of books also. The library, the library card, it was like a ticket to freedom.”

Where Mom favored romance novels, young Dolly was drawn to stories of adventure.

“So I read a lot,” she said. “I loved anything with adventure. And it just fueled my love of literature and storytelling and wanderlust. National Geographic I loved because it showed me a glimpse into a world that didn’t look like my front or back yard in Garner. It showed me people who didn’t look like me, the interesting histories of places. It was totally fascinating.”

Dolly couldn’t have known it at the time, but her mother’s love of romance novels would later come to have a heavy influence.

“My mom always tried to get me to read romance books,” Sickles said. “And I would say ‘I’m not reading that, Mom.’” Who reads romance books? I always say ‘Crazy cat ladies, right?’”

A heavy snowfall — it was a number of years ago, when son Peyton was in 1st or 2nd grade — changed her stance. She’d purchased three or four

romance novels for her mother’s upcoming birthday and wrapped them. Then came the winter storm.

“Snowed in,” she recalled. “I ran out of things to read. I opened that birthday present and I read every one of them.”

Then came the surprise — she didn’t hate them.

“I thought, ‘These are so great!’” Sickles said. “Yes, there’s romance. And yes, there’s sex. That’s what everybody always focuses on with romance books. But at the very end, there was a hopeful, happy chance for good things to happen.”

The timing of her reading those books was key, too. There was the snowstorm, of course, that had her isolated and hungry for something new to read. But there was something else.

At the time, she was working for the Alliance for AIDS Services in Raleigh. The job was stressful, and heavy.

“I had all of these statistics of disease and death in my head,” she said.

In her professional life, she could fight for funding for AIDS research, fight for more awareness. “But I couldn’t change the outcome of their lives,” she said. “But at the end of a romance book, you know there’s going to be a happy, hopeful ending.”

In those books, all sorts of mayhem may occur throughout their pages, but at the end “the girl gets the guy. Or the guy gets the guy. However it turns out, there’s a happy ending. I so needed that in my life at the time.”

It was a pivotal discovery. “And I called my mom and apologized,” she said. “I understood what she’d been looking for.”

She would pen several romance novels herself, favoring the sub-genre of “contemporary romance” and “romantic suspense.”

A lot of genre fiction — romance, mysteries, horror, fantasy, westerns — is “often kind of maligned,” Sickles said, “as ‘not literature’ or ‘not intelligent,’ or something you can write in a day. But writing a book is writing a book, regardless of your topic.”

She found success in the field, penning and publishing romance novels (written under the pseudonym “Becky Moore”) and children’s books (written under the pseudonym “Dolly Dozier.”)

Then, nearly seven years ago, Sickles’ life collided with a “huge speed-bump” that had a great impact on her life.

“I fell,” she said.

She’d spent a week hiking in Arizona. During the rugged vacation, she’d become dehydrated and had developed a kidney

stone. A urologist had her on several medications, which had the unexpected result of drastically lowering her blood pressure.

In the bathroom one night, while recuperating, she “stood up and passed out,” striking her head on the bathtub in the mishap and sustaining a traumatic brain injury.

She was unconscious for five minutes.

“At the time, I’d written five romance novels and two children’s books,” she said.

But with the serious injury, “everything came to an immediate stop.”

She suffered three months of memory loss, couldn’t drive. Her family worried. For a long time after, Peyton held her hand when she walked, clinging to his mother to protect here should she fall again.

The injury also took a toll on her ability to write.

“For about three years, I couldn’t write anything long-form,” she said. “My brain just couldn’t make the connection.”

That’s when she turned her attention to writing book reviews. She found she could write the shorter format, and she began writing reviews of romance novels for several major outlets including USA Today, to which she contributed a regular column on the topic called “Happy Ever After.”

While she still suffers some lingering effects from the fall, seven years later she’s doing much better. Her writing career, however, suffered a setback. Her books went out of print and she lost a good opportunity with a literary agency and with a major publisher.

“But it’s OK,” she said. “I did it before. I can do it again.”

Two and a half years ago, she resumed fiction writing and today, in addition to writing book reviews and teaching writing at Central Carolina Community College, she’s “shopping around a romantic suspense that two publishers are interested in.”

She’s also brought one of her children’s books back into print.

“It all starts somewhere,” she said.

Write the book. Just do it.

“I’m a huge proponent of trying,” Sickles said. “When things get tough, we can either shut down and never do anything or we can kick it in the ass and try. I say try. Try out for chorus. Try out for cheerleading. Try out for the football team. The worst, the very worst they can tell you is ‘no.’ ‘No’ for me makes me try harder. And inevitably, I come back stronger.”

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VOTING: New voting equipment

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current equipment needs to be replaced. Per state statute, the county must test the equipment in one precinct prior to full implementation during the 2020 primary election.

According to Chatham County Board of Elections Executive Director Pandora Paschal, the decision as to which precinct will participate in the test has not yet been determined.

For more information

on the 2019 Election, visit the Chatham County Board of Elections website or call 919-545-8500.

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VIEWPOINTS

A newfound appreciation for the beauty of language

Even when you don't understand what's being said

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The train sped through the early-morning darkness from Bruges, the ancient port city that was once the trading hub of northwest Europe, toward Brussels.

BILL HORNER III
From The Publisher's Desk

In those pre-dawn hours this past Sunday, our passenger car was nearly empty: aside from my wife Lee Ann and our traveling companion, Kay Patterson — who for the second year in a row has joined us on our church's annual mission trip to Ukraine — there were only two other groups of people on board.

And something fascinating was taking place inside: conversation, even though I didn't understand a single word.

In the row in front of me were three young men, probably 20 years of age. They looked to be college students en route back to school after a weekend backpacking jaunt. Behind me sat a family of five, a mother and father and three energetic late-teen daughters, talking and laughing enthusiastically while we sleepy-headed Americans tried to shake off the gloomy rain outside.

The boys were speaking to each other in Flemish; the family behind us conversed in a language I didn't recognize. Talking and sharing, not texting or web surfing, was the order of the day.

It got even better. At a stop close to Brussels, another family boarded: a mom and dad and two young girls, probably 4 and 3 years old. The daughters, spritely and blonde like their mum, chatted happily to her in French while dad sat smiling nearby. French is a complex but beautiful language (I tried to learn in college, and failed miserably), and hearing the floral intonations shared between the

three made me smile, too. It was exquisite.

That experience, and our trip (which we're still on as you read this) reminded me about the wonder of language and the ways we use it. Have you ever eavesdropped on three conversations simultaneously in three languages you didn't understand?

It was, it turned out, a beautiful thing.

When it comes to learning other languages, we Americans are pretty near the bottom of the rung. We have a bit of an excuse: about 20 percent of the globe's population speaks at least passable English. That makes it easy for us. During visits to nine European countries as a tourist in the last four years, only once — with a server in a small restaurant in rural Ukraine, in the Carpathian mountains — have I attempted to engage in conversation with someone who spoke not a single word of English. (We made the meal work with a crude version of sign language.)

So one in five Earthlings speaks English, but it's the native language for only a quarter of those — or about one in 20 worldwide. But many of the friends

we've made on our European travels speak three or four languages serviceably. During our few days in Bruges — our "side trip" for R&R prior to the week of work we're doing now in Ukraine — every server, shopkeeper and museum docent spoke English.

We even witnessed an argument break out when a young couple crossing a canal bridge in the "Venice of the North" accidentally bumped into a middle-aged woman, who proceeded to scream at them in heavily-accented English.

The couple apologized — in heavily-accented English.

I'm on my fourth trip to Ukraine and I know only about six or eight basic Russian phrases and still begin most of my encounters with a feeble, "English, please???"

In nationalistic Lviv, Ukrainian is the preferred language — so here I'm doubly lost; speaking Russian here is frowned upon, even if you're an English-speaking foreigner.

In Lviv, a close friend we made during our first trip here four years ago has come to stay with us. She's from Odessa, on the other side of Ukraine, but lives now with her husband in Gdansk, Poland. She

speaks Russian, Ukrainian and English, but had to learn Polish to find a job in her adopted new home. The ease at which this young woman — Katya is remarkable in many, many ways, but not a trained linguist — has learned these languages, and transitions smoothly between them, astonishes me.

It's par for the course for many Europeans.

Every year on this trip, I yearn to up my game and learn a new language. Will it happen this year? I doubt it. I'll end up making excuses, and besides that, I've been reminded time and again how easy it is to get blindly lost in your own tongue.

Case in point: another friend staying with us, Katya's sister-in-law, Lera, asked me this week to explain to her the differences and appropriate uses of the words "have" and "having."

I fumbled with my response, confusing Lera even more, and then realized I didn't have an adequate explanation.

Finally, I gave her the best answer I could come up with. "Ask Katya."

Turns out it was the most fluent thing I've said all week.

Stay focused behind the wheel; it's the season for deer

I don't know if it's still common practice, but generations of student drivers — myself among them — were shown short movies that depicted in graphic color and detail the aftermath of traffic accidents.

The intent, of course, was to engender in otherwise carefree teenagers good, cautious driving habits; to offer a crash course in the great responsibility that comes with a license to drive.

With ominous titles including "Signal 30," "Highways of Agony," and "Options to Live," those old reel-to-reel driver's education movies we had to

watch — a rite of passage for ninth-graders — burned images of battered, bloodied, even charred victims into the retinas of future drivers.

Who's to say whether those moves actually made for more responsible drivers, but I can still summon in my mind after all those years many of the images from those films, including the ruined face of a driver who crashed through a windshield after striking a deer, this from an 18-minute film produced in 1973 called "For Want of a Seatbelt."

That image was the last thing on my mind around 7:30 this morning as I drove to work.

The first thing on my mind was braking to avoid the deer that darted in front of my car; the second was maneuvering to avoid the second deer running close on the first one's heels.

The second deer was so close I could see what I took as panic in his wide eye as he sought to avoid me. It was to our mutual advantage to avoid contact.

Later, after I had time to reflect on the near-miss — and a few other recent close encounters with deer — I thought about those graphic old driver's education movies and the glee evident in the old coach who showed them to us.

But mostly I thought about how many deer I've seen while driving around the area the last few weeks.

If you spend any time on the road this time of year, you probably can't help but think of deer, too. It's their prime mating season and they're out and about, often crossing roadways.

While we're still early in the fall deer season and it's too soon for statistics, motor vehicle crashes involving deer usually peak in the fall months of October, November and December.

Every year, thousands of deer-related crashes occur in our state. There were 15,864 deer-related crashes reported in North Carolina in 2016, and 17,637 in 2015.

Already, I've seen a bunch of deer, including the pair I had to avoid this morning. I've also seen them standing on the roadside. And I've spotted a number that have been hit by cars.

It's that time of year.

To avoid an encounter, the UNC Highway Safety Research Center offers some tips for drivers to lower the risk of a crash with a deer, or mitigate the damage that can occur when a driver does hit a deer.

Here's the advice of experts as we head out onto the highway:

Always wear a seat belt, since proper restraint offers the best protection from injuries in the event of a crash.

Slow down. Drivers should reduce speed in areas with large known deer populations, such as wooded or farmland areas, and especially where deer warning signs are posted.

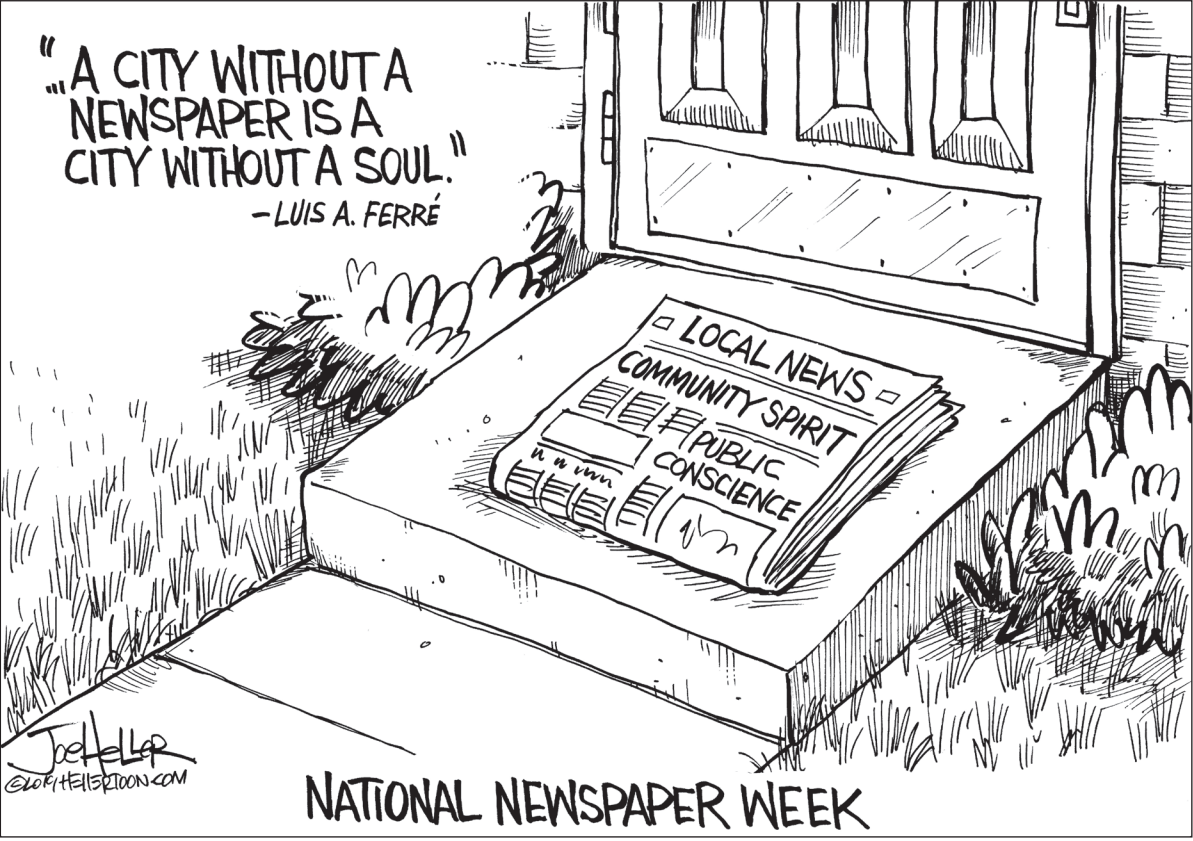
Watch for animals' eyes reflecting from headlights. Observe far down the road and scan the roadsides, especially when driving through field edges, heavily wooded areas or posted deer crossing areas. The sooner you see a deer on or approaching a road, the better the chances of avoiding a collision. Using high beam headlights at night when there is no approaching traffic will make it easier to spot deer.

Remember that deer travel in herds. If a deer crosses the road in front of you, don't assume that all is clear. Deer herds can be large, and the animals often move one right behind the other.

Don't rely on "deer whistles" or other "ultra-sonic" devices that claim to prevent deer collisions. Experts say they don't work.

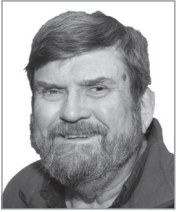
Maintain control of your vehicle. It is important not to lose control of your vehicle or veer into the path of an oncoming vehicle when trying to avoid contact with an animal. Loss of control usually results in a more serious crash. It is safer, say experts on the topic, to hit the deer while maintaining control than hitting another vehicle.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol advises drivers involved in a crash with a deer, or any large animal, to avoid putting themselves in further danger by attempting to remove the animal carcass. Motorists are advised to pull over to a safe location off the roadway and dial 911 or *HP for help.



Good and bad opposite sides of same coin

Have you ever given thought to how events or happenings can



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Movin' Around

build us up or push us down almost at the same time?

Those roller-coaster events can bring us to tears or to laughter within a blink of an eye and both can leave us next door to exhaustion when they're over.

One of those times in my life I remember most clearly is in the life of the older of the two forty-somethings who used to be teenagers who lived at my house. It was in those glorious days of high school when most of the world is right and the stars have all aligned in the proper order. As she moved along in her last year, she began to deal with "where do I want to go to college" and "what do I want to do with my life" and so on and so forth.

Deciding she would follow in her mama's footsteps and become a teacher — her choice, since she had seen the ups and downs of the career first-hand — she made application to the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program, a system that provided a four-year college scholarship if the recipient would pay it back by teaching in a North Carolina public school for four years. If you bail out before the four years, then you were supposed to pay back the money.

As a part of that application process you were to list, in order

of preference, the colleges you'd like to attend that took part in the program. Then you mail it back in and wait — to see if you got in and where you'd be sent to school.

And wait. And wait some more. She did all that and then came the glorious day when Mr. Mailman dropped an envelope into our box at the road. She, by then, was pretty much living next to the mailbox so when she saw the return address, she ripped open the envelope.

I can still see the scene in my mind's eye: I'm standing on the front porch; she's walking down the driveway looking over the contents.

"I got in (meaning she had been awarded a scholarship)," she yelled to the people in the next county.

Then a nano-second later the world comes crashing down. "They're sending me to (XXXXX)." (The name of the school in question shall remain nameless here for fear of offending the gentle souls who went to school there; suffice it to say that it was her third choice.)

For the next hundred hours, her mother and I sought to help her through the teachable moment that the best school anyone could attend was the one that offered a scholarship (I hope I feel that way always; what if one or more of my grandchildren gets a ride to Duke? . . . Please don't call, write, or assault me in public, Dear Reader. I'm just kidding . . . maybe.)

We also made the effort to point out that she would have employment, something not easily or always guaranteed after college, while she was paying off the four years.

For her, the story had a happy end-

ing. Sometime later after being placed on a waitlist for her favorite school, she got in after other recipients, for whom her number one choice was their number two or three, opted out and opened up a space.

So what's the moral? My mama would say it's the old line, "All's well that ends well." The Book tells us it's along the lines of "in all things, God works for good for those who love him" — "all things" meaning good and bad things.

Over the last few days I've been thinking about how the good and the bad often co-exist so closely in both time and space. For instance, the recent cool nights have let us turn off the air conditioner and deprive the power company of some of their revenue so it could become some of our revenue. We have flung open the windows, letting in the sounds of night — the train whistle at Bonlee, the squirrels chirping over who gets the next acorn, the dogs across the way in their nocturnal discussions, even the hair-raising symphony of the resident pack of coyotes across the woods.

But those same open windows also let in the breezes, which often are scented with the evidence of Peppy Le Pew and the seemingly nightly skunk family reunion. I'm pretty sure most of that happens as the dogs and the skunks get together to vote.

So, what to do? As in all parts of life, whether it's a scholarship or a skunk, the answer most likely is take a deep breath, tie another knot, wait a bit, hang on and look for the good.

The smell goes away after a while.

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VIEWPOINTS

Lessons from Rufus Edmisten's career

What lessons can we learn from one of North Carolina's most colorful political figures who served as attorney general, lost a gubernatorial election, won election as secretary of state, lost that position in disgrace, and then came back as a successful lawyer and lobbyist?

In a recent column about Rufus Edmisten's book, "That's Rufus: A Memoir of Tar Heel Politics, Watergate and Public Life," I promised to share lessons from that book.

Edmisten's most important lessons are gathered in a chapter titled "Hubris" near the end of his book. Writing that although he could find excus-



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

es for his "bad behavior" as secretary of state, he confesses, "It was nobody's fault but my own. This has not been easy to accept, but sometimes the truth isn't easy to take."

He compares his conduct with those of the Watergate figures he had earlier helped bring down as an aide to Sen. Sam J. Ervin. Edmisten writes that he, like them, "brought catastrophe upon themselves in part by becoming full of themselves, feeling a false sense of entitlement and making unwise choices."

Edmisten explains how his long years in office and in the public spotlight led to his problems. "Getting too impressed with myself resulted in bad things happening to me. When you hold public office or any position others perceive as one of power, a lot of people say a lot of nice things about you. While some of them might be true,

many of them are simply intended to win favor. This works about as often as you might expect you really can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar. It can also really puff a person up. Everybody wants to be liked, after all."

His situation came to a head in 1995.

"I had been doing some things that were foolish, to say the least. As I perceived myself to be more and more powerful I danced closer and closer to an edge I should never have gone near. I didn't intend to do wrong. I was just playing loose and easy with some rules I should have abided."

A report by the state auditor and articles in the Raleigh News & Observer alleged, according to Edmisten's book, the misuse of employees, misuse of a state car, abuses by subordinates, and improper hiring practices.

In this deluge of criticism, Edmisten announced he would not run for reelection, and, he writes, "I actually thanked God my daddy had died before this mess started."

Why did it happen? That is Edmisten's lesson for us.

It was the excessive pride that arose from his long years at the center of public attention that led to his troubles.

He warns his readers, "Once hubris gets a foothold it grows incrementally and accelerates until it is expanding exponentially, and in leaps and bounds takes over. No doubt the sycophants of the world recognize the hubris-infected when they see one and scamper to that person like crows to a fresh corn field. They converge and the convergence only adds to the inflated sense of self-worth of the Terrible Toad of Hubris because they are all paying attention to him. I forsook the

humility that my upbringing instilled and became enthralled by the deluge of flattering attention."

This lesson about the dangers of hubris is not the end of the story. In inspiring chapters at the end of the book, Edmisten chronicles how his wife and friends led him back into the practice of law and other areas of service. His wife told him, "We are not going to whine."

"At the age of fifty-five," he writes, "I put aside all petty things and began a new life."

In making his new life, Edmisten gives us another lesson.

It is never too late to turn an old life into a new one.

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.

Freedom has many meanings

RALEIGH — What does it mean to be free? Many seemingly intractable disputes about specific issues — ranging from welfare spending and school choice to abortion and alcohol policy — originate from the fact that people don't answer this question in the same way. It's hard to have a useful political conversation without a truly common political language.

As usual, the ancient Greeks were among the first to figure this out. In Book Six of his masterwork Politics, Aristotle described two different conceptions. "One principle of liberty," he wrote, "is for all to rule and to be ruled in turn." When people enjoy the right to vote, to having an equal say in settling public disputes, then "whatever the majority approve must be the end and the just."

Of course, the "democratic" Athens of his day did not actually extend the franchise to every citizen in the city, must less every resident. But set aside for the moment whether the majoritarian principle Aristotle articulated was consistently applied.

The idea is that to be free is to have an equal voice in deciding issues, through either direct democracy or electing representatives. You are denied political freedom, then, not only if you are explicitly denied the vote but also if the system is set up in such a way that the majority of the population is routinely denied the ability to exercise governmental power to achieve its desired end. Aristotle summarized the principle as "the will of the majority is supreme."

But political freedom was not the only kind enjoyed in Athens. Another principle of liberty, Aristotle wrote, was that "a man should live as he likes." In his famous funeral oration, the historian Thucydides depicted Pericles as proclaiming that Athenians were "free and tolerant in our private lives," in that "we do not get into a state with our next-door neighbor if he enjoys himself in his own way, nor do we give him the kind of black looks which, though they do no real harm, still do hurt people's feelings."

Ancient thinkers such as Aristotle and Thucydides didn't see political freedom and personal freedom as incompatible. But the principles were seen as distinguishable and, often, in tension.

The most famous case was of Socrates. He relished the personal freedom to ask his questions, pursue his speculations, and teach his students. But he found its limits when he was tried, convicted, and sentenced to death. The city's majoritarian ethos challenged its libertarian one. The former prevailed.

Just to be clear: almost everyone embraces both conceptions to some degree. Progressives believe it to be a proper exercise of political freedom for a majority to vote itself resources through programs of income redistribution. Conservatives tend to disagree, arguing that the personal freedom to keep the vast majority of what you earn ought not to be violable. But progressives are the first to deny that moralistic majorities have the right to prohibit abortion or same-sex marriage. And conservatives grant, of course, that within the proper sphere of government action, majority rule is the correct standard for filling public offices and forming policy.

Consider the example of public education. Most North Carolinians recognize and agree with the state constitution's mandate to provide universal access to taxpayer-funded schools. But how should these schools be constituted and governed?

Some emphasize the role of political freedom. All public schools should be the possessions of countywide districts governed by popularly elected school boards with the power to hire administrators and assign students.

Others emphasize the role of personal freedom. Educators should be free to set up, and parents should be free to choose, public schools that exist outside the control of district superintendents and school boards with charters from the state.

Again, these concepts are in tension, not in complete contradiction. All public schools, district or charter, are funded by majoritarian legislatures. And few advocate that all students be forced to attend district schools. But on the particulars, many disagreements remain. May we continue to air them freely.



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The 2019 official congressional district census

The outside of the envelope was printed in big bold type: "Do Not Destroy. Official Document." Being one who generally follows rules, I wouldn't dare destroy and couldn't wait to open it.

The first few lines grabbed me. "Enclosed is your official 2019 Congressional District Census registered code # J19PQ237.... Your registered census is one of the few being mailed into North Carolina's 4th Congressional District... Mr. Campbell because of your high level of political involvement, your personal input on the questions contained in your census document is important to our nation's future."

I admit feeling special, but my scam-dar alarm was also sounding. Reading this four-page letter more carefully, I learned it was commissioned by the Republican Party. Since I am neither a registered Republican nor Democrat, I had to wonder why it was mailed to me. The 11x14 2019 Congressional Census questionnaire helped with answers. It began innocuously enough, with a section labeled Political Profile, questions regarding my age, political affiliation, and my source of political information. NC SPIN was not included among their list of choices so how it could possibly be



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representative?

Weary of gleaned useful information, we plunged into the meat of the census. It asked if I thought Nancy Pelosi and the "Democrat-controlled" House were holding President Trump's agenda hostage and putting their political interests ahead of the good of the country? May I be so bold as to offer a grammar tip? Democrat is a noun. Proper sentence structure dictates the use of an adjective, such as Democratic. But those Republicans who know this use the noun just to irritate them.

Next the census wanted to know if I could possibly approve of the Democrat's (proper usage) agenda to raise taxes, provide free health care and college tuition for all, open the borders to all immigrants, enact dangerous abortion policies, pack the Supreme Court, allow inmates to vote and abolish the Electoral College? Be there a soul alive who supports all these things? Next, they wondered if I believed the national media has a strong bias against all things Donald Trump and Republican, failing to tell voters the facts about Republican policies, goals and accomplishments. Space prohibits detailing the carefully vetted, objective questions in the sections labeled Domestic Issues and National Defense, but they stopped short of asking if I was or had ever known a Communist, quit beating my spouse or, minimally, knew the chorus to "God Bless the USA."

How dare those dastardly Dem-

ocrats and the fake news media obstruct the "hot dog, apple pie, Chevrolet and motherhood" common sense agenda for America painstakingly laid out by President Trump and his freedom-loving supporters?

Convinced they had gotten the blood stirring, the official census moved to the "Altar Call." After certifying that the answers provided were my own (like I'm going to ask the checkout clerk?) I was asked to sign and date the official census document and to enclose a contribution to help the RNC get President Trump's message out. Have they been living under a rock? Don't they know about Trump's tweets? No one in the history of the world has gotten more publicity than Donald Trump the last three years. My contribution would be like another gallon of water down Niagara Falls.

Wonder if the Democrats are planning their own official Congressional District Census? This one was more entertaining than The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel and I didn't have to be an Amazon Prime member.

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LETTERS

Lesson to be learned from former combatants

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been following with interest events in Pittsboro regarding the town's Confederate monument, and the recently erected Confederate Battle Flag on private property. I have written a book on former Confederates after the war and identified hundreds of veterans who attained prominence in national governance and society. The title is Patriots Twice: Former Confederates and the Building of America after the Civil War.

Ten post-Civil War American presidents appointed former Confederates to serve the reunited nation as Supreme Court justices, secretaries of the U.S. Navy, attorneys general, secretary of the interior, and dozens were named U.S. ambassadors and consuls. Eight ex-Confederate officers were appointed generals in command of U.S. Army troops during the Spanish-American War.

Former Confederates were elected mayors of such unlikely cities as Los Angeles CA, Minneapolis MN, Ogden UT, and Santa Fe NM, and served as governors of the non-Confederate states and territories of Colorado, West Virginia, Missouri, Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Alaska and the Panama Canal Zone.

Former Confederates became presidents of national professional societies including the American Bar Association, the American Medical Association, the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society, the American Neurological Association, the American Surgical Association, and the American Public Health Association. In science and engineering, former Confederates led the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Geological Society of America. A former Confederate co-founded the environment and preservation advocacy group the Sierra Club, and another intellectual and scholar was president of the Society for Classical Studies (at the time named the

American Philological Association.)

In higher education, former Confederates are considered founders or co-founders of many colleges and universities, some exclusively for women and newly freed African-Americans. Other former rebels were presidents of prominent institutions including the University of California, Berkeley. Former Confederates also taught at universities, not just in the American South, but at Harvard, Yale, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Johns Hopkins, the University of San Francisco, Cal-Berkeley, and Amherst College. Former Confederates also served on the governing boards of the United States Military Academy (West Point) and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Today's United States benefited from the post-Civil War reconciliation that accepted the valuable contributions of former Confederates.

It is distressing that the former combatants themselves were more forgiving and embraced reconciliation and mutual respect more than today's citizenry.

Stephen M. "Sam" Hood
Myrtle Beach, S.C. / Huntington, West Virginia

Let the statue stand as is

TO THE EDITOR:

This is addressed to those who feel like I do concerning the Confederate Soldier standing proudly at the majestic old courthouse in Pittsboro.

Let the statue stand where it is and not be moved by those who have no conception as to the meaning it has for the majority of our people.

The Civil War devastated Chatham County when Sherman marched north and settled on the Cape Fear River with his thousands of soldiers and animals at what is now the village of Corinth.

I am told that I am represented by a county commissioner who probably could not find Corinth and has never visited this small village with a great story to tell of total devastation.

Sherman and his men ravaged this whole area to feed themselves

and their livestock caring not that they left Chatham County in total disarray.

Can we not have one silent soldier (monument) stand in our midst that gives tribute to the thousands that gave their lives to protect their homeland?

I lost a great uncle that gave his life to this war. It was a sad time for both North and South. Surely, there are many statues in the north honoring their fallen soldiers.

Closer to home where I live in a wonderful place called Pea Ridge south, is where I was given my name. I have tried to honor my name even though I know that I have failed at times. All one has in this life is their name and that means you have to stand up for what you believe and share that belief with others.

We have four county commissioners that have moved to our county and with them have brought an agenda that has cause much strife and turmoil.

These four commissioners represent the liberal thinking of Chapel Hill and Orange County something that is detested and not accepted by most local Chathamites.

We do have one county commissioner, Andy Wilkie, that represents the thinking of many of us that are native to the county. Surely, we can give him two more helpers in the upcoming election.

I want to give thanks to all of the folks striving to protect and keep the Confederate statue in place.

Never, ever give up standing for your convictions.

Paul Bland McCoy
New Hill

Seize this opportunity to talk about peace, love

TO THE EDITOR:

Regardless of feelings about the two Confederate flags, let us see this as an opportunity to talk with our children and our community members about tolerance, safety, peace and love.

Cindy Perry
Mayor of Pittsboro

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.

LEARNING: Other community groups have stepped in to provide help

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middle schoolers. People like Carol Tomasen helped make the program what it is today, but this story of community service is marred by sadness. Last fall, four years after Tomasen spearheaded a drive to make The Learning Trail an official nonprofit, she was killed in Washington, D.C. “We had just initiated a strategic plan, to develop a strategic plan for the next couple years going forward,” Morris said. “She was here the day we started that plan, and she went away for the weekend to Washington — that’s where one of her daughters lives and her grandchildren. She was up in D.C. and was walking across a street and was hit by a truck, and she didn’t survive her injuries.”

“We had Carol’s vision. She had been with us at the beginning of this planning. So we moved forward. Here we are.” Where we are now is a far cry from that early day of six kids and six tutors. The Learning Trail now serves kids from preschool to eighth grade. Forty-eight students come to the pair of buildings for after-school tutoring, and Meghan Friday has 10 kids in her preschool class. Between 50-60 tutors will show up — all from the Governor’s Club neighborhood a half-mile down the road — to help Friday or tutor kids after school.

Finding a niche

Nature Trail is a bit unassuming. It deceived Morris the first time she came back into the neighborhood. “When you drive by in the spring, you see ‘Nature Trail’ on the rock,” she said. “I thought it was a hiking trail. There’s a white fence and there’s all these beautiful white Bartlett pairs in bloom. If you drove back there, this is the show place here. This circle here, these houses are the best of the best. There’s a lot of pride in these and they add porches. But if you go back in, it’s trashy. It’s really trashy. And the kids live in that.” The program takes up a couple of buildings near the entrance to Nature Trail. After following a driveway to the entrance circle, you park your car on the right side, where you see three small buildings. The middle one is the Nature Trail’s managing office, but the one on the left and the right serve as classrooms for the kids. The classrooms look like any normal classroom. There’s white boards and desks and chairs and various educational charts lining the walls. There’s carpets and bathrooms everything that goes with a school, plopped into this mobile home neighborhood.

Most if not all of the residents of Nature Trail are Latinx, which meant the program needed a bilingual teacher when they hired a preschool director for the first time prior to the 2018-2019 school year. Meghan Friday had worked in public schools for many years and even taught at a Spanish-speaking elementary school in Washington, D.C. After moving to Durham with her family, she began looking for jobs and met with Morris and Tomasen. “When I met with them and heard about their mission and head what they were doing, I was like, ‘Yep, I’m in,’” she said. “I felt the mission was amazing and they were so passionate.” The preschool children come in Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Friday usually has one or two volunteer assistants for the day, sometimes focusing on specifics like art or even yoga. “At that age developmentally, they’re trying to figure out how to play on their own, play with their friends, get along with their friends,” Friday said. “And then we have a big focus on teaching them English because



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Volunteer Ken Wilson, right, chats with Ethan Umana, left, and Kevin Duran while the kids work on puzzles during a day of The Learning Trail’s preschool program.

‘Here, somebody will have an idea and the next week we’ll be doing it. A lot of the people are senior citizens and they’ve had these great careers and they have all these great talents that they’re able to bring in and do in a fresh new way with 3- and 4-year-olds. A lot of the kids were just entering kindergarten never having gone to school before. Now they’re gardening and doing yoga and doing art. It’s pretty special.’

MEGHAN FRIDAY, preschool director, The Learning Trail

most of them come in knowing very little English.”

Providing some help

The volunteers make a significant difference in the life of the school, Friday says. On this particular Monday, Christine Duprez Young is doing some painting with the kids, and Ken Wilson is helping a couple children with puzzles. Ask any elementary school teacher — 10 students is a lot to handle on your own, so having an extra pair of hands or two is significant. The dedication of the volunteers was surprising and impressive to Carla Murray, who is now in her fifth year as principal of nearby North Chatham Elementary, where Nature Trail kindergarten through 5th graders attend. When she arrived at the school in 2014, Tomasen came to meet with her. “From that very first meeting to right now, it has been an awesome support system,” Murray said. “For not even just tutoring, also for families and community. They fully embrace the families and that community-school partnership is beautiful.” The volunteer support was a different experience for Friday as well. “Sometimes when you’re in a public school, it’s really hard to get things done,” she said. “Here, somebody will have an idea and the next week we’ll be doing it. A lot of the people are senior citizens and they’ve had these great careers and they have all these great talents that they’re able to bring in and do in a fresh new way with 3- and 4-year-olds. A lot of the kids were just entering kindergarten never having gone to school before. Now they’re gardening and doing yoga and doing art. It’s pretty special.”

That volunteerism extends beyond Governor’s Club residents. Morris said many other community groups have stepped in to provide help of various kids. Two years ago, the Women of Fearington gave The Learning Trail a grant for a garden, which has been used during the program’s summer camp and is regularly accessed by the preschool. Other funding comes and has come at various times from groups like the United Way of Chatham County, the Triangle Community Foundation and residents of Galloway Ridge.

Some new opportunities

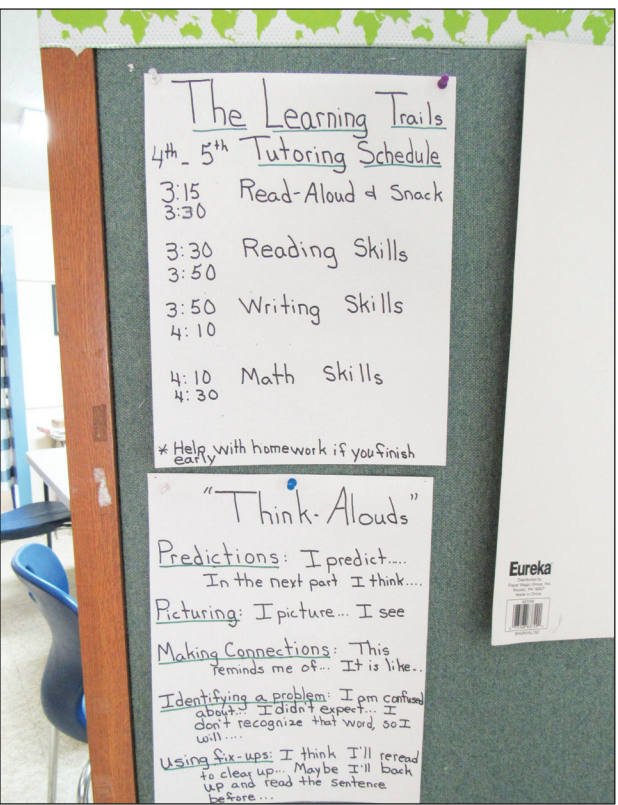
Morris said one of the goals The Learning Trail is not just to educate the kids, but to broaden their horizons and their parents’ horizons. “So much of the research on getting kids reading and ready for

school is all about early childhood education,” she said. “The children that live here live in an environment where Spanish is pretty much the main language. Parents are both working or the mother is at home. Maybe they have one car. Their world is very narrow. The children’s experiences are very narrow. So knowing the research and knowing what this population experiences, starting school already behind, we felt like that’s where we want to put a lot of our emphasis.” And the parents get an education too. One of the program’s grants is used for that purpose in particular. For eight or nine meetings a year, The Learning Trail hosts different speakers for parents, ranging from nurses to literacy specialists to immigration lawyers to yoga instructors. Parents have even gone on field trips with their preschoolers to the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro and the farm at Fearington Village. Seventy-six families got Christmas gifts last year from Learning Trail volunteers. It became part of the program’s mission to provide more than just education to the kids, Morris said. It may have started as a tutoring program, but became so much more. And people outside the neighborhood say they see the effect. Murray said she’s had students come up to her at school and talk about a birthday gift they got from a volunteer. The Learning Trail, in her view, provides a conduit to education that

school sometimes can’t be for various reasons. “The work that they do is amazing because families will reach out to them,” she said. “It’s those relationships that they’re building that I think the kids respond so well to. We’ve had parents say, ‘Can you please get us a spot there?’” Tristen Perlberg, the principal at Margaret B. Pollard Middle School, where Nature Trail 6th-8th graders attend, said The Learning Trail is “at the top” in terms of community support for his school. “It just shows that people are invested,” Perlberg said. “They understand that everybody, whether you’re a student at this school or a parent or a community member, they’re a vital part of what makes this school successful. We’re just fortunate that they realize that and give back.” Learning Trail tutors regularly discuss their students’ progress at their regular schools and get to know what skills kids need help on, like math facts, multiplication, sight words and reading skills. Middle school students have some of that, but they mostly spend the time working on homework with help from volunteers.

Doing more than now

Morris said she’s excited about what kids have been able to do after The Learning Trail. Some have begun participating in the Advancement via Individual Determination, or AVID, programs at their high schools.



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

The Learning Trail’s schedule for after-school help is well-spelled out and visible in the classroom.

To help those kids out, Learning Trail volunteers created the Carol Tomasen Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applicants must have been in The Learning Trail for at least two years, plan to go to college or community college and write an essay. Multiple kids qualified for the scholarship this year. “It couldn’t be more appropriate to what Carol was all about,” Morris said. They would love to expand the program, but the classrooms are already pretty full, so there’s a waiting list. In August, ahead of the school year starting, Morris walks around the two rooms for the kindergarten through third grade after school programs, straightening chairs, just making sure everything is set for the upcoming year. She gives additional kudos to the owners of Nature Trail, who is giving the facilities to The Learning Trail rent-free. “We’re very fortunate,” she says. “Otherwise we

wouldn’t have a program.” The summer camp, the after-school help, the preschool program — it’s all part of what is frankly a wealthy neighborhood reaching down the road just a bit to a less-wealthy neighborhood and seeking to make a difference. For Friday, who came from the often-bureaucratic and sometimes slow-moving world of public education, it’s a night-and-day difference. “For me, it’s kind of a magical place where somebody has an idea and next thing we know, we’re doing it,” Friday said. “It just seems like everything falls in place and always a new volunteer will show up with a great idea and kids will get a great experience. It’s just nice to have people who really care about the community and share that with kids.”

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OBITUARIES

PARKER LEE DIXON



Parker Lee Dixon, born July 24, 2019 of Siler City, passed to the arms of Jesus at Chatham Hospital on October 1, 2019. Despite his short time on earth, Parker was deeply loved and brought joy to all those around. He left this world with true and innocent love to be shared by all.

Parker has gone to Heaven to be with his Paw Paws, Lee Brown and Mike Dixon. Parker will be forever remembered and deeply missed by his proud and loving parents, Michael and Christy Brown Dixon; big brother, Jaxon Dixon; maternal grandmother Linda Brown; paternal grandmother Ellen Dixon; uncles Aaron Brown (Anna), Brandon Brown (Nikki); aunt Becky Dixon Hall (Jimmy); cousins Lily and Katie Hall, Benji and Madilyn Brown.

A graveside service was held Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Brush Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, 5345 Airport Road, Bear Creek with Rev. Tony Brafford officiating. Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

RACHEL COLLINS HUDSON

Rachel Collins Hudson, 85, of Siler City died Saturday, October 5, 2019.

Mrs. Hudson was born in Richmond, Virginia on August 21, 1934, the daughter of Grady and Sally Mann Collins. She was a kindergarten teacher at Siler City Elementary School for 25 years, and a member of the First Wesleyan Church.

Rachel was preceded in death by her husband George Adam Hudson.

She is survived by a son, Danny Hudson; daughter, Melodye Hudson; grandchildren, Aaron and Mikaela Hudson, Brandon Andrew, Cory, Cameron and Abbie Barth.

A graveside service will take place at Chatham Memorial Park on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Don Southern officiating.

Smith & Buckner is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

TOMMY EUGENE SMITH

Tommy Eugene Smith, 74, of Siler City died Thursday, October 3, 2019.

Mr. Smith was born in Alamance County on July 7, 1945, the son of Garland Eugene and Evelyn (Richardson) Smith. Tommy had worked in the parts department at Kellwood Manufacturing. He was an Educational/ Hunter Safety Instructor for the local schools and had been a member of the Hickory Mountain Rifle and Pistol Club, and the Big Oak Hunting Club for over 50 years. He also enjoyed fishing and tinkering with electronics. He was an overall great outdoorsman and a loving supportive family man.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald L. Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Brenda (Blalock) Smith; two daughters, Toni S. Lee and husband William and Karen S. Langley (Sissy), both of Bear Creek; grandchildren, Stephanie Stover; Amanda Hannah, Nicholas Langley, Dylan and Sydney Lee; great-grandchildren, Jesse Ray Hannah and Luna Rose Escobar

The family received friends Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. The funeral followed Sunday at 4 at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Gerald Lee officiating.

Memorials may be made to UNC Hospice, PO Box 1077, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or NRA-ILA, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-9400 (NRA-ILA.ORG) .

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com .

EDNA CAROL BLAKEMAN

Edna Carol Blakeman, 64, of Bear Creek, passed away on Monday, September 30, 2019 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

No services are planned at this time.

Mrs. Blakeman was born in Monroe, CT on December 23, 1954 to the late Phillip Summers Blakeman and Dorothy Scrivins Smith Blakeman. In addition to her parents, Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Timothy Cyr; son, James Cyr; sisters, Jill Crisp, Sharon Schoeller and brother, Brov Blakeman.

She is survived by her daughters, Kristine Cyr and Beth Ann Cyr; brothers, David Blakeman, Donald Blakeman, Richard Blakeman, Brian Blakeman; sisters, Claire Beamer, Barbara Hyman, Susan Brooks, Sandra Boudreau, Karen Blakeman; and nine grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

ABEN EMANUEL ENTWHISTLE-HERNANDEZ

Aben Emanuel Entwhistle-Hernandez, 14, of Ramseur died Thursday, October 3, 2019 in Siler City.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

Mr. Entwhistle-Hernandez was born December 7, 2004, in Iredell County, the of son of Ulber and Mandie Kristine Entwhistle Hernandez-Ascencio.

He is survived by his parents and his brothers, Eric Tyden Hernandez-Entwhistle and Jaxson Jaymes Thonburg-Entwhistle,

On line condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com .

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

WILLIAM NEWELL

William Newell, 93, of Pittsboro, passed away on Monday, October 7, 2019.

Incomplete arrangements by: Cremation Society of the Carolinas, Raleigh. www.CremationSocietyNC.com

MAMIE BURNETTE

Mrs. Mamie Julia Edwards Burnette, 90, of Pittsboro, passed away on Thursday, October 3, 2019.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, October 11, 2019, at Hamlet Chapel CME Church. The family will receive friends at the church 30 minutes before the funeral.

S.E. Thomas Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

One mayor’s advice to Siler City mayoral candidates on economic development

One thing we’ve explored a couple times in this newspaper is the role of the mayor’s office in economic development, particularly in the Town of Siler City.



ZACHARY HORNER
Zach’s Corner Store

U.S. Census data on the town shows an area that, in one way, is stagnant economically. Siler City’s median household income is \$27,124, with per capita income in the last year at \$14,302. With an asterisk that “estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels due to methodology differences that may exist between different data sources,” the Census data says, Siler City’s poverty rate is projected to be 29.1 percent.

The City of Sanford, just south of the Chatham County border, has some similarities to Siler City. There’s a sizable Hispanic population; 20 percent of Sanford’s citizens live in poverty, and per capita income is \$21,767. No, it’s not the same, but the situations are different.

With one exception: Sanford is booming.

Sanford and Lee County have been home to three major job announcements within the last 14 months. Japanese-based manufacturer Dowa Thermotech announced last August that it would build a new facility in Sanford, bringing \$22.5 million of investment and creating 109 new jobs.

The other two have come within the last 90 days. This August, pharmaceutical manufacturer Pfizer announced a \$500 million, 300-job expansion at its Sanford plant. Last month, India-based automobile component manufacturer Bharat Forge said it was bringing 460 jobs and \$170 million of investment to Lee County.

That’s \$692.5 million and 869 new jobs, just from three projects. That’s something Siler City would love to have. And Sanford Mayor Chet Mann said he thinks he has the solution.

“Siler City has got every opportunity in Chatham County,” Mann told me last week. “They’ve got so much going on good that it’s the time to put a plan together and elevate your economic development effort. It’s really about who can bring the community

together to get the shared buy-in. It takes some bold leadership.”

Sanford has benefited, Mann said, in three particular areas that he feels Chatham County and Siler City in particular can emulate if they want to take advantage of Siler City’s assets — a megasite, proximity to a major highway and a workforce that for the most part travels elsewhere to work.

First, Mann said, the city benefited from a plan. On the campaign trail in 2013, he introduced what he called an “Open for Business” agenda that focused on “efforts on pro-growth initiatives and seek quality of life improvements that will stimulate growth, reward our current citizens, and attract newcomers to our area.”

“We recognized in Sanford that things had changed and we’re not growing,” Mann said. “So we wanted to run on an ‘Open for Business’ campaign and revive the community. We recognized that our effort and our structure just needed to be improved. From an economic development standpoint, we just did not have an effective way of doing things anymore.”

Having that plan, he said, allowed for both

private and public partners to buy into a mission and a vision. Mann and others went to the private business community and raised more than \$1 million to stimulate the area’s economic development machine — now called the Sanford Area Growth Alliance, or SAGA — that created a “one-stop shop” for all things economy. The Chamber of Commerce and economic development efforts were under one roof, and soon the planning and zoning departments for the city moved into the same building.

That private investment wouldn’t come, Mann said, without the government stepping forward and showing it was willing to invest. Sanford worked on revitalizing its downtown and got bonds passed to upgrade the city’s parks and greenways system.

“You’ve got to invest your funds and show the private community that you’ve done it,” he said. “But they will not go first. You’ve got to lead with public funds and they’ll come in behind you.”

Finally, Mann said, collaboration is needed. The City of Sanford and the Lee County Government collaborated on an incentives package, constructing a spec building

at the Central Carolina Enterprise Park (CCEP) site and pooled resources to support SAGA. The success didn’t come overnight — Mann’s plan was birthed in 2013, and six years later the benefits seem to be coming — but he says it will come if there’s a vision.

“You’ve got to have a vision and you’ve got to be able to share the vision,” Mann said. “When you get everybody working together on that shared vision, it will happen. You’ve got to take that leap of faith and get the buy-in from the community leaders and hope that you make the best educated guess you can as to where and how you need to do things.”

On a side note: I’ve been there for some of the planning steps of Sanford’s sudden business success. I covered local government in Sanford and Lee County for two years for a newspaper there, and I wrote about some of the discussions about building a nice, lighted sign at the CCEP, investing in water and sewer extensions to both the CCEP and Chatham County’s Moncure Megasite and the county supplying broadband extensions to the CCEP. And now, Dowa Thermo-



Photo courtesy of City of Sanford

Chet Mann has been Sanford’s mayor since 2013.

tech is locating there, and Bharat Forge isn’t too far from the site. Mann said the CCEP brought Bharat Forge to the area, and there are currently four active projects looking at the site and the spec building.

From Mann’s perspective, the mayor’s role is to have a plan, a vision, and to work hard to execute that vision. We’ll see if the Siler City mayoral candidates bring such a vision to their time in office.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorn@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @Zach-HornerCNR, where he’ll be tweeting “The Office” reaction GIFs.

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Duke Energy seeks rate hike, would affect Chatham customers

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

Duke Energy announced last week that it’s asking regulators to approve a rate hike for its energy customers.

Duke Energy, the primary electricity provider in North Carolina and Chatham County, is requesting a variety of increases which will average about 6.7 percent on its residential customers and about 5 percent for its commercial users, according to a company statement. Duke Energy estimates customers who use 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity each month would pay \$116.26 per month or an increase of \$8.06 per month on average. The rate hike would bring in an additional \$291 million per year to the company, according to its estimates.

Duke Energy said the rate increase would “cover costs Duke Energy has incurred on behalf of customers to shift to cleaner energy, improve reliability and grid resiliency and provide more convenience for customers” and to pay for re-

‘We have heard the concerns and are working to minimize the impact of these important investments on our customers least able to accommodate rate increases.’

STEPHEN DE MAY, Duke Energy’s North Carolina president

pairs as a result of hurricane damage. The rate hike will also increase its profit margin to more than 10 percent according to reports.

In contrast to the rate hike request in North Carolina, Duke Energy announced last month it would be reducing its rate for its customers in Florida while “adding more solar power and making grid improvements to enhance reliability, security and resilience,” which is nearly the exact language it used in its release for its North Carolina customers.

“We know rising costs can be difficult for many customers, but particularly challenging for our customers on low and fixed incomes,” Stephen De May, Duke Energy’s North Carolina president, said in a news release. “We have heard the concerns and are working to minimize the impact of these important investments on our cus-

tomers least able to accommodate rate increases. We look forward to the next steps in this process.”

The release said the company’s request included “proposals intended to reduce the impact of rising costs on low- and fixed-income customers.” These include eliminating credit card payment fees and no increase in the monthly basic service charge. It also requested the N.C. Utilities Commission “convene a broad stakeholder workshop to evaluate additional regulatory programs and protections for low-income customers, ranging from efficiency programs to potential new tariffs and other initiatives.”

The N.C. Utilities Commission will need to approve the rate change request following a review process.

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The crowd gathered for the Chatham Chili Challenge at Welford Harris Ford on Saturday. Guests were able to taste a variety of chili productions, using a variety of ingredients.



Christina Hardin serves up a sample of her family's chili, which won first place at the Chatham Chili Challenge Saturday at Harris Ford in Siler City. The chili contained ground beef, pork butt, chorizo, pancetta and bacon and had the option to be topped with a roasted jalapeno sour cream.

Chatham Chili Challenge stirs up heated competition for local Boys and Girls Clubs

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The 4th annual Chatham Chili Challenge benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina and the Wren Family Center was greeted on Saturday with cooler temperatures and a slight breeze, perfect weather for tasting the chili creations of 12 chefs

eager to win the trophy. Valerie Harris of Welford Harris Ford in Siler City, which hosted the event, noted that this year's Challenge may have been the biggest yet, with more sponsors supporting, more classic cars on display, more chefs cooking and more varieties of chilis than ever before. The event is a benefit

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by Welford Harris Ford. Bill Moldovan of the Knights of Columbus put it plainly — they sponsor the event each year because organizers say “it's the right thing to do.” “The Knights of Columbus understand the need to support youth in the community,” said Harris. The first place winner was first-time chili challenge entrant, the Carapella Hardin Family Chili. Christina Hardin of Pittsboro represented her family at the event as her husband, the chef, had to work. The chili contained ground beef, pork butt, chorizo, pancetta and bacon and had the option to be topped with a roasted jalapeno sour cream. The people's choice winner was a repeat one — Zan Evans, with his “Gator Chili.” While not taking home the judge's trophy, Evans did get engaged to his girlfriend, Leanna Lancaster, at the event. Second place went to Danny Webster of Pittsboro, who created a smoked brisket chili. The brisket was smoked for 15

hours in white oak with a little chipotle on top for flavor. Webster notes that last year, his chili was in the running, but wasn't a winner so he decided to “kick it up a notch this year.” Third place went to Nick “Chef Nick” Murray with his beef chili, created with homemade ingredients and even a little bit of chocolate. Children from the

Boys & Girls Clubs and members of the Pittsboro Youth Theater also participated in the event. Guests who wished to try the chili paid a fee and received a red “circle” sticker which allowed them the opportunity to sample as much of the 12 entrants' chili as they wanted. The chilis were then voted on in two ways: a three-judge panel

and the public choice winner, which was the chili that received the most “gold” coins from visitors with stickers. Winners took home trophies and bragging rights while the Boys and Girls Club of Siler City received all the proceeds. Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at Casey-Mann@Chathamnr.com.



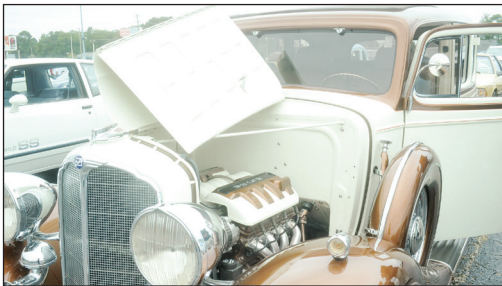
Gerald and Brenda Featherstone said it was their first time at the Chatham Chili Challenge. They said the chili reminded them of when they were growing up.



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Brandon Kivett and Daniel Simmons, with the Boys and Girls Club, chat with some of the local children who will benefit from the funds raised at Saturday's Chatham Chili Challenge.



This 1933 Buick Series 50 was one of many vehicles at the Cruise-In at Harris Ford Saturday. The car, originally bought in November of 1933 in Montana, has been upgraded with a Corvette engine, custom headers and bucket seats.



The first cool day of fall didn't stop car lovers from checking out the vintage vehicles at Harris Ford in Siler City for the Classic Car Cruise-In last Saturday. A classic '60s Corvette was near '60s models family sedans, '80's Mustangs, and '30s era Plymouth and Buick cars.



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CHATHAM CH@T | ANNA TUELL, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Providing safe, healthy, affordable houses to local families

For 30 years, Chatham Habitat for Humanity has been working to provide safe, healthy and affordable houses to Chatham County families. This week, we speak with Anna Tuell, Chatham Habitat's development director. Tuell, who's worked for the organization for the last eight years, grew up in Wilmington and is an alumna of the University of North Carolina at Asheville. She's had a passion for Habitat for Humanity and affordable housing since college, and loves coming to work every day knowing that she's helping to make sure that everyone in Chatham County has a safe, healthy and affordable place to live. Tuell lives in Carrboro with her husband Jason, 1-year-old daughter Connor, and the best dog in the world, Millie. In her spare time, she loves to read, cook and spend time outside.

Chatham Habitat for Humanity is celebrating its 30th anniversary this October. How was Chatham Habitat founded and how will you celebrate this milestone year?

Chatham Habitat was established in 1989 when a group of Chatham County citizens met at St. Bart's Episcopal Church in Pittsboro to talk about the idea of founding a Habitat chapter. The group was enthusiastic, and eventually hosted a community meeting at the library, where more than 85 people agreed to charter a Habitat chap-



The Chatham County Habitat for Humanity works to help low- and middle-income families find affordable housing in the area.

ter and began to discuss raising the \$35,000 they would need to build their first house. By September 1991, that group of founding members dedicated the very first Chatham Habitat house in Silk Hope. Until 1998, the organization was entirely run by volunteers — they raised the money, found the families, and built the houses from the ground up. Since then, we've built a strong staff, opened two ReStores in Pittsboro, and sold 136 safe, healthy, affordable homes to Chatham County families. We're hosting an event for all our supporters on Oct. 18 at the Agricultural &

Conference Center to celebrate this anniversary.

As you and the staff at Chatham Habitat prepare to celebrate this anniversary, what accomplishments stand out?

Above all, we are endlessly proud to work alongside the families who live in Habitat homes. I'll never get tired of hearing each family's story and watching them become homeowners. I especially love to see parents work to create opportunity for their children and to see those children grow up in safe, stable homes filled with love. I'm also amazed by

the number of people who feel connected to the work that we're doing. We have so many committed volunteers, donors, and staff members who consider Chatham Habitat a major part of their lives. Everyone is here because they care deeply about affordable housing, and that passion is the reason that we're still here, 30 years later.

Affordable housing has been a common topic of discussion lately. How do you see Chatham Habitat as part of that conversation, and why is affordable housing such a critical issue?

One of Chatham



Submitted photo
Anna Tuell

Habitat's foundational beliefs is that everyone deserves a safe place to call home. As we face enormous growth in Chatham County, we all have an obligation to ensure that every member of our community has the opportunity to live affordably. As it is now, one quarter of Chatham County households spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing, and without conscious effort, that number will only climb as the county grows. Chatham Habitat is an important part of the solution, but only part - we need affordable rental, senior housing, and workforce housing. It's our goal to continue to advocate for time, funding, and enthusiasm around affordable housing in Chatham County.

What do the next 30 years hold for Chatham Habitat?

In the short term,

we're looking forward to continuing our largest project yet, Robert's Run in Pittsboro. In addition to building our typical single family homes, we're looking at increasing density to lower land cost per housing unit. We're working with Jordan-Matthews High School to build one- and two-bedroom small houses that are suitable for single adults and small families on limited or fixed incomes. We hope to continue putting solar panels on all our houses to help lower energy costs and bring solar technology to diverse, low- and middle-income communities. Long-term, we are excited to explore new ways to provide affordable housing to those who need it. We would love to build homes specifically for seniors that prioritize aging in place and creating communities that support each other. We would love to build homes in partnership with local veterans. We intend to continue to be a leader in advocating for affordable housing in our community. One family at a time, year by year, we will spend the next 30 years working to build a Chatham County where everyone has a safe place to call home.

How can people learn more about Chatham Habitat?

Visit our website at www.chathamhabitat.org, and consider joining us to celebrate our 30th Anniversary Event on October 18th.

Goldston's annual fall festival set for October 12



Staff photo by Randall Riggsbee
Always a popular event, the 32nd annual Old Fashion Day in Goldston — above is a photo from last year's event — will get underway downtown from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12.

CN+R STAFF REPORT

GOLDSTON — The 32nd annual Old Fashion Day in Goldston is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, with more than 100 vendors lined up to participate in an event offering a mix of art, antiques, crafts, food, jewelry and fashion accessories, mums, candles, wreaths, pottery, home décor and clothing.

There will also be many county agencies providing information on services available to families in and around Chatham County.

While strolling the street, participants will have a wide variety of specialty foods from which to choose, including BBQ ribs, fish sandwiches, turkey legs, hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, sausage dogs, funnel cakes, kettle corn, fried apple pies and Lions Club Ice Cream.

There will be musical entertainment on stage from a variety of gospel, country and bluegrass groups. The musical line-up features local talent Mack Luther at 10 a.m., Siler City Hang Out Band "Live Out" at 10:30 a.m., Centennial AME Zion Church at 11:15 a.m., Deep River Ramblers from the Gulf area at noon, Spirit of Grace from Broadway 1 p.m. and the "Navy Family" friends from Union Grove AME Zion Church, Pittsboro at 2 p.m. Limited seating is provided, so festival organizers encourage attendees bring lawn chairs.

F & W Inflatables from Sanford will set up again this year in the kids' Fun Zone from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$5 per child with unlimited play wristbands). Also, Ubi the Clown will be displaying his talent making balloon animals, hats, swords and flowers.

A returning attraction will test the climbing skills of big folks and little tykes as "The Climbing Place" will furnish a challenging rock wall and mini wall for youngsters.

A portion of Main Street will be closed to traffic again this year, allowing only foot traffic. This area will feature the "Touch a Trucks" area with Goldston Fire Dept., Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Campbell Wrecker Service, Gaines Oil Company and the UNC Pediatric Ambulance service available with equipment to see and representatives to chat with. This area will also host the Food Court with a variety of food and seating. Across Main Street, there will be a wide assortment of equipment including tractors, hit and miss engines, corn shellers and hand water pumps from C-Cape (Central Carolina Antique Power Equipment) in Sanford.

The family-friendly event is free.

Handicap parking is available at Goldston Automotive, directly across from the festival street. Chatham Transit is providing shuttle service from two local sites and drop-off at Miller Heating & Air and the railroad crossing at the main festival area. Parking locations are at J.S. Waters School (55 J.S. Waters School Rd.) and Goldston Baptist Church (190 N. Church St.). Local Boy Scouts and BETA Club members will be manning these loading and unloading stations. Wristbands will be \$1 for roundtrip rides. All proceeds go to the youth volunteers.

The festival is located at exit 159 on U.S. Highway 421 between Sanford and Siler City. This event is sponsored by the Goldston Lions Club and all proceeds go back to community projects and provide aid to the blind and visually impaired. The Lions will be collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids to be recycled. These items may be dropped off at the Lions Club's ice cream tent.

For more information, contact Lisa Denkins at blddenkins@embarqmail.com, or call 919-721-1403.

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Sincerely, The Family

JOHN WESLEY MARSH REUNION SCHEDULED

The family of the late John Wesley Marsh will hold their reunion at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13 at Wesley Chapel Christian Fellowship in Pittsboro. The guest speaker will be Elder Rena Powell, who will be joined by her group of singers. The Brooks Family will also be on the program. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship and meal.

CHURCH NEWS

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Come be part of the 3rd annual Fall Festival from 6:30 p.m. until 9 on Friday night, Oct. 18. There will be games, popcorn, crafts, and story-time. Join the fun with a Cake Walk, Hay Ride, S'mores, Apple Bobbing, Cider, Bingo and much more. For further information on this event, contact Liz Mauney at 919-542-8257. The church is located at 2430 Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd., Pittsboro.

MT. VERNON SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Walters Family will be our guest at Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. Join us for this time of worship through song, followed by a covered dish supper. All are welcome for this special service. The church is located at 1225 Mt. Vernon Springs Rd.

RED HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival services will be held at Red Hill Missionary Baptist Church at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21, 22, and 23 with services Pastor Sammy Kay of Truth Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville, S.C., will be the guest speaker. Special music is planned for each service. The church is located on Hwy 42, Goldston.

GETHSEMANE-MT. SINAI UNITED HOLY CHURCH

The 74th Annual Holy Convocation of the Mt. Sinai United Holy Church, Inc. will convene at 7:30 p.m. Monday thru

Thursday, Oct. 14 through 17 Monday. Elder Belinda McKoy will be the speaker; Tuesday, speaker Elder Ruby Graham; Wednesday night, Rev. Sherry Gray will speak; and Thursday night, Rev. Sharon Sutton will bring the message. Special music is scheduled for all services. Bishop Roy McKoy is the presiding Bishop. The YPCW Club Convention will convene Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the morning worship service at 10:30. Elder Curtis Boykin will be the speaker. The church is located at 243 Vernie Phillips Road, Bear Creek.

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FIRST WESLEYAN CHURCH

The First Wesleyan Church in Siler City will host a breakfast for those in need, first responders, and anyone wishing to eat breakfast with us from 7 a.m. to 10:30 on Thursday, Oct. 17. The address is 608 North Third Ave. beside WesCare Day Care. Breakfast is free, but donations are accepted.

EDWARD HILL FRIENDS MEETING

Revival services will be held at Edward Hill Friends Meeting Sunday through Tuesday, Oct. 13, 14, and 15 beginning Sunday in the morning worship service at 11 a.m. Evening services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, with special music scheduled for each night. The guest speaker will be Kenny Greenway. Everyone is invited. The church is located

on Ed Leonard Road, off from Edward Hill Church Road.

FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

Firechosen Ministries invites you to come help us celebrate during our "Reaching Beyond" 8-year church celebration. That celebration will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. The guest preacher will be Overseer Herbert Davis. The service will be held at the Council on Aging, 365 NC-87, Pittsboro. For more information, contact Firechosen Administration at 919-935-1755 or email: Firechosen@hotmail.com.

SANDY BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 13. Everyone is invited to attend Sunday School at 10 a.m., the worship service at 11 and stay for the potluck lunch following the service. Join us as we extend our love and appreciation to Pastor Jay Smoot for his service to the church and community. All are welcome. We are located at 715 Sandy Branch Church Road, Bear Creek.

HAYWOOD BIBLE CHURCH

On Sunday, Oct. 13, Homecoming will be observed in the 11 a.m. worship service at Haywood Bible Church, celebrating 160 years. Pastor Greg Little will bring the message. a covered dish luncheon will follow that service. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 299 Haywood Road, Moncure.

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

ACROSS			OPENING FROM PAUL									
1	Prickly plant	56	Baba au — (alcoholic cake)	99	Popular Christmas hymn	5	Exploiter	43	Sound off	86	Comic Meara	
7	Seaport in Argentina	57	Sportscaster	102	Paramount	6	Sauntered	44	Not married	87	Asterisk	
14	Aim high	Albert	103	Suffix for hexa-	8	Baseball's	7	Grassy yards	45	Pre-Soviet rulers	88	Forrest played by Tom Hanks
20	Musician using reeds	59	Declare	104	Canonized	8	Matty or Felipe	47	Actor Milo	51	Formed an upward curve	
21	The Who's "The Kids Are —"	60	Direction of sunrise	105	Note below la	9	Stage object	52	Airport part	54	Ditty	
22	"Frozen" studio	61	Crack pitcher	106	Title song	10	Fleur-de- —	58	Brand of eye drops	61	Hole tool	
23	Less pudgy	62	Explosive stuff	107	Lyric followed by the first words of seven answers in this puzzle	11	T-man, e.g.	62	Mom's forte, for short	64	Alicia of "Falcon Crest"	
24	Bertie created by Wodehouse	63	Actor Holm	108	Be a pilot	12	Organized crime	67	Stable feed	68	Fey of "Date Night"	
25	Piddling	64	"You think I didn't already know that?"	109	Gory film	13	"Give it —"	69	Contest hopeful	70	Investor Carl	
26	Like adults	65	NYT staffers	110	Most parched	14	Owens, as an error	71	Journalist Cronkite	72	Messing of "Will & Grace"	
27	Like adults	66	"You think I didn't already know that?"	111	Group that had a #1 hit with 106-Across	15	Noon nap	73	Relative via marriage	74	Spa hot spot	
28	"Oops, I'm at fault here"	67	Put down, to a hip-hopper	112	Most parched	16	Exam for jrs.	75	Justice Kagan	76	Hosted a longtime NPR show	
29	Locker-room motivator	68	Sturdy — oak	113	Geography class spinner	17	Actress Swenson	77	Seduces	78	Gets older	
30	— Angeles	69	Declare	114	Like the sky's color	18	Smell terrible	79	Extort from	80	The "A" of James A. Garfield	
31	— Paulo, Brazil	70	Gelatin in petri dishes	115	A long time from now	19	Brontë's Jane	81	Shortstop Pee Wee	82	Large town	
32	Hairy "Add-ams Family" cousin	71	By — of (due to)	116	Sound off	20	Stir-fry pan	83	Correct me — wrong"	84	Comic Meara	
34	Locker-room motivator	72	Put down, to a hip-hopper	117	Sendai sash	21	Outward appearance	85	Obama cabinet member	86	Comic Meara	
39	Is distressed over	73	By — of (due to)	118	Former U.N. chief Kofi	22	Passable	87	Marvel hero	88	Comic Meara	
46	Declare	74	Declare	119	Last Greek letters	23	3 Fall seasons	89	Obama cabinet member	90	Comic Meara	
47	Opposite of 60-Across, in France	75	Hoppy brew	120	Human	24	Out of style	91	Italian wine	92	Comic Meara	
48	Pantry insect	76	U.S., in the	121	Human	25	Justice Kagan	93	Italian wine	94	Comic Meara	
49	Java holders	77	U.S. spy gp.	122	Human	26	Entreaties	95	Arena level	96	Comic Meara	
50	Looked like	78	Gelatin in petri dishes	123	Small finger	27	Seduces	97	Meadows	97	Comic Meara	
53	Ontario metropolis	79	By — of (due to)	124	Exit ramp	28	Gets older	98	Gab brand in Canada	98	Comic Meara	
55	Loses control	80	The "A" of James A. Garfield	125	Restlessness	29	Ballet skirt	99	Anna of "Nana"	99	Comic Meara	
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THE UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM COUNTY AGENCY PROFILE

Chatham Council on Aging

Editor's note: As part of the News + Record's commitment to the community, we're partnering with the United Way of Chatham County to help provide insight into the work of the agencies the program helps fund with a series of local agency profiles; information is provided by the agencies in conjunction with the United Way. The United Way relies on donations from individuals and businesses to meet the needs of its member agencies. Please consider a generous gift.

Focus Area:
Strengthening the Community

Name of United Way Supported Program(s):
Chatham County Council on Aging

How will Chatham County Council on Aging use United Way donor dollars?

United Way donor funds support our In-Home Aide, Caregiver Respite and Transportation services, all of which help older adults remain living in the community.

All of our programs and services support our mission of allowing seniors to age in the communities they helped build and have supported. The In-Home Aide Program embodies that mission by assisting older adults to maintain their independence and dignity at home by providing a qualified aide to help with personal care (e.g., bathing, grooming, dressing and feeding) and perform in-home tasks such as light housekeeping and meal preparation. The program empowers older adults to remain in their homes, age in their communities, and avoid or delay placement in a facility. Imagine not being able to complete these tasks by yourself and the effect on your physical, mental and emotional well-being that may result. Even though an individual may only receive a few hours of this service on a weekly basis, it may indeed be their "lifeline." Use of in-home aides can also be a "lifeline" for working and stressed family caregivers by providing reassurance and relief from sometimes 24-hour, 7 days a week caregiving duties. Our Council on Aging contracts with State-licensed home care agencies to provide these personal care and caregiver respite services.

Another critical need is for transportation. Many seniors lose the ability or privilege to drive, which may be one of the most difficult things to overcome during aging. Other seniors may not drive due to financial or physical limitations. Lack of transportation limits one's independence, personal schedule, and can lead to isolation, depression, and sometimes decreased health. Our Transportation Program supports mobility and continued engagement in the community through its contract with the Chatham Transit Network. The Council provides eight routes to its two Centers (Pittsboro and Siler City) Monday through Friday. Riders come to the Centers for a noon-day meal and a wide array of social, educational, fitness and other recreational activities. In addition, participants are also able to do grocery shopping on certain days. Another vital service offered through the Council are trips to medical appointments. Transportation is vital to keeping seniors healthy and active in their communities.



Why is this program essential to Chatham County?

Frail elderly who are unable to obtain in-home personal care can experience issues like hunger, health risks, and unsafe home conditions—all of which can lead to risks of hospitalization, placement in a facility, or even death. This is a particular risk for those not eligible for Medicaid but unable to pay privately for the help they need. It is well documented that there are many seniors in Chatham County in this situation. This population of socially and economically needy seniors are those we especially work to support. Another emphasis is on family caregivers who are the backbone of long-term care. Caregiving can take a toll on one's physical, financial, mental and emotional well-being. The respite and other supports we offer can make the difference in allowing family members to continue caring for their loved ones at home. One can see the positive effect of the in-home aide and respite services in this statistic: of the 119 clients we served this past year, only 6 required placement in either assisted living or a nursing home. The funding that we received from United Way and other sources has also been critical in helping the home care providers recruit and retain aides who can provide quality and reliable care. We have made a commitment toward assuring that aides receive a fair, living wage. Any decrease in the level of funding or of services provided has a significant, negative consequence on Chatham seniors and their families and on our community as a whole.

Among the many issues facing Chatham's growing senior population, transportation is near if not at the top. The importance of transportation support is shown in a 2010 report (sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation), Transportation, Distance, and Health Care Utilization for Older Adults in Rural and Small Urban Areas: "There is significant evidence that health care utilization is lower in rural areas compared to urban areas. While there are a number of possible explanations for these differences, such as differences

in the number of physicians available or individual characteristics, the longer travel distances and fewer transportation options available in rural areas could be a significant factor. Distances to regional health care centers in rural areas can often be great. The problem becomes compounded when a growing portion of residents in rural areas are older adults who need access to health care services but may have limited transportation options. There are an increasing number of senior citizens living in rural areas who prefer to age in place but may be forced into moving to improve their access to health care. If providing transportation to health care for those who lack it increases the utilization of these services, there could be cost benefits in terms of reduced need for emergency care and preventable hospitalizations." Based on national statistics, it is estimated that about one in five persons aged 65 and older no longer drives. On average, older adults will live seven to ten years past the age when they can safely drive. With older adults composing about a third of Chatham's population, this represents a significant community need.

Please share a story about a Chatham resident this program helped and the impact it made.

"The Chatham County Council on Aging provided numerous services to my mother. She received a hospital bed, walker, 'potty chair,' and shower equipment. The service that allowed her to continue to stay at her home for years was the Personal Care Aide Service. She had numerous Aides but the last one was like family. The companionship the Aides brought was invaluable. They brought a glimpse of the outside to my mother who was homebound for more than 10 years. The 'Angel Tree' was something she looked forward to every Christmas. The joy on her face when she would go through the bag was priceless. The men that came to repair the things for her and her husband kept them from having to struggle to find and pay for a repairman. Thank you does not seem like enough. I am hoping to volunteer as an Ambassador. You guys are jewels and I am grateful that you served my Mother."

"Dad has dialysis three days a week and he longer drives. So he must be driven everywhere he goes. He must take 22 to 26 trips per month to and from dialysis treatments. COA provides transportation for a portion of those trips. Every little bit helps and adds up."

"As a user of the medical transportation system, I want to thank you for your generous and helpful service. I learned about the system through a friend, and I find it to be the answer to my needs for getting to medical appointments. It truly benefits me as a senior citizen who needs help with driving."

"I wouldn't be able to get the senior center in my own car as I am sharing a car with my daughter who is working...transportation is very important for going shopping, coming to the center, etc. Otherwise I would be isolated, home alone, seniors can get depressed if home all the time, not much freedom."

"I live alone, I wouldn't be able to get around otherwise and I would be isolated; transportation is extremely important to me. I really don't cook anymore, so I might end up eating popcorn for a meal which is not ideal."

"I wouldn't socialize if I couldn't come to the center, living 15 miles away I would be isolated. I enjoy the meals and social time."



County government continues work on community equity, social justice involvement

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff
PITTSBORO — What

started in March 2018 as the creation of a Human Relations Task Force has continued to churn, and the Cha-

tham County Board of Commissioners heard the latest update on the effort Monday.

Courtney Cooper-Lewter, a part-time analyst with the county, presented the newest information on the county's plans to seek, as stated in February by task force co-chair Hunter Blanton, "measurable progress to non-discrimination and equity."

Cooper-Lewter said Monday that she had been working over the last few months to research successful human relations or social justice models and seek community input on what citizens would like from the government's involvement. The general consensus? Ease into things and let the community take the lead.

"I just think we should really slow down and phase in, try to support what is already existing and see if we can get some community leaders from that," Cooper-Lewter said. "If we just slow down a little bit, I think we can get exactly what we hope to get from this process."

The major recommendations from both the task force and community members were three-fold: rebrand human relations, build trust in the community and increase community engagement opportunities. The first involved changing the wording into something easier to understand, like "social justice" or "community engagement," while the other two involved government officials and county employees becoming more visible and more involved in the process while not leading things.

One little way the county has tried to do that, Cooper-Lewter said, is by creating name tags for county employees and officials to wear at

events to designate them as working for the county. It's part of an effort to raise awareness of county involvement

"We're trying to create something that's non-traditional, so we have the opportunity to shape it how we see fit," she said. "I think it's important that we complement the existing community equity and engagement efforts. I think you can get creative about how that will happen."

Cooper-Lewter said the task force was having a difficult time finding people to be involved and lead the effort, something Blanton mentioned in February.

"To maintain diversity and inclusion, all individuals have to participate fully," he said. "Screening was about making sure those who were interested in being part of the leadership team fully understand the time and commitment and the expectations. Human relations work is super hard."

Commissioner Karen Howard said work like this needed to take place — with the government working in support of community groups — especially in light of recent discussion and tension over the placement of the "Our Confederate Heroes" monument in downtown Pittsboro.

"Behind that is a very different conversation, and I think some groups would like to reach out to each other," she said. "I don't think this should be a commissioner-led, government mandated thing. It should be something that the community supports."

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2019 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - COMMISSIONER, TOWN OF PITTSBORO

Pam Cash-Roper

Date/place of birth: November 22, 1953; Chatham County



Cash-Roper

Current occupation: Retired nurse

Campaign website/social media: None

Family: Husband Keith, deceased; Children Diana Huff, Jesse Robert Huff, Melissa Korey Roper and Joanna Waters, deceased.

Party affiliation: Democrat

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: I was elected as the second vice-chair for the Chatham County Democratic Party and served for four years until March of 2019.

Campaign manager (if applicable): None

Campaign treasurer: Virginia J. Penley

Why are you seeking this office?: I am running for town board because I care for the town and all of the people in our town and county. To that end, I believe that I will give a voice to citizens and stakeholders who need to be heard in our community. I intend to be an elected official who will be proactive, listen, learn and then address the needs of the town and its citizens. And if elected I would be the only person on the board who lives in an affordable housing community, which gives me a unique perspective on this important issue.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?: Members of the Town Board set the policy goals for the community, hire and fire the Town Manager, set the Town's tax rate, its water and sewer rates and pass the budget. In North Carolina we have a Town Manager/Town Council form of government, which is a weak Mayor system. The Town is managed by a professional manager and the council members are democratically elected. I believe as a retired nurse, who grew up and was educated in Chatham

County and who is now a widow, that I have a unique perspective on our community and the pressures of wealth and income inequality on our citizens.

One of the most important decisions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What's more important to you — spending more to allocate resources to needed programs or cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: In North Carolina municipalities are required to balance their budgets. It is apparent that the Town has been consistently growing its revenues since 2005. I am a pragmatist so I would take input from the citizens and stakeholders of the community and allocate resources to reflect community needs. For example, the community needs new water and sewer infrastructure and we will need a healthy tax base to pay for a new water treatment plant.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: I will support the investment in more affordable housing projects such as the community where I live. I will support the investment in improving Pittsboro's water and sewer infrastructure.

The Commissioner's main responsibility is to place votes on issues crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: I am not afraid to make difficult decisions and anyone who knows me will attest that I am a straight forward "common sense" type of a person. I have been through the crucible with the death of my husband and daughter, so I am not afraid to face challenges head on.

Pittsboro is on the edge of a growing area and will soon be growing itself, if projections hold true. How do you think that reality would affect your decision-making as a board member?: Pittsboro has been growing for years and is already entirely

different than the town I recall growing up as a little girl in Chatham County. The bottom line is simply this: "it is not if we grow, but how we grow." The how part of the equation is where the rubber will meet the road and where I will find an appropriate balance between growth and the Pittsboro I grew up loving as a child.

What do you think are Pittsboro's three best features?: The Historic Courthouse. The Main Street downtown. The creative culture in and around town.

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: Frankly the Town could aesthetically look nicer — we could bury the power lines downtown. We need to improve the sidewalks in and around town. Some of them are dangerous. Pittsboro also needs to commit to make the best quality water in the Piedmont.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: I will continue to work with the Chatham County Democratic Party, I will continue to advocate for affordable housing and I will be open to serve on an advisory board for the town.

Biographical Facts Political/government hero: Barack Obama

Favorite book: "The Diary of Anne Frank"

Book most recently read: "Runaway Inequality" by Les Leopold

Favorite film: "Once Upon a Time in the West"

Hobbies: Reading, gaming (I am a grandma who is a gamer), cooking.

Church/civic involvement: I work with the Chatham County Democratic Party and the Community Watch with Bellemont Pointe Apartments.

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: "Live every day like it's your last."

Strongest childhood ambition: I wanted to be a nurse and I became a nurse.

Most significant life goal you've accomplished: Love and care for my children and family.

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: I have not seen my grandchildren grown.

PBO: 'Carrot approach'

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"We must find creative ways to partner to create more new affordable housing stock and rentals," he said.

Most of the commissioners' ideas are similar. They point to the lack of housing for professions like nurses, first responders and teachers as a hamper on the economy and the community.

"I find it sad that most of our police, fire and rescue can not afford to live in the county," said candidate Pam Cash-Roper. "During the county fair, I spoke with four officers, none of which live in Chatham and cost plays a major factor. We need to have single-family homes and more apartment complexes for the working class."

Candidates like Kyle Shipp, a member of the county's affordable housing advisory committee, and Bridget Perry point to financial incentives as a good way to get developers to invest in affordable homes.

"It needs to be a carrot approach vs. a stick approach for legal and practical reasons," Shipp said. "We can offer incentives for developers to make it a win-win to develop affordable housing."

Perry added that "encouraging developers to integrate affordable homes into their neighborhoods, with incentives such as increasing the

density allocation for a portion of the neighborhood," will be crucial to not "forget the citizens who live here at present" as growth comes.

Some candidates have even more specific ideas. Lonnie West, who works in the real estate field, said he would push for at least 100 new or adapted rental residences with rent under \$1,000 per month for individuals earning 50 percent of the area median income.

Most of the candidates said they'd like to see investment in homes already built that are in need of repair.

"I would expand the town's partnerships with housing organizations and the county," said candidate Heather Johnson. "In terms of affordable housing solutions, nothing would be off the table as long as we have the research to support that it works."

Early voting for the Town of Pittsboro elections kicks off at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16 and ends at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1. For a full schedule of early voting dates and times, visit chathamnc.org/government/departments-programs/board-of-elections/2018-election-information-notices. Election Day is November 5.

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Heather Johnson

Date/place of birth: No answer



Johnson

Current occupation: Owner, Chatham Business Services; Owner, Carolina Women's Show; Editor-at-Large, Chatham Magazine

Campaign website/social media: facebook.com/HeatherforPittsboro/

Family: No answer

Party affiliation: No answer

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: No answer

Campaign manager (if applicable): No answer

Campaign treasurer: No answer

Why are you seeking this office?: I am grateful to have been a part of promoting Pittsboro for many years now and am familiar with the issues facing our Town. I support the opportunity that Chatham Park brings. I am glad we have such an experienced team working with the town on such a large-scale project. This sort of well-planned development protects us from the negative impacts that a piecemeal approach would have on our environment; physical, natural, and human. It's more than revenue. It is a rational approach to development that ensures Pittsboro will have more, not less, influence on our future. Cooperation with Chatham Park developers is already yielding great benefits for Pittsboro. To meet the challenges of this growth and to ensure residents of Pittsboro have their interests protected, we need a robust and qualified staff. I look forward to working within

our budget to hire the needed staff to ensure we have professional, well-trained teams in every department. On the issue of affordable housing, I believe the ability for all of our citizens to be able to afford a safe and secure place to live is the foundation of a great community. I believe that in Pittsboro we will make a difference if we broaden our scope and look at affordable housing in a comprehensive way, by having an expanded housing supply of single family homes, apartments and condos; increased opportunities for jobs, and a safe shelter for abused women and children. I would expand the towns partnerships with housing organizations and the county. In terms of affordable housing solutions, nothing would be off the table as long as we have the research to support that it works.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?: I work closely with Pittsboro businesses, residents and non-profits to connect them with opportunities for growth and development.

One of the most important decisions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What's more important to you — spending more to allocate resources to needed programs or cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: No answer

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: No answer

The Commissioner's main responsibility is to place votes on issues

crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: No answer

Pittsboro is on the edge of a growing area and will soon be growing itself, if projections hold true. How do you think that reality would affect your decision-making as a board member?: No answer

What do you think are Pittsboro's three best features?: No answer

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: No answer

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: No answer

Biographical Facts Political/government hero: No answer

Favorite book: No answer

Book most recently read: No answer

Favorite film: No answer

Hobbies: No answer

Church/civic involvement: Secretary of Second Bloom, the agency collaborating with Chatham County to provide resources and services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Events Committees of the Pittsboro Business Association and Main Street Pittsboro to organize and promote our downtown events to include Local on Main, Summer Fest and Holly Days. Economic Development Corporation Small Business Committee. Chatham County Health Dept I/DD Sub-Committee.

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: No answer

Strongest childhood ambition: No answer

Most significant life goal you've accomplished: No answer

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: No answer

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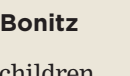


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2019 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - COMMISSIONER, TOWN OF PITTSBORO

John Bonitz

Date/place of birth: 1967; Greensboro, North Carolina
Current occupation: Clean Transportation Specialist
Campaign website/social media: facebook.com/Bonitz4Pittsboro
Family: Wife Elizabeth; two children



Party affiliation: No answer
Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: One term Town Commissioner (4 years). Seven years on Board of Chatham Marketplace Cooperative Grocery.
Campaign manager (if applicable): David zum Brunnen
Campaign treasurer: David Misenheimer

Why are you seeking this office?: To represent the people of Town of Pittsboro, their concerns and interests, during a period of rapid growth. Also, I'm running again because so many people asked me to run again, and because I love our Town and all its people. So I took some advice from Winston Churchill, "Never give up on

something that you can't go a day without thinking about."

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?: I work with the Mayor and four other Commissioners to oversee our Town Manager's efforts to lead staff in providing high quality water, sewer, police, streets, parks & recreation, garbage collection and recycling, land use planning, fire protection and general protection of property values. My main qualifications are 1) expertise in governance from four years of public policy studies, and seven years of service on a Board of Directors; 2) four years as Commissioner, understanding the challenges we face and the solutions within our reach; and 3) the fact that I have no money stake in any of the developments being proposed.

One of the most important decisions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What's more important to you — spending more to allocate resources to needed programs or

cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: Living in Pittsboro for more than a decade, and having knocked on hundreds of doors, I am very aware of the financial constraints of the people of Pittsboro. I also know that as fast as Pittsboro is growing, we must responsibly meet the rapidly-growing demands for public services, especially planning. I believe that with a strong board, we can thread the needle of growing the Town staff without increasing taxes on residents of legacy Pittsboro.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: 1) Doubling of affordable rental housing in Town. 2) A new or improved drinking water plant. 3) Finish the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). (Yes, I know you asked for two, but it can't go without saying.)

The Commissioner's main responsibility is to place votes on issues crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: I intend to review every situation and every vote by prioritizing the

people, the environment and local small businesses.

Pittsboro is on the edge of a growing area and will soon be growing itself, if projections hold true. How do you think that reality would affect your decision-making as a board member?: That reality is what drove me to run for office in 2015, and is what motivates me to ask the people to keep me in service today. My goal is to help shape development so that Pittsboro grows in ways we can all be proud of.

What do you think are Pittsboro's three best features?: 1) Our wonderful, hardworking, creative and loving people. 2) Our quaint and quirky downtown. 3) Our gorgeous natural environment — from street trees, to pollinator gardens, to thick forests, fields and pastures, healthy streams and our river.

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: 1) Eliminating or reducing the unregulated pollutants in our drinking water. 2) Quality, transparency, and responsiveness of Town government operations. 3) Clear, up-to-date rules for businesses that want

to develop in Town.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: "The most important political office is that of the private citizen," Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis.

Biographical Facts Political/government hero: Alexander Hamilton

Favorite book: The one my kids are asking me to read to them right now.

Book most recently read: North Carolina Governor's Clean Energy Plan draft.

Favorite film: My favorite films tend to be documentaries.

Hobbies: Reading, working on the family farm, building soil.

Church/civic involvement: Pittsboro United Methodist Church, serving on Town Board.

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: Esse Quam Videri, "To be rather than to seem."

Strongest childhood ambition: To be useful.

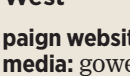
Most significant life goal you've accomplished: Being a parent to two amazing kids.

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: Parenting two amazing kids.

2019 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - COMMISSIONER, TOWN OF PITTSBORO

Lonnie E. West

Date/place of birth: May 26, 1944; Cleveland, Tennessee
Current occupation: Real Estate Broker, auctioneer, notary public
Campaign website/social media: gowest.com, also on Facebook



Family: Elianne, wife
Party affiliation: Unaffiliated
Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: None
Campaign manager (if applicable): None
Campaign treasurer: Jennifer Gordiano

Why are you seeking this office?: I am a former Chatham County employee and chose to live in Pittsboro for the small-town-charm. I know that change is here already and will continue to happen. I also believe that it is important to maintain the character of the community while embracing the new in order to ensure that future generations can enjoy Pittsboro as we do. I have lived in several states and foreign countries and hope to share innovations I have observed and experienced during my careers.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?: My life has been one of leadership and service to my country, community and workplace therefore working with the other town officials. I believe I can provide helpful input to the decision-making process.

One of the most important decisions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What's more important to you — spending more to allocate resources to needed programs or

cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: Budgeting is always a balancing act. While low taxes are popular to the citizens, any increase must make sense by justifying the need to create or expand programs and services. However, I do not hold that once-created programs must always remain as created or even grow. The need for the program or services must be examined and adjusted or ended as the need changes.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: 1. Pittsboro needs additional affordable (work force) housing both rentals and ownership units. I would like to see at least 100 new or adapted rentals with monthly rentals under \$1,000 per month with the target being those households earning 50 percent of the area median income. 2. Completion and move the Town Administration to the new buildings during this term so that services are available and that a larger hall is available for public meetings.

The Commissioner's main responsibility is to place votes on issues crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: My philosophy is taken directly from the thinking of the Rotary International: Is it fair to all concerned? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Pittsboro is on the edge of a growing area and will soon be growing itself, if projections hold true. How do you think that reality would affect your decision-making as a board member?: In my current profession, I am directly involved and know the impact of growth events. We must respect the past but not deny that change is here so we have to make decisions that will be the best decision we can make with available information and sound

projections.

What do you think are Pittsboro's three best features?: Pittsboro is the town where I chose to purchase a home because it is small enough to not feel out of step. People are generally friendly and helpful — I have great neighbors. People want to do what is best for the community.

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: 1. There are areas and properties that need cleaning up especially along the main streets. 2. Traffic can be heavy, causing drivers to take little-used side streets to go around the traffic circle, thereby increasing traffic in residential areas that usually would have few cars. 3. The Parks Director has a good handle on improving spaces for enjoyment of the citizens and visitors; continue and support those efforts and plans.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: I will continue the things I am doing and will support whoever is elected.

Biographical Facts Political/government hero: Ronald Reagan
Favorite book: "Patton"
Book most recently read: "Goodbye to All That" by Robert Graves
Favorite film: "Wind River"
Hobbies: Woodworking
Church/civic involvement: Rotary Club of Pittsboro founding member and Charter President. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: "When everyone thinks alike, no one is thinking."
Strongest childhood ambition: To be a soldier

Most significant life goal you've accomplished: Served 26 years in the U.S. Army, retired with Dual Status; Captain, Armor US Army Reserve and Sergeant Major, Regular Army.

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: Increase affordable housing in my community and county.

2019 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - COMMISSIONER, TOWN OF PITTSBORO

Bridget Perry

Date/place of birth: 1967, Brockton, Massachusetts
Current occupation: Cashier/buyer at Chatham Marketplace in Pittsboro
Campaign website/social media: None
Family: Daughter, 28, and sons, 26, 24 and 22.
Party affiliation: Not stated
Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: None
Campaign manager (if applicable): David Zum Brunnen
Campaign treasurer: David Misenheimer

Why are you seeking this office?: I am seeking office because I love my town! I moved here with my family in 2002, and we looked at every town in the area. We fell in love with the town and its people almost immediately. I know that a great deal of change is coming to Pittsboro in the near future, and I hope to help guide these changes to see Pittsboro grow without losing the character of the town that is such a wonderful place to call home.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?: My understanding is that the responsibilities of this office include guiding the town in the direction that best benefits the citizens of the town, and that also follows the wishes of the majority of these citizens. I believe I am qualified to fill that role because of my over 20 years of experience managing a household of six; balancing the needs, wants, and wellbeing of a family mirrors balancing those same things in a town.

One of the most important decisions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What's more important to you — spending more to allocate resources to needed

programs or cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: I don't have a budgeting philosophy per se, but I do believe that in order for a town to have programs that attract new businesses and citizens, some money must be allocated to those programs. I also believe the money that we spend on programs should be wisely spent, to benefit as many in our community as possible.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: If elected, I would like to help ensure that Pittsboro is a place everyone can afford to live in, so affordable housing for citizens who seek it is very important. I would also like to see our parks continue to flourish, continuing to make them accessible and connected to each other, neighborhoods and downtown.

The Commissioner's main responsibility is to place votes on issues crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: I would not vote on an item I do not fully understand, but I will be diligent in making every effort to understand all items that come up for a vote. If I had a strong conflict of interest on the outcome of a vote, I would not vote for that item.

Pittsboro is on the edge of a growing area and will soon be growing itself, if projections hold true. How do you think that reality would affect your decision-making as a board member?: Pittsboro is a great place to live as it is today. It was a great place to live when I moved here in 2002. The town has changed quite a bit in the seventeen years I have lived here, and as a board member, I hope to help guide the new changes the town experiences in such a way that our citizens — newcomers and those who have been here for generations — will still feel it is a great place to live 17 years in the

future. I will do my best to please most of the people most of the time.

What do you think are Pittsboro's three best features?: Three of the best features of Pittsboro are its friendly citizens, our beautiful parks and our farmers markets and downtown festivals.

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: Pittsboro can improve on pedestrian and cycling education and safety, the availability and quality of affordable housing and the quality of our water.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: I will continue to serve on PARAB (Pittsboro Parks & Recreation Advisory Board), and look to take on another volunteer position or two that will contribute to the well being of our community.

Biographical Facts Political/government hero: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony

Favorite book: Can't say I could choose a favorite.

Book most recently read: "The Clockmaker's Daughter," for book club.

Favorite film: I don't watch many movies, but "Paper Moon" was my first favorite.
Hobbies: I run, play softball and baseball, mountain bike and go to the gym. I like to work out in the yard, and spend time with my family and friends.

Church/civic involvement: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the Town of Pittsboro, volunteer coordinator for Philosopher's Way Trail Runs and various other small volunteer jobs.

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: The more, the merrier!

Strongest childhood ambition: To raise a large family.

Most significant life goal you've accomplished: Qualified for and ran the Boston Marathon — a lifelong dream.

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: To make a significant contribution to my community.

County seeks resident to serve on Board of Health

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Health has an upcoming vacancy that must be filled by a public citizen who lives in the county. Interested applicants should submit applications no later than 5 p.m. on Oct. 25. The Board of Health is the policymaking, rulemaking and deliberative body for the Chatham

County Public Health Department. The Board of Health's responsibility is to protect and promote the health of the community. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners will approve the appointment, which would initially serve until June 30, 2020, and then would be eligible for reappointment to a full three-year term. Board of Health meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month, except July and December. Meetings begin at 6 p.m., with dinner

provided and reimbursement for mileage. The application to serve can be completed online at chathamnc.seamless-docs.com/f/CommitteeForm. Applicants also may contact Lindsay Ray at 919-542-8200 or lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org to get an email version or printed copy. Applicants must include a resume or CV if available with the application. Those with questions may call 919-545-8391.

NCDOT opens 'Leaping into the Future' poster contest

RALEIGH — What will the future of transportation look like? Engineers at the N.C. Dept. of Transportation want young people to show them through artwork. In conjunction with updating the state's long-range transportation plan, the NC Moves 2050 Plan, members of NCDOT's transportation

planning division have established the NC Moves 2050 Poster Contest. In its inaugural year, the contest theme is "Leaping into the Future." All students who live in and/or attend school in North Carolina and were born between Jan. 1, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2014, are encouraged to participate by submitting their own artwork. Prizes will be awarded to the top three artists across three age groups determined as of Dec. 31, 2019:

junior (ages 5-9), intermediate (10-13), and senior (14-18). All entries must be turned in or mailed and postmarked no later than Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, and must include a Certificate of Authenticity. Artwork may be dropped off at NCDOT Highway Division Offices across the state or mailed to: NC Moves 2050 Poster Contest, N.C. Moves 2050, 1554 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699.

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NEWS BRIEFS

2019 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE – COMMISSIONER, TOWN OF PITTSBORO

Kyle Shipp

Date/place of birth: February 8, 1984; Flint, Michigan
Current occupation: Engineer
Campaign website/social media: kyleforpittsboro.org
Family: Wife, Diana Tarallo
Party affiliation: Unaffiliated
Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: None
Campaign manager (if applicable): Self
Campaign treasurer: Self

Why are you seeking this office?: I’ve learned a lot on the Planning Board about how Pittsboro works and development in the Town. I want to use my experience to maintain the culture, character and environment of Pittsboro while we continue to progress and grow.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you’re qualified to fill that role?: Represent the people of Pittsboro (both in town and in the ETJ) and be the technical interface between town staff and residents. I bring a technical perspective combined with an ability to communicate.

One of the most important decisions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What’s more important to you — spending more to allocate resources to needed programs or cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: My budgeting philosophy challenges the idea of simply cutting vs. taxing, I believe we can use the town’s current resources more efficiently to maintain Pittsboro’s infrastructure and services. However, there are a number of major improvement projects, many without funding, on the horizon. The current and future Town Board has its work cut out for it, and I would

like to take part in creating a solution.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: 1. Improved communication & engagement of what is happening in town government via upgrades to existing systems: Video access to town meetings; Access to town information online (website, announcements, social media). 2. Update, vet, and put into place vital guiding documents which regulate development and preserve Pittsboro’s unique character: Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Future Land Use Plan, Comprehensive Plan.

The Commissioner’s main responsibility is to place votes on issues crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: The residents of Pittsboro elect commissioners to represent them. Recently, the Town Board has considered a number of projects which do not have public support, but which are legal and allowable within town’s outdated guiding documents. These situations will continue to happen until we have finished our UDO and updated our Future Land Use Plan and Comprehensive Plan to reflect residents’ vision for the future. These vital documents will make it easier for responsible developers to do business in Pittsboro, while also retaining our historic, small-town identity. An example of this situation would be the recent approval of the Eagles gas station and car wash. While the developer did work with the town to design an enhanced facade, ultimately this is a poor use of site which will negatively affect Pittsboro’s historic center. However, due to the town’s outdated Land Use Plan and lack of UDO, it is a completely legal and allowable use of the site, rendering the Planning & Town Boards unable to prevent its approval.

Pittsboro is on the edge of a growing area and will soon be growing itself, if projections hold true. How do you think that reality would affect your decision-making as a board member?: We have to make plans further out than the next four years and based on the reality of development in the next 15-20 years. There will be development and changes but we have the opportunity right now to shape and direct that.

What do you think are Pittsboro’s three best features?: Community, nature, arts.

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: Plan for Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing. Access to government and information for in-town and ETJ residents. Defined cadence for update of existing plans.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: Continue to serve on Pittsboro Planning Board. Continue to serve local veterans through the Pittsboro VFW. Continue to serve on the Chatham County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Biographical Facts
Political/government hero: Jim Mattis
Favorite book: “The World Until Yesterday” by Jared Diamond
Book most recently read: “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman
Favorite film: “A Beautiful Mind”
Hobbies: Woodworking
Church/civic involvement: Senior Vice Commander of Pittsboro VFW. Volunteer docent for Small Museum of Folk Art.
Personal motto or one-line philosophy: “Simplify.”
Strongest childhood ambition: Garbage man or robotics.
Most significant life goal you’ve accomplished: Found a career that I enjoy where I also met my wife.
Goal you haven’t accomplished yet: Visit Alaska to complete all 50 states.

2019 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE – COMMISSIONER, TOWN OF PITTSBORO

Jay Farrell

Date/place of birth: December 16, 1956; Pittsboro, North Carolina
Current occupation: Retired and co-owner, Virlie’s Grill
Campaign website/social media: None
Family: Charlene, wife; Christy, 38, and Blake, 34
Party affiliation: Democrat
Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: Commissioner, Town of Pittsboro, two terms
Campaign manager (if applicable): Christy F. Blackburn
Campaign treasurer: Christy F. Blackburn

Why are you seeking this office?: Re-election.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in one sentence, why do you believe you’re qualified to fill that role?: Two-term incumbent and familiar with the issues and policies.

One of the most important decisions that elected officials make is on the annual budget, which includes spending and tax rates. Do you have a budgeting philosophy? What’s more important to you — spending more to allocate resources to needed programs or cutting spending and keeping the tax rate low?: I dislike wasteful spending and work hard to keep taxes down.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: Finish the UDO [Unified Development Ordinance] and complete Chatham Park elements and development agreement.

The Commissioner’s main responsibility is to place votes on issues crucial to the town. What would be your philosophy on choosing whether or not to vote for an item? Do you have an example of a similar decision in the past?: Keep the interest of the citizens first if possible.

Pittsboro is on the edge of a growing area and will soon be growing itself, if projections hold true. How do you think that reality would affect your decision-making as a board member?: I would take into account planning board recommendations, staff input and working together as a unified board.

What do you think are Pittsboro’s three best features?: Small town atmosphere, location in the state and historic downtown.

What are three areas where Pittsboro can improve?: Infrastructure, traffic patterns and wastewater improvements.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Pittsboro?: Continue to volunteer my time with the Pittsboro Fire Department as I have for almost 40 years.

Biographical Facts
Political/government hero: My grandfather, previous mayor and magistrate of Chatham County.
Favorite book: The Bible
Book most recently read: No answer
Favorite film: “The Shawshank Redemption”
Hobbies: Boating, fishing, hunting and occasionally golf
Church/civic involvement: Member of Hanks Chapel Church, visitor of Gum Springs Baptist Church, Volunteer Fireman and board of directors member, member of Masonic Lodge
Personal motto or one-line philosophy: Learn to Listen and Listen to Learn
Strongest childhood ambition: To become a police officer
Most significant life goal you’ve accomplished: Seeing my children graduate from college
Goal you haven’t accomplished yet: Win the Lottery.



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Chatham Central crushes hapless Albemarle in three sets

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — On paper the 1A Yadkin Valley Conference volleyball clash between Chatham Central and Albemarle looked heavily tilted in the Lady Bears' favor.

And that's exactly how it played out.

Chatham Central remained in contention for a state playoff bid by destroying hapless Albemarle on Oct. 3 in straight sets to improve to 6-6 in league play and to 9-8 overall. The Bears currently stand two games behind fourth place South Stanly in the standings.

Albemarle continues a horrid fall campaign with another lopsided loss, dropping the Blue

Bulldogs to 0-12 in the YVC and to 0-17 overall.

There really was never a doubt as Chatham Central bolted to an 8-0 lead in game one before taking a 25-7 win and to a 7-0 advantage in game two before winning 25-10.

In game three, the Lady Bears jumped to an early 9-4 lead before cruising 25-14 to close out the 3-0 sweep.

Olivia Hudson had a great day for Chatham Central with

11 kills, six blocks while Grace Jones chipped in 10 kills and three blocks.

Also for the Bears, Josie Bradford and Savannah Stillwell collected eight kills and four blocks apiece while Tanner Little had 17 digs.

Somahje Porter led Albemarle with 21 receptions, two blocks, two digs and a kill while Promise Porter added 18 receptions, one block, five digs and a kill in the loss.

Chatham Charter's Molly Wilson and Riley Bennett stand by for defense as Taylor Jones gets a dig to save the point in their match Sept. 30 in Siler City. The Knights defeated the Raleigh Charter Phoenix in three out of four games, 21-25, 25-20, 25-20, 25-17.

Staff photo by David Bradley



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Eastern Randolph's Kaemen Marley leaps for yardage over Jordan-Matthews' Jacquez Thompson on the ground, while his teammates Jayden Davis and Ryan Johnson take him down. The game last Friday in Siler City resulted in another loss for the Jets, 66-6.

Wildcats maul Jets in PAC 7 tilt

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Jordan-Matthews knew it would be a tough row to hoe on Friday night when the young Jets played host to a powerful Eastern Randolph squad.

And first-year coach Sam Spencer was proven right, as the Wildcats exploded and built a 45-0 lead at the intermission before cruising past the Jets 66-6 in 2A PAC 7 Conference action at Phil E. Senter Stadium in Siler City.

Jordan-Matthews dropped to 0-2 in league play with the loss and to 1-6 overall.

The Wildcats moved to 6-1 on the season and 2-0 in PAC play as ER simply overpowered the Jets, amassing over 454 yards in total offense while holding the Jets to one touchdown and 39 total offensive yards on the night.

"I thought our kids competed hard and gave it all they had but we were just outmatched," Spencer said. "Coach Burton Cates and his staff do a great job in preparation and Eastern has a lot of talent with experience. We lack experience and age and in the end that was the main difference."

Cates was pleased with the way his team played.

"We wanted to start fast and to come out focused from the outset," said Cates. "I thought we did a good job getting the ball to our playmakers and in space. Defensively we were aggressive and tackled well. We didn't have many missed assignments."

The veteran coach was also impressed with the effort given by Jordan-Matthews.

"Coach Spencer is doing a good job in setting a foundation for the future," he said. "I know they are young right now. But they played hard the entire four quarters and are doing things the right way."

Eastern Randolph seized the early lead with 15 first-quarter points before adding 30 in the second for the 45-0 advantage at the break.

Tavis McAdoo pounded in from five yards out on the Wildcats opening possession before J.B. Farrish rushed in the two-point conversion for a quick 8-0 Eastern



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Jacquez Thompson pushes past Eastern Randolph's JB Farrish in the first half of their game in Siler City last Friday. The Jets scored six points in the second half of the game, but lost in a blowout to the Wildcats, 66-6.

Randolph advantage.

Kaemen Marley in from eight yards out late in the first quarter and Carter Moore booted through the PAT to move the lead to 15-0.

Early in the second period Marley would score again from four yards out to increase the lead to 22-0 before Wildcats defense got into the action with a safety which eventually set up another McAdoo touchdown run of six yards to advance the lead to 30-1 with 8:21 in the half.

"I thought we had played pretty well up to that point, but the safety right after a score led to a short field and another quick score by Eastern Randolph, and things started to get away from us some then," Spencer said. "They've just got a lot of weapons with Marley, McAdoo, and (Cade) Snotherly."

Snotherly would hook up with Farrish

on a 35 yard scoring pass on the Wildcats next possession before McAdoo broke free on a 55 yard run for a score just before the break to account for the 45-0 halftime bulge.

With a running clock in the second half, Eastern Randolph would score on a five yard run from Demetrius Thomas to up the lead to 52-0 before the Jordan-Matthews finally got on the board when Jacquez Thompson returned a Wildcats fumble 17 yards to close the gap to 52-6.

Eastern Randolph closed out the 66-6 win when Stratton Barwick pounded in from 10 yards out and Elijah Patterson broke loose on a 30 yard scoring run.

"We will continue working hard and trying to improve each day," Spencer said. "That's been our goal all season and that's what we hope to continue down the close of the season."

Comets crash down on Bears in win

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

NEW LONDON — There's no question North Stanly has dominated Chatham Central on the gridiron throughout a series that began in 2003, winning all 10 of their previous matchups by an average of 47 points, but Friday evening's annihilation of the Bears was in a class all by itself.

The Comets put points on the board nearly every way imaginable – running, passing, two interceptions and a punt return for a score, a field goal plus a safety – while tallying nine touchdowns prior to halftime en route to registering a record-setting 74-0 Yadkin Valley 1A Conference triumph in front of a huge Homecoming crowd at R.N. Jeffrey Stadium.

Playing its league opener, North Stanly climbed to 2-4 for the season, while Chatham Central dropped to 0-2 in the conference and 0-7 overall.

The margin of victory was the Comets' largest in school history, surpassing last year's 70-0 whitewash of Louisburg in the first round of the 1A state playoffs, while the winners' point total came within one of their all-time high for most points scored in a game when North Stanly dealt South Davidson a 75-7 drubbing on September 19, 2014.

The setback marked the Bears' most lopsided defeat since a 79-0 loss to Albemarle on September 20, 2013 and resulted in the most points allowed by Chatham Central since losing 82-48 last October 5 to West Montgomery.

The Comets piled up 419 yards of total offense, including 202 rushing yards and four touchdowns from Christian Barber – all in the first half.

Luke Shaver completed five-of-seven passes for 69 yards and one touchdown with one interception, with Karee Dykes hauling in Shaver's TD toss besides adding a pair of scores on the ground.

"We knew we had to contain Chatham Central's quarterback while putting pressure both on the outside and up the middle to stop the run," said North Stanly coach Scott Crisco. "I thought we played a complete game tonight by scoring on offense and defense plus special teams. Not only did we take advantage of turnovers, but we kept drives alive by avoiding penalties while the offensive line did a great job opening up holes for our running backs."

An aggressive Comets' defense harassed Bears' QB Michael Moore the entire evening, resulting in the junior signal-caller only managing to connect on two-of-16 aeriels for 10 yards while throwing a pair of costly pick-six interceptions, as Chatham Central was limited to two first downs and minus-12 net total yards of offense.

"I really don't have much to say," said Bears' coach Sherman Howze as he made his way off the field following the

The good and the bad of a week in sports

Now, obviously, one could point out the good and the bad in sports on a weekly basis if the desire was there, but that would make for a pretty mundane column. From time to time, however, it's a fun thing to do and I think very entertaining. So why not this week, and here it goes.

We will start with the bad first, sort of opposite of the norm, but I prefer to always end on a good note.

DON BEANE
Sports Editor

The Bad

Let's start off with the Chatham Central/North Stanly game. Most probably think I will delve into the 74-0 final score and the Bears miseries. But that's not the case at all. Chatham Central is seriously banged up and were just outmatched from a physical standpoint. It certainly wasn't solely due to overall effort.

What was bad in this game was the class, or lack there of, by North Stanly, which has begun to earn the reputation of poor sportsmanship as a football staff in the Yadkin Valley Conference, and deservedly so. Leading 48-0 on Friday night in New London with less than

two minutes remaining in the half, the Comets had the Bears backed up near the goal line. Now, anyone at the game knew by that point that it was a chore for the Bears to get back to the line of scrimmage. The Comets controlled the line of scrimmage from the outside and with Chatham Central missing top running back Riley Lagenor, it was almost futile attempting to run the ball. So what does North Stanly do? They blitz in an attempt to get a safety and were successful in doing so to make the score 50-0.

I need to point out that North Stanly blitzed the entire night, even in the second half, so I will just leave that there.

After the safety, of course, Chatham Central was forced to do a free kick, and North Stanly took over possession with minimal time left on the clock, less than two minutes, and went full bore into its offense trying to score more. Yes, that's right, they didn't just run out the clock, they tried to score. After every tackle and reset, you could hear the coaches on the Comets sidelines screaming for the offense to get up on the ball and snap it. And eventually it resulted in a touchdown just before the half ended to make it 57-0. I mean, you want to talk about classless, I guess those final nine points meant a lot for the North Stanly pride.

The Comets would intercept a pass and return it for a score,

after more blitzing, in the final seconds of the period to make the score 64-0 at the break. Honestly, I could have bitten nails. You just don't do teams like that, especially when they are that far down. They are high schoolers, not NFL players. So for the North Stanly staff, your day will come — it always does — and karma will ensure that it happens. And no one has forgotten that it was your school that always cried the most about Albemarle "running up the score," and that was even before a running clock. So, good luck in the future to all North Stanly opponents. They certainly, as usual, will have a lot of fans pulling for them when they play the Comets.

The Good

It deals with a trio of quarterbacks on three different levels — Jack Thompson of Northwood, Hendon Hooker of Virginia Tech, and Teddy Bridgewater of the New Orleans Saints. Yes, a high schooler, a collegiate player, and an NFL player.

Let's start with Thompson because he's obviously the main figure in that group representing Chatham County. Thompson was thrust into the quarterback role for Northwood after last year's starting quarterback for the Chargers, Michael Posse, moved to the western part of the state.

Unfortunately for Thompson and the Chargers, who also began a new tenure under first-year coach Cullen Homolka, started off with a strong schedule with 4A Apex Friendship, currently 5-2, and Lee County, presently 6-0 and the best Yellow Jacket team that I have seen.

Thompson took his lumps, but has now helped the Chargers rattle off three straight wins, including going 18-of-27 for 242 yards and four touchdowns through the air on Friday night, including a 35-yard game-winner in the waning minutes on a 4th-and-15 play. Thompson also ran for a score and it's just great to see the success for this young man because the quarterback position is under the microscope more than any other in football.

Hooker, meanwhile, is the son of Alan Hooker, who led Eastern Randolph to the 3A state title in 1983. Anyone that knows Alan understands just how great and classy of a guy he is. The younger Hooker led Dudley to a 3A state title three years ago and is a red-shirt sophomore at Virginia Tech. But through two years and going into this season, Hendon really hasn't been given a chance despite performing very well in the spring games.

Rumors swirled that he may enter the NCAA transfer portal, but how serious, if at all, those rumors were, I don't know.

What I do know is that what myself, and others, believed — that Hendon could get the job done for the Hokies if just given the chance — played out down in Miami on Saturday when he led Virginia Tech to a 42-35 road victory over the Hurricanes.

Hooker was, well, Hooker. He can throw it and run it, and he did both, passing for 184 yards and three touchdowns on 10-of-20 pass attempts while also running for a score and 76 yards on 16 carries.

I'm just happy the young man finally got an opportunity and it will be interesting to see how things work out the rest of the season for him, as he certainly gave a struggling Hokies offense a jumpstart over the weekend.

Bridgewater, well, he had led the New Orleans Saints to three consecutive wins including a great performance against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday. In the two previous weeks the Saints had beaten the Seattle Seahawks and the Dallas Cowboys.

I would be remiss if I thought Bridgewater could do that in the absence of future Hall-of-Famer Drew Brees. In fact, I would have bet the bank against it.

On Sunday, Bridgewater stepped up and went 26-of-34 for 314 yards and four touchdowns, joining Thompson and Hooker as definitely some of the good over the weekend.

Lady Jets steamroll Patriots 9-0 in tennis action

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

LINEBERRY — The Jordan-Matthews girls' tennis team closed out the regular season last week in Lineberry with a 9-0 smashing of host Providence Grove in 2A PAC 7 Conference action.

The Lady Jets improved to 6-2 in the league and to 6-5 overall with the victory while Providence Grove dropped to 1-7 in the PAC 7 and to 1-9 overall.

Jordan-Matthews takes the No. 2 into the conference tournament which was slated to begin on Tuesday in Siler City. Wheatmore won the league with a 10-0 mark and is currently 15-2 overall.

But last week in Lineberry, it was all Lady Jets as the locals dominated from the outset.

Avery Headen got J-M rolling early with

a 10-1 triumph over Olivia Tuck in the top-seeded singles affair before Lindley Andrews blanked Madison Taylor 10-0 at No. 2.

At No. 3, Jenny Huang pounded Tia Meredith 10-1 to send the Jets in front 3-0 before Ashlyn Ray belted Victoria Simmons 10-2 at No. 4.

Daisy Gaspar routed Tierra Stubbs 10-1 at No. 5 to clinch the match victory for Jordan-Matthews and Ruby Jacinto blasted Gaby Gil 10-0 at No. 6 to complete the singles sweep for the Lady Jets.

In double's action, Headen and Andrews joined forces to mash Tuck and Taylor 8-1 at No. 1 while Ray and Huang cruised past Meredith and Simmons 8-0 at No. 2.

Gaspar and Jacinto took down Stubbs and Gil at No. 3 by an 8-1 count to close out the 9-0 match win.

COMETS

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outcome. "We just got off the wrong bus tonight. North Stanly shut down every aspect of our game and controlled both sides of the line, while we continue to have difficulty tackling. But I like the character of this team, and I told the players afterwards they need to dig down deep inside and find themselves because we still have some winnable games on the schedule."

Following a three-and-out series by Chatham Central on its opening possession, the Comets went 44 yards in four plays to seize a 7-0 advantage when Barber capped the drive with a 28-yard gallop up the middle before Dawson Hunt booted the point-after with 9:10 left in the first quarter.

Another three-and-out series by the Bears paved the way for North Stanly to extend its lead to 14-0 when Barber climaxed a four-play, 38-yard march by sprinting the last 26 yards over right tackle prior to Hunt's conversion with 5:50 to go in the initial period.

With Chatham Central continuing to struggle moving the football, the Comets next drove 60 yards in five plays to score when Dykes carried the final 15 yards up the middle before Bears' defensive end Nic Wilson blocked Hunt's extra point attempt, leaving the count

at 20-0 with 2:46 left in the opening stanza.

Barely a minute-and-a-half later, on the first play from scrimmage after Cooper Hogan's 24-yard punt return to the Chatham Central 15, Shaver completed a pass to Dykes in the left flat prior to the receiver following his blockers to the front corner of the end zone before Hunt kicked the first of seven straight point-after attempts to boost North Stanly's advantage to 27-0 with 53.4 seconds remaining in the first period.

The Comets proceeded to rack up 37 points over the final 5:18 of the second quarter, scoring on Barber's 56-yard scamper untouched down the near sideline, a 35-yard interception return by defensive back Stephan Harris, a two-yard run over right tackle by Dykes, a safety when Bears' running back Abad de la Sancha was tackled in the end zone, Barber's one-yard plunge over right guard and linebacker Dylan Eudy's 23-yard interception return to stretch their lead to 64-0 at intermission.

North Stanly then increased its advantage to 71-0 when Hogan gathered in a Chatham Central punt at the Bears' 42 and sped down the left sideline to pay dirt with just under six minutes to go in the third stanza prior to the Comets adding their final points when Hunt drilled a 36-yard field goal through the uprights with ten-and-a-half minutes remaining in the contest.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Defend the attack!

Chatham Charter's Brianna Spinks, Sydney Bowman, and Riley Bennett come together to defend the attack by Raleigh Charter's Reagan Ogburn and Ainsley Smith on Monday, Sept. 30 in Siler City. The Knights won the match 3-1.

Chatham on the Gridiron - Week 8

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

ON CHARGER BOULEVARD

This week: Northwood (2-0, 3-3) hosts East Chapel Hill (0-2, 0-6; 3A Big Eight Conference) Kickoff: 7 pm at Northwood High School, Chargers Stadium.

Head Coach: Brian Nunn

Leading returnees for Chapel Hill: QB Anton Enoch, WR Anthony Enoch, RB Andre Davis, OLB Xavier Rogers, FS Zaion Vaughn, MLB Alex Wiley, DT Karam Mallah.

Last week: Northwood 42, Chapel Hill 35; Vance County 32, East Chapel Hill 13

Last meeting: 2018; Northwood 30, East Chapel Hill 6

Notable: East Chapel Hill's assistant coach is former Jordan-Matthews standout and Elon University player Ryan Johnson. East Chapel Hill returned to varsity football last season after a year of just jayvee football.

Game keys: Northwood will be favored for the fourth week in a and if the Chargers take care of business will be over .500 at 4-3 after an 0-3 start. Jack Thompson has surged in the run by Northwood, and if the senior quarterback can

have another consistent outing on Friday, the locals should take care of business. Aaron Ross and Deuce Powell should give the Wildcats fits but the Northwood defense will have to contain the twin brother tandem of Anton and Anthony Enoch at quarterback and wide receiver respectively.

IN THE JET HANGAR

This week: Jordan-Matthews (0-2, 1-6) is traveling to Randleman on Friday night to battle Randleman (2-0, 6-0; 2A PAC 7 Conference) Kickoff: 7:30 pm at Randleman High School, Tigers Stadium.

Head Coach: Shane Handy

Leading returnees for Randleman: RB Jaquan Snipes, RB Na'hiem Lilly, QB Coby Price, WR Dominick Poole, OL Steven Trim, LB Kevin Cruz, DE Christian James.

Last week: Eastern Randolph 66, Jordan-Matthews 6; Randleman 55, Providence Grove 27

Last meeting: 2018; Randleman 48, Jordan-Matthews 6

Notable: Randleman is shooting for its third consecutive 2A PAC 7 Conference crown and is currently tied atop the league standings with Eastern Randolph and HP Andrews.

Game keys: The run

through the 2A PAC 7 Conference gauntlet continues for the young Jets this week against powerful Randleman. There simply is no margin of error for the Jets who must find away contain one of the top backs in the state in Jaquan Snipes, and another talented runner in Na'hiem Lilly. Quarterback Coby Price has given Randleman another talented signal caller in his junior campaign which further complicates the efforts of J-M to eliminate chunk plays by the Tigers. Sustaining drives against a RHS defense led by LB Kevin Cruz and DE Christian James will be a must if the Jets are to remain in contention.

From the coach: J-M's Sam Spencer says his team will have to "play almost perfect to stay in the game

against a veteran and talented Randleman team. For us, it's just taking steps forward and remaining positive. Competing for four quarters is what we want to continue to see."

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Thompson touchdown toss caps wild Northwood triumph at Chapel Hill

BY ATTICUS CROTHERS
News + Record Correspondent

CHAPEL HILL — As they walked back to the huddle during a Northwood timeout before fourth down and 15, with less than three minutes remaining in the game, Justin Brower was yelling at Jack Thompson. “I was low-key pissed off,” Brower said. “I told him to put it on my chest, like in an aggressive way so I could get into his head.”

One play earlier, on what should have been a go-ahead touchdown, Thompson had barely overthrown a wide-open Brower on a crossing route over the middle, the ball glancing off of the wide receiver’s outstretched fingertips.

But coming out of the timeout, Thompson hit Brower on the exact same route for a 28-yard touchdown. The pass put Northwood up for good, making the score 35-34 in what would be a 42-34 win for the Chargers at Chapel Hill on Friday night.

“It’s devastating,” Chapel Hill coach Issac Marsh said. “This is one that hurts.”

Northwood got off to a blazing start, driving 84 yards on its initial series and scoring on a 30-yard slant from Thompson to Jalen McAfee-Marion.

On the Chargers’ next possession, Thompson’s pass intended for McAfee-Marion was tipped to Brower, who scampered in for the touchdown, bringing the score to 14-0 with 4:24 left in the first quarter.

“I was at the right place at the right time,” Brower said of the play.

Following that score, however, the Tigers flipped the script, beginning with a 12-play, 80-yard drive that culminated in a 1-yard rushing touchdown for Milad Aghalepour.

Chapel Hill then stopped the Northwood offense for the first time by finally slowing down tailback Hue Jacobs.

“We just changed our defensive front to give us an opportunity to stop the run,” Marsh said.

Jacobs, who had run for 73 yards on 11 carries during the Chargers’ first two drives, was held to just 47 yards on his next 15 attempts as the Northwood offense faltered.

Tigers quarterback Caleb Kelley then found Grant Stough wide open on a deep cross for a 34-yard score, and a two-point rush for Caleb Clegg gave Chapel Hill the lead.

After Thompson was intercepted by Tyler Woody on the ensuing series, Chapel Hill

needed just two plays to tack on another score when Kelley scooped up a bad snap deep in the backfield and threw a touchdown pass to Noah Walker to make it 21-14.

Northwood then drove down the field to set up a 45-yard field goal try for Aidan Laros, but the kick was blocked and run back 65 yards for a touchdown by Clegg to give the Tigers a 14-point halftime cushion.

“We started out fast and we let some big plays get the better of us in the second quarter and that happens,” Chargers coach Cullen Homolka said.

The Tigers came out strong in the second half as Kelley connected with Stough for a score to give Chapel Hill a 34-14 lead with 9:03 remaining in the third quarter.

After blocking the Tigers’ extra point, Northwood finally broke through on the ensuing drive when Thompson threw a 10-yard back shoulder fade to Chris Lawson for a touchdown with 4:48 to go in the third quarter. It was the Chargers’ first score since midway through the first quarter and cut the deficit to 13.

With its collective back against the wall, the Northwood defense, which had

allowed touchdowns on its last five series, recovered a fumble by Woody.

“We were like, ‘Something’s got to happen soon,’” Homolka said. “And then that fumble happened and that just kind of changed the momentum. It was big. That probably changed the whole second half.”

The Northwood offense then converted when Thompson faked a handoff to Jacobs and spun his way into the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown.

In need of another stop, the Chargers defense came up big once again when Kelley’s pass 35 yards downfield was picked off by Lawson, giving Northwood the ball back with 6:40 left in the game.

A key conversion on third and 13 from Thompson to Lawson highlighted the Chargers drive down the field, before a 26-yard rush from Jacobs set up first down from the Chapel Hill 23-yard line. A sack, a short completion, and Thompson’s near-miss over the middle forced the Chargers to take a timeout before the do-or-die fourth and 15.

“I’m going to get you this one,” Thompson said to the dismayed Brower during the timeout.

“You’re sitting there and you

know it’s going to be there,” Homolka said. “We knew if the ball was good Brower was going to make a play.”

After the snap, Thompson saw Brower in the clear over the middle for the second consecutive play.

“The safety goes with [Lawson] so Justin’s sitting there wide open,” said Thompson, who finished 18-of-27 with 242 passing yards in the game, throwing for four touchdowns and running for one. “It was the easiest throw I made in this game.”

After the touchdown and Laros’ extra point gave the Chargers a one-point advantage, the defense forced a turnover on downs, allowing Jacobs, who finished with 36 carries for 213 yards, to cap off the win with a 10-yard rushing touchdown.

“Our kids came out in the second half and showed that adversity really isn’t their thing and they’re going to beat adversity in the tail,” Homolka said.

There was no better evidence of that than Thompson, coming off of that deflating incompleteness and firing a strike to Brower, right on his chest.

Said Homolka, “Jack just needed two reps at it.”



Staff photo by David Bradley

Threading between defenders

Northwood’s Marco Enamorado dribbles the ball past Vance County’s Brian Paramo and Gerardo Lopez on the Vance side of the field. Northwood started on its route to victory early, scoring a goal in the first 45 seconds of the game. The final score was 9-0.

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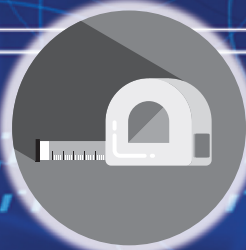
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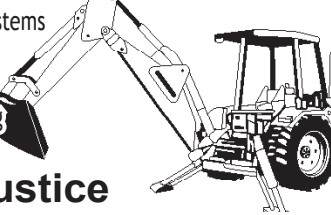


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Eastern Randolph's Kaemen Marley (5) reaches for a reception of a long bomb early in the 1st quarter of their Friday match with Jordan-Matthews. Marley's teammate J.B. Farrish (4) fights for the ball against Jordan-Matthews Calvin Schwartz (11) and Ryan Johnson (8).



Staff photo by David Bradley

"The Wizard of Oz" was the theme of the Jordan-Matthews Marching Jets last Friday as they added life to halftime with several songs from the movie. The drum major, Myriah Pettitt, was dressed as Dorothy, complete with red shoes.

Jordan-Matthews cheerleaders entertain spectators last Friday at the Phil E. Senter stadium in Siler City.

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Hot sports action on cool fall nights



Staff photo by David Bradley

Raleigh Charter's Kathleen Lane, Mary Edwards and Ainsley Smith defend against a powerful attack by Chatham Charter's Riley Bennett in their Sept. 30 match. The Knights won three to one, bringing their record to 13-7.



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Northwood's William Suarez dribbles past Vance County's Gerardo Lopez Oct. 2 at Northwood High in Pittsboro. The Chargers took control of the game early with a goal in the first 45 seconds before defeating the Vipers 9-0.

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Hunter Ferguson, 20, of Fuquay-Varina, was charged September 23 with multiple counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, multiple counts of misdemeanor larceny, injury to personal property and larceny of a firearm. He was released under a written promise with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Stephanie Litton, 25, of Gulf, was charged September 23 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with an October 30 court date in Carthage.

Aubrey Hornaday, 21, of Snow Camp, was charged September 23 with multiple counts of trafficking in amphetamine, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession with intent to sell/deliver marijuana and other drug/narcotics violations. She was held under a \$25,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro. Hornaday was also charged October 4 with trafficking opium/heroin and held under a \$240,000 bond with an October 7 court date.

Xzavier Allison, 18, of Siler City, was charged September 23 with violation of pretrial release. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Louis Alston, 29, of Siler City, was charged September 23 with possession of a firearm by a felon. He was held under a \$25,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Taylor Powell, 21, of Siler City, was charged September 23 with failure to appear. He was released on a written promise with

an October 21 court date in Durham.

Derek Welsch, 39, of Sanford, was charged September 23 with making a threatening phone call. He was released on a written promise with an October 1 court date in Sanford.

Daniel Smith, 31, of Bear Creek, was charged September 24 with probation violation. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with an October 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Christopher Collins, 41, of Carrboro, was charged September 24 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$500 bond with an October 7 court date in Hillsborough.

Jack Hudson Jr., 47, of Concord, was charged September 25 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a September 26 court date in Salisbury.

Adam Webster, 33, of Siler City, was charged September 25 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with an October 4 court date in Asheboro.

Jorge Garcia, 38, of Chapel Hill, was charged September 25 with exploiting disabled/elder trust, obtaining property by false pretense and felony passing worthless checks. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Buck Carlton, 29, of Thomasville, was charged September 25 with resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer. He was held under a \$500 bond with an October 23 court date in Pittsboro.

Matthew Cox, 31, of Pittsboro, was charged September 26 with possession of

methamphetamine, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, simple possession of a Schedule III controlled substance and possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce. He was held under a \$12,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Michael Sprouse, 34, of Thomasville, was charged September 26 with identity theft. He was held under a \$500 bond with an October 23 court date in Pittsboro.

Robert Rhodes, 30, of Thomasville, was charged September 26 with burglary, breaking and entering into a motor vehicle, larceny and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held under a \$75,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Melva Cleary, 48, of Siler City, was charged September 26 with first-degree trespassing and domestic trespassing. She was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with an October 29 court date in Siler City.

Cristobal Rivera, 38, of Durham, was charged September 27 with commercial littering.

Cameron Rakes, 20, of Siler City, was charged September 28 with first-degree forcible rape, statutory rape of a child under the age of 15, second-degree kidnapping, indecent liberties with a child, sexual battery and contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. She was held under a \$200,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Chatham County.

Christopher Davis, 24, of Siler City, was charged September 28 with possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He was released under a written promise

with an October 7 court date in Chatham County.

Daniel Kundig, 22, of Siler City, was charged September 29 with first-degree forcible rape, two counts of indecent liberties with a child and sexual battery. He was held under a \$500,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Chatham County.

Tianna Snipes, of Siler City, was charged September 29 with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a Schedule II controlled substance, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, simple possession of a Schedule II controlled substance and possession of a drug paraphernalia. She was released under a written promise with an October 7 court date in Chatham County.

Ronald Stuart, 67, of Siler City, was charged September 29 with cruelty to animals and failure to appear. He was held under a \$300 bond with an October 30 court date in Pittsboro.

Amber Aldridge, 33, of Siler City, was charged September 29 with assault and battery. She was held under a mandatory domestic violence hold with an October 9 court date in Chatham County.

Tyrone Griffin, 29, of Sanford, was charged September 30 with no operator’s license and failure to comply. He was held under a \$375 bond with an October 3 court date in Sanford.

Ruben Perez Coronaa, 27, of Siler City, was charged October 1 with possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, possession of marijuana greater than one-half to one and a half ounces, possession of heroin, possession of methamphetamine and possession with intent to sell/deliver marijuana. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with an October 7 court date in Pittsboro.

Franklin Birchett, 51, of Pittsboro, was charged October 1 with two counts of possessing photographic image from a phone, third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, two counts of first-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, indecent liberties with a child, felony secret peeping and installing a photo device in a room. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with an October 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Tyler Paige, 23, of Siler City, was charged October 1 with failure to appear on a misdemeanor. He was held under a \$100 bond with an October 29 court date in Siler City.

Derrick Cheek, 40, of Sanford, was charged October 1 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$200 bond with an October 29

court date in Siler City.

Horace Hefner Jr., 43, of Siler City, was charged October 2 with assault on a female, assault inflicting serious injury with a minor present and misdemeanor child abuse. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour domestic violence hold with a November 6 court date in Pittsboro.

Lucas Yarasheski, 30, of Moncure, was charged October 3 with assault on a female and resisting a public officer. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour domestic violence hold with an October 30 court date in Pittsboro.

Willie Johnson, 57, of Siler City, was charged October 4 with two counts of failure to appear. He was held under a \$500 bond with an October 22 court date.

Daniel Smith Jr., 38, of Siler City, was charged October 4 with three counts of failure to appear on a misdemeanor and failure to appear on a felony. He was held under a combined \$2,100 bond with an October 23 court date in Pittsboro. Smith was also charged October 4 with failure to appear for child support and held under a \$400 bond with an October 29 court date in Carthage.

April Ratcliff, 36, of Siler City, was charged October 5 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$7,500 bond with a November 5 court date in Siler City.

Michael Farrar, 62, of Staley, was charged October 5 with two counts of failure to appear on a misdemeanor. He was held under a \$500 bond with an October 21 court date in Asheboro.

Adam Holmes, 34, of Sanford, was charged October 6 with assault on a female. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with no bond set and a November 6 court date in Pittsboro.

Montana Lopossay, 22, of Bear Creek, was charged October 6 with breaking and entering. He was held under a \$100 bond with a November 6 court date in Pittsboro.

Lee Edwards, 26, of Chapel Hill, was charged October 6 with two counts of misdemeanor larceny, shoplifting/concealment of goods, attempted larceny and failure to appear on a misdemeanor. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a November 12 court date in Durham.

Bradon Edwards, 35, of Siler City, was charged October 4 with trafficking cocaine, possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine, possession of cocaine, maintaining a dwelling for a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held under a \$1 million bond with a November 4 court date in Siler City.

Ronnie Covington Jr., 63,

of Siler City, was charged October 4 with possession of a firearm by a felon, possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine, possession of cocaine, simple possession of a Schedule II controlled substance and possession of marijuana. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with a November 4 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jennyfer Solis, 37, of Siler City, was cited September 24 with a noise ordinance violation. She had a September 25 court date in Pittsboro.

Luis Nava, 33, of Asheboro, was charged September 28 with driving while impaired and no operator’s license. He was released on a written promise with an October 22 court date in Siler City.

Timothy Nettles, 39, of Siler City, was charged September 28 with communicating threats and assault on a female. He was held with an October 8 court date in Siler City.

Jiara Hernandez of Siler City was cited October 1 for failure to yield right of way in an intersection on South Second Avenue in Siler City.

Aaron Haynes, 36, of Siler City, was taken into custody October 2 on a Randolph County charge of failure to appear. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with an October 21 court date in Asheboro.

Vu Nguyen of Gaithersburg, Maryland, was cited October 2 for a safe movement violation in the Walmart parking lot in Siler City.

Shelia Curtis, 53, of Siler City, was charged October 3 with misdemeanor larceny and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held under a \$500 bond with an October 22 court date in Siler City.

Cesar Zagada, 27, of Siler City, was charged October 3 with driving under the influence and no operator’s license. He was released on a written promise with an October 22 court date in Siler City.

Sukari Nettles, 42, of High Point, was taken into custody October 4 on a warrant in Randolph County. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with an October 21 court date in Asheboro.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Daniel Vasquez of Durham was cited October 1 with no operator’s license, no registration and no insurance on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Daniel Rubinosky of Sanford was cited October 1 with driving while license revoked and failure to maintain lane control on Church Street in Siler

Chatham couple arrested last week on sex assault charges

CN+R Staff Report

SILER CITY — Daniel Kundig, 22, of Pittsboro, and his partner Cameron Rakes, 20, of Siler City, are both in law enforcement custody this week and have had their first court appearance in connection to a July report of statutory rape.

According to a press release from the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office, deputies

received a statutory rape report from the Siler City area on July 21. Investigators connected Kundig to the crime and initially charged him with two felony counts of statutory rape of an individual under the age of 16 and felony second-degree kidnapping.

But last month, sheriff’s office investigators found more evidence that

Kundig had committed more crimes and charged him with including two counts of felony first degree forcible rape, two counts of felony indecent liberties with a child and two counts of sexual battery. The new charges led to a \$500,000 bond for Kundig.

Investigators also arrested Rakes, described in the press release as Kundig’s partner. She has been charged with two counts of felony

aiding and abetting indecent liberties, two counts of felony aiding and abetting first degree forcible rape, two counts of felony aiding and abetting the statutory rape of a child under the age of 16, two counts of aiding and abetting sexual battery and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. She was assigned a \$200,000 bond.



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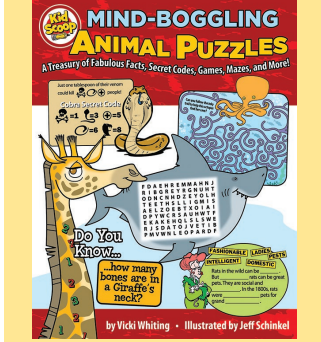
Head outdoors with family and friends and take a walk around the neighborhood. On this walk, each of you take one of the cards below and cross out the items as you see them. The first one to get three in a row yells, "Bingo!"



Standards Links: Physical Education: Understand the benefits associated with participation in physical activities.

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This week's word: COMMAND

The noun **command** means an order given.

When they heard the "Red Light" **command**, everyone froze.

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

Write On! Sports Story

Write a short sports story about something that happened in a game you played or watched. Include the **who, what, when, where, why and how.**

Outdoor Games

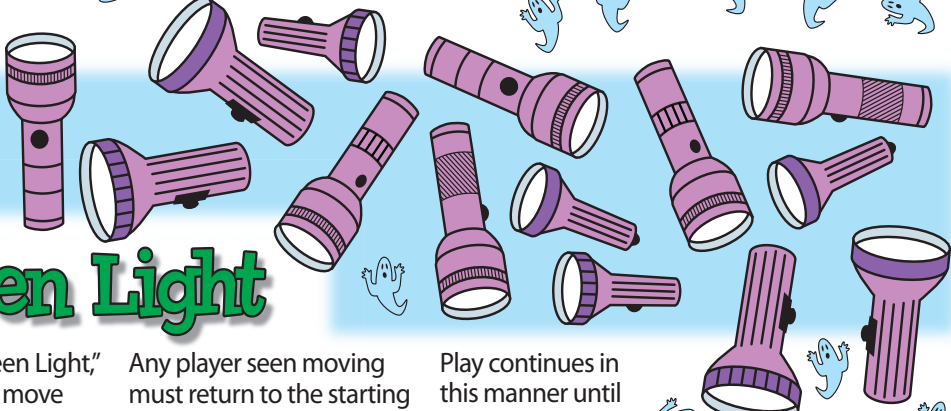
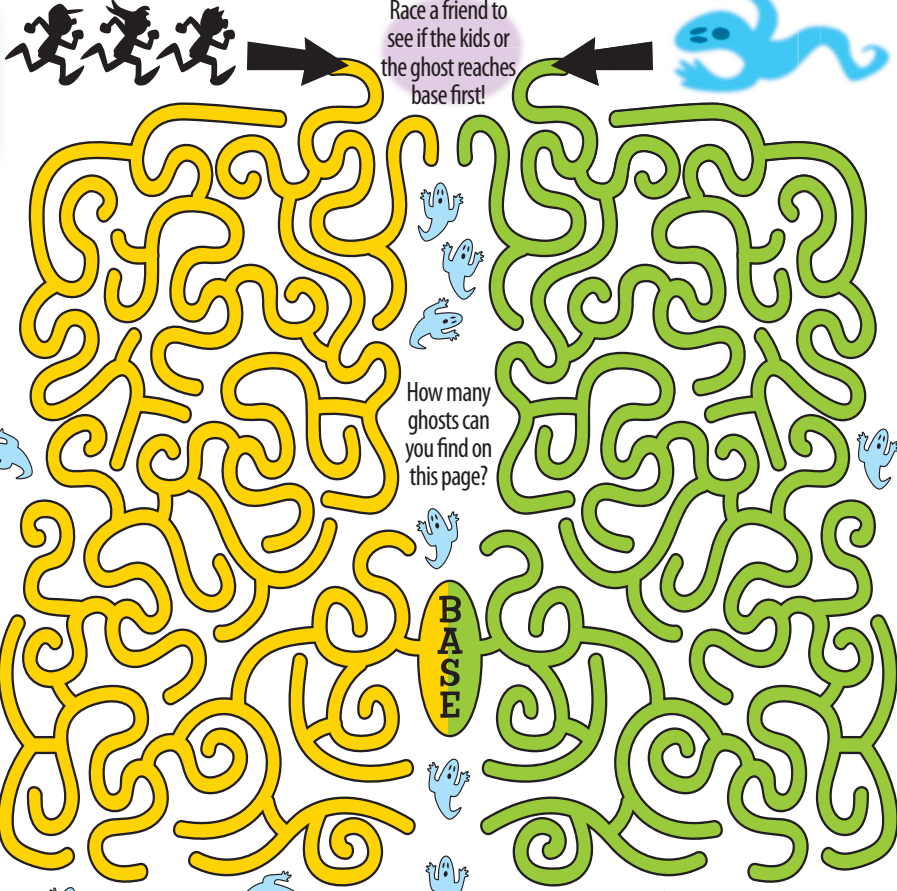
Ghost in the Graveyard

Do you like to play Hide and Seek? Do you like to run and chase? Then this is a game for you!

HOW TO PLAY:

1. Round up three or more friends. Choose a ghost (or person to be **it**) and a place to be home base.
2. When players are touching home base, the ghost can't see them.
3. The ghost hides while the other players close their eyes and count to 30.
4. After counting, the players yell, "Apples, peaches, pumpkin pie; if you're not ready, holler 'I'!"
5. The players search for the ghost. If a ghost can tag a player without getting spotted, that player becomes the ghost for a new game.
6. If any player sees the ghost, they yell, "Ghost in the graveyard!" and all the players try to get back to the home base before the ghost tags them. If they do, then the ghost has to be the ghost again in the next game.

For extra fun, you can play Ghost in the Graveyard at night using flashlights. Can you find an exact match for each of these flashlights?



Red Light, Green Light

HOW TO PLAY: Choose one person to be **It**. He or she stands a good distance away from the other players with their back to the other players who line up on a starting line, facing **It**.

When **It** calls "Green Light," the other players move towards **It** until **It** spins around, yelling "Red Light." When they hear the "Red Light" command, the other players must freeze on the spot.

Any player seen moving must return to the starting line. The players must remain frozen until the next "Green Light" command is given.

Play continues in this manner until someone reaches and tags **It**. The tagger becomes the new **It** and the game begins again.

Draw the road sign that continues the pattern in each row.



Extra! Extra! Newspaper Ball

Roll up several pages of the newspaper to make a "bat." Wad up some other pages and tape up to make a "ball." With a pal, play catch with the ball. Have one person pitch the ball and the other try to hit it with the newspaper bat.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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Freeze Tag

HOW TO PLAY: Divide a group of friends into two teams and choose one of the teams to be **It**.

The team that is **It** tries to tag the players on the other team. When tagged, a player must freeze. Untagged teammates can unfreeze their frozen teammates by tagging them. The game ends when the **It** team has frozen everyone. Then the other team is **It** and a new game begins!

Match each frosty riddle with its punchline.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a ghost?

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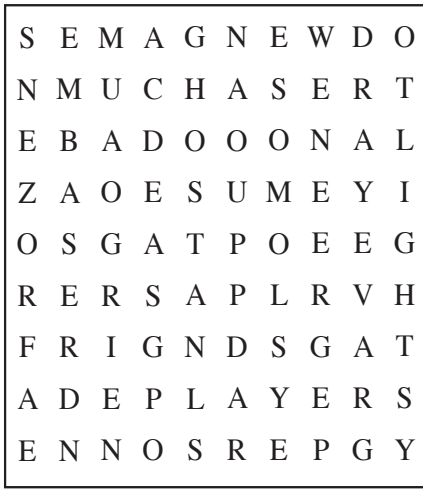
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Double Double Word Search

GRAVEYARD
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PERSON
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CHASE
HOME
GAME
TEAM
TAGS
PAGE
BASE
NEW

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



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Outdoor Plans

Look through the newspaper for things that look fun to do outdoors. Make a list of outdoor activities you'd like to do and share them with your family. Make a plan to do one of them.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What kind of cats go bowling?

ANSWER: Alley cats!



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Chatham Health Tour aims to promote medical practitioners who help patients ‘feel heard’

Dr. Roxanne Hollander’s practice of Integrative Functional Medicine combines contemporary and advanced diagnostics with personalized health care. She uses a wide range of diagnostic and therapeutic modalities including Chiropractic, personalized nutrition programs, and lifestyle modifications to achieve optimal health for her patients. She established her Pittsboro practice twelve years back moving from northern Idaho where she opened her first Chiropractic clinic in 1990. She has been in the healthcare industry for more than 30 years, incorporating a European naturopathic approach to the functional medicine side of her business. Her daughter, Megan Ribbing, is an adult geriatric nurse practitioner that currently works for UNC Hospice in Pittsboro. You can view Dr. Hollander’s website at www.IntegrativeFunctionalMedicine.com.

How did the Chatham Health Tour come about?
Over the many years of my practice in chiropractic and in functional medicine, I have listened to the frustrations of patients who have felt unheard, isolated and afraid of conventional medicine because it has become so fast-paced, bureaucratic, and driven by technology and insurance. In the past, medicine was much simpler. We did not have all the advanced diagnostic tools and life-saving techniques we have today, but people had a family doctor who knew them and spent

time understanding their specific health care needs. Patients felt safe and cared for.
Today, most doctors see up to 25 patients a day and barely know them beyond the symptoms they present. Many doctors are quick to prescribe medicines and other treatments that have can have formidable side effects, and they tend to focus on the symptoms, not the underlying causes.
Listening to the fears and concerns of my patients, I began to wonder: How can people with health concerns find the support and answers they are seeking? How can they find and learn about various options that are available? How can I support their journey to find quality alternative health professionals? That’s how the idea of the Chatham Health Tour popped into my mind.
I have been to some wonderful practitioners myself, and I have also been to some I certainly would not want recommend to my patients. Based on patient and personal experiences, I wanted to create a health tour to introduce health care consumers in Chatham County to traditional, complementary and alternative health providers who would help them feel heard and treat them in a more holistic way, realizing that the body, mind and spirit are all important in a person’s overall health and well being.
What are the goals and objectives?
This Chatham Health Tour 2019 is an opportunity for individuals,

as well as traditional providers, to explore what our community has to offer in support of an individual’s health. The written mission of the Chatham Health Tour is to educate the community in the area of health and healing, which is what we hope to do. One of the problems we face being complementary and alternative practitioners is that many people do not know who we are, understand what we do or know how to find us. Patients also do not know how to add complementary care to their conventional care. They wonder, should they let their medical doctor know they are seeing other practitioners and will there be consequences to their care if they do? Complementary and alternative health care can enhance and support conventional care. However, most doctors don’t have time to know what is available outside their scope of practice.
Let’s talk about the differences between conventional health and alternative or complementary health care treatments and philosophy...
Conventional health care, aka allopathic care, is a system that diagnoses based on one’s symptoms. The body is viewed and treated similar to how a mechanic looks at your vehicle, each part as separate. Relief from symptoms in this system is considered a successful remedy. Treatments involve the use of drugs, radiation and/or surgery.
In alternative practices the philosophy is that the body is self-healing when

given a healthy internal environment. We are looking for the root cause of the problem. This is why one might work with several practitioners to assist them one at a time or throughout the healing cycle. Complementary treatments include lifestyle changes, exercise, supplements, diet, body therapies and mental and emotional therapies. Complementary and alternative medicine, known as “CAM,” may also include acupuncture, the Alexander technique, aromatherapy, Ayurvedic medicine, yoga therapy, biofeedback, chiropractic medicine, herbalism, holistic nursing, homeopathy, hypnosis, massage therapy, meditation, naturopathy, osteopathic manipulative therapy (OMT), Qi gong (internal and external Qigong), reflexology, Reiki, spiritual healing, Tai Chi and traditional Chinese medicine.

In general, how can we look differently at this idea of health and healing and what it really means?
Before medicine became an industry, the doctor-patient relationship was one of counselor to the patient. Sickness was viewed as an opportunity to make changes in your lifestyle, and something to learn from.
Today that is no longer the norm. More often than not, people take a pill to relieve the symptom, ignoring the underlying cause that created the condition in the first place, which usually starts with a life out of balance or perhaps a physical or mental trauma. Long before the symptom emerges, subtle changes, such as a decrease of energy, fatigue, headaches, changes in weight, the sleep cycle and perhaps even depression, are occurring. This is where the idea of functional medicine comes in. How our bodies function is quietly changing before the symptoms occur.

I am amused when patients tell me they are healthy even when they might not be sleeping or are having headaches, sore joints and high blood pressure or cholesterol. It’s just the way we have been educated to think about our health, rather than feel what we are feeling.
Pittsboro and Chatham County are uniquely blessed with a myriad of alternative treatment providers. Why do you think that is, and what does that mean for Chatham County residents?
Chatham County is a unique community. We have many eclectic people here including our health care practitioners. In organizing this event with other practitioners, I have been surprised by the many different therapies available in Chatham and I have been practicing in Pittsboro for 11 years. For the public, there is a rich resource of information from these professionals, and of course easy access to treatments that can only increase their health and healing potential.

What can people who take part in the Health Tour expect? What will the experience be like for them, and why should people attend?
Well, I can’t speak for their personal experience. That comes from how open-minded they might be. The more than 25 practitioners we have on this inaugural tour will open their offices so people can come meet them, ask questions and learn about their work. In some offices I believe there will be demonstrations for the visitors. This is very generous of our practitioners. We work usually five days a week, so I want to thank each of them for their commitment to their work and for making themselves available. One of the other ah-ha’s for me in putting this project together is that I have come to realize that the heart of healing, which has been lost in the commercialization of health care, is very much alive in the complementary and alternative



Submitted photo
Dr. Roxanne Hollander runs Integrative Functional Medicine, a holistic medicine practice in Pittsboro.

healing community here. I have a new respect for these practitioners as a result, and I am grateful and proud to be part of this aspect of health care.

What kinds of questions should participants expect to be able to ask?
I believe they can ask anything they would like to ask. They may ask what health issues we address and do we have experience with their issues. Or what methods or techniques we use and how do they work? Or how much our services cost and does insurance cover them? Or how will they feel after holistic treatment and how soon could they expect to see results? They may also ask if there are any risks involved. Two of our practitioners are hypnotists, so questions for them might be, can I be hypnotized, what is it like, will I lose control and can you help me with my issue? That’s just one example. People may also want to know how our services will complement other care they may be receiving, or if they need a referral to us.
What might be some surprising differences between conventional providers and the kinds of providers who will be participating in the health tour? What kinds of assurances or things might you say to someone who’s never been exposed to alternative health care?
Overall, practitioners in the health tour are caring individuals who are looking out for people’s best interest. They are focused on helping others heal and become truly well. Many of them have been called to work in their respective areas because they themselves have faced a health crisis and have found a particular mode of healing that has helped them. They all practice within their specific scope of care, having gone through rigorous training. They work with people in a very holistic way and spend time understanding the needs of each person they see.
Some, like massage and bodywork therapists, work to help a person achieve more optimal health through touch. Others, like our acupuncturists use needles, heat or pressure to activate the body’s self-healing mechanisms, while our movement, yoga and physical therapists use exercises and movement to improve health.
Sound healers use aspects of music and frequency to improve physical and emotional health and well being.
We also have psychologists and hypnotists who work with the underlying mental and emotional aspects of an issue. They are trained to be attuned to the mind-body connection.
Our Reiki healers offer a kind of spiritual healing that works by channeling positive energy into the body.
As a chiropractor working with functional medicine, I am qualified to diagnose and treat patients, but if practitioners on the tour are not licensed physicians, they will address concerns only within their

scope of practice and refer clients to other practitioners as needed. That is another great benefit of the tour. By coming together through the tour, Chatham County health practitioners are expanding their knowledge of each other’s skills and talents so we can effectively refer people to other providers who may be better prepared to help them.

What activities are planned as part of the tour and who is involved?
First, everyone should mark their calendars for two Saturdays, Oct. 19 and 26. These are the two days when they can visit practitioner offices from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The tour will actually begin the Friday evening before, with a free open reception from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 at Joy of Movement at 480 Hillsboro St. in Pittsboro.
This inaugural health tour, modeled after the Chatham Art Tour, will give the community a chance to meet and learn about our 25 plus health practitioners, movement studios and vendors who specialize in functional medicine, chiropractic, kinesiology, massage, craniosacral, acupuncture, hypnosis, Reiki, CBD, physical therapy and postural restoration, psychotherapy, yoga, ayurvedic medicine, aromatherapy and more.
Maps for the self-guided Saturday tours are now available at various places around town and will also be available at the reception. The maps list 25 of our practitioners operating out of 11 locations in Pittsboro, Siler City and northern Chatham County. Since we printed the map, several other practitioners have joined the tour, and their information will be available at the reception and on our facebook page @ChathamHealthTour. As the map indicates, some practitioners will be available only on one of the Saturdays.
On both Saturdays, New Horizons West will offer guided nature walks at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. And on the first Saturday, Oct 19, Joy of Movement will offer six free classes from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on the half hour. Also, that evening, from 6:30 until 8, Heart2Heart will present a free sound healing at Joy of Movement.
I also want to mention our incredibly generous sponsors who are helping us in various ways, including financially, with publicity such as this, with food and a location for the reception, with free events and with their valuable input. Our sponsors are:
Abundance NC, Amma’s Breath, Angelina’s Kitchen, Chatham Marketplace, Chatham News & Record, Gourmet Plus, Heart2Heart, Joy of Movement, New Horizons West, and Studio 17.
For an online Tour Map, more details about the Joy of Movement classes and our practitioners, people can visit our Facebook page @ChathamHealthTour or contact Edwin Nothnagel, 919-349-3914 / ednothnagel@gmail.com.

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‘Joker,’ despite muddled message, succeeds as character study

There’s a scene in “Joker” when a theater full of tuxedoed socialites gather for a charity screening of Charlie Chaplin’s “Modern Times.” As the fat cats cackle, it’s striking to see one percenters appropriating and reveling in a Depression-era film that skewers the oppression wrought by industrialization at the expense of the working everyman, a film branded as liberal propaganda and communist-leaning in its day. It’s a brilliant juxtaposition. It’s hard to know whether to laugh or cry, and the most impressive element of Joaquin Phoenix’s performance as the titular, iconic villain is that he manages to do both at the same time. “Joker” itself, on the other hand, often just wants to have it both ways.

Arthur Fleck (Phoenix) lives with his mother (Frances Conroy) and is afflicted with not just “bad thoughts,” but also a neurological malady that triggers loud, spasmodic laughter during moments of stress. It’s an embarrassing condition, and Fleck’s public outbursts after usually laced with sobbing. Fleck is a literal amalgam of both Thalia and Melpomene, an intriguing interpretation that positions his internal tension as the source of Joker’s madness.

Fleck’s affliction has pigeonholed him as a party clown, a job that periodically makes him a target of derision and even physical attack, and a job he loses due to his erratic behavior. Meanwhile, Fleck’s tortured psyche also parallels the plight of a growingly downtrodden society, where haves like billionaire mayoral candidate Thomas Wayne (Brett Cullen) sanctimoniously placate and preside over the growing have-nots. “Joker” succeeds as a layered, even contemplative character study in the context of a comic book origin story. Phoenix gives his all to a performance that occasionally feels overdone, but mostly stays true to the film’s evolutionary intent. Director Todd Phillips deliberately renders the milieu—including some deep-seated mommy issues—that might give rise to a homicidal clown villain. It’s the proper perspective to consider anytime the film grasps for greater meaning.

Indeed, the film’s missteps are threefold. First is a useless subplot involving Fleck’s affection for a young mother living down the hall (Zazie Beetz) that’s clumsily written, not believable, and utterly pointless. Second is its rank derivation. A filmmaker could do far worse than ape Martin Scorsese, but Phillips isn’t subtle about it. Fleck is Travis Bickle and Rupert Pupkin rolled into one. As in “Taxi Driver,” a coworker gives Fleck a fateful firearm, he points his misdirected ire towards a politician running for election, and his violent actions are misinterpreted and misappropriated by a gullible hoi polloi. Like in “The King of Comedy,” Fleck is obsessed with becoming a famous entertainer like his favorite Carson-esque late night talk show host, Murray Franklin, who is played by Robert De Niro, naturally.



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.
Joaquin Phoenix stars in ‘Joker,’ an adaptation of the comic book villain of the same name who has served as Batman’s top villain in several films over the years.

JOKER
GRADE: B
DIRECTOR: Todd Phillips
STARRING: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz, Brett Cullen and Frances Conroy
MPAA RATING: R
RUNNING TIME: 2 hr. 2 min.

“Wayne = Fascism,” and “Resist.” Phillips tries to make some larger statements about our culture (including a swipe at the modern-day arbiters of comedy); his political metaphors are pointed and intentional, but they’re also scattershot and conflicting. The criticism that Phillips is celebrating, justifying, or inspiring the actions of a violent antihero are misplaced. Other than one act of self-defense, it’s patently clear that Fleck’s escalating actions are the bloody, inequitable reprisals of a budding narcissist. To borrow a line from the last Joker film, Fleck just wants to watch the world burn. He finally finds purpose by surrendering to his fate and becoming his manic embodiment of a depraved world gone literally mad. That’s just fine and dandy as the tale of how Joker was born. As for the rest of the muddled messaging, the joke’s on us.

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First Alert, Lowe's, fire departments team up for Fire Prevention Month

PITTSBORO — In honor of Fire Prevention Month in October and to bring fire safety top of mind, First Alert is teaming up with more than 1,700 Lowe's stores across the country — including the chain's Pittsboro location — in a joint effort to spread awareness about the importance of whole home protection.

As part of this initiative, North Carolina residents are invited to participate in a special safety education event with their local fire department from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at various Lowe's locations throughout the state, including Lowe's of Pittsboro, 121 Lowe's Drive.

The focus will be to educate attendees about how to protect their families and homes from the threats of fire and carbon monoxide (CO).

Each year, nearly 3,000 Americans die from home fires, while CO poisoning claims approximately 450 lives, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The NFPA also reports that almost three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms (40%) or no working smoke alarms (17 percent). Many of these tragedies could be prevented with the proper placement, number and maintenance of working alarms.

Store associates and fire officials will host fun, family-focused activities to teach families about equipping their homes

with smoke and CO alarms, as well as planning and practicing a fire escape plan. Children will have the opportunity to build a wooden fire truck in a one-time kids' workshop and will receive firefighter hats, coloring books and educational materials, while supplies last.

Public forum set to discuss safety of Pittsboro's drinking water

PITTSBORO — The Haw River Assembly will hold a public forum to discuss the industrial contamination of Pittsboro's drinking water from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 16 at the Chatham County Agricultural and Conference Center, 1192 U.S. Hwy. 64 Business.

Haw River Assembly is teaming up with academic researchers, state and local agency staff, and community members to hold a public forum to answer questions and provide information on the industrial contaminants that have been found in Pittsboro's drinking water, associated risks, what is being done, and what still needs to be done to address this issue.

The researchers who have been working on this issue for years will share their data and answer questions about what these levels mean for the safety of Pittsboro's drinking water. Staff from N.C. Department of Environmental Quality will discuss what is currently being done to address the problem across the state.

The panel will include:

Dr. Heather Stapleton, environmental chemist at Duke University; Dr. Detlef Knappe, Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at N.C. State; Dr. Jamie Bangma, environmental toxicologist, UNC- Chapel Hill; a representative from the NC Department of Human Health Services (TBD); and a NCDEQ agency representative (TBD).

Haw River Assembly has been working with academic researchers, local and state agency staff, and impacted communities to document and raise awareness around the issue of industrial contaminants in drinking water for nearly a decade.

Library hosting film screening for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

PITTSBORO — As part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Chatham Community Library will host a screening of the documentary "Private Violence" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Holmes Meeting Room.

The film explores a simple but deeply disturbing fact of American life: the most dangerous place for a woman in America is in her own home. Through the eyes of two survivors — Deanna Walters, a mother who seeks justice for the crimes committed against her at the hands of her estranged husband; and Kit Gruelle, an advocate who seeks justice for all women — the film bears witness to the complicated and complex realities of

Meteorologist Paul Heggen will present CCCC sustainability lecture

PITTSBORO — Meteorologist Paul Heggen will be the speaker for the Central Carolina Community College's third sustainable speaker series in honor of Richard and Rebecca Hayes.



Heggen

The program titled "Climate Change: Science Without Politics", will be held at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 22, in the Holmes Meeting Room of the Chatham Community Library on the Central Carolina Community College Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro.

The event is sponsored by the Richard and Rebecca Hayes Endowed Lecture Fund for Environmental Policy and Stewardship through the CCCC Foundation.

Paul Heggen joined CBS17 in November 2017, but he's been fascinated with the weather for much longer — at the age of 4, he witnessed lightning strike a neighbor's house, and in kindergarten, a tornado skirted the town where his family lived. Some kids would be scared of thunderstorms after those experiences; instead, they sparked a fascination with weather, and he's studied it ever since.

Heggen grew up in South St. Paul, Minn., but since graduating from high school he's moved all around the country. He attended the University of Denver and earned a bachelor's degree in geography, performing research into the effects of El Nino on weather patterns in the Rocky Mountains.

Heggen has covered everything from tropical storms along the Gulf Coast to blizzards in the Upper Midwest to tornado outbreaks in the Southern Plains, and now hurricanes in North Carolina. Before coming to the Triangle, Heggen spent eight years at WSMV in Nashville, Tenn. Previous to that, he worked for stations in Tulsa, Okla., Huntington, W.Va., Duluth, Minn., and Beaumont, Texas.

He holds the American Meteorological Society's "Certified Broadcast Meteorologist" seal of approval.

On the awards shelf, Heggen has six Emmy Awards, and multiple Best Weathercast and Best Weather Anchor awards from the Associated Press and Society of Professional Journalists. Just before leaving Nashville, he was voted Best Weatherperson and Best Local Blog by the readers of the Tennessean newspaper.

intimate partner violence.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the first Day of Unity held in October 1981. In October 1987, the first Awareness Month was observed followed by Congress designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. Such legislation has passed every year since with the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence providing key leadership. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence began at the the United States Commission on Civil Rights hearing on battered women. Beginning as 100 individuals, it became thousands of members working together and sharing their experiences with domestic violence, homophobia, sexism, racism, and ageism. This event is free and open to the public. Resource tables and informational displays will be on site.

Town of Siler City announces leaf collection schedule

SILER CITY — Siler City loose leaf collection will begin Monday, Oct. 21.

Residents living on the south-side of Raleigh Street will receive a leaf pick-up on Monday through Friday in the first week and those living on the north-side of Raleigh Street will receive a leaf pick-up starting the next week on Monday, Oct. 28.

Pick up will take place on one side of town for the week, then move to the other side of town for a week.

Leaves should be placed in neat piles at the edge of the street (not in the street) where they will be accessible to the vacuum machine. Foreign objects such as sticks, rocks and trash must be removed from the loose leaves and piled separately for later collection. To avoid damage to the leaf vacuum, leaves containing foreign objects will not be picked up.

"Your cooperation will make our leaf collection program a success," a press release from the Town states. Residents may direct questions about the program to 919-742-4732.

Library to host National Hispanic Heritage Month Event

SILER CITY — In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month the Chatham County Public Libraries, in collaboration with Artist Studio Project and the 5th Annual El Quixote Festival, plan an afternoon filled with music, comedy, literature and friendship featuring contemporary minstrel Crispin d'Olot of Leon, Spain.

The event takes place from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Wren Memorial Library in Siler City as Crispin performs a re-imagined conversation between Lope and Cervantes, as well as performing some of Quevedo, Luis de Góngora and many others. This performance will be in Spanish with some English translations.

Twenty years ago Crispin d'Olot, old-fashioned troubadour, started per-



Photo by Chip Pate

Actor Adam Poole, right, interacts with audience members during last fall's performance of "Macbeth" in the Jordan-Matthews High School Media Center. PlayMakers Repertory Company returns on Oct. 17 for a free performance of "Wilder & Wilder."

forming in theaters, schools and places of Spain, Europe and Latin America.

Hispanic Heritage Month began as Hispanic Heritage Week. Hispanic Heritage Week was established by legislation sponsored by Rep. Edward R. Roybal of Los Angeles and was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968.

This event is free and open to the public.

Funding for the performance is made available by the generous support of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library.

PlayMakers 'Wilder & Wilder' offers free performance at J-M

SILER CITY — PlayMakers Repertory Company offers a free performance of "Wilder & Wilder," a medley of Thornton Wilder short plays, on Oct. 17 at Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City.

The production is part of PlayMakers' annual mobile tour designed to make outstanding theater accessible to communities throughout central North Carolina. This year's three-week tour also includes stops in Fayetteville, Hillsborough, Chapel Hill, Pittsboro and Fuquay-Varina.

The event begins with coffee and cookies at 3:30 p.m. and continues with the performance at 4 p.m. "Wilder & Wilder" runs about 90 minutes, with a 70-minute performance and 10 minutes of audience activities before and after the play.

Earlier in the day, PlayMakers actors will lead a closed workshop for JM actors that includes exercises focusing on physical movement, dramatic interpretation and scene performances.

"This is an exceptional opportunity for our students and for the entire community," said Rose Pate, president of JMarts, which works with English teacher Ting Lam to bring the annual event to Siler City. "We appreciate the relationship we have developed with PlayMakers."

This is the fourth season PlayMakers has offered a free performance at the high school. Last fall, the professional theater company based at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill captivated the audience with an innovative performance of Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

More information about JMarts, including

a schedule of arts events this season and how to become a member, is available online at JMarts.org.

Central Carolina SHRM creates legacy through CCCC Foundation

SANFORD — Central Carolina SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management) is creating a legacy for the chapter and advancing the HR profession through education with a sponsored endowment to the Central Carolina Community College Foundation.

Through the years, Central Carolina SHRM has supported the CCCC Student Chapter activities and national SHRM student memberships but was unable to offer a college scholarship. As a small chapter with limited financial resources, a plan was made to participate in the planning of a state conference in order to gain enough funds to make the money to create the desired scholarship. The state council — NCSHRM — offered opportunities for chapters to sponsor the state conference in partnership and then receive a portion of the proceeds for the chapter. Central Carolina SHRM came together with a vision and strategy to make the 2018 conference a great success in Pinehurst. This allowed for leadership growth and service to other HR professionals in order to create a pathway to advancing the HR profession.

The CCSHRM chapter also benefits by meeting these students where they are and helping them to have the means to finish their goals in the HR profession.

"The Foundation is grateful that CCSHRM believes in the mission of CCCC and the Foundation by endowing this scholarship for our HR students," said Dr. Emily Hare, CCCC Foundation Executive Director. "CCSHRM truly believes in the power of education ... We cannot say thank you enough for their generosity!"

CCSHRM's next big event is Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center in Sanford. The Step Up to Stand Out program, which includes workshops designed for all leaders or aspiring leaders, will be held from 8 a.m.-noon. For more information about the CCSHRM chapter, visit <https://centralcarolina.shrm.org/>.

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CHATHAM COUNTY EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Vivian Headen | Virginia Cross Elementary

Grades/subjects you teach: As an Instructional Assistant I am assigned to first, second, third and fourth grades teaching Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies. I also drive a school bus — two routes in the morning and afternoon.

E-mail address: vheaden@chatham.k12.nc.us

Date, place of birth: I was born at Chatham Hospital in Siler City on September 17, 1961.

Education (high school & college attended, degrees): I have a high school diploma that I received at Chatham Central and credit hours from Central Carolina Community College.

Brief work history: I began working in the cafeteria with Chatham County Schools in 1998. I took my classes at night to get the credit hours and be able to go into the classroom. In 2007, Virginia Cross opened and I was hired as an I.A. and I am still there.

Teaching honors/awards: I have received the Instructional Assistant of the Year award twice and the Bus Driver of the Year award several times.

Hobbies/interests outside teaching: I like working in my yard, going to antique stores and flea markets.

Family: I am blessed with a wonderful family, I have been married to my husband Mike for 28 years. I have two sons, Dwayne and Ethan, that I am very proud of. My daughter-in-law Jenna works at VCE with me. I have two adorable grandchildren, Ty and Leigh Ann. Seven years ago, my great-nieces Amelia and Zva came to live with us, so I have returned back to the life of homework and ball games.

On teaching:

What led you to a career as a teacher? Once (I was) in the



Submitted photo



Submitted photo

Vivian Headen has been honored twice as Instructional Assistant of the Year and several times as Bus Driver of the Year.

cafeteria working and seeing the kids everyday, I fell in love with talking to and getting to know them. I wanted to be a part of teaching them and being a bigger part of their lives.

Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them? My favorite teacher was Ms. Davis when I was in fourth grade. She always made me feel special.

Has becoming a teacher been all you expected it would be? Being in the classroom has enriched my life more than I could have ever imagined it would. It has also changed my outlook on a lot of decisions I make in my home life.

How has teaching changed since you were a student? I feel that teaching today lets the students express themselves in more and different ways than when I was in school.

What “makes your day” as a teacher? Nothing makes me happier in the classroom than when you see “that expression” on a child’s face and then they say “I got it” when I am

teaching.

What’s working in schools today? We have highly qualified teachers in our classrooms that want to be there and they care about the students they are teaching. They are taking the students’ education personally.

What’s not working? There are so many aspects that go into education I don’t feel that I am qualified to answer this question.

What’s your favorite memory of your first year as a teacher? My favorite memory of my first year in the classroom was watching Heidi Hayes teach. She was the first grade teacher that I was assigned to. When she taught it looked so easy. She was and still is a natural. The kids and I learned so much from her.

Best piece of advice for other teachers? My advice for teachers would be believe that you truly are making a difference in your students’ lives and the world.

For students? My advice for students would be no matter

what goes on in your life, remember that your teachers believe in you. They are there to help you make and reach your goals.

For parents? My advice for parents, be the best role model you can be for your child. Believe in your child, love, support, have conversations with and hug your child daily! They will be ready to come to school and be successful!

If you were superintendent for a day, you’d: I really don’t have a clue what I would do if I were the superintendent for a day. I admire Dr. Jordan and his dedication to Chatham County Schools.

What about your job would surprise your non-teaching friends the most? My non-teaching friends would be surprised to know how much I really do love my school. That includes all students and staff.

If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be? The one truth I would like to instill in the heads of our students would be that they can be successful in anything.

When you think about today’s kids, you: When thinking about kids today, I think about all the opportunities they have for success.

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? I hope that word would be caring.

What five things must every teacher know? Every teacher must have a lot of patience. Every student can be successful. Every teacher can make a difference to each child. Every teacher needs to be confident in their teaching. Every teacher needs to be flexible.

What’s special about your classroom? I am in several classrooms. They are open and inviting to the students.

What’s special about your school? Unity! Our staff, students, parents and community work as a whole for the good of our school.

Most unusual question you’ve ever gotten from a student? One student wanted to know when I was going to get WiFi on my bus so he could bring his tablet to school.

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against **RICHARD F. POTTER**
aka Richard Frank Potter
["(Richard F. Potter)"] of Cha-
tham 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.
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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
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Morris, P.A.
1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320
Exchange West at Meadow-
mont
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834
S19,S26,O3,O10,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 466**
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of
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ARD** 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 be-
fore December 19, 2019 or this
notice will be pleaded in bar
of their recovery. All persons,
firms and corporations indebt-
ed to the said estate will please
make immediate payment.
This the 19th Day of Septem-
ber, 2019.
Lisa Ordner, Executrix
2751 Chieftain Run
Duluth, GA 30097
S19,S26,O3,O10,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NORTH CAROLINA
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Having qualified as Executor
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BARBOUR** of Chatham County,
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signed does hereby notify all
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estate of said decedent to ex-
hibit them to the undersigned
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or this notice will be pleaded
in bar of their recovery. All per-
sons, firms and corporations
indebted to the said estate
will please make immediate
payment.
This the 19th day of Septem-
ber, 2019.
John D. Barbour, Executor
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Bowen Law Firm PC
590 New Wavery Place, Suite
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Cary, NC 27518
Phone: 919-859-3224
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**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
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FILE NO. 17-CVD-819**
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
COUNTY OF CHATHAM
PLAINTIFF,
vs
KEVIN M. ARMFIELD, et al
DEFENDANTS.
**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PRO-
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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 Septem-
ber 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, exclu-
sive 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 Septem-
ber, 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,O3,O10, 3tp

**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELEC-
TION FOR THE GOLDSTON GULF
SANITARY DISTRICT**
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seats. The three candidates
that receive the highest num-
ber of votes for Board Member
will be elected.
The voting place will be at
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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
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Street, Suite D in Pittsboro or
you may pick up a mail-in voter
registration form at the **Gold-
ston 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 encour-
aged 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 receive a request
for 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 **Wednes-
day, 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 I.D. is
not required for the 2019 elec-
tions, but will be required for
elections in 2020. If you have
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**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL
ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF
GOLDSTON**
A Municipal election will be
held on **November 5, 2019**, in
the **Town of Goldston**, North
Carolina, to elect a Mayor,
Town Commissioner – Ward
2, and Town Commissioner –
Ward 4. The candidate that
receives the highest number of
votes for Mayor will be elected.
The candidates receiving the
highest number of votes in
each Ward will be elected Town
Commissioners. The voting
place will be the Goldston
Town Hall located at 40A Coral
Ave., in Goldston. The polls
will be open from 6:30 am
until 7:30 pm on Election Day.
All residents of the Town of
Goldston that are registered to
vote with the Chatham County
Board of Elections will be
eligible to vote in this election.
Those residents who are not
registered to vote must regis-
ter by **Friday, October 11, 2019**.
You may register to vote at the
Board of Elections office lo-
cated at 984 Thompson Street,
Suite D, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or
you may pick up a mail-in voter
registration form at the **Gold-
ston Public Library, located at
9325 Pittsboro-Goldston Road,
Goldston NC 27252**. You can re-
quest a voter registration form
by calling the Board of Elec-
tions 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 regis-
tration deadline may appear
in person at the one-stop
absentee voting site, complete
the voter registration applica-
tion 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, by fax
at 919-542-6430, by e-mail to
Elections@chathamnc.org or
by mail to Chatham County
Board of Elections office at PO
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 web-
page 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**

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One Stop voting site is **Wednes-
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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 reg-
istered to vote with the Cha-
tham 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 res-
idents 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
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Library at 197 NC Highway 87
North on the Central Carolina
Community College Cam-
pus**. You can request a voter
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919-545-8500. Any voter
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Persons wishing to register
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Voters who are registered may
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receives the highest number of
votes for Mayor will be elected.
The Town Commissioner can-
didates 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 registra-
tion 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
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after the registration deadline
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complete the voter registration
application form and provide
proof of residence by present-
ing valid documents showing
current name and address.
Voters are encouraged to reg-
ister by the **October 11, 2019**
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fax at 919-542-6430, by e-mail
to Elections@chathamnc.org
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Board of Elections office at P O
Box 111, Pittsboro, NC 27312.
The request must be on the
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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 under-
signed does hereby notify all
persons, firms, and corpora-
tions 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 per-
sons, firms and corporations
indebted to the said estate
will please make immediate
payment.
This the 26TH day of Septem-
ber, 2019.
Stephen R. Watts, Executor
309 NE 42nd Street
Oak Island, NC 28465
S26,O3,O10,O17,4tc

**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 under-
signed does hereby notify all
persons, firms, and corpora-
tions 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 per-
sons, firms and corporations
indebted to the said estate
will please make immediate
payment.
This the 26th day of Septem-
ber, 2019.
Stephen R. Watts, Executor
309 NE 42nd Street
Oak Island, NC 28465
S26,O3,O10,O17,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 473**
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Adminis-

trator 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 De-
cember 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 Septem-
ber, 2019.
Debra Starr Porter, Adminis-
trator
3830 Silk Hope Liberty Rd.
Siler City, NC 27344
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
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Harris and Roy Lee Harris, both deceased) (Heirs of Roy Lee Harris: Ernest Michael Yarborough aka Michael Yarborough, Anthony Wayne Harris aka Anthony Harris, Rosa Lee Brooks, Rena Laverne Harris, Sara Denise King, and Unknown Heirs of Roy Lee Harris) to Getter Law Offices, Trustee(s), dated the 2nd day of December, 2013, and recorded in Book 01727, Page 0171, 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 17, 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: BEGINNING at a point on the east side of the private drive to the Harriett Watson property which leads from rural road 1702, commonly called the fire tower road, said beginning point being South 2 deg 53' West 325.7 feet from the point in the center of road 1702 where the east line of the drive would intersect the center of said road if extended, said center of rural road 1702 being more accurately defined as being 1336.6 feet as measured along the center of said road to the center of road 1701, and running thence from said beginning point on the east edge of the private drive South 85 deg 0' East 355 feet to an iron stake; thence South 1 deg 0' West 123 feet to an iron stake; thence North 84 deg 58' West 359.15 feet to an iron stake in the east line of the private drive; thence along and with the East line of the private drive North 2 deg 53' East 122.6 feet to the point and place of beginning, and containing one acre, more or less, according to survey of William G. Joyner on the 3rd day of September, 1965. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at **65 Harriett Watson Road, Pittsboro**, North Carolina. A.P.N. #: 0007249 Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a) (1). The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor

has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE c/o Hutchens Law Firm LLP P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311 Phone No: (910) 864-3068 https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com Case No: 1279462 (FC.FAY) 03,010,017,024,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **PHEOBIA BRAXTON MANN a/k/a PHEOBIA B. MANN** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of January, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 25th day of September, 2019. J. Lynn Mann, Executor of The Estate of Pheobia Braxton Mann a/k/a Pheobia B. Mann 1486 Manco Dairy Road Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 Moody, Williams, Roper, and Lee, LLP 157 West St. PO Box 1806 Pittsboro, NC 27312 03,010,017,024,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **19 E 333** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **VICTOR MANUEL SANTOS-PEREZ** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 3, 2020 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. Margarita Santos-Perez, Administrator 3689 NC Hwy 22N Ramseur, NC 27316 03,010,017,024,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **19 E 480** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **MICHAEL TRAVIS KIDD** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 3, 2020 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 3rd day of October, 2019. Wanda Sealey Kidd, Administrator 1339 Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 03,010,017,024,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **19 E 479** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **MICHAEL DEROSSET STRONG** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 3, 2020 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 3rd day of October, 2019. Nancy Brown Strong, Executrix 618 Rosswood Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27516 Bagwell Holt Smith, PA 111 Cloister Court, Suite 200 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 03,010,017,024,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **18 E 648** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY John Thomas Gaines, Jr., having qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of **SHIRLEY CADELL MCNEILL**, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County, File Number 18E648, on January 22, 2019, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on or before January 2, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of October, 2019. Payments and claims should be presented to Ashley Kevitt, Averett Family Law, 50101 Governors Dr. Suite 150, Chapel Hill 27517. This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1. Ashley Kevitt, Attorney for the Personal Representative Averett Family Law 50101 Governors Dr. Suite 150 Chapel Hill 27517 03,010,017,024,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **19 E 478** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **INGEBORG HEILSNIS** 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 January 3, 2020 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 3rd day of October, 2019. Walter Heilsnis, Executor PO Box 1202 Apex, NC 27502 03,010,017,024,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **18 E 278** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **WILLIE JAMES SCOTTON AKA WILLIE J. SCOTTON** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on May 8, 2018 are hereby notified to present their claims to ANGELITA S. HORTON, Administratrix CTA, in care of the undersigned attorney at her address, on or before JANUARY 6th, 2020 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment. This 3rd day of October, 2019 ANGELITA S. HORTON, Administratrix CTA c/o Janet H. McLamb, Attorney The Exchange at Meadowmont 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 290 Chapel Hill, NC 27517 03,010,017,024,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **19 E 485** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JULIE CAROLYN COBLE SHOFFNER** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 3, 2020 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 3rd day of October, 2019. LaDonna Lineberry, Administrator 193 Terapin Slide Staley, NC 27355 03,010,017,024,4tp

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE **19-SP-133** **FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY** UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Christopher A. Webster and Denise Webster dated March 12, 2010 and recorded on March 23, 2010, in Book 1505 at Page 770, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina; and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Goddard & Peterson, PLLC (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, on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 11:00 AM 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 in the above referenced Deed of Trust, together with all improvements located thereon: Address of Property: 1727 Walter Bright Road, Sanford, NC 27330 Tax Parcel ID: 0018426 Present Record Owner: Christopher A. Webster and Denise Webster Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. Section 45-21.23. Said property is sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. 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. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, any Land Transfer Tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. Section 7A-308(a)(1). The real property described above is being offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be sold subject to all superior liens, unpaid taxes, and special assessments. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute 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. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upet bids as by law required. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upet bids as required by law. If the Trustee or Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey title include, but are not limited to, the filing of a

bankruptcy petition prior to the sale and reinstatement of the loan without knowledge of the Substitute Trustee(s). If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee(s), in its/their sole discretion, if it/they believe(s) the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice where the Real Property is Residential with less than 15 Rental Units: An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 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 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 ten (10) days, but no more than ninety (90) days, after the sale date contained in the 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 such termination. This is a communication from a debt collector. The purpose of this Communication is to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection. If you are under the protection of the bankruptcy court or have been discharged as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is given to you pursuant to statutory requirement and for informational purposes and is not intended as an attempt to collect a debt or as an act to collect, assess, or recover all or any portion of the debt from you personally. FN# 3070.33019 010,017,2tc

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY THIS ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THE POWER AND AUTHORITY contained within that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Christopher Massey dated October 31, 2017 and recorded on November 1, 2017 in Book 1954 at Page 1093 in the Office of Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina. As a result of a default in the obligations contained within the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and the failure to carry out and perform the stipulation and agreements contained therein, the holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust made demand to have the default cured, which was not met. Therefore, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will place for sale that parcel of land, including improvements thereon, situated, lying and being in the City of Moncure, County of Chatham, State of North Carolina, and being more particularly described in the heretofore referenced Deed of trust. Said sale will be a public auction to the highest bidder for cash, **at the usual place of sale at the Chatham County Courthouse, Pittsboro**, North Carolina, on **October 24, 2019 at 11:00 AM**. Address of Property: **198 Moncure School Road, Moncure**, NC 27559 Tax Parcel ID: 0011580 Present Record Owners: The Estate of Christopher Massey The terms of the sale are that the real property hereinbefore described will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. 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. The successful bidder will be required to pay revenue stamps on the Trustee's Deed, and costs for recording the Trustee's Deed. The real property hereinabove described is being offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be sold subject to all superior liens, unpaid taxes, special assessments, and other encumbrances. Other conditions will be announced at the sale. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upet bids, as by law required. The sale will not confirm until there have been ten (10) consecutive days with no upset bids having been filed. If for any reason the Trustee is unable to convey title to this property, or if the sale is set aside, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the bid deposit. Furthermore, if the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Trustee, in its sole discretion, if it believes the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the bid deposit. In either event, the purchaser will have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Trustee. Additional Notice Required for Residential Real Property with Less Than Fifteen (15) Rental Units: An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to 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 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 ten (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 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. Assistant/Deputy Clerk of Superior Court Albertelli Law Partners North Carolina, P.A., Substitute Trustee By: Sarah E. Banks Albertelli Law Partners North Carolina, P.A. Sarah E. Banks 205 Regency Executive Park Drive, Suite 100 Charlotte, NC 28217 Tel: 704-970-0391 A-4706588 10/10/2019, 10/17/2019 010,017,2tc

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE **19 SP 150** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by JAMES NEWBY, SR. AND WIFE, BERNICE D. NEWBY dated October 6, 2008 to BB&T COLLATERAL SERVICE CORPORATION, Trustee for BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, recorded in Book 1429, Page 21, CHATHAM County Registry; default having been made in payment of the indebtedness thereby secured; and the necessary findings to permit foreclosure having been made by the Clerk of Superior Court of CHATHAM County, North Carolina; the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in the County of CHATHAM and State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: Situated in the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina: Beginning at a point in F. Siler Brady's Western line, Sink's Eastern line, which point is situate in the center of the public road (the road running from Bonlee to Bennett), and running thence with Sink's line South 1 degree west 96 poles to an iron stake, Brady and Sink's corner; thence South 87 1/4 degrees East 16 poles and 17 links to an iron stake; thence North 1 degree east 98 1/2 poles to the center of the aforesaid public road; thence with the center of said public road in a Westerly direction to the point of beginning, containing 10 1/10 acres, more or less; the same being a portion of that certain tract of land conveyed to F. Siler Brady from Greensboro Joint Stock Land Bank by deed dated August 26, 1931, recorded in Book H-H, at Page 5, Office of Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina. Save and except: Beginning at a point in the center of SR number 1005, Siler Brady's Northwest corner, and running thence with Brady's line South 01 degree 00 minutes West, 1763.53 feet to an iron pipe in Sink's line; thence with Sink's line north, 87 degrees 30 minutes West, 137.61 feet to an iron pipe in Sink's line; thence North, 00 degrees 14 minutes 50 seconds East, 1428.44 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 22 degrees 39 minutes West, 223.00 feet to the center line of SR number 1005; thence with the center line SR number 1005 North, 57 degrees 14 minutes East, 224.62 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 5 acres, more or less, and being a portion of that certain tract or parcel of land described in a deed from F. Siler Brady to James Newby et ux Bernice D. Newby, dated November 3, 1951 and recorded in Book K. U. at Page 430, Chatham County Registry. PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION: **37 Bottom Way Dr., Bear Creek**, NC 27207 **DATE OF SALE: October 23, 2019** **TIME OF SALE: 10:30 A.M.** **LOCATION OF SALE: CHATHAM County Courthouse** RECORD OWNER(S): Ashley V. Tyson a/k/a Ashley Victoria Tyson

TERMS OF THE SALE: (1) This sale will be made subject to: (a) all prior liens, encumbrances, easements, right-of-ways, restrictive covenants or other restrictions of record affecting the property; (b) property taxes and assessments for the year in which the sale occurs, as well as any prior years; (c) federal tax liens with respect to which proper notice was not given to the Internal Revenue Service; (d) federal tax liens to which proper notice was given to the Internal Revenue Service and to which the right of redemption applies; and (e) the right of payoff or reinstatement of the loan as permitted by law. (2) The property is being sold "as is". Neither the beneficiary of the deed of trust, nor the undersigned Substitute Trustee, makes any warranties or representations concerning the property, including but not limited to, the physical or environmental condition of the property. Further, the undersigned Substitute Trustee makes no title warranties with respect to the title to the property. (3) The highest bidder will be responsible for the payment of revenue stamps payable to the Register of Deeds and any final court and/or

auditing fees payable to the Clerk of Superior Court which are assessed on the high bid resulting from this foreclosure sale. (4) At the time of the sale, the highest bidder will be required to make a cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the bid, or \$750.00, whichever is greater, with the remaining balance of the bid amount to be paid on the day following the expiration of the applicable ten (10) day upset bid period. (5) Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving this 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 no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this Notice of Foreclosure 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. (6) An order for possession of the property being sold may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the party or parties in possession, by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold. (7) If the sale is set aside for any reason, or if the Trustee is unable to convey title to the property being foreclosed for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Substitute Trustee. Date: September 24, 2019 SMITH DEBNAM NARRON DRAKE SAINTSING & MYERS, L.L.P. Jeff D. Rogers, Substitute Trustee PO Box 176010 Raleigh, NC 27619-6010 (919) 250-2000 Fax: (919) 250-2211 This communication is from a debt collector. The purpose of this communication is to collect a debt. This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 010,017,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Oct. 21, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests: Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §153 Multi-family Downtown Development (ground floor dwelling units) of the UDO. The proposed items are available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the requests are invited to attend the public hearings and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced item. The Planning Board will meet on Oct. 14 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. 010,017,2tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE **DISTRICT COURT DIVISION** **FILE NUMBER. 17-CVD-441** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY COUNTY OF CHATHAM Plaintiff, vs GERALDINE HATLEY COUCH, et al Defendants. **NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION** TO: GERALDINE HATLEY COUCH and spouse, if any, and any HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DEWISEES of GERALDINE HATLEY COUCH and spouse, if any, 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 October 10, 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 October 10, 2019, or by November 19, 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 2nd day of October, 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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Section 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.
This is to inform the public that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Chatham Transit Network Community Transportation Program Application to be submitted to the North Caro-

lina Department of Transportation no later than October 18, 2019. The public hearing will be held on October 18, 2019 at 9:00 before the Chatham Transit Network Board of Directors. Those interested in attending the public hearing and needing either auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or a language translator should contact Anna Testerman on or before October 15, 2019, at telephone number 919-542-5136 or via email at a.testerman@chathamtransit.org. The Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Chatham County as well as provides transportation options and services for the communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using on-demand, subscription, and fixed route services. Services are rendered by Chatham Transit Network. The total estimated amount requested for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 Project - Total Amount - Local Share
Administrative: \$ 264,604 \$ 39,841(15%)
Capital (Vehicles & Other): \$ 363,050 \$ 36,305(10%)
5310 Operating: \$ 180,000 \$ 90,000(50%)

Total Funding Request: \$ 807,654
Total Local Share: \$ 166,146
This application may be inspected at 65 E Chatham Street, Pittsboro, NC from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Written comments should be directed to Executive Director, P.O. Box 1032, Pittsboro, NC 27312 before October 15, 2019.

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AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA
Sección 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 y fondos estatales aplicables, o una combinación de ellos.
Esto es para informar al público que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre Chatham Transit Network la Solicitud propuesta para el Programa de Transporte Comunitario que se presentará al Departamento de Transporte de Carolina del Norte a más tardar. La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el 18 de Octubre, 2019 a las 9:00 am ante Chatham Transit Network Board of Directors. Las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia pública y que necesiten ayuda y servicios auxiliares conforme a la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA) o un traductor de idiomas deben comunicarse Anna Testerman en o antes el 15 de Octubre, 2019, al número

de teléfono 919-542-5136 o por correo electrónico a a.testerman@chathamtransit.org.
El Programa de Transporte Comunitario brinda asistencia para coordinar los programas de transporte existentes que operan, el Condado de Chatham así como también brinda opciones y servicios de transporte para las comunidades dentro de esta área de servicio. Estos servicios se proporcionan actualmente utilizando bajo demanda, subcripción y servicio de una ruta fija. Los servicios son prestados por Chatham Transit Network. La cantidad total estimada solicitada para el período del 1 de julio de 2020 al 30 de junio de 2021
Proyecto - Cantidad total de - Acciones locales
Administrativo: \$ 264,604 \$ 39,841(15%)
Capital (Vehículos y Otros): \$ 363,050 \$ 36,305 (10%)

5310 de funcionamiento: \$ 180,000 \$ 90,000 (50%)
PROYECTO TOTAL: Solicitud de financiación total: \$807,654
Participación total local: \$166,146
Esta aplicación puede ser inspeccionada desde. Los comentarios escritos deben dirigirse a antes.

O10,1tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 497
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **PATRICIA CSOMAY WASHINGTON** 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 January 10, 2020 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 10th day of October, 2019.
Karen Washington Wolfe, Administrator
9690 Hwy 902
Siler City, NC 27344

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19-E-486
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Marcella Tragesar, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **DORIS MARCELLA BARKLEY**, 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 10th day of January, 2020,

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 10th day of October, 2019.
Marcella Tragesar, Administrator for the Estate
C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds, Attorney for the Estate
Hopper Cummings, PLLC
Post Office Box 1455
Pittsboro, NC 27312

O10,017,024,031,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 488
NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MAUREEN F. BRYDEN** 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 January 10, 2020 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 10th day of October, 2019.
Thomas E. Bryden, Executor
345 Farrington Post
345 Weymouth Close
Pittsboro, NC 27312

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Cool weather and hot bands greeted Shakori

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

The weather finally turned cool, but more than 50 performers heated up the stage at the annual Shakori Grassroots Festival last weekend. Thousands of spectators from around the county, the state and the region poured into the Shakori Hills Community Arts Center north of Pittsboro for four days of music, dance and art.

The event is more than just a music festival; it's an opportunity for friends and families to come together to camp, learn about music and explore sustainability and healing arts. This year's headliner, Galactic brought in what may be record crowds for the event though ticket totals have not yet been announced. The event, anchored by Donna the Buffalo, brought an eclectic mix of world music, jazz, funk and a focus this year on North Carolina music with about 60 percent of the performers hailing from the state.

Visitors of all ages journeyed from stage to



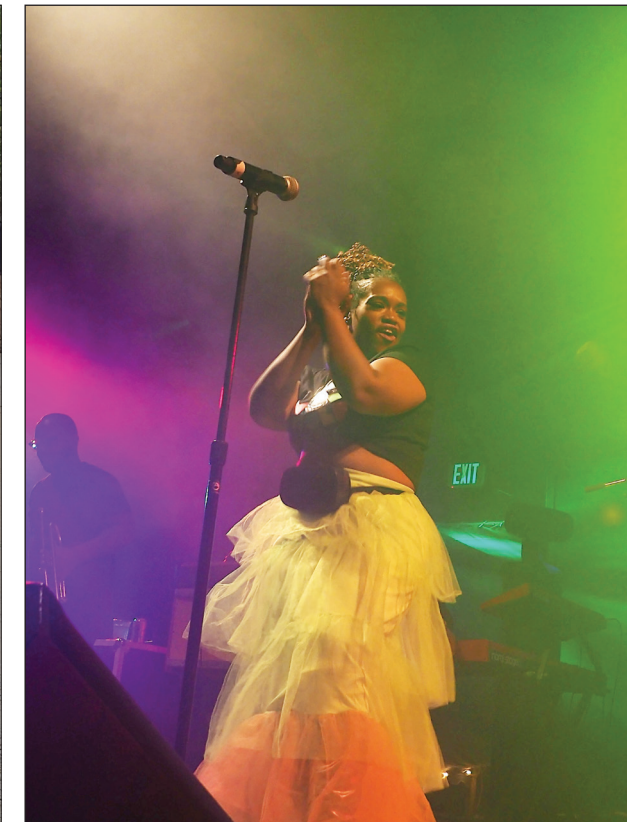
Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Wagon rides are free transportation at the Shakori Grassroots Festival.

stage, sometimes riding in tractors, to hear amazing music, purchase crafts and learn. Even with a burn

ban in place, the pumpkin parade lived on with LED lighting for safety. The event takes place twice a

year — once in the spring and again in the fall — drawing thousands of visitors to Chatham County.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Galactic headlined this year's Fall Shakori with lead singer Erica Falls. The band crushed the set with funk fusion grooves.

Shakori's special small music festival continues to grow, adding new fans, young and old each year.

Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at Casey-Mann@Chathamnr.com.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Odin, Georgia, Eden and Beau of Pittsboro played some classic Appalachian-style music for those who passed by.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Pierre Lauffer, a Shakori family regular, makes bubbles, another staple of the festival.

Maddy Walsh, lead singer of Maddy Walsh and the Blind Spots from Ithaca, NY, belts out a tune from their repertoire of powerfully metaphoric and richly imagined songs late Thursday at the Meadow Stage at Shakori Hills.

Staff photo by David Bradley



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The Bulltown Strutters Parade is a Shakori Grassroots Festival tradition. Musicians play New Orleans music and stomp through the festival on the way to a full performance at the Dance Tent.



Maverick Shook, 1 1/2 years old, drums on a wicker basket at the Meadow Stage at the Shakori Hills Festival last Sunday. His dad says that he's going to be a drummer when he grows up. He drums on everything, he said.

Staff photo by David Bradley