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Monument protests leave residual effects on downtown Pittsboro, Chatham



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Opposing rallies took to downtown Pittsboro for the first time Sept. 14 to both protest and praise the Chatham County Board of Commissioners' decision to terminate the agreement with the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to keep a Confederate monument in the middle of downtown. Both crowds reached equal numbers that day — the top picture was taken at 10:45 a.m., while the bottom was taken at 12:02 p.m.

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — There's no Confederate statue or monument outside the Chatham County Agricultural and Conference Center in Pittsboro.

The monument at the center of local discussion was about a mile down the road, the site of protests and counter-protests on consecutive Saturdays over recent weeks. But that didn't stop this small group, which ranged from four to seven people, from holding Confederate flags and waving at visitors last Thursday at the Ag Center.

"The more people are aware of what's going on, the better," said Robin Whittington, one of the flag-wavers.

Inside the conference center, representatives from near-

ly 45 municipal and county governments in central North Carolina were meeting as part of the Triangle J Council of Government's Regional Summit. The flaggers' appearance didn't escape the notice of Jim Crawford, a Chatham County Commissioner and chairman of TJCOG's executive committee.

"I'm glad they're there because they're doing our work for us," Crawford said. "They're showing that they are deliberately being an irritant, which they know that to display that flag is an irritation."

Protests and arrests have increased over the last month in response to the commissioners' decision to terminate the agreement between the county

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SILER CITY MAYOR RACE

Incumbent, challengers differ on direction

BY CASEY MANN
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SILER CITY — This year's election for the mayor of Siler City seems to rest, at least for the candidates, on the record of the current mayor.

Incumbent John Grimes says he's seeking his fourth full term as mayor on the strength of his record. Challengers Jackie Adams and Albert Reddick cite that record as the reason they're opposing him.

The three candidates will be on this year's ballot for a two-year term, and each brings varied backgrounds of political experience and ideas for Siler City and its government.

The candidates and where they stand

Grimes was a member of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and Siler City Board of Commissioners before his appointment to the mayor's chair in 2012 following the death of Charles Johnson. Grimes has touted the progress he and the board have made following the economic recession of 2008 and the ensuing loss of industry to rebuild the town economically and "make Siler City a better place to live and work."

He said his focus is on economic development — particularly the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site located on U.S. Hwy. 64 northwest of town — along with government investments in making Siler City a more appealing place for both companies and residents to locate. The town has been awarded millions of dollars in grants to improve its water, wastewater and pipe systems, and Grimes said complimenting that with a facelift of downtown is a good recipe for a stronger economy.

"Economic development is the engine that increases income for our citizens," Grimes said.

This is Adams' first foray into politics as a candidate. Retired after a long career at IBM which included multiple patents and publications, she now owns the Oasis Open Air Market, the Oasis Fresh Market and Deli and numerous other properties in downtown Siler City.

Adams emphasized that she does not want to raise taxes; that improving the

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KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

Brothers serving up Hollywood-style scares in Snow Camp for three decades

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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SNOW CAMP — Years before brothers Dean and Starr Jones left their native Alamance County for the West Coast to pursue careers in the film industry, Hollywood came to them.

Sort of. They were young kids at the time — it was in the late 60s — when Dick Clark, of "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve" fame, arrived in North Carolina to produce and star in a movie called "Killers Three."

The crime drama was shot in Ramseur. "One day," Starr said, "our parents took us out of school to go watch the movie being filmed."

From the sidelines, the young brothers watched the crew of professionals as they set about the task of filming the movie's climactic gunfight. Of particular interest to the boys was the work of a make-up artist who, during a break in shooting, applied prosthetics to an actor, "sculpting a bullet wound right on the guy's face," Starr said.

For the Jones brothers — both already big movie fans, especially of the classic Universal monster films and the horror movies produced by legendary London-based Hammer Film Productions — witnessing the behind-the-scenes work, particularly the on-the-fly creation of a special movie effect, was a pivotal experience.

They carried the memory home, where they began trying to create their own movie-like special effects.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Amy Mabe gets a few final touches with a brush as she is transformed into a zombie by makeup artist Tyler Wood in preparation last Friday for the Original Hollywood Horror Show.

"We started to look around the house for stuff we could do make-up with," said Starr. "Flour, corn meal, whatever we could find to make some effect. That was sort of how it all began."

When Halloween, a favorite holiday of the Jones brothers, next rolled around, Dean and Starr put their burgeoning talents to timely use, creating costumes and make-up for the

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Julia Elliott applies finishing touches to 'Vampira' as portrayed by Patsy McGowan at the Original Hollywood Horror Show.

Staff photo by David Bradley

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Chatham community hunger forum scheduled for Oct. 25 in Pittsboro

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — A statewide news organization is co-hosting a forum on hunger in Pittsboro later this month.

The Carolina Public Press, a non-profit investigative reporting outlet based in Asheville, is partnering with multiple agencies, including CORA Food Pantry, for the Chatham County Newsmakers Forum on Hunger on October 25 at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro. Admission to the event is free.

The forum, which begins at 12:30 p.m., will feature panelists working on the issue of community hunger:

• Tamara Cox Baker, project and communications director, No

Kid Hungry

• Melissa Beard, executive director, CORA Food Pantry
• Pushti Patel, director of communications, Interfaith Food Shuttle
• Dennis Streets, executive director, Chatham Council on Aging

The main session will include discussion about solutions already being used to combat hunger in the community, along with current challenges and how they could be addressed. The forum will also explore what the staff of the Carolina Public Press uncovered in "Faces of Hunger," a year-long investigative series.

The forum will be followed by breakout sessions. The first, on child hunger, will run from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and be led by Tradell Atkins, director of child hunger programs for the Interfaith Food Shuttle,

and Jessica Soldavini, graduate research assistant with No Kid Hungry NC. The second session, covering senior hunger, will be led by Streets and run from 4-5 p.m.

The News + Record is working with the Carolina Public Press to produce the event as part of the newspaper's commitment to community conversations. The CN+R held two "One Chatham" forums this year in partnership with Our Chatham, a program of the UNC Hussman School of Media and Journalism's Reese News Lab. Other partners in the event include the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina and MomsRising.

For more information, visit the event's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2423898170998642>.

32nd Old Fashion Day



Staff photo by David Bradley

Streets were blocked off in Goldston last Saturday for the town's annual Old Fashion Day as the crowd had the chance to see arts and crafts, food vendors, homemade ice cream by event sponsor The Lions Club, antiques and more. Meet and greet opportunities for churches, the sheriff's office and political parties rounded out the afternoon. See more photos, page A12.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21, at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro.

• The **Pittsboro City Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the Pittsboro Town Hall located at 635 East St. in Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

• The **PlayMakers Repertory Company** offers a free performance of “Wildler & Wildler,” a medley of Thornton Wilder short plays on Oct. 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. “Wildler & Wildler” 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.

• 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

• **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, johneichorn72@gmail.com. Come play corn hole, sit on the patio or stay inside. If weather permits, music is outside on the patio.

• **Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser tur-**

key 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.

SATURDAY

• The **Siler City Lions Club** will present its “Fall Festival” Pancake Breakfast at the First United Methodist Church in Siler City from 6:30 a.m. until 11 on Saturday, Oct. 19. 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.

• **Liberty Showcase Theater** announces that Shenandoah’s 30th anniversary Tour featuring Marty Raybon will be presented at 7 p.m., Oct. 19. Wayne Taylor’s Great American County Band will be featured at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. The theater is located at 101 S. Fayetteville Street in Liberty. Reservations can be made at 336-622-3844. www.thelibertyshowcase.com.

• Come see the **Chatham Community Players** in their Fall production, “Arsenic and Old Lace” by Joseph Kesselring. Tickets are available online at pittsboroyouththeater.com. (Click on “Community Theater” to view the adult shows). Oct. 26 - Nov. 3, Saturdays: 4 and 7 p.m., Sundays: 3 and 6 p.m., Location: Sweet Bee Theater, 18 E. Salisbury St, Pittsboro, Email: cftapbo@gmail.com, Phone: 919-533-6997

SUNDAY

• Join **Friends of Lower Haw** for a guided hike in the Lower Haw River State Natural Area from 1 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 20. We’ll be taking the path less traveled, exploring the state natural area on the Pittsboro side of the River. This will be a moderately strenuous hike, so wear sturdy shoes for walking on uneven ground. Please note there are no restroom facilities at this location. Pre-registration required by contacting lowerhawevents@gmail.com with “Fall” in the subject line. Details will be provided with pre-registration confirmation.

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 rotate. 1st Monday: NC Revelers Orchestra, \$10; 2nd Monday: David Quick Jazz Combo, \$5; 3rd Monday: Triangle Jazz Orchestra, \$10; 4th Monday: Gregg Gelb Orchestra, \$10; and 5th Monday: TBA. For more information, see our website: www.pittsbororoadhouse.com.

UPCOMING

• 3rd Annual **Fall-O-Ween Carnival and Trunk R’ Treat** hosted by the Town of Siler City at Bray Park on Friday, October 25th, invites everyone to join in on the fall festivities. The free event includes “trunk r’ treating”, hayrides, inflatable attractions, games, face painting, music and more. Food such as funnel cakes, deep fried Oreos, hamburgers, etc. will be available for purchase. This will be held on the multipurpose field from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Friday Night Flicks, Movie in the Park Series will conclude with the premier of Hotel Transylvania 3 on the big screen under the stars beginning at 7:30. Gather friends, family, neighbors, blankets, and chairs for a fun time. The Town invites all businesses, organizations, groups, clubs, etc. to register their trunk for free for the Trunk R’ Treat. Don’t forget to wear your costumes.

• The **Seniors Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)** offers free, unbiased information about Medicare and can assist with enrollment and subsidy applications that could save you money. Changes will be effective Jan. 1. Call to schedule an appointment with a trained SHIIP counselor. Call the Western Chatham Senior Center to make an appointment, 919-742-3975. Appointments can be made in Pittsboro or Siler City.

• 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.

• **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 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 third 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.bstrop93.org for more information.
• Pack 924 of Siler City First U.M.C. meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts.
• Pack 900 in Bear Creek meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Meroney’s U.M.C. following the school calendar. See http://pack900.com for more information.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fall family safety tips for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists

RALEIGH — As nights grow longer and days get shorter, the N.C. Department of Transportation is offering important safety tips to keep your family safe as the seasons change. Remember to:

- Always watch for

children

- Pay special attention to children near bus stops
- Look out for trick-or-treaters on Halloween
- Remind children about how to safely cross the street and watch for cars
- Look out for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Remember to always wear reflective gear while biking or running
- Drivers should share the road with bicyclists

and pedestrians

- Be aware of deer and wildlife
- Pay attention when driving near wood-lined areas
- Stay alert as wildlife are most active at dusk and dawn
- Use your headlights during morning and evening hours
- If you are in doubt, keep your headlights on
- Remember to turn on

your headlights when using your windshield wipers

Follow simple photo safety rules. For your safety and others, never take pictures while driving. And while often inviting, never take pictures on train tracks or bridges. For more information on all these programs and initiatives, visit the safety page on NCDOT.gov/.

— CN + R staff reports



Gospel Meeting

Bilingual Services (English & Spanish)
Friday--October 25--7pm
Saturday--October 26--7pm
Sunday--October 27--10am
 Lunch provided at 12 noon
 Singing at 2 pm
Church of Christ
 1511 West Raleigh Street
 Half mile past the Piggly Wiggly
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Charges filed in accident which killed Siler City woman, daughter

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SILER CITY — A Siler City woman and her daughter were killed last month in a vehicle collision in Siler City.

Lucille Currie, 87, of Siler City, and Cherry Scotton Marsh, 63, of Snow Camp, died after a three-vehicle incident Sept. 20 on U.S. Hwy. 64 which also sent two individuals to the hospital, one of them cited for multiple offenses.

According to a report from the N.C. State Highway Patrol, Malik Crayton of Snow Camp was driving north on

Siler City Snow Camp Road at 5:13 p.m. when he crossed the centerline and side-swiped a car driven by Nancy Allender of Whitsett. Crayton's vehicle then hit a car driven by March head-on. The collision killed Currie and Marsh and sent Crayton and Jesse Scotton Jr., of Siler City, to UNC Hospital.

Crayton now faces two charges of death by motor vehicle, speeding 71 in a 55-mph zone and driving left of center.

According to Aerial Marsh, Cherry Marsh's daughter, Scotton was not expected to survive, "but he's improving." Scotton is Currie's son. Ariel Marsh also said Crayton, who is an acquaintance, is

out of the hospital.

Currie worked for 30 years for Townsend Foods and served as a Deaconess at Rocky River Missionary Baptist Church, according to her obituary. She left behind three children, a brother, two sisters, nine grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren and "a host of relatives and friends."

"Lucille was a devoted and loving mother, sister, grandmother and friend," the obituary stated. "She loved her family like none other, always willing to go without so someone else could have."

A Jordan-Matthews High School alumna, Marsh became a pastor in 2000 and founded a church in Siler City. She became an Apostle and her ministry was broadcast on the Word Network Channel. She left behind her husband, three children, 20 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

"Apostle Marsh was a true Women of Faith who loved the Lord with all her heart, and was willing to reach and teach the lost at whatever the cost," her obituary stated. "She operated in the Five-Fold Ministry, and throughout, she continued to be a loving and giving Woman of God."

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and Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to locate the "Our Confederate Heroes" monument in downtown Pittsboro on county property, outside the Chatham County Historic Courthouse. Response from residents and county leaders have varied, but most are concerned about one aspect or another.

Arrests

Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson said he and his department attend the protests to protect individuals' First Amendment rights. The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States says "Congress shall make no law abridging...the right of the people peaceably to assemble." Roberson said

he supports that — until weapons show up.

"I think it disturbs me that people are bringing weapons to it and that the arrests have included people that have weapons," he said. "We have a First Amendment because not everybody would agree with what they're protesting to. But to bring weapons and things that would go toward it not being a peaceful protest concerns me."

Six individuals were arrested over an eight-day span within the last three weeks. A Virginia woman and Durham woman were taken into custody Oct. 5 with charges including illegally carrying a concealed weapon, while a Pittsboro man was charged that day with disorderly conduct. The week before, on Sept. 28, a Fuquay-Varina man and Chapel Hill man

were cited for simple affray, while a Siler City man was arrested for assault on a law enforcement officer and disorderly conduct.

Roberson said he wouldn't share if the department's crowd management strategy has changed to try to prevent arrests, but that deputies would simply continue to "protect their First Amendment rights."

Business

In the midst of the Oct. 5 protests, Chatham Economic Development Corporation President Alyssa Byrd went to Twitter and made this statement: "Regardless of what side of the argument you're on: this is disrupting business and commerce in downtown Pittsboro, week after week."

Cindy Poindexter, president and CEO of the

Chatham Chamber of Commerce, has the same perspective.

"I have heard from some businesses that the protesting has been disruptive to their business," she said. "Regardless of what side you are on, the businesses still have a business to run. Their business is their livelihood and it provides valuable services that support our community."

A continuation of the protests could have a negative effect on the livelihood of downtown Pittsboro, according to Poindexter.

"I fear that consumers will go elsewhere to avoid protesters," she said. "This could affect businesses, their employees, residents and the town."

Schools

A group of flaggers made news last month when a Confederate flag was hoisted in the vicinity of Horton Middle School, named for former slave and poet George Moses Horton. No incidents at the school have been reported, but Chatham County Schools Public Relations Coordinator John McCann said the

district is keeping an eye on proceedings just as they normally would near school grounds.

"We want to make sure when kids come to our campus every day, they feel welcomed and feel included, regardless of what's across the street," McCann said. "Like in all situations, we're going to keep an eye on things and act accordingly in terms of safety."

A welcoming county?

Leading off last week's TJCOG meeting, Pittsboro Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Baldwin said the town was a welcoming place, and "contrary to recent events," Pittsboro and its citizens were working to keep it that way.

"You are always welcome to our town," she said. "Anytime you come into any of our merchants' stores, you will certainly be greeted with a warm smile."

Whittington and her fellow flaggers said they wouldn't say why they were present outside the TJCOG meeting.

"I can't give you the strategy of why we do what we do," she said. "But just trust me, there's

a strategy."

Steve Marley, an Alamance County resident who said his ancestors fought in Chatham County regiments in the Civil War, added, "There's a strategy. There's no telling where we'll end up."

Crawford made a Civil War reference in response to the protests.

"They understand this causes certain people discomfort and pain," he said. "They're looking to leverage that pain to protect the statue. But, it's 1864, they cannot un-burn the Shenandoah Valley."

In late 1864, Union General Philip H. Sheridan won three major battles in the Shenandoah Valley, crippling the Southern army and leading to Robert E. Lee's surrender the following April.

Bringing it to modern day — as Commissioner Chair Mike Dasher said earlier this month, "barring any legal challenge, there is zero chance that the Board of Commissioners revisits this issue. Zero."

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It's a sick, sick world ... especially when it comes to germs

This world is literally crawling with germs.



BILL HORNER III
From The
Publisher's Desk

It's little wonder none of us gets out of here alive. This pleasantry was on my mind this past Saturday as I sat — suffering mightily — inside

a giant winged aluminum tube for about 10 hours with two people I knew and more than 300 I didn't. As we jetted our way from Munich across seven time zones to Chicago, a whole lotta coughin' was going on.

If you want to catch a virus, then spending nearly half a day in a confined space, literally shoulder to shoulder with some sick folks at 38,000 feet, is one way to do it.

Me? I was lucky. I don't think I caught anything.

Then again, I was already sick when I got on the plane.

By the time we'd arrived for our mission trip six days earlier in Lviv, an ancient city near Ukraine's western border, the principles of statistics, geometry and physics almost guaranteed I would come down with something. Five of

us — my wife Lee Ann, Kay Patterson from our church and two Ukrainian friends living in Poland — arrived together Oct. 6 at our flat (Europeans don't really use the word "apartment") with two of our group already suffering from colds.

In that Soviet-era space we rented for the week, it was decidedly close quarters: the five of us sharing two bedrooms and a single bathroom. Although we mostly used the flat for sleep, within a couple of days the collective tickles in our throats and the increasing frequency with which we were coughing made it obvious that we were sharing more than just the same address.

Despite frequent hand-washings, proper coughing practices, emptying a full bottle of Vitamin C and frequent doses of essential oils Lee Ann brought to ward off a litany of physical ailments, we each fell victim, one by one. Our shared symptoms and general malaise didn't interfere too much with the work we were there to do, but in the end a toll was taken.

Kay had the worst of it there and was sick the longest (so far). My suffering was at its most dire on the flights home with a violent sinus headache that had me wincing with pain anytime a nearby passenger opened a window shade, allow-

ing sunlight to flood the plane's cabin; at this writing, I have a minor cough and some congestion. And in the last few days, Lee Ann has been as debilitated as I've seen her (fever, racking cough, drained of energy) in the 31 years we've known each other.

Our Ukrainian friend Kate, who fell ill at home in Poland a couple of days before our trip started but was feeling better by the time we all reached Lviv, had a relapse during our time together. She got worse, and in a coughing spell after she returned home, severely strained her back. By week's end she will have missed a total of eight days of work.

"Blame it on the Americans," I told her to tell her boss.

But the sad truth is, blame it on a germ.

The tally, as of this writing: among the five of us, we've had a total of eight doctor visits, a dozen trips to various pharmacies in three countries, nearly 20 prescriptions dispensed and a running total of missed work/school days that will likely hit 15 or more — thanks to Kate's pneumonia, a case of bronchitis and other maladies brought on by the one or more viruses we brought to our little party.

And those numbers, ladies and germs, may go up (cough) since we're (cough) all still sickly (cough).

Germs — "germ" is basically a generic term for any kind of microscopic particle that includes viruses and bacteria — are everywhere. Bacteria, mostly harmless, are so plentiful that our bodies have 10 times as many bacterial cells as human cells. When bacteria go bad, we take antibiotics to kill them or slow their growth, allowing our incredible immune systems to work magic and heal us.

Viruses, about which less are known, are smaller and basically are on the prowl full-time for a host to infect, causing illnesses like colds and the flu. The fact that they're immune to antibiotics and contagious makes viruses problematic; get a bad virus, and antivirals and vaccines can aid (with time and our own immune systems) recovery.

Regardless of how they're defined and how they attack us, these collective little troublemakers have helped make life miserable for a lot of folks, especially in wintertime. The fact that we know so relatively little about them is frustrating, but we're finding out more all the time.

In a stroke of serendipitous but stomach-churning timing, an article in a blog I subscribe to and received during our flight home spelled out some of the more disgusting things we've learned in the last few

years about germs.

At the risk of grossing you out or triggering your hypochondria, here are a few tidbits:

- One sick employee can contaminate 50 percent of surfaces and co-workers in an 80-person office in just four hours. (Sick day, anyone?)

- The single dirtiest, most bacteria-filled place most of us will ever visit isn't a public restroom, but rather the average grocery-store shopping cart. (Those handy wipes near the rows of carts? Use 'em.)

- Speaking of public toilets: sure, they can be nasty, but because most get cleaned at least occasionally, the average desk in the average office can have 400 times more dangerous bacteria than a public toilet seat. (Looking for them? They're mostly found on the surfaces of our computers.)

- It's safer to make a sandwich in a public restroom than on the average kitchen chopping board. (Not that you'd want to...)

- And finally: each square inch of your smartphone contains an average of 25,000 squirming germs.

What's the lesson here? You can run — you can even fly — but it's hard to hide from germs.

Now that I'm home...can someone help me find my hand sanitizer?

Forgo the patterns, but keep the pumpkin

Splat!
That's the sound of pumpkin guts flung onto an outspread newspaper.



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

I love that sound, but by association only. As a singular activity, cleaning the gooey guts and sticky seeds out of a pumpkin's innards doesn't top my list of favorite things.

But I don't mind getting my hands wet and dirty and I really love the next step: carving the pumpkin.

Of life's pleasures, it's true, I think, that the simple ones are often the best; and the simplicity of a plump orange gourd, a kitchen knife, a candle and a few strategic cuts in said gourd to create, with said candle, a spooky, glowing jack-o-lantern is enormously appealing.

When retailers haul out their Christmas wares in September, I cringe like everybody else. But come August, when the first round of Halloween hardware hits the shelves, I feel the excitement beginning to build.

How can you not love a holiday that's celebrated by marathon horror movies on TV and the sale of massive amounts of fake blood?

I haven't trick-or-treated since the Ford administration — or escorted a trick-or-treater (my daughter) since the early George W. Bush years — but I still get a kick out of donning a mask to hand out Halloween candy.

Still, you could take away a lot of Halloween stuff — the Jason and Freddy and Michael movies, the roving bands of pint-sized vampires and princesses, certainly the late summer sales of Halloween stuff — and I'd be OK as long as you don't take away the pumpkins.

They're the best thing about Halloween, the wildest of our holidays.

Leave it someone, though, to make something as simple and fun as carving a face onto a pumpkin a commercial endeavor.

A few years ago, a company called Pumpkin Masters arrived on the Halloween scene, marketing pumpkin carving kits complete with little saws and scoops and (this is the most offensive part) patterns to follow to for carving a pumpkin.

This is offensive to a pumpkin-carving purist like myself.

Who needs a "saw" for carving a pumpkin when the tried-and-true tool — a kitchen knife, kind of like Michael Myers might wield — is perfect for the job?

And the little Pumpkin Masters scoop? Isn't that what hands are for?

But those patterns beat all.

I'm sure if you purchase a Pumpkin Masters kit (they, and their many knock-off varieties, returned to store shelves in early August), you can create a very nice-looking pumpkin with a perfectly perfect, homogenized, image that, if done according to stencil and utilizing the provided mini-saw just so, may look exactly like everyone else's jack-o-lantern.

But where's the fun — not to mention the artistry — in that?

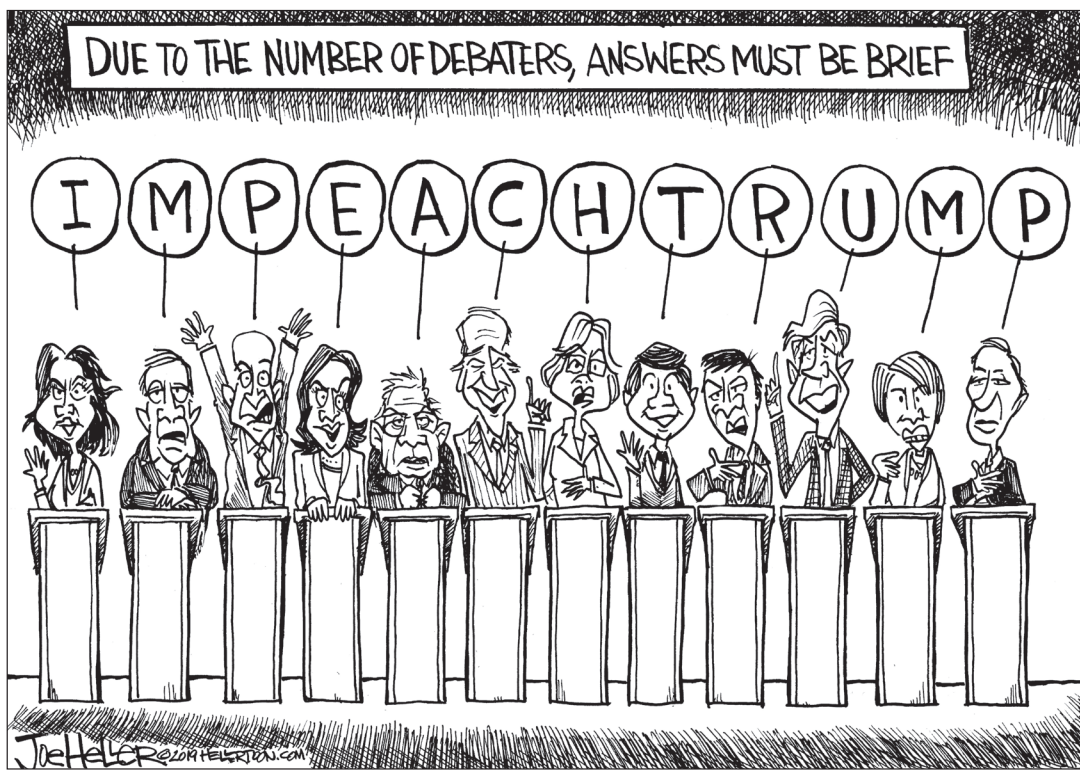
I prefer the one-of-a-kind jack-o-lanterns that spring from the imagination.

Going back a few years, folks in the Harland's Creek community near Pittsboro carved jack-o-lanterns every October and placed their creations along the guardrail of the bridge at Manco Dairy Road. It was always an impressive sight.

At night, you could pass by on U.S. Hwy. 64 and see off to the side the many gourds aglow. I usually made a point of driving past the bridge to view the 40-odd creations — some scary, some goofy, no two jack-o-lanterns alike and none, that I could ever tell, created with the help of a saw-by-numbers pattern.

That's as it should be, I think.

Splat!



Teachers all around if we'll just notice

Education takes many forms.

There's the formal type, the now K-12 public or private school version. Shoot, there's even Pre-K. Sometimes, I'm still a bit amazed that my 3-year old princess (one of five female grands in our world) goes three days a week to such an event.



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

She's learning stuff, even counted to 40 or 60 or someplace the other day, although she declared one number was 2010. Sometimes it makes me wonder how my generation and older ones got along without pre-K.

The education received in formal settings usually consists of facts and information, things like when was the War of 1812 and what direction is South Dakota from North Dakota. An extra added attraction of school, however, can be interactive, as in learning how to move through social settings and being around other folks.

Then there's the other version, the kind you get at home and, hopefully, in church. We've got to assume (always a dangerous thing to do; you know what happens when you assume) and hope and pray that such education is positive. Unfortunately, all too often, some of the education there can be a lesson in what not to do. But still, it counts as learning. But remember this, school wasn't created to take the place of church or home.

Then there's life, or maybe more accurately the school of life. Through the years, I've encountered many folks who say or show they're graduates of that school. Others point out

by word or deed they're still studying in it. Funny thing about life as a teacher, though: she gives the test first and then the lesson.

And then there's one more school. It's kind of like some of the others and maybe is really the school of life, just in a different form. Namely, it's the things of life, things we can learn from life to use in our lives. Mother Nature is her name, this teacher, and she shows us many things about life.

Some things we notice but, as supposedly a higher form of civilization, we shouldn't use. For instance, there's a valuable lesson about power and pecking order around our place from the cows and the chickens. When it comes time to hit the water trough, there's a definite order if everyone is present.

I've seen smaller cows and calves helping themselves to a long drink of water on a long hot day when all of a sudden, a bigger version of themselves comes along and...BOOM! Outta my way!...and the little guys slink away. If they haven't finished quenching their thirst, they usually don't leave right away but instead hang out over to the side or in back until Bully or Boss Cow is done. Sometimes the bigger version, even after filling up, will stand there, almost daring someone else to come up until, finally bored with the entire process, off they go.

At times, it almost looks like the big guys cast a wicked glance in the direction of their victims, sort of a sneer or mean laugh. On other occasions, the smaller version has given up and left, assuring the tormentor of success in his or her venture. Same with the chickens. Obviously neither species has heard of or gotten the memo about the Golden Rule. In spite of

what some people think, the Golden Rule still is "Do to others like you'd like done to you" and not, "He who has the gold makes the rule."

On the flip side, another of Mother Nature's critters offers a lesson on how to do things right. I speak here of geese, particularly the Canadian variety that fly over our place quite often.

For the sake of true transparency, let me note I don't really care for them. They eat grass — lots of it — that could better be consumed by the cows while at the same time, their bathroom habits, while true to nature, can have some long-lasting effects. I don't claim to be an expert in any of this but I have been told that repeated use by geese of pasture grass for their digestive deposits can have an effect on mama cows, namely contributing to them becoming sterile.

Anyway, after having said all that, the geese provide while in flight a valuable human nature lesson.

First of all, they fly together in a formation, namely the "V." They're not all over the place, each one doing his or her thing. That "V" is a streamlined fashion, contributing to less turbulence and resistance along the way. Then, while the leader is out front charting the way, the other geese behind are honking encouragement, urging Lead Goose onward and upward. And finally, after a while, one in the back will rotate to the point and give the leader a break as they continue on. That means the effort is going on and they don't care who's in charge. And the former leader? He's now in back, honking encouragement.

Amazing isn't it, what can be done as long as we don't care who gets the credit? Pay attention, people.

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GUEST COLUMN | ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

Saved, not safe — and other lessons from happenstance

I was raised in the Moravian Church. The “cookie people” according to a friend. She was teasing me, but I was not at all offended. I’ve grown up to become a Presbyterian pastor and most people know us by the doctrine of predestination. That’s a lot less sweet than cookies!

I don’t go out of my way to talk about this unappetizing theological subject but, inevitably, inquiring minds want to know. Traditionally, a doctrine of free will has been set against predestination, yet one could cite proof texts from the

same Bible that allegedly support both positions. Instead of wielding the scriptures as a sledge hammer, I prefer to speak gently — God saves, so be at peace. I’ll serve up a few lines from poet Denise Levertov: float into Creator Spirit’s deep embrace, knowing no effort earns that all-surrounding grace.

But not everyone will leave it at that, including a dear friend who recently died. He used to say that God is always present on the other side of a door, but that it is up to each individual to reach out for the door-

knob...or not. That’s how he believed the cookie crumbled.

This friend just happened to live in my neighborhood, just down the street from the bus stop. One afternoon after school, my two young sons raced ahead of me on their bikes and came to a skidding halt at my friend’s driveway before a shiny, red motorcycle. Their jaws nearly dropped to the sidewalk. With a sparkle in his eyes, my friend told me that my boys were predestined to ride the motorized two-wheelers. I shook my head, no. It is

not safe.

In response, my friend shared a story about a man who went to buy a motorcycle. The eager salesman initially pitched the bike for its speed, claiming it could go from 0 to 80 mph in 20 seconds! But when this customer said he needed to pray about his decision, the salesman changed his tune: “Let me assure you, friend, this motorcycle is very safe.”

I’m still not keen on the idea that my sons are predestined for Harleys. But despite all the apparent theological differences between

Moravians, Presbyterians and Evangelicals, I’m convinced that the public lumps Christians all together into one category of people who too often play it safe. It seems to me that, instead of defending our theological positions with our fists, we need to take the risk of reaching out to others with open hands. I’ll leave it to you, gentle reader, to ponder if the opposite of faith is not doubt, but fear.

I will not pretend to know all answers to great mysteries. But the longer I live, the more happenstance events prove to be meaningful. This does not

explain tragedy, yet (to me at least) does suggest that there is a larger plan. Call it predestination, fate, or luck. Credit the stars, God, or whatever you like, my point is that sometimes you just happen to be at the right place at the right time and, almost by accident, you learn a lesson you will never forget, a bit of wisdom that may even outlive you. Pretty sweet.

Andrew Taylor-Troutman is the poet pastor of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church and the author of the book “Gently Between the Words.”

Political future may surprise us

RALEIGH — During the 1990s and early 2000s, urban elections were an arena of robust partisan politics in North Carolina. Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and other major cities elected Republican mayors — although usually these were officially (read: nominally) nonpartisan races.



JOHN HOOD
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Those days are over, for the most part. Among our 10 most-populous cities, only High Point has a Republican mayor, Jay Wagner. He’s currently seeking reelection.

Does this fact suggest that the GOP is no longer a force in local politics, or that urban areas are no longer politically competitive? No. North Carolina Republicans win more county races today than they ever did before, but their victories now more often come in rural and formerly rural, now suburban, climes. And few local races have been more politically charged this year than the mayoral and council contests in Raleigh, where Democrats and left-leaning unaffiliated voters are battling over a range of contentious issues.

Politics is often a trailing indicator, not a leading one. Republicans became less competitive in big cities not so much because of specific candidates or causes but because of changes in settlement patterns.

Newcomers to the state have long settled disproportionately in urban areas. During the latter half of the 20th century, many settled in major cities and tended to be more Republican than natives were. So far in the 21st century, however, more of those kinds of voters have settled near but not within the big cities — in fast-growing places such as Apex and Huntersville, or in next-door counties — while newcomers to urban cores have tended to be younger and more Democratic-leaning.

Drawing straight-line extrapolations from such trends is unwise. Settlement patterns may change, again. More generally, we shouldn’t assume that current political arrangements are fated to stay the same for decades to come. I suspect we are in for some surprises.

For example, we shouldn’t assume that the political preferences of racial and ethnic groups are set in stone — or, indeed, that racial and ethnic identities themselves are set in stone. Intermarriage is on the rise. And there are some emotionally laden matters about which progressive-leaning “whites” and communitarian-leaning “non-whites” are at odds.

Consider the issue of racial preferences in higher education. Harvard University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are both defending against lawsuits challenging their admissions practices. Harvard won an initial victory at the trial court, but it is widely assumed the U.S. Supreme Court will have the final say. These cases are not about black and white. Asian plaintiffs are alleging discrimination against them, including the biased use of subjective “personal ratings” to offset strong academic credentials and reduce their share of student populations. Even if they don’t win their case, this issue has the potential to shuffle the political deck.

There are also divides over religion. The Pew Research Center asks this question: is it necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values? While 63 percent of white mainline Protestants say it isn’t necessary, only 26 percent of black Protestants agree. Similarly, while 57 percent of non-Hispanic white Catholics say it isn’t necessary, just 37 percent of Hispanic Catholics agree. Such disagreements about first principles may have future political implications.

To return to local politics for a moment, a common political shorthand is to pit “neighborhood interests” against “developers.” But while past versions tended to associate the former with the Left and the latter with the Right, that formulation doesn’t capture the current mood.

Housing affordability, residential segregation, and environmental quality are major concerns for progressives. Many believe cities should allow higher-density projects as a response, and are increasingly critical of inflexible zoning codes and other regulations that impede such development. Welcome to the fight, I say.

The future of politics in North Carolina and elsewhere is not yet written. Issues change. Coalitions do, too. Predicting with confidence what those coalitions will look like, and how long they may stay in power, is a fool’s errand.

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Did a happy marriage make Pat Conroy a better writer?

Did the late great writer, Pat Conroy’s late-in-life marriage to fellow writer Cassandra King make him a better writer?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Just in case you don’t remember, Conroy, who died in 2016, was the best-selling author of “The Great Santini” (1976), “The Lords of Discipline” (1980), “The Prince of Tides” (1986), and “Beach Music” (1995).

All of these were dark compelling stories filled with angry characters and sad family conflicts.

Conroy had what every writer or aspiring writer longs for, being a great storyteller and having a gift for writing moving prose.

His storytelling gifts were intertwined with a life that was filled with turmoil and with unhappy and abusive family situations. Most memorable was his relationship with his father, Marine Corps Col. Don Conroy, who became the iconic and central figure in “The Great Santini.”

Conroy said that his dysfunctional family and abusive father were gifts that fueled his moving fiction.

All that began to change in February 1995 when Conroy met Cassandra King at a party during a literary conference in Birmingham, Alabama. Their friendship began around a buffet table and conversations about food. But when the conversation turned to King’s book, Conroy told her to have the publish-

er send him a copy. “If I like it,” he said, “I’ll give you a blurb. If not, I’ll pretend it got lost in the mail.”

King, now Cassandra King Conroy, tells the rest of the story in “Tell Me a Story: My Life with Pat Conroy,” to be released October 29.

I will hold most of the details for a later column, but will share some of the story as it relates to the question in this column’s opening paragraph.

After a long and mostly long-distance friendship, one that only gradually turned to romance, Conroy and Cassandra wed in 1998 and settled down in Conroy’s house at Fripp Island, near Beaufort, South Carolina.

Conroy’s close friends worried about the gossip Cassandra would hear about his former wives and girlfriends. But when they learned that Cassandra’s first marriage had been to a minister, she joked, “From a holy man to Pat Conroy. Talk about a leap of faith.”

Cassandra’s writing benefited from Conroy’s encouragement. Talking with author and Conroy friend, Anne Rivers Siddons, Cassandra said she was writing a book about a group of her women friends, “real-life friends I’ve had for years.”

Siddons was alarmed and asked if Conroy had “urged you to do that.”

When Cassandra nodded, yes, Siddons cautioned, “Tread carefully. You know what that very thing has cost Pat. Beneath his tough shell he suffers more about the stuff he’s written than he’ll ever let anyone see..”

In 2013, Conroy appeared with me

on North Carolina Bookwatch to discuss his non-fiction book, “The Death of Santini” (2013), a memoir that centered on the death of his father. He was calm and relaxed as he talked about his writing routine. In the early part of the day, he and Cassandra would each spend several hours writing alone, then lunch together, and have afternoons to relax. He radiated happiness. See this interview at <https://video.uncctv.org/video/nc-bookwatch-pat-conroy-death-santini/>

And his writing did change. He published only one more long book of fiction after his marriage, “South of Broad” (2009), which got a mixed critical reaction. In his New York Times’ review Roy Hoffman, while acknowledging that “Conroy remains a magician of the page,” wrote that his traditional themes “have simply been done better — by the author himself.”

On the other hand, his non-fiction books such as “My Losing Season” (2002) and “Death of Santini,” although they show some of Conroy’s fiery spirit, the tone is moderated and sustains an authoritative command of his narrative. These books are two of my all-time favorites.

So did marriage make Conroy a better writer? Certainly it made him a happier one. And, I think it made him a better one, too.

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.

The next UNC president? Here’s what we need ...

A search committee is at work to select the next president of the 16-campus UNC System. It is an important decision that deserves great discernment.



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

Before

going further, however, we need to throw a bouquet to Dr. Bill Roper.

Since January, Roper has served as interim president following the departure of Margaret Spellings. Roper has a long and distinguished career of public service in Washington and North Carolina. He headed UNC Hospitals and oversaw the building of the UNC Healthcare system into a large, nationally recognized care provider. He was just before retirement when the UNC Board of Governors asked him to become the interim president.

Roper said his first priority was to restore calm and stability. Considered a prime candidate for the permanent job, he decided to remove him-

self from consideration. There has been conjecture about his reasons, but we prefer to believe he placed the priorities of the system above his own interests. He will leave the new president in a better place than what he inherited. Bill Roper deserves our gratitude.

Higher education is at a crossroads and the new president will take over a system needing reform. Relations between the administration and the UNC Board of Governors have been strained. New role definitions are necessary to avoid future politicizing and micromanaging from the board, while also improving two-way communications and accountability. Great education outcomes don’t result from an unstable and contentious environment. In the next 12 months as many as five of the 16 institutions will need to select new chancellors. Even though our system has recorded enrollment increases the past two years, much of that is due to better retention rates. Nationally, enrollments are declining, primarily because of costs. Five to six years are now needed for undergraduate graduation today; accom-

panying that diploma is \$26,000 in debt. Employers are increasing their complaints about grade inflation and the lack of basic skills knowledge, saying they have problems finding workers needed for today’s jobs.

What criteria should the search committee establish in the new presidential selection? It would be highly desirable to select either a North Carolina native or someone with extensive knowledge of our state, so the new president won’t have to spend the first year learning the job, as well as the geography, the politics and culture. The incoming president needs a strong administrative record, a history of consensus building and the ability to listen, then lead. A background in academia, especially higher education, would be helpful, but isn’t a deal breaker. Margaret Spellings’ priorities of accessibility, affordability and accountability are still desirable goals.

To ensure the new president’s success other changes are desirable, legislators need to do a better job of selecting BOG members. Members should have some

experience in education, lobbyists should be disqualified and more representation by women, minorities and members of both political parties is essential. Finally, since lawmakers have appointment power, they need to hold BOG members more accountable.

In summary, the perfect candidate should combine the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the courage of David, compassion of Mother Teresa, eloquence of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the humility of Pope Francis, the leadership ability of Washington, the vision of Bill Gates and boldness of Joan of Arc.

Is it impossible to find such a person? Perhaps, but it underscores why the task of this search committee is so important.

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BROTHERS: 30 years later, 'now it's become somewhat of a tradition'

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occasion.

A decade or so later, Starr was pursuing an undergraduate degree at UNC-Greensboro and his older brother was in graduate school, also at UNC-G, when they got their first taste of real film production work. A producer of low-budget films came to campus to help assemble a crew for a movie — “The Dark Power,” starring Lash LaRue — he planned to film in Kernersville.

Both Joneses signed up. “Dean was asked to help with the make-up and got cast in a part,” said Starr.

Starr was also involved, mostly on weekends and after classes.

But Dean, facing a dilemma because he couldn't work on the movie and simultaneously continue his work as a student at UNC-G, had to make a choice.

“He really wanted to do a movie,” Starr said, “so he dropped out of graduate school.”

“The Dark Power” was their first movie credit, not counting the numerous home movies they'd created as kids, and they liked the experience.

“Dean eventually decided to move to Los Angeles,” Starr said. “And when I graduated, I moved there. And we worked on a lot of movies.”

They “got lucky,” Starr said, finding employment with Roger Corman, the renowned independent moviemaker who had worked with “just about everybody in the world,” Starr said. Jack Nicholson got early roles in Corman productions, including 1960's “The Little Shop of Horrors,” and future “Terminator” and “Titanic” director James Cameron's early directing credits were for Corman productions.

“We were [Roger Corman's] in-house make-up artists for about three years,” said Starr of the period in the late 80s.

Working at Corman's shop (“in Venice, California,” Starr said, “on Lincoln Boulevard”) was “a great training ground, kind of like a working school, and a great experience,” Starr said.

“We were doing a lot of different things — medieval movies, science fiction, horror movies — tons of things,” Starr said. “And then we got our foot in the door with the ‘Star Trek’ shows.”

Whether a fan of horror and sci-fi films or not, it's likely you've



Staff photo by David Bradley

A rogue's gallery of rubber masks line the walls of a makeup trailer in Snow Camp, the room abuzz with activity as artists apply glues for prosthetic masks and fake blood to the actors. Working quickly, as soon as each actor left the trailer, 'Empty chair' was the call to get the next performer into makeup.

seen their work on hundreds of movies and television shows.

“We did the pilot episode of ‘Dexter,’” Starr said.

Their Internet Movie Database entries list many of their credits, which include several of the “Pirates of the Caribbean” films, Steven Spielberg's “Lincoln,” James Cameron's “The Abyss,” and “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine,” which earned Dean a pair of Primetime Emmys.

It was sort of a lark — and a hole in their movie work schedules — that prompted the pair 30 years ago to bring a bit of Hollywood back home to Alamance County.

In August 1989, with autumn looming and their schedules free through November, that Starr proposed they fill the void by opening a haunted house attraction, on home turf, for Halloween.

They'd helped some local churches and civic groups with costumes and make-up for a few seasonal fundraisers, but “we'd actually never done one that we put together ourselves,” said Starr.

It took them a few weeks to find a suitable venue but after some work and hunting down leads they found what they were looking for in Snow Camp: an old farm property on Bass Mountain Road. Leasing the property for short-term use, they went to work, using a lot of movie props flown in from their effect shop in California, transforming the

Snow Camp farm into a movie-worthy haunted house.

“It was going to be a one-time deal,” Starr said. “Just for fun.”

They called it “The Original Hollywood Horror Show,” and their first foray into the form — rushed though it was that autumn of '89 — was well-received.

“We had a pretty good response that first year,” said Starr, so they did it again the following October.

“One year after the other,” Starr said. “Here we are, 30 years later. Now it's become somewhat of a tradition.”

They say it's the largest indoor haunted house attraction in North Carolina.

Since opening for this year's installment the last week in September, guests are visiting the Snow Camp attraction on weekend evenings to walk the meandering paths through the 10,000-square-foot “horror show,” which includes the haunted house, a castle and a large-scale pirate ship, while a cast of around 100 do their best to spook them. (Unlike some similar attractions elsewhere, Starr said, visitors are never grabbed or touched by the cast.)

Some of the large crew they enlist to help put on the elaborate show year-after-year have been with them since nearly the beginning. One staffer is a 29-year veteran of the show.

Others, like former law enforcement officer Mark Ellington



Staff photo by David Bradley

Mr. Giggles, the frightening clown at left, springs to life to the delight of a Friday night audience.

of Siler City, have joined the production in more recent years.

Ellington, though, was a fan first.

“I have been going to the Hollywood Horror Show annually or bi-annually for many, many years as a customer,” Ellington said. “It was something of a Halloween tradition to go there for my son Zack and me. My wife [Jeannie] would go, too, but she never went through. She would get hot chocolate and wait for us in the car.”

A few years ago, after he retired from an IT job with Chatham County government, Ellington began working at the horror show, returning — now involved in the production — year after year.

“Since beginning working at the Horror Show,” Ellington said, “I've been a zombie, a ‘temple creature,’ Sgt. Rock, a maze clown, Leatherface (complete with chainsaw, of course) and Twisty the Clown. This year, I'm a crew member who helps look after actors and the show from behind the scenes. But I still plan to get some time to do my favorite part: scare folks who are there to be scared.”

Over the past three decades, the production has evolved, of course.

“We change it up a bit,” said Dean, “add some things.”

The pirate ship is new as of the last couple of years. This year, they've created an “escape room.”

But one thing hasn't changed: their Hollywood-honed attention to detail.

“Everything is built to look real,” Starr said. “I would say it's the closest thing you can get to walking through a film set.”

In fact, they've used the

property — they purchased it a number of years ago, once they realized the annual event was no longer a mere lark — for several of their own film shoots.

While both brothers continue to work full-time in the film industry (Starr was in Georgia a few weeks ago working on a film production; and Dean is still based in California) they're planning to do more film work here at home, planning a slate of movies they've written which they'll produce and direct.

Working in their home state, they say, is important.

After tax incentives for the state's once-booming movie industry were tinkered with by state legislators a few years ago, the North Carolina movie industry “all went away,” Starr said.

The Joneses aim to do their part to bring some of it back.

“We want to do our movies here,” Starr said, “so we can continue putting money back into the local economy.”

But for now, through the rest of this month, they have “The Original Hollywood Horror Show” to oversee.

The Original Hollywood Horror Show will up and running Oct. 18-20, Oct. 24-31 and Nov. 1-2, open from 8 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday nights and 8 to 11 p.m. all other nights.

“It can be daunting, because there's a lot to it. But we do enjoy it,” said Starr. “It would be hard to imagine Halloween without it.”

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OBITUARIES

MALCOLM "MAC" RAY WASHBURN



09-16-1939 - 10-11-2019
Malcolm "Mac" Ray Washburn, 80, of Smyrna, went to be with his Lord on Friday, October 11, 2019, at his home at 120 Jumping Run Court in Smyrna, NC.

His memorial service was held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at Davis First Baptist Church, in Davis, NC with the Reverends Daniel Melton and Jonathan Griffin officiating. Interment will be private at a later date.

Mac graduated from John Motley Morehead High School in Eden, NC in 1958, where he was active in the United States Naval Reserve. Upon graduation, he spent a distinguished 20-year career with the United States Naval Submarine Service, attaining the rank of Chief Petty Officer with the COMSUB-LANT, Atlantic Fleet. - After retirement from Submarine Service, Mac was able to devote himself to multiple interests such as fishing, horticulture, landscaping, photography, and his love of children. Mac will be long remembered for his children's sermons in which he shared his love for Jesus Christ at both Calvary Baptist Church in Beaufort, NC and Davis First Baptist Church in Davis, NC. He was a long-time deacon, being ordained at Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church in Smyrna, NC and serving at Calvary Baptist Church, Beaufort, NC. As a Mason, Mac was Past Master at Owen Lodge in Norfolk, VA and a member of the Crissie Wright Lodge in Smyrna, NC. He was a lifetime Gideon.

Mac is survived by his wife of 15 years, Brenda Davis Washburn, formerly of Siler City; daughter, Deborah Allison and husband George Jr. of Ellicott City, MD; son-in-law, Barry Payne of Hughesville, MD; sisters, Cindy Harmon and husband Jack of Sunset Beach, NC and Gayle Trollinger of Cascade, VA; brother, Homer Curtis Washburn Jr. of Eden, NC; Mac was blessed with and proud of his four grandchildren, Audrey Batchelder and husband Seth, George Allison III and wife Stephanie, Andrew Payne and Abigail Payne, all of MD. He is also survived by his fur baby, Buddy the cat; several nieces and nephews; and brothers-in-law, Henry and Robert Davis of Siler City, NC.

Mac was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis Sr. and Bessie Washburn; his former wife, Elizabeth "Beth" Washburn; sisters, Gloria Barker and Betty Washburn; daughter, Anne Payne; and mother-in-law, Myrtle Brower Davis.

The family received friends from 3 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at Davis First Baptist Church in Davis, NC. Flowers are welcome but memorial donations can be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 427, Morehead City, NC 28557.

Family and friends are welcome to submit online condolences at: www.mundenfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Munden Funeral Home and Crematory in Morehead City, NC.

LISEOTTE EDELTRUDE SCHNEIDER BUTLER SMITH



Liselotte Edeltrude Schneider Butler Smith, aged 91, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday, October 4, 2019. Her love for Christ transcended her desire for everyone to know Him as well.

Lisa was born in Bous, Germany in 1928. She was known for sharing many stories of events while growing up during WWII. She married an American soldier and came to the US to raise her family. Eventually, she obtained her nursing degree and built a home for the elderly. Following

her passion, she was always interested in helping those less fortunate and caring for animals.

Lisa is preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Katarina Schneider; her husbands, Webster Butler and Arthur Smith; her son, Danny Butler; grandson, Robbie Moose and great-grandson, Christopher Nettles. She is survived by four children, Walter Butler (Natalie) of Pittsboro, NC, Anita Moose (Robert) of Denver, NC, Inge Davis (Doug) of Mebane, NC, Sylvia Mona Brooks (Kerry) of Asheboro, NC. She has 13 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

DONALD CLARK ANDREW

Donald Clark Andrew, 70, of Walkertown, NC died October 9, 2019. He was born in Chatham County, son of the late Van Clark Andrew and the late Ruby Smith Andrew.

He was an honor graduate of both the Jordan-Matthews High School Class of 1967 and Randolph Community College. He had a successful career in the Winston-Salem area as a technical writer in the field of electronics.

Donny is survived by his wife, Cynthia B. Andrew; sons, Craig and Tim; step daughters, Amy, Jackie and Julie; seven grandchildren; sisters, Betty A. Marsh and Beth A. Taylor; uncle, Frank "Buddy" Smith; and nieces, in-laws, cousins and friends.

Donny grew up in Rocky River Baptist Church, Siler City, and was a recent member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Belews Creek, where a funeral was held October 12, 2019.

JOSIE GAINES VAUGHN



Josie Gaines Vaughn, 98, formerly of Goldston, died Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home in Asheboro.

Mrs. Vaughn was born in Chatham County on November 21, 1920, the daughter of Nathan Robert and Lucille (Barber) Gaines. Josie was a homemaker and a member of Antioch Baptist Church. First and foremost in her life was God and her family. She loved working with her flowers and in the garden, canning, making jellies, quilting baby blankets and crocheting. Josie enjoyed relaxing in her recliner, watching game shows and The Young and Restless.

Josie was preceded in death by her husband, John Vaughn; daughter, Ada Jean Jones; son, John Wayne "Weasel" Vaughn; daughter, Joyce Vaughn Beal; granddaughter, Tammy Beal Buie; son-in-law, Reid Beal; and grandson-in-law, Andy Moody.

She is survived by sisters, Lucy Price and husband Paul of Goldston and Barbara Jean Wilson of Greensboro; grandchildren, Randy and Marty Beal, Benji Stanley (Jami), Caren Vaughn, Susan Hodges (Dan), David Jones (Valerie); great-grandchildren, Brittney, Brandon, Allison, Jaron, Kileigh, Morganne, Cannon, Logan, Mollie, Josie, Lillian, Galen, Makayla; close family and friends, Larry Jones, Sabrina Kennedy, Allen Buie, Peggy, Pam, Debbie, Keith, Kathy, Paula, Bill; former Pastors, Ken Harris, Mike Garner; and many other church friends.

A special thank you to Clapps Nursing Home and Meals on Wheels Volunteers.

The family received friends Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 11 to 12 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church.

The funeral followed Saturday at 12 noon at Antioch Baptist Church, 3825 Bonlee-Carbontown Road, Goldston with Rev. Mike Garner officiating. Burial was in the church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Antioch Baptist Church, 3825 Bonlee-Carbontown Road, Goldston, NC 27252 or West Chatham Food Pantry, 126 Village Lake Road, Siler City, NC 27344.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneralhome.com.

JANICE CAMERON



Janice Cameron, resident of Friends Home of Greensboro, died Tuesday, October 8, 2019 following a brief illness.

She was born in Mt. Vernon Springs, NC on August 17th, 1931, the sixth of eight children of Bob and Leona Cameron. She attended Bonlee elementary and high schools where she was a star player on the girls' softball and basketball teams. She was a life-long member of Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church where she was faithful in all aspects of the church's life, especially as a choir member and in the Women of the Church.

After high school Janice worked as the dental assistant to the local dentist, Dr. Edwards for several years before moving to Chapel Hill where she was a dental assistant in the University Dental School Faculty Practice until her retirement when she moved to Greensboro. Since Janice had been an avid Carolina fan since her cousin Art Weiner was the receiver for QB Choo Choo Justice, she was truly in blue heaven!!! She attended as many UNC basketball, football, baseball games and as many games of other sports as possible, loving every minute!

Janice was beloved of all who knew her because she was a loving, caring, very helpful, and faithful friend. She extended all that love and caring to all her family members as well, truly taking care of several of her beloved family members in the months and years of extended illnesses preceding their deaths. Janice always was willing to do everything possible for beloved family and friends. Our loss of her is truly heaven's gain!

Predeceasing her in death were her parents Bob and Leona, her brothers Harry, Leon, Billy and David, and her sisters Jean Crutchfield and Martha Dunlap.

She is survived by her brother Rev. Reid Cameron and his wife Eva of Florida; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and scores of friends who loved and cherished her.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at Trinity Church in Greensboro with interment in the Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Siler City.

NORMAN GOLDSTON

Norman Goldston, 64, passed on Friday, October 11, 2019 at First Health Moore Regional, Pinehurst.

A service summary is not available

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

JOE WHITE

Joe White, 63, passed on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

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

GREGORY CRAVEN ALSTON

Gregory Craven Alston, 59, of Chapel Hill, passed away on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at his residence.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Chapel Hill.

CLAUDE UPCHURCH III

Mr. Claude Upchurch, III, 68, of Sanford, passed on Saturday, October 11, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital, Sanford.

A service summary is not available

The family will receive friends at 1925 Carr Creek Drive, Sanford and also at the home of his daughter, 4930 Colon Road, Sanford.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home.

REGINA BROOKS

Ms. Regina Brooks, 64 of Durham, passed on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at her residence.

A service summary is not available

Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

FORREST EDEL GARNER

Forrest Edsel Garner, 91, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at his home.

At his request, a memorial service will be held in Spring, 2020 in Roanoke, VA.

He was born in Roanoke, VA on September 29, 1928 to the late Benjamin Franklin Garner and Pearl Pickett Garner. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Jean Letchford Garner. Forrest retired from Allied Chemical after many years of service. He was a member of Hunt Springs Baptist Church and the Royal Order of Moose. He served his country in the United States Navy.

Forrest is survived by two sons, Steven Forrest Garner of Sanford and Daryl Edward Garner of Burlington; sisters, Shirley Fulp of VA and Geraldine Piacente of Florida; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

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

BARBARA SINEATH FOGLEMAN

Barbara Sineath Fogleman, 79, of Sanford, passed away Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

A graveside service was held Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Turner's Chapel Church Cemetery with Rev. Patrick Neal and Rev. Bruce McInnes officiating.

She was born in Lee County on March 19, 1940, to the late Frank Crogan Sineath and Bessie Ella Crissman Sineath. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by daughter, Belinda Gay Fogleman and brother, Jack Sineath.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 60 years, Floyd; son, Henry Fogleman of Sanford; daughters, Donna Beal and Connie Flood, both of Sanford; brothers, David Sineath of Durham and Cecil Sineath of Sanford; sisters, Shirley Watson of Canada, Bettie Carpenter and Patty Schoolcraft, both of Sanford; seven grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

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

GERALDINE HARRINGTON CAMERON

Geraldine Harrington Cameron, 67, of Sanford passed away Thursday, October 10, 2019 at First Health Hospice in Pinehurst.

The memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Poplar Springs United Methodist Church with Rev. Fallon Melvin officiating. Burial will be held at a later date.

She was born in Lee County on July 5, 1952, to the late Charles Walker "Top" Harrington and Sadie Hart Harrington. Geraldine was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles W. Harrington, Jr.

She is survived by her son, Chad Cameron of Sanford; daughter, Casey Cameron Gallardo of Sanford; sisters, Carolyn Rogers, Barbara Johnson, Phyllis Watson, and Donna Buchanan, all of Sanford; and three grandchildren.

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

PAULINE WILLIAMS COX

Pauline Williams Cox, 99, of Sanford, passed away Saturday, October 12, 2019.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at Jonesboro Cemetery with Pastor Joel Murr officiating.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Bragg Cox; and a son, Lewis Bragg Cox, Jr.

Mrs. Cox is survived by her daughter Linda Marshburn of Sanford; sister, Francis Spivey of Sanford; two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to your favorite charity.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

Chatham County Shooting Sports 4-H Club achieves success at shooting tournaments

PITTSBORO — On Aug. 17th, members of the Chatham County Shooting Sports 4-H Club travelled to Ellerbe to compete in the Central Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament. The club had three senior teams and two junior teams competing in shotgun, rifle and archery competitions. The "On Point" junior team, consisting of Carissa

Gaines, Eli Bryson, Jayce Puckett and Laura Ann Walters, received third place in Junior Archery Compound and third place in Junior Rifle T-Class. Laura Ann Walters placed second in Junior Rifle T-Class Overall Individual. Senior Carter Phillips placed seventh in Senior Rifle O-Class Individual, and Gillian Ness placed eighth in Senior CMP Rifle T-Class Overall Individual. The "On Point" junior team, including Laura Ann Walters, as well as Carter Phillips and Gillian Ness qualified for the state competition. In addition, many of the other

club competitors posted their best scores yet. On Sept. 21st, at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament, the "On Point" junior team placed second in Junior Rifle T-Class, and Walters finished second in Junior Rifle T-Class Overall Individual. In addition, Ness placed fourth in Senior Rifle T-Class Individual and sixth overall. Chatham County 4-H is very proud of the 4-H Club for their dedication and success. The Central Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament was the first competition for the 4-H Club.

Council on Aging now has incontinent supplies

Through a new partnership with the Diaper Bank of North Carolina and the support of Carolina Meadows, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Women and others, the Chatham County Council on Aging now maintains incontinence supplies including pull ups, diapers with tabs, bed pads, wipes, gloves, and personal pads. "Incontinent supplies



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can be vital to helping persons remain active in the community and live with dignity at home," noted Wynne Fields, the Council's program specialist who coordinates this service. Incontinent supplies can be a major expense for seniors and their families. "We are glad that we can offer this service to help our growing older

population in Chatham," Fields said. While donations are always welcomed, these supplies are provided at no expense to the consumer. For more information, contact the Council's Eastern Center at 919-542-4512 or its Western Center at 919-742-3975. — CN + R staff reports

Chatham-Triangle J relationship produces tangible benefits for county, towns

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Triangle J Council of Governments is something like the United Nations.

It's a gathering of government representatives, seeking the best for their hometown, city or county while working together to make the region a better place.

The TJCOG Regional Summit was held last week in Pittsboro at the Chatham County Agricultural & Conference Center, and while the meeting was designed for municipalities and counties to share ideas and work together to make the TJCOG's seven-county region a better place to be, it was also an opportunity to reflect on what Chatham County has gained from being part of this group.

"It's a tremendous resource with everybody here involved," said Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne. "We've got so many good technical people in this region in all the local governments. It's great to have that collaboration with all of them, and that's a lot of what we're going to be seeing today."

Discussion topics included regional transportation projects, affordable housing, resiliency from natural disasters and economic mobility, all issues familiar to Chatham County government officials, and the county and municipalities have already benefited from the work of TJCOG in some of those areas.

The TJCOG was started in 1970 as part of a system of Councils of Government. What was called the Research Triangle Planning Commission became the Triangle J Council of Governments and included Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Orange and Wake counties. Moore County was added to the group in April 2001.

"It's become an advisor and clearinghouse for local elected officials for every issue, from budgeting to natural resources preservation to everything," said Chatham County Commissioner Jim Crawford, who currently serves as the TJCOG's chair.

There are three specific projects that the county has been or could be benefiting from that TJCOG has undertaken in recent years.

The organization has spent \$85,000 over the last

two years in providing staff support on affordable housing work in the county, Goldston, Pittsboro and Siler City. The work includes facilitating monthly meetings of the county's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and producing an Affordable Rental Housing Report & Strategy Toolbox for Chatham and its municipalities in 2017. None of Chatham or its municipalities' annual fees have gone into the project.

TJCOG Executive Director Lee Worsley said the organization's help with affordable housing is symbolic of what they do for all its members — provide efficiency.

"Rather than Chatham and Pittsboro and Siler City and Goldston work on this issue individually and all alone, us providing support to them collectively provides better efficiency and also we're able to generate better ideas that provide more value across jurisdictional lines," Worsley said.

Another initiative started by TJCOG is Jordan Lake One Water, which is a plan to "develop an integrated watershed management plan for the Jordan Lake watershed by facilitating collaboration among the multitude of interested parties and providing an avenue whereby recommendations on potential policy frameworks may be presented to the State Department of Environmental Quality," according to the organization's website.

Crawford referenced stormwater and other water issues upstream from Jordan Lake and the effect that would have on the county and municipalities' drinking supply, how TJCOG is helping.

"They are getting the whole region to come up with a good approach to solve our upstream issues," he said. "We have the lake, but the lake isn't the problem — it's what's going into the streams that's going into the lake. We don't have the jurisdictional power as Chatham to really fix the problem, so we need to engage those upstream."

Finally, the TJCOG has put a lot of emphasis recently on the state tier system. The organization published a report in March called "Hidden Distress: An Analysis of North Carolina County Tier Designations." The report argued that low-income municipalities like Goldston and Siler City are missing out on helpful

state dollars by being in a Tier 3 county, which normally receives less funds than Tier 1 and 2 counties for projects like economic development, infrastructure and 911 operations.

"The current tier system presents an obstacle to economic development for many member governments in the Triangle J region," the paper states. "Revising the structure and use of the state's tier system will assist efforts to coordinate a region diverse with rural and urban communities, small and large municipalities, and pockets of both wealth and poverty."

The county and the municipalities annually pay dues to the TJCOG. This past year, Chatham paid \$41,926, the Town of Siler City paid \$3,292, the Town of Pittsboro contributed \$1,795 and the Town of Goldston paid \$106. Members dues make up just under 6 percent of the organization's total budget, and Worsley said they help TJCOG "go after other funding sources" by providing matches to grants and sometimes fund portions of staff salary.

The work it does in Chatham may be used elsewhere, Worsley said.

"Many of these issues that we face as a region don't pay attention to jurisdictional lines," he said. "We provide that glue sometimes in the region to deal with these issues."

LaMontagne agreed, saying that "there's so much overlap" between the municipalities and counties.

"That's the really big part of this," he said. "It's not just about Chatham. We're part of the greater region here."

Crawford says the organization provides a "social element" where mayors and commissioners and city council members can collaborate and learn from one another. It also provides a framework to keep initiatives going, even if elected officials lose their seats.

"They provide a permanent tissue among all the leaders because people come and go," he said, "but the COG kind of maintains a culture and an understanding that whatever is going between the counties doesn't die on the vine because there's an election."

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Chatham County Commissioner Jim Crawford gives an introduction last week during the Triangle J Council of Government's Regional Summit at the Chatham County Agricultural and Conference Center in Pittsboro.



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Candidate flier draws ire, possible elections complaint

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — A piece of campaign literature produced and distributed by the Political Action Committee Pittsboro for the People has raised concerns from candidates, current commissioners and some members of the public.

The literature, which is a door hanger, is in support of three candidates for Pittsboro's town board — incumbent John Bonitz, Bridgett Perry and Kyle Shipp. Much of the information on the door hanger includes attacks on the Chatham Park planned development in Pittsboro, accusing the developer of avoiding affordable housing, wanting to take over the water supply and raising taxes so that the developer does not have to pay impact fees.

Such anti-Chatham Park sentiment is not new in Pittsboro politics.

The flier also accuses current Pittsboro Commissioner Michael Fiocco, who is not up for re-election this year, and Pittsboro Commissioner Jay Farrell — who is not — of "giving Chatham Park whatever it wants" and says that Farrell "rubber stamps almost every Chatham Park vote Fiocco pushes."

The flier, coupled with statements made by Bonitz at a Chatham NAACP forum on Saturday morning, drew more concern from

some residents. During his opening statements, Bonitz said that the "most important thing" that he brought to the table was that he "had no monied interest in any of the development that will occur in Pittsboro" and that none of his closest friends "are in any position to get rich."

Shipp told the News + Record Tuesday he was planning to file a complaint with the N.C. Board of Elections about the flier. Shipp noted he'd had no communication with the political action committee, and said the flier should note that the message was not authorized by him as a candidate or his candidate committee.

"I want to be very clear that I'm running this race on my own and not running with or against any specific candidate," Shipp said. "I have a fundamental, personal disagreement with negative campaigning. I would rather lose this election than win based on negative statements about other candidates or current town commissioners."

Pittsboro for the People was created on Aug. 23, according to filing documents obtained from the Chatham County Board of Elections. The treasurer, Christopher Watkins of Pittsboro, has been the treasurer for numerous PACs in Chatham County, according to Chatham County Board of Elections Deputy Director

Steve Simos. The PAC had raised just over \$1,000, according to its 35-day report filed on Sept. 27. Donors include Peter Theye at \$300, Amanda Robertson, Linda Starkweather and Mark Barroso each at \$100.

During the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, former Pittsboro Mayor Randy Voller spoke to the board during public comment regarding the insinuations.

"I find it disconcerting that we are once again experiencing a town board race where political action committees and other voices are stirring up fear, loathing and anger," Voller said.

Voller followed by defending both Farrell and Fiocco, describing his time with them on the board and saying that "to insinuate that they are unethical or on the take is shameful and dirty pool."

As a result, Bonitz said he was "compelled to respond" and that he had made "statements that warrant clarification."

"Everyone brings an agenda," Bonitz said noting that his comments could have been misconstrued as an accusation of "mischief."

"I do not think that anyone on this board is doing anything illegal and I don't think that any of them are on the take," Bonitz said.

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CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

The cleanest and dirtiest food establishments in Chatham County

When I was younger, when my parents would take me through drive-thrus, I would always look for the sanitation grade — A, B, 97, 98, etc.

So, as assigned to me by my boss, looking through the most recent sanitation inspection scores for Chatham County restaurants and food stands was like driving through those drive-thrus again. The State of North Carolina's Dept. of Health and Human Services uses the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's 2009 Food Code to examine restaurants and give a number and letter grade, and overall, Chatham County looks good.

Just one of the 162 establishments I looked at had a B, while all 161 others received an A, which ranges from 90 to 100. Here's a few of the things I found while doing this research:

Forty-three establishments scored a 100. Chapel Hill led the way with 13 restaurants and food stands, while Pittsboro and Siler City had 12 each, Bear Creek registered three and Moncure, Apex and New Hill each had one.

Breakway Cafe and Capp's Pizzeria, both located at Briar Chapel, scored perfectly in Chapel Hill, along with Taco Bell of Polk's Village and

Domino's Pizza on U.S. Hwy. 15-501. S&T Soda Shoppe, The Root Cellar of Pittsboro and Phoenix Bakery each notched a 100 in Pittsboro, while Siler City was well-represented by Compadres Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, Oasis Fresh Market Deli and the Pizza Hut/Wing Street on Eleventh Street.

Brewer's Grill, Elois' Snack Bar and the Barn at Woodlake Meadows each scored 100 in Bear Creek.

The Community Store in Moncure, which counts as a food stand, currently showcases its perfect 100 on its Facebook page, while Xu Catering in New Hill is designated with a 100. The Cruizers on U.S. Highway 64 also has a perfect score.

Eight food establishments were so close.

The nearest to perfect, a 99.5, was given to five establishments in Pittsboro, two in Siler City and one in Goldston.

Community favorites Al's Diner and Virlie's Grill each scored 99.5 in Pittsboro, joining China Inn, Highway 55 and the deli at Food Lion (yes, those count as food stands) just shy of perfect. Brownie Lu's and the Walmart deli in Siler City also received that grade, along with Lizzie's Grill-N-Chill in Goldston.

A Durham convenience store was the only B.

Seagroves Supply Co., located on N.C. Hwy. 751, was categorized by the FDA as a fast food restaurant and received an 86 on its July 11, 2019, inspection.

Among the violations spotted were "heavy black mold accumulation on cus-

tomer self-service drink machine nozzles," which the report noted were "removed immediately and put in sink to bleach," and "Comet and windshield washer fluid observed in food service area," of which "both were removed during inspection." The establishment was also cited for six repeat violations, including a "food employee observed with no hair restraint" and a "box of creamer observed on floor in walk-in cooler."

Five restaurants scored between 90 and 92.

Subway #55272, located on U.S. Hwy. 15-501 N in Chapel Hill, scored the second-lowest grade with a 90. The citations ranged from "food employee observed going from cash register to preparing food and not washing hands" to the "walk-in cooler floor observed with debris."

The Fearrington House Restaurant in Fearrington Village scored a 91. One citation noted food was stored on the floor in the walk-in freezer and milk was stored on the floor in the walk-in cooler. Another citation, a repeat violation, noted "excessive tape on intake shute at dishwasher" and "water ponding" on the "hot side prep cooler."

Three more food establishments — The Belted Goat at Fearrington, Loma Bonita in Siler City and Subway #33705 in Siler City — each scored 92s.

One bad score isn't the end of the world.

Restaurants can and have improved over time. The Subway #55272 in Chapel Hill had scored an 85 in March 2018. Papa John's Pizza on Governors Drive in Chapel Hill scored an 89 that same month, but is now a 99. La Michoacan scored an 82 on August 13, 2019, but a month later it notched a 97.5. Chris' Drive-In in Siler City had an 87.5 in November 2016, but its current score in 94.5

Where you can find the scores.

Worried about your favorite restaurant? Thinking about trying a new place? Wondering if that one establishment has improved its ways? Visit chathamnc.org/government/departments-programs/environmental-health/food-lodging-and-institutions/food-service to see the full list of the most current food inspections.

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Siler City Fire Department Chief Scott Murphy and Assistant Chief Billy Scott stand with the newest addition to the fleet of fire department equipment that is designed to serve the community. The new truck has a 2,000-gallon-per-minute capacity, doubling the rate of the vehicle it replaces. It also carries 30 gallons of fire-fighting foam, designed to work with Class A materials.

New Siler City Fire Dept. engine makes debut

BY DAVID BRADLEY
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — A new, bold candy-apple red fire engine has joined the Siler City Fire Department's fleet.

Engine 912, custom-built in Wisconsin, replaces "Old Yellow," an engine in use by Siler City firefighters since the 1970s. "Old Yellow" will be sold at auction, and the department's 1990 model will be moved to back-up status.

Department officials say the new vehicle — financed through the tax base for the town at a cost of \$700,000 — will help improve the department's firefighting capabilities.

Assistant Chief Billy Scott, speaking at an unveiling of the new equipment on Oct. 5, praised the capabilities of the truck at the event.

"It's a wonderful thing," Scott said. "It allows us to better serve the community. It has better capabilities with a bigger pump, and LED lights have been added for better scene safety. It can pump 2,000 gallons per minute, as opposed to 1,000 per minute with the old one."

And, added Captain Michael Powers, the new truck "comes with all the bells and whistles, including two 1 3/4-inch jump lines on the front bumper for faster deployment on fires, that old yellow did not have."

With the new capacity of the pump-er comes greater safety for the firefighter crews. An enclosed cab accommodates six, and is equipped with front and side air bags.

Fire Chief Scott Murphy said he's pleased to have the new equipment, for several reasons.

"It helps maintain our ISO ratings, [this is a number based on a fire department's ability to protect the community]" he said. "It has lower maintenance costs, and it's more efficient, and cheaper to run."

The Insurance Services Office, or ISO number, determines the score of a community based on several factors: emergency communication, the department itself, including equipment, training, and personnel, water supply, and lowering fire risk in the community. If a fire department is better equipped to quickly control a fire, then it's less likely to burn down, which makes it cheaper to insure. Currently, Chief Murphy says that the city has a rating of 4, and the fire district has a rating of 5.

In addition, the truck has more equipment and materials on board for the different types of fire situations



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Brittany Childress stands with her son Easton, 2, as the new fire engine takes its place in the Siler City Fire Department Saturday on Chatham Avenue. Brittany's father and brother have both served in the department.

firefighters may encounter, some with chemical compositions that react badly with water. Chemicals such as sodium, potassium and lithium can ignite or explode when exposed to water, so the new truck carries fire-fighting foam to put out these types of fires.

"It carries 750 gallons of water and 30 gallons of Class A Foam," Murphy said. "It's got 1,500 feet of supply line for a hydrant, and 3,000 feet of attack line to fight a fire."

"The chief put a great deal of work into this," said Past Chief Jerry Ward, who has been in the department for 55 years. "It's made to fight fire."

"They've always wanted a modern piece of equipment," said Siler City Mayor John Grimes, himself a Siler City volunteer firefighters in the early 70s.

"In my years," said the mayor, "I observe that they've never asked for anything they didn't need. Every time these men and women go and fight a fire, and put their lives on the line, they need respect and thanks."

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The Siler City community came together Oct. 4 to meet and greet with the firefighters at the Siler City Fire Department and to see engine 912 being put into the system. The \$700,000 custom-built engine from Wisconsin carries 1,000 gallons of water and 30 gallons of fire-fighting foam, with high-intensity LED headlamps and rotary lights to clear traffic.



Siler City Mayor John Grimes chats with past Chief Jerry Ward, 78, at the new fire engine Oct. 4 at the Siler City Fire Department. Grimes has a history with the department, having worked there in 1971 answering many calls. "Every time these men and women go and fight a fire, put their lives on the line, we need to respect, thank and admire them," said Grimes.

Staff photo by David Bradley

CHURCH NEWS

CORINTH A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

Corinth A. M. E. Zion Church will observe their 80th Sunday School Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 9:30 a.m. The guest preacher for the 11 a.m. worship hour will be Rev. Jermaine Rogers from Union Grove A. M. E. Zion Church in Bear Creek. Everyone is invited.

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Come be part of the 3rd annual Fall Festival at Emmaus Baptist Church 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. The church is located at 2430 Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd., Pittsboro.

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. Pastor Sammy Kay of Truth Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville, SC will be the guest speaker. Special music is planned for each service.

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.

SILER CITY CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Family and Friends Day will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Siler City Church of God of Prophecy. Join us for this special day of fellowship with friends and family.

WESLEY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The 148th Church Anniversary of Wesley Chapel Christian Fellowship Church will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. Rev. Barry Gray of the First Missionary Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. All are invited.

HOLLAND CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

The Harmony Male Chorus of Holland Chapel AME Zion Church will celebrate their anniversary at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20. Guests on program will be The Gospel Friends of Chapel Hill; Haw River Baptist Church Male Chorus, Pittsboro; Lipscomb Grove Bap-

tist Church Male Chorus, Hillsborough; L&B Singers of Cary, and others.

The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 360 Burgess Rd., Apex.

THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

The Church of God of Prophecy will celebrate Family and Friends day at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20. Our special guest speaker will be Minister Jeannie Alston of Burnett's Chapel.

Lunch will be served prior to that service at 1:30 p.m.

Please come out and be with us. We are located at 907 13th St., Siler City.

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES

New Beginnings Ministries will celebrate their church anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20. Pastor Pearlline McMillan will be our speaker for this occasion.

We are located at 155 Ponderosa Rd., Siler City. The public is invited to come help us celebrate.

HANKS CHAPEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hanks Chapel United Church of Christ will have a revival service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23. The speaker will be Reverend Keith Wooten from Staunton Memorial CME Church in Pittsboro, with special music planned.

MT. CALVARY HOLY CHURCH

We invite you to the pastoral installation service to install Elder Carolyn Woodle as pastor of Mt. Calvary Holy Church at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19. Bishop Emmanuel Holland will be the speaker. We welcome you to attend.

The church is located at 578 Stockyard Rd., Siler City.

PLAINFIELD FRIENDS

You are invited to join us at Plainfield Friends for the annual fall revival Oct. 20-22, with Sunday morning services at 11 a.m., and evening services, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be William Fields, a Siler City native serving the Church of the Nazarene in Greensboro. Special music is planned for each service.

All are invited to be part of any or all of these services.

OLIVER'S CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

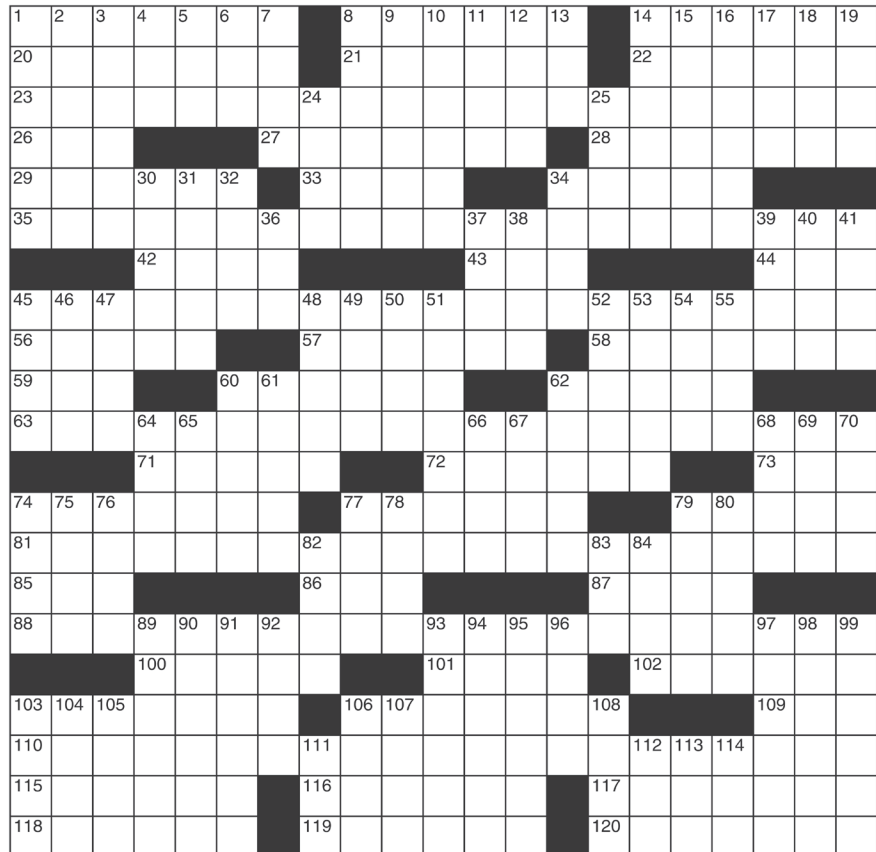
The 158th anniversary of Oliver's Chapel AME Zion Church will be observed in the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Oct. 20. The guest speaker will be Rev. Juanita Cannon of Mt. View AME Zion Church in Moncure.

Everyone is invited to join us. The church is located at 2527 Oliver's Chapel Road in Staley.

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

SEVEN THREE WAYS

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| 1 Verbal quirk from the 43rd U.S. president | 57 Related to fat, in biochemistry | 101 "— pronounce you ..." | 9 Actor Aziz — | Jacques | 79 — terrer (Toto, e.g.) |
| 8 Actor Gabe | 58 Neighbor of a Syrian | 102 Make certain | 10 Anson | 45 Filing tool | 80 "It's nobody — business" |
| 14 "Go ahead" hand gesture | 59 Tiny drink | 103 Add to a database | 11 Liza Minnelli's half sister | 46 Inter — (among others) | 82 Arty area of NYC |
| 20 Diplomatic agreement | 60 Directive to Danno on "Hawaii Five-O" | 106 Munich's state | 12 Water, in Peru | 47 Summits | 83 Doc for pets |
| 21 "Stop already!" | 62 French actor | 109 Actor Romero | 13 Sabres' gp. | 48 Splashes liquid on | 84 K-12 |
| 22 Workweek ender | 63 More sickly-looking buccaneers | 110 Doorkeeper's purplish-red uniform ID? | 14 In the recent past | 49 — torch (luau light) | 89 Swimsuit brand |
| 23 Disturb calm piccolo players? | 71 Tiny bits | 115 River through the Carolinas | 15 Diane who played Helen in "Troy" | 50 Mimicker | 90 Certain wasp |
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| 27 Card game with melding | 73 Above, to poets | 117 "Let's do this now" | 17 May 15, e.g. | 52 Riverbed deposits | 92 Merrill of old movies |
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| 29 Rival of Bing | 77 Retina part | 119 Softhearted | 19 Wall Street market inits. | 54 Opera tune | 94 Glossy paint |
| 33 Singer | 79 Actor Romero | 120 Operating room knives | 24 Exit incline | 55 Hindu queen | 95 1957 Jimmy Dorsey hit |
| Wilson with the 1977 hit "Telephone Man" | 81 Shows where a few food-industry calves are hiding? | DOWN | 25 Lickable envelope part | 60 Chewed leaf stimulant | 96 Mattress size |
| 34 Diner patron | 85 Rage | 1 Enshrouds in haze | 30 Waist size | 61 Spoken exams | 97 Mom's sis |
| 35 Most agile men of the cloth persevere? | 86 Suffix of sugars | 2 Remove a lasso from, e.g. | 31 Actress | 62 Give — of approval | 98 Saw things while asleep |
| | 87 Yale attendees | 3 Mental torpor | 32 Punta del —, Uruguay | 64 Fork point | 99 Marsh plants |
| | 88 Threw away the most rigid filaments? | 4 "— So Fine" (1963 hit) | 34 To be, to Nero | 65 39-Down off Scotland | 103 Pre- — (replace) |
| | | 5 Bank acct. earnings | 36 Prof's aides | 66 Series of gigs | 104 Scottish turndowns |
| | | 6 Fr. nun, maybe | 37 Alien-seeking proj. | 67 Jazz legend | 105 Neutrogena shampoo brand |
| | | 7 Former div. of Ford | 38 Recounted | 68 Ask, as a question | 106 Expressed, as a farewell |
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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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

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**Middle and High School Menus

Monday, October 21

BREAKFAST: Mini Waffles, Peaches (**Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Big Daddy's Cheese, Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Toast, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges (**Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Toast, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, October 22

BREAKFAST: Scrambled Eggs Bacon & Croissant, Mandarin Oranges (**Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Croissant, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Sausage Biscuit, Mini Waffles w/Cheese Stick, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Cup, Chilled Pears (**Sausage Biscuit

w/Eggs, French Toast Stx w/Egg & Sausage, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Box, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit)

Wednesday, October 23

BREAKFAST: Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Chicken Tenders w/Roll, Beef Volcano Sub, Build a Pizza Combo, Celery & Cucumbers w/Dip, Ranchero Pinto Beans, Chilled Apple-sauce (**Chicken Tenders w/Roll, Beef Volcano Sub, Mozzarella Sticks Combo, Cucumbers & Celery w/Dip, Ranchero Pinto Beans, Chilled Apple-sauce, Fresh Fruit)

Thursday, October 24

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce (**Breakfast Pizza, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Oven-Fried

Chicken Drumsticks w/Roll, Cheeseburger on Bun, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Corn, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Fresh Fruit, Lettuce & Tomato (**Oven Fried Chicken Drumsticks w/Roll, Turkey Corn Dog Nuggets, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit)

Friday, October 25

BREAKFAST: Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Same)
LUNCH: Chicken Pot Pie w/Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Apple (**Chicken Pot Pie w/Roll, Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Apple, Lettuce & Tomato)



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Chatham Literacy's fall luncheon celebrates the power of stories

BY ADRIANNE CLEVEN
News + Record Correspondent

SILER CITY — This year, attendees of the Chatham Literacy's Fall for Literacy Luncheon found something unusual at each of their tables: a small collection of small, rusty nails.

Why the nails? To honor keynote speaker Jaki Shelton Green, North Carolina's 2019 poet laureate and a celebrated social activist and instructor within Duke University's department of Documentary Studies. Along with a catered lunch and plenty of networking, Green took to the stage at Saturday's event to speak about the power of storytelling.

But first, true to form, Green told a story: the story of one rusty nail. Her great great grandmother, a slave, had been separated from her mother as a child on the plantation where they worked and been sold away to another plantation. The reason? The white children on the plantation had secretly taught her to read and write. The mother kept a rusty nail as a personal token as she sought to buy her own daughter back from slavery. That same nail, like the story that accompanies it, has been passed through Green's family for generations.

"...My grandmother said, 'You have to know this story,'" Green explained to the audience at the Western Chatham Senior Center. "Your job is to tell. Your job is to write."

Green's longtime passion for serving members of all communities through writing complements Chatham Literacy's ongoing commitment to teaching literacy skills to Chatham County adults, many of whom



Staff photo by David Bradley

North Carolina Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green delivers an inspirational story of past hurts and future healing in a message at the Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City Saturday for Chatham Literacy's fall luncheon. 'We are the authors of our own lives,' Green said. 'Preserve your story from one to another, in the office, your job, your board meetings.'

are learning English as a second language.

Linda Nalty, Chatham Literacy's board chairman, said that the organization served 188 adults last year alone, its 11th year of operation. Chatham Literacy's tutors provided more than 5,000 hours of free instruction to Chatham learners during that time. The result of that work is striking.

"Thirty-seven of those adults increased their literacy by at least one grade," she said. "Twenty-six adults obtained a new job or promotion; 14 adults became citizens from that group."

Carolina Fernandez Bello, a 15-year-old high school student, says there

are plenty of families in Siler City that could benefit from literacy programs. She is even interested in becoming a tutor herself one day. Bello has watched her own mother, Olga Bello, improve her English skills through the program.

"She has gotten better at English..." Bello said of her mother. "She doesn't know a lot of English, but ever since she started coming [to Chatham Literacy], there would be times where I'm having conversations with my sisters and she catches onto what we're saying and she asks some more about how to pronounce things. That's something I've noticed about her: she's gotten



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Jaki Shelton Green, N.C.'s poet laureate, spoke at Saturday's Chatham Literacy Council fall luncheon at the Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City. She took the listeners on a journey to the time of her grandmother's grandmother, in times of slavery and oppression, and the rusty nails that are a story of freedom in her family. Her message to others is that 'there is power locked in stories, that is life-changing. Unleash the power of storytelling.'

more excited about understanding English."

Green encouraged English learners like Bello's mother to keep investing in their own stories. She urged all those in attendance to show vulnerability, write out their own stories, and imagine themselves "as human museums" with many rooms. Those rooms, Green said, "are really your story rooms."

"Only you should be the ones constructing these rooms," she said. "Only you should have a conscious sense, or a conscious awareness of your personal power that is lodged deep in the DNA of your stories."

Still, she shared a word of warning.

"In our immediate present lives in this American culture," Green said, "we witness how judgements, stereotypes and fake information has literally destroyed lives. Be very, very careful with your power, and the powerful truths of your story."

Retired educator Gwen Overturf attended the fall luncheon partly because of her interest in tutoring Chatham County adults. She became familiar with Chatham Literacy through her work with Communities in Schools. After years spent working with young students, she now wants to "make that little turn" and serve adults seeking higher levels of literacy.

"This has really gone so far to bring [together] not only people who are trying to acquire literacy and the people who want to impart literacy, but to bring Siler City more into the fold [of Chatham County] in a really positive way," she said.

Joan Lipsitz served on Chatham Literacy's board for almost seven years. She also spent time tutoring a young woman who later became a U.S. citizen. She recalled the memory fondly.

"It was thrilling," she said. "My husband and I

had tutored her and my husband got our representative to have a flag flown over the capitol... our congressman had a flag flown for her, in her honor, with a certificate. And that was our gift to her for her getting citizenship. And that was just thrilling."

Lipsitz wants to see Chatham Literacy continue to work in coalition with other community non-profits to serve Chatham's changing demographics and "deep needs."

Some of the nearly 100 fall luncheon attendees walked away with copies of Green's many poetry collections. Others had won raffle prizes. But still more left the event with memories of a rusty nail and a renewed sense of urgency for community, collaboration, literacy and learning.

Vicki Newell, Chatham Literacy's executive director, said more than \$14,000 was raised for the organization at the event.

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A small town reminds us of the good ol' days

The cool, sunny weather last Saturday made a temperate day for a family outing at the Goldston Old Fashion Day event. Families, friends and pets made their way by various vendors and product offerings in downtown Goldston.

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Main Street in Goldston was blocked off with food vendors for barbecue, turkey legs, funnel cakes and more last Saturday for the 32nd annual Old Fashion Day event. An antique car show shared the street with multiple vendors, a children's paramedic unit and an engine from the Goldston Fire Department.



Staff photo by David Bradley

In a kitchen filled with rooster memorabilia, Patricia Breedlove checks out the carving of a chicken during Goldston's Old Fashion Day event last Saturday. 'We come every year; we love it,' she said. 'See those who you know, talk, look a little bit and eat a little bit. We look forward to it every year.'



Staff photo by David Bradley

The Infinity Cheer Empire had a booth at the Goldston Old Fashion Day last Saturday to demonstrate the program. The girls showed a variety of gymnastic skills that are taught in the facility in Sanford.



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Amy Cameron, Laura Cameron and Tannis Thomas flip through lettered dish cloths at the Goldston Old Fashion Day last Saturday. The ladies wanted some for their homes and some for gifts.

Pittsboro to begin testing of water cleaning systems

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to enter into a contract with CDM Smith to begin testing water treatment equipment at Pittsboro's water treatment plant with the goal of removing unregulated chemicals such as PFAS from its drinking water.

The town will pay \$261,268 for six to seven months of water testing.

For several years, the town board has been working to find ways to reduce the amount of unregulated chemicals in its system. The chemicals, which include 1,4 Dioxane and PFAS or Perfluoroalkyl substances, have been found in significant amounts through numerous scientific studies in the Haw River where the town gets its drinking water.

Likely originating upstream, the chemicals are not regulated by either federal or state guidelines and their removal is not required. But the town board has been concerned about their presence and contracted with CDM Smith, an engineering and construction company which provides clean water solutions, in October

2018 to investigate what options the town may have to reduce or remove them from its drinking water.

Earlier this year, CDM Smith provided four different advanced treatment options for removal of the targeted chemicals. Company representatives noted that none of the options were necessarily perfect as the removal of these particular chemicals is still in the early stages of development. Each of the options also carry different capital costs to initialize.

In addition, the company was unable to provide any operating costs as they were unsure how long the supplies required for each option to remove the chemicals will last considering the levels of chemicals in the Haw River and how much disposal costs for would be. That is the reason for the testing.

CDM Smith will provide equipment to the town's water treatment facility on a temporary basis to facilitate the testing. Town staff will install the equipment which Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck noted would likely take several days, but would not incur any additional costs beyond the contract. CDM Smith engineers will work with staff at the water treatment plant throughout the pilot

operation and ensure testing of the water supply is done throughout. The company will then perform a "life-cycle cost comparison" of the four treatment options.

After the testing period, CDM Smith will return to the town and its board the information and data collection and present its recommendations and estimated cost analysis for the board's consideration. The contract notes that the draft of the testing

plan will be complete in no less than six weeks after the board's approval on Monday. It may take up to eight weeks to procure the equipment after that.

The operational testing will take about seven months with the company returning with a draft report about six weeks after that.

Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at Casey.Mann@Chathamnr.com.

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2019 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - MAYOR, TOWN OF SILER CITY

John F. Grimes

Date/place of birth: 3/15/1943, Salisbury, N.C.
Current occupation: Mayor of Siler City



Grimes

Campaign website/social media: facebook.com/mayorjohngrimes
Education and work history: Graduate of Davie County High School, President of the Student Body Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow Leadership Award, Graduate of Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Science degree; Officer in the US Army: Company Commander in the 3rd/8th Cavalry, Eighty Infantry Division, Mannheim, Germany; Partner, Cecil Budd Tire Company, LLC, Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest award for extraordinary service to the State.

Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members): Cecilia B. Grimes, wife, John Thomas Grimes, son (wife, Alysia Grimes), Stephen Grimes, son (wife, Marcia Grimes), grandchildren: Alaina (Andrew) Maddox, Jonathan, Abigail, Tucker, Sophia, Daniel Grimes.

Party affiliation: N/A

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: Chatham County Commissioner, 1 term; Siler City Commissioner beginning in 1999, 3 four-year terms; Mayor since 2013, 3 two-year terms

Campaign manager (if applicable): Bill Milholen

Campaign treasurer (if applicable): N/A

Why are you seeking this office?: To continue the tremendous progress we are achieving to make Siler City a better place to live and work. I want to continue working with this board to make the CAM (megasite) a reality. I have proven I know how to get things done.

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 am qualified to continue my proven record of success through the leadership qualities I have gained throughout a lifetime of service in local government, a career in local business, years as a military officer at home and abroad and peer-elected roles in my church and in collegiate athletics.

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 like a balanced approach, where you don't spend money you don't have but allocate where need is greatest while being respectful of the taxpayers' hard-earned money.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: To judiciously manage the \$32 million in grants that will be used for upgrading our water and sewer capacities and other needs. To recruit environmentally-friendly industries to enhance economic development.

The Mayor does not vote on any items that come before the town board, but serves as a "chairman of the Board" and figurehead for the town. What are three principles you would carry into that role to deserve it?: Integrity, respectful interaction and accessibility to citizens.

Siler City's median household income is around \$27,000, lower than the county median by a significant distance. What role does the mayor play in making that number rise?: Economic development is the engine that increases income for our citizens. The mayor and the board of commissioners constantly seek strategies and enticements for more industry to locate here and provide well-paying jobs.

What do you think are Siler City's three best features?: Its people who get along and work together for the common good. Its geographical location with crossroads of U.S. Highways 421 and 64, commercial rail

service and an airport that handles corporate jets. A dynamic Board of Commissioners and Mayor with like-minded vision and purpose to bring prosperity to our Town.

What are three areas where Siler City can improve?: Infrastructure issues, specifically aging water and sewer pipes which will be addressed in two phases through recently-secured grants. Appearance around town where our streets are suffering from aging and other problems caused by weather and traffic which, fortunately, is soon to be addressed with grant money. Reducing litter.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Siler City?: I will continue to serve this Town I love and where I have lived most of my life as opportunities become available.

Biographical Facts

Political/government hero: Dwight Eisenhower

Favorite book: The Bible

Book most recently read: "Last of the Little Lint-heads" (written by several childhood friends)

Favorite film: "Patton"

Hobbies: Following Wake Forest sports and researching my ancestry online.

Church/civic involvement: Sunday School teacher, First Baptist Church; Town Commissioner and Mayor

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: "Where there's a will, there's a way." Also listed under my name in my high school annual.

Strongest childhood ambition: To play college football while getting a college degree and serve in the U.S. Military.

Most significant life goal you've accomplished: To have established a strong and loving family unit with my wife, two sons and daughters-in-law, and my wonderful six grandchildren

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: Lose ten more pounds!

RACE: 'Increase our tax base by attracting new business'

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town's economy will come from business recruitment.

"Increasing our tax base and making sure we are wise about how and where we spend our money is paramount," she said. "We can attain funding and increase our tax base by attracting new business. We can win large grants for specific projects."

Adams pointed to small software and robotics companies as ideal targets "that attract our youth for summer jobs or as careers" to help families grow and the town thrive. She also said she wants to reinvigorate downtown, filling

its vacant buildings and working off the town's "historic and niche characteristics."

Reddick is making his third attempt to defeat Grimes. In 2015, he lost by just eight votes, but finished second by 314 votes two years ago. He currently serves as the president and CEO of the nonprofit Becoming One.

His emphasis, Reddick says, will be to create a more inclusive government that reflects the diversity of the town and ensuring the town's government is reflective of its demographics. He added that he's spoken to residents who have experienced "disrespectful treatment" from town staff

and challenges when attempting to secure building permits or doing other changes to their property.

Reddick has also referenced the town's financial picture. Siler City currently has \$10,344,411 in debt and is planning to issue approximately \$107,000 more this upcoming year. Reddick said his budgeting priorities are to "spend more to allocate resources to needed programs" and "keep the tax rates low."

Time for a change?

Grimes, who is facing two challengers for the first time since 2013, said he's carried a principle through his whole life about change, given to

him by his father-in-law.

"There is only one constant in our lifetime and that is change," Grimes said. "The pendulum swings so far one way then the other. As long as it keeps swinging, everything will be OK. But if it ever stops, you better watch out."

Faced once again, as every Siler City mayor has, with the possibility of change, Grimes said he's hoping to lead that change in the town.

Reddick said changes are needed, particularly in the relationship between the town's police department and its citizens, vowing to "fully disclose the corruption in the police department" that forced changes in staffing.

He vowed as well to "level with the residents" with where the current police chief is from. Though Reddick did not wish to delve further, the comment was likely an allusion to Chief Michael Wagner's time at the as a county deputy in Charlottesville, Virginia, when the "Unite the Right" rally occurred which resulted in the death of Heather Heyer, an anti-racist activist that was deliberately mowed down by the vehicle of James Alex Fields Jr. who had been known to espouse white supremacist views, according to multiple media reports.

Adams said she would approach change by

being proactive in working in the community with staff and community leaders including those in civic, community and business organizations.

"I will do everything differently because it's all been done the same way for so long," Adams said.

Early voting started this week and will continue until November 1 at the Chatham County Board of Elections office in Pittsboro. For a full list of early voting times and dates, visit <https://www.chathamnc.org/home/showdocument?id=45072>. Election Day is November 4.

Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at Casey.Mann@Chathamnc.com.



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- North Carolina craft beer industry supports more than 12,000 jobs and has a \$2+ billion annual economic impact. (Source: Brewers Association)

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2019 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - MAYOR, TOWN OF SILER CITY

Albert R. Reddick

Date/place of birth: September 7, 1946, in Brunswick County, N.C.



Current occupation: President & CEO, Becoming One Enrichment & Diversity Center, Inc.; Substitute Teacher, Chatham County Public Schools

Campaign website/social media: facebook.com/red-dickformayor

Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members): Wife, Sandra Siler Reddick

Party affiliation: Democratic

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: None

Campaign manager (if applicable): N/A
Campaign treasurer (if applicable): Mr. Jesse Scotton

Why are you seeking this office?: I am running to make Siler City great and prosper-

ous again and to unifying a diverse community.

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?: The mission and vision of Siler City, although noble and virtuous, can only be attained when transformational leadership exists that propels all stakeholders toward obtainable success. Albert Reddick is the best candidate because he is not only well-versed in the dynamics of this city's government and livelihood, but also brings a broad cultural toolkit of diverse experiences.

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?: First, develop a strategy to eliminate the current mayor's \$13 million debt Siler City is struggling under. Being

fiducially responsible and using the priorities-based budgeting approach to develop a strategic budget that reflects our community values and ensures that residents continue to receive a high level of city services. Spending more to allocate resources to needed programs and cutting spending and keeping the tax rates low are important priorities for me.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: An off-site retreat with commissioners and department heads to assess the climate of Siler City. Enhance the mutual respect of law enforcement and residents to lower the crime rate and provide positive role models for the children of Siler City.

The Mayor does not vote on any items that come before the town board, but serves as a "chairman of the Board" and figurehead for the town. What are three principles you would carry into that role to deserve it?: Bringing the concerns of the greater community before the town board in every matter. Developing effective

working relationships (respect) with all board members. Taking my role seriously but not myself.

Siler City's median household income is around \$27,000, lower than the county median by a significant distance. What role does the mayor play in making that number rise?: As mayor, I would spend 90 percent of my time working with the Chamber of Commerces of Pittsboro, Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh and Cary, seeking relationships with major and minor companies to bring quality of jobs and industry to Siler City.

What do you think are Siler City's three best features?: Its location with residents who are excited about change. Its open undeveloped space. Its undeveloped downtown.

What are three areas where Siler City can improve?: Apart from providing clean water that is affordable and affordable housing and implementing the Master Step Plan, Siler City can improve by strengthening the relationship

between law enforcement and residents to lower crime, make it easier for residents to offer smart input and make Siler City great again by using the expertise developed from McKinsey & Company.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Siler City?: I will continue Becoming One Enrichment & Diversity Center, Inc., work unifying a diverse community and nation.

Biographical Facts Political/government hero: Nathaniel Lee (born July 28, 1934 in Georgia) is an American politician who served as Mayor of Chapel Hill, N.C. from 1969 to 1975. He was the first African American Mayor elected in Chapel Hill, and the first African American to be elected Mayor of any majority white city in the South. In 1990, he was appointed to N.C. Senate to represent the 16th District. Lee was re-elected in 1992, defeated in 1994, and re-elected in 1996, 1998 and 2000. Lee sponsored the State Schools Act, designed to keep violence out of

North Carolina schools.

Favorite book: "Nineteen Eighty Four," George Orwell, published 1948

Book most recently read: "Things Fall Apart," Chinua Achebe

Favorite film: "Hidden Figures"

Hobbies: Reading, grilling out/eating out, watching historical documentaries and having quality time with family and friends.

Church/civic involvement: First Missionary Baptist Church, Chatham Literacy

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." - Voltaire

Strongest childhood ambition: To become a business entrepreneur/author.

Most significant life goal you've accomplished: Author/earned BA, MA, Juris Doctorate and Doctorate

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: Establishing a dialogue as a tool to overcoming racism in America.

2019 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - MAYOR, TOWN OF SILER CITY

Jacklin Adams

Date/place of birth: 1958, Gardena, California



Current occupation: Business owner and chef, Oasis Open Air Market and Oasis Fresh Mar-

Campaign website/social media: mayorjackleamads.com; facebook.com/MayorJAA; twitter.com/SilerCityAdamsforMayor

Education and work history: BS Plastics Engineering, University Massachusetts, Lowell; 1991, Project Management Certification - George Washington University; Senior Staff Engineer, Manager, Retired IBM April 2016; Senior Technical Staff Member and Chair, Product Environmental Compliance, June 2004

Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members): N/A

Party affiliation: Registered Independent

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: None

Campaign manager (if applicable): N/A
Campaign treasurer (if applicable): Zoann Adams

Why are you seeking this office?: To steer Siler City in becoming a self-sustaining town that is attractive to families, businesses and visitors, while maintaining its historic and niche characteristics.

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?: The Mayor sets the agenda, working to represent all the town's citizens, and manages the town's first responders, town staff and its directors, all while leading the Board of Commissioners meetings and proactively working to promote the town. Throughout my professional career and my extensive civic service to Siler City and Chatham County, I have demonstrated the leadership, character, vision, collaborative spirit and experience required to make Siler City thrive.

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?: We spend in places we do not need to and need to reevaluate what we are spending on. Raising taxes in Siler City should NOT be and is NOT my direction at all. Increasing our tax

base and making sure we are wise about how and where we spend our money is paramount. We can attain funding and increase our tax base by attracting new business. We can win large grants for specific projects.

Siler City needs a safety net. We should maintain a reserve fund of approximately 40-plus percent of our annual budget, as directed by the North Carolina Local Government Commission, and not default as we almost have in the recent past.

Give us two goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: Fill the vacant buildings with small-to-medium-sized business. Work with town staff to ensure our drinking water and sewer system is not simply repaired but is rebuilt. We must have clean water and an effective waste treatment plant to sustain new housing and business.

The Mayor does not vote on any items that come before the town board, but serves as a "chairman of the Board" and figurehead for the town. What are three principles you would carry into that role to deserve it?: Character: I am experienced, approachable, honest, collaborative, ethical, and deliberate in action. Representation: I will preside over council meetings and serve as the "face" of Siler City. I will also provide leadership, seek input from constituents, collaborate for effective business decisions, and work to win new funding and business for the town. Strategic and tactical vision: I have helped develop and sustain large organizations within a multi-billion-dollar company. I have worked in Siler City and in Chatham County over the last 20 years in appointed and elected leadership roles to clean up our resilient and innovative town and drive economic development.

Siler City's median household income is around \$27,000, lower than the county median by a significant distance. What role does the mayor play in making that number rise?: Find and seek out opportunities for the families and their children to grow, such as a focus on acquiring small software or robotics companies that attract our youth for summer jobs or as careers. Our vacant buildings are better priced with a central location in our state. Work at providing affordable housing to sustain these families and businesses, and making sure that their families have a chance to live and become part of our workforce.

What do you think are Siler City's three best features?: History, resiliency and work ethic.

What are three areas where Siler City can improve?: Work with all the manufacturing facilities on a regular basis to discuss environment and win-win options for them and their workers in order to grow our Siler City workforce and keep businesses happy in Siler City. Attract new business to our abandoned buildings and clean up the dilapidation. Bring clean water and an effective sewer system with capacity to sustain our town and allow new infrastructure.

If you are not elected, what steps will you take to serve Siler City?: I will continue my current service, leadership and board activities, including Economic Development Committee, Siler City Merchants Association, Siler City Development Organization and Siler City Downtown Advisory Board to the Board of Commissioners. My history of working for constructive change is evident in the many positive ordinances I have helped put in motion since January 2017.

Biographical Facts Political/government hero(s): Ronald Reagan, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Margaret Thatcher, Eleanor Roosevelt

Favorite book: "Code Talker" by Joseph Bruchac

Book most recently read: "Walkable City" by Jeff Speck

Favorite film: "Citizen Kane"

Hobbies: Horseback riding and golf

Church/civic involvement: Spring Friends Meeting, Mentor and Fellow of the Native American Science and Engineering Society; Board Member, Siler City Development Organization; President, Siler City Merchants Association; Chair, Siler City Downtown Advisory Board; Siler City Land Development Plan Committee Member, Chatham County Small Business & Economic Development Committee; Past President, Chatham County Board of Health, Advisory Animal Services

Personal motto or one-line philosophy: Carpe Diem; always treat others as you would want to be treated

Strongest childhood ambition: To be President of the USA.

Most significant life goal you've accomplished: To work and travel around the world developing business and promoting clean manufacturing. To mentor STEM globally to Native Americans, girls and diverse and ethnic groups.

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: Becoming Mayor of Siler City and serving as an advocate for all its residents, fulfilling their needs.

NEWS BRIEFS

Applications available for Innovative Young Farmer Award

STATESVILLE — The Farm Credit Associations of N.C. are now accepting applications for the 2019 Innovative Young Farmer of the Year Award given by the Tobacco Farm Life Museum and sponsored by the Farm Credit Associations of North Carolina.

Eligible nominees must be between the ages of 18 and 40 as of January 1, 2020. Nominees are to either be in school for agriculture/agribusiness or have worked in the agricul-

ture industry for less than ten years. The application process, open until December 6, 2019, enables nominees to discuss means by which they are positively impacting their operation, as well as the greater agricultural community in North Carolina.

The Innovative Young Farmer of the Year Award is presented annually at the Breakfast with the Commissioner held in conjunction with the Southern Farm Show at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Visit the Tobacco Farm Life Museum website at tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org/innovative

young-farmer-of-the-year to apply for this award. Applications must be submitted electronically through the link above.

"Agriculture is the number one industry in North Carolina," said Vance Dalton, CEO of Carolina Farm Credit. "It is imperative to reward young farmers who have a commitment to continuing the great legacy of farmers and rural communities throughout the state. The Farm Credit Associations of NC are proud to support innovative-minded farmers in North Carolina."

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Jordan-Matthews' Headen and Lindley win PAC 7 doubles tourney

Bears and Knights headed to dual team state playoffs

BY DON BEANE
 News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Avery Headen and Lindley Andrew of Jordan-Matthews laid claim to the 2019 Doubles Tournament title of the 2A PAC 7 Conference last Tuesday afternoon in Siler City.

The Lady Jets duo entered the event as the top-seed and received a bye before cruising past Lexi Gerlock and Kelli Morgan of Wheatmore 8-3 in the second round, then toping Olivia Tuck and Madison Taylor of Providence Grove in the semifinals 8-1, and rolling past Kyndall Fritz and Kara Comer 8-2 in the championship finals.

The NCHSAA later released the Dual Team state playoff brackets on Monday afternoon and Chatham Charter and Chatham Central both advanced into the state tournament in the 1A ranks.

Chatham Central (16-3-1) will host Thomas Jefferson (6-2) in the opening round in the West Bracket while Chatham Charter (8-5) will travel to Riverside-Martin (6-10) down in Williamston in the first round.

Wheatmore (15-2-1) will represent the 2A PAC 7 Conference and will host McMichael (3-5) in the opening round while out of the 3A Big Eight Conference East Chapel Hill (13-2) earned the top seed and will entertain Rockingham County (11-2) in first round action while Chapel Hill will travel to Union Pines (11-0-1).

The playoffs will continue up to the State Championship matches which are scheduled for the Burlington Tennis Center on Saturday, November 2 and play with play beginning at 9:30 a.m.



Jordan-Matthews' Lindley Andrew (left) and Avery Headen (right) area all smiles after capturing the 2A PAC 7 Conference Double's tournament title last Tuesday afternoon in Siler City. Headen and Andrew rolled past Wheatmore's Kyndall Fitz and Kara Comer 8-2 in the finals.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Avery Headen backhands a return on the home courts Oct. 8 in Siler City. The Jets were part of a conference tournament held at the school.

Submitted photo

1A Women's Dual Team Tennis First Round Pairings
 EAST
 East Carteret (11-4), BYE
Chatham Charter (8-5) @ Riverside-Martin (6-10)
 John A. Holmes (11-4), BYE
 Research Triangle (7-7) @ East Columbus (9-2)
 Warren County (3-5), BYE
 Jones Senior (3-4) @ Franklin

Academy (13-0)
 Raleigh Charter (11-1), BYE
 Lejeune (5-7) @ Rosewood (3-10)
 WEST
 Gray Stone Day (18-0), BYE
 North Stanly (13-4) @ Mount Airy (13-4)
 Lincoln Charter (11-0), BYE
 Highland Tech (8-4) @ Pine

Lake Prep (10-0)
 Polk County (9-4), BYE
Thomas Jefferson (6-2) @ Chatham Central (16-3-1)
 Bishop McGuinness (13-1), BYE
 East Surry (12-4) @ East Wilkes (16-1)
2A Women's Dual Team Tennis First Round Pairings
 EAST

North Johnston (16-4) @ Clinton (15-1)
 Carrboro (8-4) @ Greene Central (16-0)
 First Flight (8-2) @ West Bladen (11-2)
 Beddingfield (10-5) @ Croatan (17-0)
 East Duplin (9-5) @ NC
 See **DOUBLES**, page B2

Northwood turns winless East Chapel Hill mistakes into fourth straight win

BY DUCK DUCKSON
 News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Ben Smith and Anton Enoch combined for 358 yards and four touchdowns through the air, but it wasn't enough to offset five East Chapel Hill turnovers as Northwood hung on to defeat the winless Wildcats 27-24 Friday evening on Homecoming Night in a mistake-prone Big Eight 3A Conference matchup on James L. Griffin Field.

With their fourth victory in a row

the Chargers improved to 4-3 overall and 3-0 against Big Eight rivals to remain tied atop the league standings with Southern Durham, while East Chapel Hill plummeted to 0-7 for the season and 0-3 in the conference.

The triumph also marked Northwood's seventh win in eight meetings with the Wildcats in a series that began in 2007.

While both teams enjoyed success throwing the ball, neither could generate much offense on the ground. A lot of that was due to the multitude

of yellow handkerchiefs that littered the turf throughout the contest, as the Chargers were penalized a dozen times for 117 yards, whereas East Chapel Hill was whistled for 13 infractions resulting in 112 yards in penalties.

Northwood's Jack Thompson completed 14-of-31 passes for 182 yards and one touchdown with two interceptions, while Deuce Powell was the Chargers' leading ground gainer with

See **WIN**, page B2

Wolves sweep conference XC meet

BY DON BEANE
 News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Woods Charter cross country teams captured a pair of 1A Central Tar Heel Conference wins last Thursday in Siler City at Chatham Charter High School.

In the boys' 5K event, Woods Charter held off rival Chatham Charter 36 to 48 to

take the victory — the team with the least amount of points wins the match. Eno River took third with 70 points, Raleigh Charter fourth with 75, and River Mill fifth with 126.

Brandon McKoy of Chatham Charter won the individual event with a sterling time of 18:39.8 to hold off Reno Fahringer of Eno River who closed with an 18:45.6.

Rounding out the top five were Robert Pilson of Raleigh Charter with a 19:04.6, Wiley Sykes of Woods Charter with a 19:19.6 and Primo Costa of Woods Charter with a 19:42.6.

Other top finishers for Woods Charter included Kyle Howarth in eighth with a 20:01.1, Nichols Vallan in ninth with a 20:06.6, and Frank Wagoner in 10th with a 20:25.6.

In addition to McKoy, Chatham Charter was paced by Casey Wanless in seventh with a 19:58.9, Harrison Fogleman in 11th with a 20:28.9, Caleb Kolb in 14th with a 20:47.6 and Clay Griffin in 15th with a 20:50.2.

In girls' action, Woods Charter amassed 36 points to get past Raleigh Charter and Eno River who tied for second with 55 points, and River Mill in fourth with 79 points.

Emily Pierce of Eno River won the event with a 22:19.7 to out distance Maddie Sparrow of Woods Charter who crossed the finish line in 23:04.1.

Samana Young of Woods Charter also had a top five finish with a 24:07.3 while Chloe Richard closed in seventh with a 24:52.6, Molly Tyler in 10th with a 25:45.7, Ember Penney in 12th with a 26:25.7 and Analise De Leon Villanueva in 24th with a 28:40.5.



Submitted photo

Bringing the fight to cancer

The Chatham Central High School senior Powder Puff squad and its cheerleaders celebrate their win on Friday night over the freshmen. The well-attended event raised money for cancer research while honoring cancer survivors.

Fall ball has sprung



DON BEANE
Sports Editor

Fall weather is finally here just in time for some of the great moments

of the sports year. As a sports fan, what more could you ask for with football at every level going on, the Major League Baseball playoffs in full swing, and the high school state playoffs getting under way?

Football-wise, it's been, and continues to be, a great week on a couple of different levels. Last Friday evening in Bear Creek, Chatham Central held its 9th annual Powder Puff football game to raise money to fight breast cancer.

To say it was a success would be an understatement as a huge crowd turned out for the event. Featured were a pair of games with the senior class at Chatham Central battling the freshman class, before the juniors and sophomores hit the field in game two of the night.

I must say those girls left it all on the field, and the flag football competition was highly entertaining and competitive, and quite physical at times.

As expected, the Lady Bear seniors went out in style, erasing an early 7-0 deficit en route to a 35-7 victory over the freshmen behind the likes of Taylor and Cameron Hughes, and Eliana Phillips. The second game was tied at the intermission in a tough defensive struggle before I had to take off to a football game.

But the real story of the night was the raising of money through the gate admission, the concession food which was great, as usual, the HOSA club which included my daughter Jillian, and the Art Club doing face painting, including Eva Mann who certainly displayed her talents.

I also have to give a special shout-out to the guys that cheered the young ladies on. It was a sight, to put it mildly, but those young men provided some great entertainment for the teams and fans alike.

Continuing with the football theme, this Saturday, local fans are in for a treat if they choose to head up to Pittsboro Saturday morning where the East Chatham Chargers will play host to the Siler City Jets in a three-game event at Northwood High School as part of the Quad County Youth Football League. The 7/8-year-olds get under way at 9 a.m. before the 9/10-year-olds play at get after it at 10:30, and

then the 11/12-year-olds crank it up in a high noon showdown.

So if you are looking for some real fun, come out and watch some of the future stars of tomorrow. These games always prove to be very entertaining.

Also this Friday night, Jordan-Matthews will celebrate its Homecoming against Trinity, which should be an exciting game to go along with all the highly anticipated accompanying activities. A big crowd is expected so there should be an extra level of electricity in the air for the Jets team.

Switching gears a bit, always a thrilling time for me is the state playoffs in any high school sport; it just doesn't get much better in my book. This week Chatham County will have a pair of local teams carrying the banner in the NCHSAA 1A Dual Team Tennis State Playoffs. Chatham Central and Chatham Charter both earned berths and each club is poised to make some noise.

Chatham Central (16-3-1) will be in the West and plays host to Thomas Jefferson (6-2), with the winner traveling to Polk County (9-4) in the second round. Two wins by the Lady Bears, who have some real talent again this fall, would likely mean a showdown against Bishop McGuinness (13-1).

Chatham Charter (8-5), meanwhile, is in the East and travels down to Williamston to tangle with Riverside-Martin, who's just 6-10. A win by the Lady Knights would mean a second round battle with East Carteret (11-4) down on the coast, and likely a third round match up with conference foe Research Triangle in the third round should the locals continue to win. So let the high school playoffs begin, what a great time.

Last but not least, the playoffs in Major League Baseball never fail to produce. There is always drama, like the Washington Nationals somehow rallying to knock off the Los Angeles Dodgers in a decisive game five, or the Atlanta Braves surrendering 10 runs in the first inning against the St. Louis Cardinals in game five of its series to disappointingly

fall short again of the World Series. It's been an exciting few weeks of action.

And let's face it, which is hard to swallow for me to admit as a Boston Red Sox fan, the playoffs in October are a whole lot more interesting when the New York Yankees are involved. You either love 'em or hate 'em — there's no in between — and that certainly leads to some highly intense and emotional games for the fans.

Lady Knights thrash Grizzlies in hard court action

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

ALTAMAHAW — The Chatham Charter girls tennis team closed out the regular season Monday afternoon with an impressive 9-0 thrashing of Clover Garden in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference action.

Chatham Charter finishes league play at 6-4 while boasting an 8-5 record overall. The Knights were tied for second with Research Triangle but were swept by the Raptors 7-2 and 5-4, which relegates the locals to third. Raleigh Charter was a

perfect 10-0 to capture the Central Tar Heel Conference crown.

Rachel Brookshire got the Knights rolling early with a decisive 6-0, 6-1 defeat of Kaylee Doiron in top-seeded singles play before Emery Eldridge topped Kaitlyn Watson 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2.

At No. 3, Lorelei Byrd hammered Savannah Byrd 6-1, 6-0 while Ashlyn Hart took down Morgan Wade 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 in convincing fashion to give Chatham Charter a 4-0 advantage.

Holly Askins would clinch the Lady Knights win with a 6-2, 6-4 triumph over Faith Wade at No. 5.

Lillie Jones would close out the sweep in singles by Chatham Charter with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Amy Smith.

In doubles, it was more of the same as the Knights dominated the action.

Askins and Dana Szpunar would team up at No. 1 for an easy 8-1 win over Watson and Clayton before Jones and Lacie Clark joined forces for an 8-2 triumph over Doiron and Wade.

At No. 3, Lauren Scotten and McKenna Reives doubled up Wade and Smith to put a cap on the 9-0 victory for the Lady Knights.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Flowing through the defense

Providence Grove's Isaiso Arellano (25) and Asael Garcia (17) watch Jordan-Matthews' Yaseen Ali (16) take the ball past them on the soccer pitch in Siler City Oct. 7.

Chatham on the Gridiron - Week 9

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

This week: Chatham Central (0-3, 0-7) travels to North Rowan (3-0, 5-3). Kickoff: 7:30 pm at North Rowan High School, Cavaliers Stadium.

Head Coach: Ben Hampton

Leading returnees for North Rowan: QB Kyre Mims, RB Malcolm Wilson, WR James Gladden, WR Denerio Robinson, LB Jordan Goodine, LB Caelan Stinson, FS Jaharion Graham, NG Malachi Turner.

Last week: Chatham Central bye; North Rowan 36, Albemarle 33

Last meeting: 2018; North Rowan 55, Chatham Central 0

Notable: Rumors of a closing of North Rowan in the near future continue to swirl but for now the Cavaliers are still alive and well in the Yadkin Valley Conference.

Game keys: After a week off to heal up and hopefully get some players back off the injured list, Chatham Central will have the daunting task of heading to Spencer to battle North Rowan, the preseason favorites of the YVC. To have a shot at the upset the Bears will have to find a way to sustain drives against what is a tough Cavaliers defense. Albemarle had some success last Friday night by keeping North Rowan off balance. Containing Sims, who's a dual threat, and Wilson, who's rushed for 672 yards and nine touchdowns, will be a key for the Bears. North Rowan can also stretch the field with Gladden and Robinson, both of who have

caught 19 aerials thus far in 2019.

From the coaches: "We've had some time to get healthy and I think that will make a difference," said Chatham Central coach Sherman Howze. "We need to get off to a good start and to play with some intensity."

ON CHARGER BOULEVARD

This week: Northwood (3-0, 4-3) is traveling to Durham to battle Southern Durham (3-0, 6-1). Kickoff: 7 pm at Southern Durham High School, Spartan Stadium.

Head Coach: Darius Robinson

Leading returnees for Southern Durham: QB Omari Smith, RB Jaylen Wright, WR Xavier Rhodes, LB Jakhari Dowd, DE Jamae Blank, SS Jaquez Warren, LB James Shaw, DE Aaron Hall.

Last week: Northwood 27, East Chapel Hill 24; Southern Durham 34, Vance County 0

Last meeting: 2018; Southern Durham 20, Northwood 7

Notable: Northwood has won four straight including three 3A Big Eight Conference contests to set up a showdown with Southern Durham for first place outright in the league standings.

Game keys: Northwood will need to keep riding the momentum its built and to get off to a good start. Southern Durham is easily the best and most athletic team the Chargers have faced since the Lee County debacle and how the locals deal with the speed of the Spartans will be telling. Smith is a can hurt you with his arm and legs at QB while Wright has rushed for 643 yards. With that said, the

real tale of the Spartans is a rugged and aggressive defense that has good size and speed. Dowd and Shaw spearhead a unit from their linebacker spots that has two shut-outs and that has allowed just 14 points in Big Eight play.

IN THE JET HANGAR

This week: Jordan-Matthews (0-3, 1-7) hosts Trinity (0-2, 0-7). Kickoff: 7:30 pm at Jordan-Matthews High School, Phil E. Senter Stadium.

Head Coach: Brett Andrews

Leading returnees for Trinity: QB Chandler Shell, RB Kweisi Poole, LB Logan Simpson, LB David Makupson, DE Brandon Wagoner, NG Terrell Walker

Last week: Randleman 69, Jordan-Matthews 0; Providence Grove 49, Trinity 7

Last meeting: 2018; Trinity 49, Jordan-Matthews 0

Notable: Jordan-Matthews will host Homecoming this Friday night when Trinity rolls into Siler City. After running the proverbial PAC 7 Conference gauntlet, this is a big opportunity for the young Jets and a program

that's in the process of rebuilding from the foundation up.

Game keys: Jordan-Matthews needs to make some things happen early and to get the momentum and what will be a big Homecoming crowd behind them. The Jets have the speed advantage and need to finish off drives while forcing some Trinity turnovers on the other side of the ball. Special teams will also play a key and Jordan-Matthews must win that battle.

From the coaches: J-M's coach Sam Spencer says his team will have to "play focused and to have fun. Friday night is a big chance for this program to take a step forward and I think our kids will leave it all on the field."

DOUBLES

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School of Science & Math (10-0)

McMichael (3-5) @ Wheatmore (15-2-1)

Goldsboro (13-2) @ Durham School of the Arts (14-2)

South Columbus (9-3) @ Bunn (11-0)

WEST

Oak Grove (11-2) @ Mount Pleasant (6-7)

North Davidson (11-4) @ Forbush (13-3)

West Stokes (11-6) @ West Wilkes (12-2)

Burns (7-3) @ Salisbury (12-0)

South Point (11-2) @ Fred T. Foard (14-0)

Lake Norman Charter (9-3) @ Owen (9-5)

Draughn (8-4) @ Hendersonville (14-0)

Pisgah (12-3) @ Maiden (9-3)

3A Women's Dual Team Tennis First Round Pairings

EAST

J.H. Rose (11-2) @ Fike

(14-1)

Cape Fear (12-1) @ Clayton (13-2)

Cleveland (9-6) @ Jacksonville (11-2)

Rocky Mount (12-2) @ New Hanover (17-0)

Rockingham County (11-2) @ East Chapel Hill (13-2)

Triton (10-2) @ Eastern Alamance (10-0)

Northern Guilford (6-4) @ Terry Sanford (11-1)

Chapel Hill (13-3) @ Union Pines (11-0-1)

WEST

Southern Alamance (11-6) @ Jesse Carson (15-0)

Concord (8-5) @ Southwest Guilford (11-3)

South Iredell (11-4) @ Cox Mill (11-2)

Montgomery Central (9-2) @ Walter M. Williams (12-1)

Stuart Cramer (7-5) @ Watauga (9-0)

Weddington (16-2) @ T.C. Roberson (16-0)

West Henderson (16-3) @ Forestview (12-0)

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59 yards and one TD on 10 carries.

“While penalties killed some early drives, we have to learn how to play hard from the outset, as once again our motor started slowly tonight,” said Northwood coach Cullen Homolka. “Defensively East Chapel Hill brought good penetration against the run, while their offense hurt us with the deep ball. We just didn’t play solid football the second half, and we still need to get better in all-around team effort – on offense, defense and special teams.”

Smith opened at quarterback for the Wildcats and completed eight-of-23 aeriels for 162 yards and a touchdown but suffered three interceptions. Enoch came on in the second half and connected on 13-of-18 throws for 196 yards and three scores, including a pair to brother Anthony Enoch, who accounted for 171 yards on six receptions, as East Chapel Hill finished the evening outgaining the Chargers 390-243 in total yardage.

“We failed to capitalize on a number of opportunities in the first half with overthrown balls and missing open receivers,” said Wildcats’ coach Brian Nunn. “I thought the momentum swung in Northwood’s favor when they returned a fumble for a score midway through the first quarter, and although our kids competed and fought hard tonight, they still don’t know how to win yet. One thing I was pleased about this evening was our defense. We’ve struggled all year stopping the run but tonight we did a good job in that regard.”

The Chargers received the opening kickoff and turned the ball over on their first play from scrimmage when a Hue Jacobs bobble was recovered by East Chapel Hill nose guard Chandler

Farrow at the Northwood 35.

Three plays later Smith completed a 35-yard touchdown toss to wide receiver Zaion Vaughn, but the score was nullified by an ineligible receiver downfield, bringing the ball back to the 40.

Ignoring the setback, Smith continued to march his team downfield and five plays later hooked up with wideout Devin Cornish in the back left corner of the end zone for a 17-yard TD strike to put the Wildcats up 6-0 with 8:19 to go in the initial period.

Following Anthony Enoch’s interception of a Thompson pass a minute later that gave East Chapel Hill possession of the pigskin at the Northwood 30, the Wildcats were poised to add to their total when Smith connected with Cornish at the five, but the ball came out of the receiver’s hands and was scooped up by Charger safety Jalen McAfee-Marion, who sped 95 yards in the opposite direction to give the winners a 7-6 advantage after Aidan Laros kicked the extra point with 5:22 left in the first quarter.

The contest then turned into a defensive struggle until safety Jack Vail’s second interception of the night with 3:53 remaining in the first half gave Northwood possession of the ball at the East Chapel Hill 47.

The Chargers proceeded to march 53 yards in five plays to increase their lead to 14-6 when Thompson climaxed the drive by connecting with wide receiver Chris Lawson down the left sideline for a 34-yard scoring toss prior to Laros’ conversion with 2:32 to go until intermission.

Aided by three pass interference calls against Northwood, the Wildcats threatened to narrow the gap before halftime by moving from their own 33 to the Chargers’ six prior to the drive being snuffed out when defensive back Aaron

Ross picked off a Smith pass in the end zone with three seconds left until the break.

After receiving the second half kickoff, East Chapel Hill launched a time-consuming 11-play, 78-yard scoring drive culminated by Anton Enoch’s fourth-down, 27-yard touchdown strike to Vaughn in the left side of the end zone to pull the Wildcats within 14-12 with 6:58 remaining in the third stanza.

Following an exchange of possessions, Northwood took advantage of a shanked East Chapel Hill punt to set up shop at the Wildcats’ 34, and five plays later Powell bulled his way six yards up the middle to the goal line to extend the Chargers’ lead to 21-12 after Laros split the uprights with 24.6 seconds to go in the third period.

On East Chapel Hill’s very next snap from scrimmage Northwood linebacker Jake Mann recovered an Anton Enoch fumble at the Wildcats’ eight in the closing seconds of the quarter, and two plays later fullback Wes Sanders plunged one yard over center to stretch the Chargers’ advantage to 27-12 with 11:55 left in the game.

After halting a Northwood drive at its own five with 7:44 remaining, East Chapel Hill traveled 95 yards in four plays to trim the margin to 27-18 when Anthony Enoch capped the march with a diving catch in the back of the end zone on a 39-yard pass from Anton Enoch with exactly six minutes to go.

Following Anton Enoch’s pick of a Thompson pass that gave the ball back to the Wildcats at their own 18 with 2:41 remaining, East Chapel Hill went 82 yards in six plays to edge within 27-24 when Anton Enoch hit Anthony Enoch on a right-to-left slant pattern from six yards out with 25.7 seconds showing on the clock, but Ross then gathered in the ensuing kickoff at the Chargers’ 43 to preserve the victory.

Randleman roughs up Jordan-Matthews in blowout

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

RANDLEMAN — Coming into the contest, Jordan-Matthews’ head coach Sam Spencer knew it would be a challenge for his young Jets to stay on the field with a No. 2 ranked Randleman squad.

The effort by J-M proved futile as the senior-laden Tigers dominated in every phase of the game in a decisive 69-0 victory over the Jets at Charlie Gregory Stadium in Randleman on Friday night.

Jordan-Matthews dropped to 0-3 in the 2A PAC 7 Conference with the loss and to 1-7 overall while Randleman improved to 3-0 in the league and to 7-0 overall.

“It’s been a tough three weeks to open the conference,” said J-M coach Sam Spencer. “Randleman is ranked No. 2 in the state for a reason and they showed why tonight, they have a legit shot at making a state title run. And playing them comes after games with Eastern Randolph and HP Andrews, two other really good teams. But our guys fought as hard as they could and continue to do some good things. So I’m proud of the fight they showed.”

Up front, the Tigers owned the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball in limiting the Jets to just nine yards of total offense while scoring 28 points in the opening quarter and 27 more in the second enroute to a commanding 55-0 advantage at the half.

Randleman grabbed a quick lead when quarterback Coby Price connected with Dawson Edwards on a 41-yard pass and then Dominick Poole on a 29-yard strike to set up Na’hiem Lilly slicing in from 11 yards out before Chris Gentry added the first of eight PAT kicks to give the Tigers a 7-0 cushion with 11:02 left in the opening period.

After forcing a J-M punt, Lilly would haul in a punt and 66 yards later the electric sophomore reached pay dirt to

advance the lead to 13-0.

From there things continued to snowball for Jordan-Matthews in the opening period as Lilly would score from 12 yards out before Jaquan Snipes added the two-point conversion, and Snipes raced in from seven yards out to move the score to 28-0 with 3:21 left in the first period.

In the second, it was more of the same as Harrison Moffitt completed a 21-yard TD pass to Poole, and Snipes weaved his way 32 yards for a score to advance the RHS cushion to a commanding 41-0 midway through the second quarter.

A 42 yard punt return by Poole set up Randleman scoring on a two-yard pass from Moffitt to Robby Rich before Moffitt ran in from three yards out just before the half to make the score 55-0 at the break.

“We just couldn’t slow them down, they are balanced on offense and can run and throw the ball efficiently,” said Spencer. “Randleman has some great skill players but they are also good up front, offensively and defensively, and have a lot of experience. It will take a great team to beat them.”

With a running clock, Randleman would receive a one-yard touchdown run by Chandler Norfleet in the third quarter and a 14-yard scoring blast from Tradd White with just over three minutes left in the contest.

Lilly closed the night with 112 yards rushing on seven carries while Snipes added 87 yards on eight attempts.

Jordan-Matthews returns home this Friday for a matchup with the 0-7 Trinity Bulldogs. Spencer said his team will be “excited” to play in the Homecoming game.

“It’s a big week and we want our kids to enjoy it all and to have fun, but we also want to prepare for Trinity and be focused and ready on the game,” he said. “There should be a big crowd and our kids still have a lot to play for.”



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The Jets jump!

Jordan-Matthews’ Peyton Snell and Macy Beavers double block Eastern Randolph’s Kolby Snider in match play Oct. 7. The Wildcats took down the Bears in three straight games, 3-0.

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Jordan-Matthews' Joanna Nino-Chay (3) jousts with Eastern Randolph's Haile Abrams on the home court in Siler City Oct. 7. The ball fell back into Jets territory, scoring a point for the Wildcats.

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Jordan-Matthews' Franco Basurto (22) slams the ball into the goal Oct. 7 for JM's second goal of the night against Providence Grove. The final score of 7-2 lifted JM to a 6-8 record for the season.



Intense focus keeps Chatham Central's Addie Fields eye on the ball as she prepares to return a serve on the courts in Bear Creek Oct. 7. Last week, Central hosted the Yadkin Valley Conference (YVC) Tennis Tournament with 2nd place finishes in doubles and 2nd and 4th in singles.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Fall athletes kick into last weeks of action

Chatham Central's Lindsay Polston attacks the ball as North Rowan's Chloe Stoner prepares to defend. The Bears clawed to victory in Bear Creek Oct. 8, 3-0.

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Erik Mendoza (17) takes a kick from center field to the left sideline, pushing action down the field past Providence Grove's Wesley Frankel (2) and their defensive line Oct. 7. The Jets were ultimately victorious, winning 7-2.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews fought a heated contest in the cool fall night in Siler City Oct. 7 as Providence Grove came to Siler City for a battle on the soccer pitch. The Jets' Kevin Gonzalez (21) is on offensive backup as teammate Erik Mendoza (17) pushes past the defense of Providence Grove's Wesley Frankel in the first half of their match.

Northwood's Hannah Forbes powerfully returns an attack in the second game of their match last Thursday in Pittsboro against Orange High from Chapel Hill.

Staff photo by David Bradley



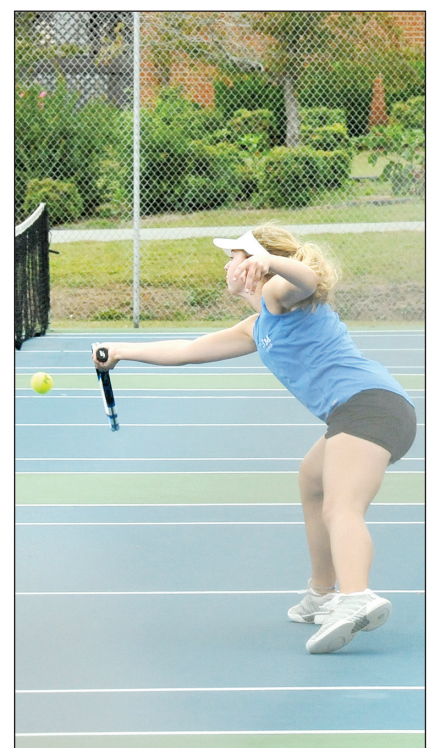
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Jordan-Matthews' Joanna Nino-Chay (3) defends as her teammate Alana May gets a dig, sending the ball back against their opponent, Eastern Randolph. Despite their efforts and the home team advantage, Jordan-Matthews went down 3-0.



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Chatham Central's Lizzie Phillips lobs a ball back across the net in match play Oct. 7. Central hosted the Yadkin Valley Conference tennis tournament in Bear Creek on Oct. 9 and 10.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Lindley Andrew returns the ball in play Oct. 8 in PAC 7 conference tournament play in Siler City.

POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Allen Wiggins, 38, of Siler City, was charged October 10 with assault on a female, communicating threats and violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with an October 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Juan Beiza-Rebollar, 27, of Siler City, was charged October 10 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with an October 15 court date in Nashville.

Nancy Dancy, 61, of Bear Creek, was charged October 10 with injury to real property.

She was released under a written promise with a November 5 court date in Wadesboro.

Jonathan Burke, 25, of Siler City, was charged October 10 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a November 15 court date in Concord.

PITTSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Leslie Swann IV, 40, of Pittsboro, was charged October 3 with driving while intoxicated by alcohol and/or drugs. He was released under a written promise with an October 9 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ivan Canela, 19, of Siler City, was charged October 8 with possession of marijuana, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of no operator's license, having a fictitious/cancelled/revoked registration card/tag, carrying a concealed weapon and displaying a revoked registration. He was released under a written promise with an October 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Mario Cruz-Zarita of Siler City was cited October 10 for failure to reduce speed on East Raleigh Street in Siler City.

Robert Chisholm, 56, of Robbins, was charged October 14 with driving under the influence. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with an October 22 court date in Siler City.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Elizabeth Plowman of Apex was cited October 7 for operating a vehicle while subject to an impairing substance and operating a vehicle with an open container of an alcoholic beverage on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Hardy Horne of Wilmington was cited October 7 for failure to stop for a stop sign on Rosser Road in Pittsboro.

Willia Thompson of Bear Creek was cited October 8 for failure to yield the right of way on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Jeannie Gordon of Bear Creek was cited October 8 for failure to maintain lane control and driving with license revoked on Hadley Mill Road in Pittsboro.

Bobby Hunt of Red Springs was cited October 8 for driving left-of-center on Siler City Glendon Road in Siler City.

Jose Argote Gonzalez of Lexington was cited October 11 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 421 in Siler City.

SILER CITY

Downtown Advisory Board makes recommendations

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Downtown Advisory Board presented its recommendations for several improvements to downtown Oct. 7 at the Siler City Board of Commissioners' regular board meeting.

Advisory Board

Chairman Jackie Adams presented the board's recommendations. The board was created in 2018 to create recommendations for the town board's consideration. Prior to the meeting last week, the board established a downtown district overlay and gained the town board's approval for a referendum on beer and wine

sales in town.

Adams noted that the Downtown Advisory Board's newest recommendations were focused on South and North Chatham Avenue on either side of Raleigh Street downtown. Adams noted that several of the recommendations were already included in several department budget requests for the next budget year. That process will begin in January. Recommendations already included in a departmental budget request included increased facade grant support, an additional officer for downtown and replacing existing parking signs and stripes. Adams also requested financial support for the Downtown Advisory Committee to attend the 2021 Main Street Conference.

Other suggestions included replacing trash receptacles and eliminating rolling carts where dumpsters are available with the second recommendation being part of normal operations and would not require

additional costs. Adams also requested that storage be removed as a permitted use in the Unified Development Ordinance for the downtown district and that the town adopt a commercial maintenance code. Both of those last items would be completed within the Planning Department budget. Finally, Adams requested that left hand turn restrictions for Chatham Avenue and Raleigh Street be discontinued, however, as the roads are maintained by N.C. Dept. of Transportation, that would need to be a action completed in conjunction with NCDOT. Adams estimated that the additional budgetary costs for the recommendations would be \$34,315.

"These are all recommendations," said Adams, who is a candidate for Siler City Mayor and the owner of Oasis Fresh Market and Deli on South Chatham Avenue in Siler City. "We are at the mercy of the board and the mayor."

The board appeared supportive of the recommendations, but requested

Downtown Advisory Committee Recommendation FOR NORTH AND SOUTH CHATHAM AVENUE

- Increase Facade Grant support
- Replace trash receptables
- Eliminate rolling carts
- Remove storage as an allowed use downtown
- Adopt commercial maintenance code
- Add new police officer for downtown
- Replace parking signs
- Paint crosswalk
- Remove left hand turn
- Fund the committee's attendance at 2021 Main Street Conference

additional information. Commissioner Chip Price noted that the recommendations required more thought than simply agreeing at that moment. The board asked if many of the recommendations were those that would be discussed during the regular budget process as they were included in several department budget requests.

The board asked that town staff confirm the budgeted numbers on the recommendations and the requests be divided in such as way as to know which ones will be discussed in January and what would require budget amendments.

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Chatham County Schools recognizes yearly award winners, nominees

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The beginning of a new school year is, for Chatham County Schools, at least, an opportunity to recognize those who worked in excellence the previous year.

During the last two meetings of the Chatham County Board of Education, district staff and Superintendent Derrick Jordan took time to announce and applaud several award winners and nominations.

On Monday night, Jordan-Matthews High School Principal Tripp Crayton was honored as the district's Principal of the Year. While holding his infant son, Crayton thanked his wife and family.

"As a principal, it's a tough job, working many hours," he said. "We've got a great core of principals over here. But you can't beat it. I've been very proud to be a Chatham County principal. I'm extremely honored to be selected as Principal of the Year."

Jordan congratulated Crayton and recognized all the district principals in attendance — most were in the courtroom in Pittsboro, where both meetings took place — for their work. October is designated as National Principals Month.

"The job is absolutely a thankless job," Jordan said. "But I can say we don't have a principal that isn't fully committed to our students and to me that is the biggest indicator of potential success for our students. Our kids are absolutely better because of your leadership."

Jordan also recognized two other educators on Monday. North Chatham Elementary School's Eva Membreno, who teaches fifth grade, was named the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCCTM) Outstanding Elementary School Mathematics Teacher for 2018-2019.

"I'm very thankful to God for putting me here," Membreno said. "There's



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Jordan-Matthews High School Principal Tripp Crayton, left, is with Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Derrick D. Jordan. Crayton is the 2020 Chatham County Schools Principal of the Year.

a reason why I'm here. Thank you for all the support. This is not something we can do on our own. It's not something a human person can do on their own."

Maddie Allsup of Virginia Cross Elementary was also honored as the district's Exceptional Children's Educator of Excellence.

The district and school board also honored other individuals during the board's September 9 meeting.

Chatham Central High School history teacher Amy King was named one of the 15 finalists for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History National History Teacher of the Year. She did not win the national award but was given the state level honor.

"We don't often get recognized," King said at the September meeting, speaking of history teachers. "So it's really awesome that they do that across the country. I think teaching's a calling. It's not something you choose. I'm very thankful that I get to teach every day here in Chatham County."

Robbie Sirls of J.S. Waters School was named as the district's Instructional Assistant of the Year. Jordan said Sirls' work with not just the students but the school's Junior Beta Club was worthy of recognition.

"We are so appreciative of the time she gives to ensure that the students at J.S. Waters are exposed to

things beyond the classroom," Jordan said. "We expect for her to put the full 30 (years) in and keep going on right past 30."

Finally, Siler City Elementary School 3rd-grade teacher Sarah Threatt was the district's inaugural nominee for the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teacher Beginning Teacher of the Year Award. She was honored during the board's Sept. 9 meeting.

"She learned very quickly the importance of being well planned each day and the need for positive and productive relationships with all of her students," Larry Savage, principal at Siler City Elementary, said in a district press release. "She also found the balance between seeking and receiving help from her teammates and bringing her own ideas into her classroom. All of these attributes led to outstanding student learning."

Jordan helped honor Threatt for the award during the first day of school in August.

"I was so excited to on the first day of school tap her for this inaugural award," he said. "To have been selected for this honor further indicates how strong Ms. Threatt is in the classroom."

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Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



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Happy 75th Birthday, Smokey Bear!



Color this picture.



Smokey Bear first appeared as a symbol of wildfire prevention in 1944. This year marks the 75th Birthday of this forest hero.

The Bear and the Wildfire

In the spring of 1950, winds were pushing a wildfire through a forest in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico. Firefighters from far and wide rushed to put the fire out.

A little bear cub climbed a tree to escape the flames burning on the ground. He was only five pounds and he was very scared.

Firefighters found the cub still alive, but his paws and hind legs were

badly burned. They couldn't find his mother. The little bear cub was sent to an animal doctor to be treated and bandaged.

A forest service ranger named Ranger Ray cared for the cub. Ray's 4-year-old daughter played with the bear and cheered him up.



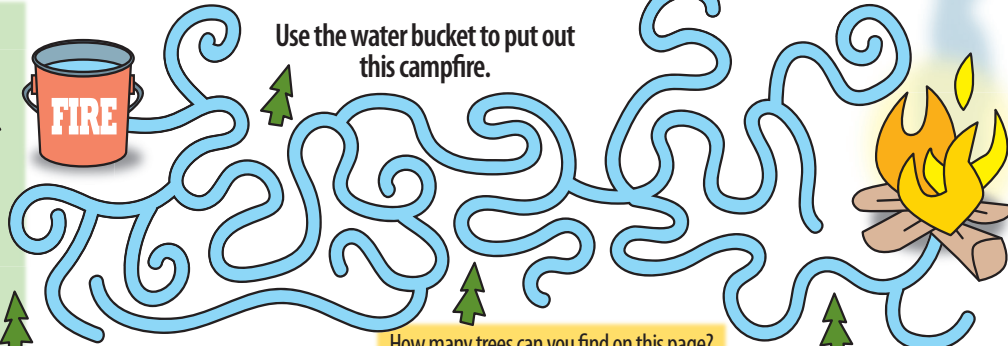
New Home, New Name

The little bear was named Smokey and moved to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. and he became the living symbol of Smokey Bear.

One Popular Bear

The United States Forest Service received so many letters from children for Smokey that he needed to have his own:

(Circle every other letter)
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Use the water bucket to put out this campfire.

How many trees can you find on this page?

Let's Draw!

He's been reminding us to help prevent wildfires for decades. Happy birthday, Smokey, from your friends at Kid Scoop! Here's how to draw him in just six steps.



Standards Links: Visual Media: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: PREVENT
 The verb **prevent** means to stop something from happening.

Keeping leaf piles away from your BBQ grill will help **prevent** a wildfire.

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

Smokey's Fire Prevention Rules

- 1** Only YOU can prevent wildfires.
- 2** Always be careful with fire.
- 3** Never play with matches or lighters.
- 4** Always watch your campfire.
- 5** Make sure your campfire is completely out before leaving it.

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Remember the Rules

Look through the newspaper for the words to write out Smokey's five rules. Cut out the words and glue them to a blank piece of paper to help you remember. Post the rules where others can see them.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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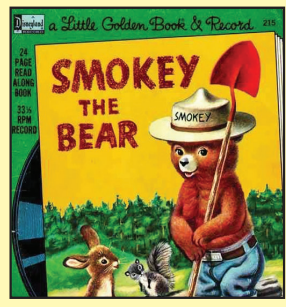
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ACTUALLY **TROUBLE** **BEAT** **SONG** **THINK**

In 1952, a _____ was written about Smokey Bear. The songwriters, Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins, were having _____ making Smokey Bear fit with the beat of the song. They added the word, 'the' between Smokey and Bear to make the _____ work.

The song was so popular, that even today many people _____ the famous character's name is "Smokey the Bear." But it is _____ just Smokey Bear.



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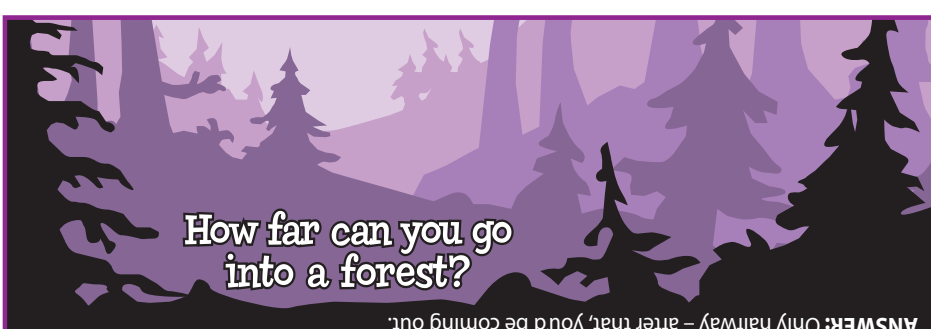
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CHATHAM COUNTY EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Kim Brennan | North Chatham Elementary

Grades/subjects you teach: First Grade
E-mail address: kbrennan@chatham.k12.nc.us

Date, place of birth: Feb. 14, 1963, in Raleigh

Education: Cary High School, N. C. State (B.S. in Computer Science), N.C. Central University (Teaching Licensure Program)

Brief work history: I worked for 17 years at Nortel Networks in IT and Software Design/Support. This is my 14th year as a first grade teacher.

Teaching honors/awards: Teacher of the Year for North Chatham Elementary for 2011-12 and 2019-20, National Board Certification in 2014.

Hobbies/interests outside teaching: Travel, reading, home improvement projects.

Family: I have a husband, Jeff, of 32 years and one daughter, Shannon, who is 19 and a sophomore at N.C. State.

On teaching...

What led you to a career as a teacher?: I made a career change because I have always loved working with children. The birth of my daughter in 2000 re-ignited that passion.

Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them?: My most memorable teachers were Esther Mendenhall (2nd grade), Joanne Hines and Dorothy Baker (high school). All of these teachers took a personal interest in me and had high expectations which helped me realize that I was a good student.



Submitted photo



Submitted photo

Kim Brennan

Has becoming a teacher been all you expected it would be?: It has been all I expected and more. I love working with my students each day, but I never realized how much work happens outside the school day to make each day run smoothly. The enthusiasm of my students makes it worth the effort and recharges me daily, though..

How has teaching changed since you were a student?: Teaching today is much more differentiated to meet individual students' needs. Also, technology is now an integral part of each school day.

What "makes your day" as a teacher?: My students' excitement when they reach a goal or learn something new. With each goal met, they gain confidence and enthusiasm for learning. We celebrate growth regularly in my classroom.

What's working in schools today?: Diversity is an integral part of today's schools. Cultural diversity is recognized and celebrated. Also,

teachers work hard to accommodate the diversity in their students' academic needs.

What's not working?: There is always uncertainty about changing policies in education, whether it be funding, curriculum, assessments or staff allotment. Every year, it seems that something changes, which means we are constantly trying to adapt.

What's your favorite memory of your first year as a teacher?: I remember walking into a room that was totally empty except for a flag and clock on the wall. I really enjoyed turning it into an inviting space for my students.

How would your "teacher" persona handle you as a student?: I am somewhat of an introvert, so as a teacher, I would work to build my confidence and encourage me to come out of my shell.

Best piece of advice for other teachers?: Take time to get to know each student and make a personal connection with them.

Students will work hard for you if they know you care about them and want the best for them.

For students?: Never say "I can't." Have the courage to try new things and persevere until you can say, "I can!"

For parents?: Resist the temptation to solve all of your child's problems for them. Help them learn coping skills for disappointments in life and develop their own problem-solving skills with your guidance.

If you were superintendent for a day, you'd: Visit classrooms and talk to students and teachers to see what an average day looks like for them.

What about your job would surprise your non-teaching friends the most?: A teacher's day doesn't end when the bell rings. We often work 10-12 hours a day and on weekends to be prepared for our students.

If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be?:

No matter how young, you can set a goal and achieve it through hard work and perseverance.

When you think about today's kids, you: Worry about how much they have to deal with at such a young age. They are emotionally at risk through social media to bullying/shaming and physically at risk for school violence. It is increasingly more difficult to shelter them from these outside influences.

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?: Caring

Favorite movie about school or teaching: "The Blind Side." I am inspired and touched every time I watch it to see how someone who notices a child in need and does something about it can transform their life.

How would you summarize your teaching philosophy?: I believe that all students can learn and grow. It is my job to identify and provide what they need while encouraging them and building their confidence in themselves as learners.

What five things must every teacher know?: All students, regardless of

disabilities or hardships, can learn. Build relationships with your students. You may not love their behavior all of the time, but love every student. You are also growing as a teacher. Expect to make mistakes, forgive yourself, and learn from them. Your students will be as enthusiastic about learning as you are. Be excited about what you are teaching.

What's special about your classroom?: My classroom is a positive and nurturing environment in which students feel comfortable taking risks when learning something new. I try to keep it interesting by adding new things throughout the year so they are excited about coming to school.

What's special about your school?: We refer to our school as our "NCE family" because it truly feels like a second family. The teachers support and encourage each other and our PTA is phenomenal. Our principal likes to "raise the praise" and celebrate our successes. The positive environment is evident as soon as you walk through the door.

The most unusual question you've ever gotten from a student?: "Did you know the Pilgrims?!"

Harriet Tubman performance



Submitted photo

The Chatham County Historical Association (CCHA) hosted 'The Spirit of Harriet Tubman,' a one-person play performed by Diane Faison, Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro. The audience of more than 130 adults and children learned facts of Tubman's life and through Faison's performance felt the emotional impact of her experiences. At the conclusion of her performance, Faison received a standing ovation.

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THE UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM COUNTY AGENCY PROFILE

Salvation Army of Chatham County

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: Basic needs (financial stability)

Name of United Way Supported Program(s): Pathway of Hope

How will (The Salvation Army of Chatham County) use United Way donor dollars?

With the funding from the United Way of Chatham County, our Pathway program supports families with children 18 years and younger with the path to ending intergenerational poverty. Each family is unique in their needs. We can help to support housing, education, food stability, and help with their unique barriers to their family.

Why is this program essential to Chatham

County?

This program is essential to Chatham County as there is an intergenerational trend in our county. Our program focuses on the strengths of that family to show the entire family there is hope out there and The Salvation Army is there to show that family their path.

How does the program make a difference in the community?

Pathway of Hope makes a difference in our community by collaborating with other non-profits, businesses and civic organizations to form a plan of success for that family.

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

Bobby Nicholas and his family are the first Pathway of Hope family to receive a Habitat for Humanity house. Salvation Army encouraged and supported Bobby and his family during the application process. This is just the first step in breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. We will continue to follow Bobby and his family as they transition from being tenants to home owners. We will offer continued case management as well as budgeting and financial assistance.

Harvest Hoedown for the seniors



Staff photo by David Bradley

The Harvest Hoedown at the East Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro Oct. 3 brought seniors in the area to the center for music, meeting animals and fellowship with each other. Allison Andrews, volunteer director at the center, works with Rhonda Hampton to create balloon animals for the crowd in the dining hall at the center. Senior Center Manager Liz Lahti said, 'The goal of the event was to celebrate fall, expose seniors to new activities and reminisce about memories of yesteryear.'



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chip Anderson works the wheel on the cider press to get juicy goodness from apples during the Harvest Hoedown at the Senior Center in Pittsboro Oct. 3, as Carol Hammer watches.



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Carol Hammer, Lacey Monte and Allison Andrews work the serving line for the Harvest Hoedown at the Senior Center in Pittsboro Oct. 3. The seniors got a nice meal donated by Smithfield's, including chicken, hash browns and potato salad.



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Nick Wright, Virgile Johnson and John Krall serenaded the crowd on the heat at the Senior Center in Pittsboro Oct. 3. The Crawdaddies played a variety of requests and old-time music.

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A very grim 'Maleficent 2' doesn't earn its happy ending

Angelina Jolie earned praise for her humanizing portrayal of a reimagined "Sleeping Beauty" antagonist in 2014's "Maleficent."

NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

For the sequel, "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil," Jolie is the macabre somnolent beauty, practically sleepwalking through a fable with excessively hard-hitting aims and regrettably banal execution. Princess Aurora (Elle Fanning) and Prince Philip (Harris Dickinson) are getting hitched, for both love and the hope of uniting the feuding feudal kingdoms of humans and Moors. But first it's time to meet the inlaws, and things don't go so well when the winged, horned Maleficent visits the castle home of King John (Robert Lindsay) and Queen Ingrith (Michelle Pfeiffer). Ingrith provokes Aurora's adopted god-

mother to anger before framing her for a curse that puts the king to sleep. Maleficent, mortally wounded in the melee, is rescued by another winged fairy, Conall (Chiwetel Ejiofor), and flown to a secret world inhabited by a flock of dark fey, driven underground by humans many years ago — it's essentially Pandora. Borra (Ed Skrein), one of the fey leaders, wants war and retribution with the powerful Maleficent heading the attack, while Conall preaches peace.

Meanwhile, with the king out of commission, Ingrith's true intentions become clear. She wants to annex Moor and its resources, so she invites its fairies and other inhabitants to Aurora and Philip's wedding with plans to wipe them out with a powdery flower extract. And if the fey attack, she's ready with iron bullets, which are poisonous to the fey.

The political allegory is as subtle as an anvil. Indeed, Ingrith does everything but build a wall between her and Moor. Still,

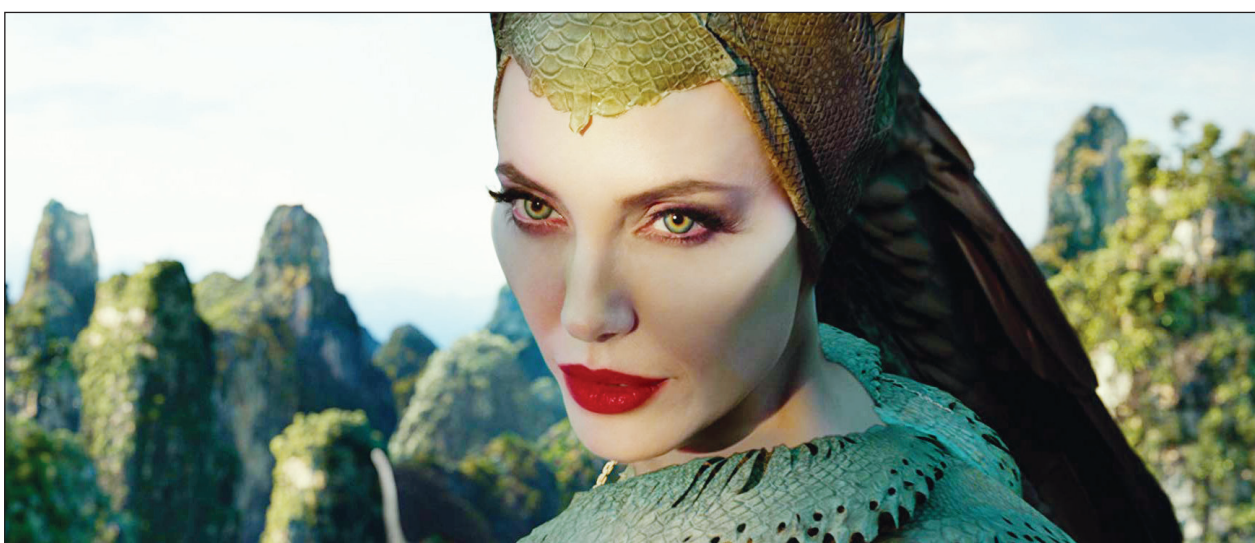


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Angelina Jolie stars in 'Maleficent: Mistress of Evil.'

depictions of imperialism, chemical warfare, and ethnic genocide are a bit heavy for a "happily every after" Disney movie — when the fairies arrive at the wedding, they're literally lured into the cathedral, locked inside, and gassed. Then, as suddenly as the carnage begins, the de rigueur time for peace arrives and we're supposed to accept that

factions who were trying to exterminate each other minutes earlier are suddenly living in harmony.

Pfeiffer shines, chewing the scenery as a convincingly despicable villain. Everyone else is just waiting for the inevitable movie wedding finale, even if the marital bliss feels pat and utterly unearned.

MALEFICENT: MISTRESS OF EVIL

GRADE: C +

DIRECTOR: Joachim Rønning

STARRING: Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Michelle Pfeiffer, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Harris Dickinson and Sam Riley

MPAA RATING: PG

RUNNING TIME: 1 hr. 59 min.

County boards seek members to serve critical functions

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff
The Chatham County

government has more than 15 boards and task forces by which it gets citizen and expert input on various topics, and at any

given time, there's at least one vacancy on multiple boards.

Now is no different. According to the county

website, there are two vacancies each on the Food Council, Agriculture Advisory Board and Community Advisory Committee and one vacancy each on the Board of Equalization & Review and Health.

Mike Zelek, the director of county health department's health promotion and policy division, said the Board of Health is the health department's governing board, just like a board of directors for a corporation or nonprofit.

"We take a lot of guidance from the board," Zelek said. "We've been blessed with a really good board in my time here and before me. We really lean on them a lot for expertise, and that's why we have a lot of professions represented there."

The 11-member board is required, by state law, to include one county commissioner, licensed dentist, optometrist, veterinarian, registered nurse, pharmacist, professional engineer and physician each, as well as three members of the general public. The Chatham County Board of Health currently has a vacant seat for a member of the public.

Zelek said the board hires the health director and approves rules and ordinances to send to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, as well as working on the budget.

The current vacancy would initially serve until June 30, 2020, with the opportunity to be reappointed for a three-year term after that. Those interested in applying should submit applications no later than 5 p.m. on October 25.

Another opportunity to serve on county boards is the Board of Equalization and Review. Citizens living in Commissioner District 2 — which includes downtown Pittsboro and



most of the county east of U.S. Highway 15-501 — can apply for a seat representing that area, and an alternate position is also open.

Jenny Williams, the county's tax administrator, said in a press release that "the board has an important, complex role" in the county's operations. Equalization & Review board members hear and review property owner appeals of property valuations.

"It is the first level of review after staff-level reviews," Williams said. "The board must apply state laws in a consistent, uniform and non-discriminatory manner so that all property owners receive a fair and impartial hearing."

This role will take on added importance in the coming years when the county undergoes a property revaluation. The Equalization & Review board will be called in to hold sessions where citizens appeal their property's assigned values. The press release stated that applicants must have lived in the county for at least two years, own real estate property in the county, "be knowledgeable about real estate matters" and "have good moral character."

Interested persons in either position, the District 2 representative or the alternate, should apply by 5 p.m. on October 18. Members of the Equalization & Review board receive a stipend of \$15 an hour for their work, but the number and length of meetings depend on the appeals filed.

The Agriculture Advisory Board is also seeking a vacancy, "especially... from either the southeastern section of the county located east of N.C. Highway 87 and south of U.S. Highway 64 or the southwestern segment located west of NC 87 and south of US 64," according to a county press release. Those interested should apply by 5 p.m. on October 18.

If you're interested in these or any board applications, call Commissioner Board Clerk Lindsay Ray at 919-545-8302 or email at lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org to get an emailed or printed copy. You can also visit chathamnc.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommitteeForm to fill out an online application.

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Late Police Chief Philips honored



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On Oct. 3, the Chatham County Law Enforcement Officers Association had a dinner and ceremony to honor the late Siler City Police Chief Lewis Phillips. Pictured from left are CCLEOA President Mike Koszulinski, Emily Belcher, Pat Phillips, Addison Belcher, Kenley Belcher, Caroline Philyaw, Meredith Philyaw, Ashley Philyaw, Siler City Police Chief Mike Wagner and Siler City Mayor John Grimes.

Chatham's 3rd Senior Education Conference announced

From the Chatham Council on Aging

In what has become a popular, well-anticipated event for Chatham residents and those in surrounding counties, Chatham's 3rd Senior Education Conference will be held on Nov. 14th at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro.

To register for the event, go online to www.chathamcoa.org or visit the Chatham County Council on Aging's two centers located in Pittsboro and Siler City.

The Council on Aging and the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service of Chatham, which team to plan and coordinate the event, have put together another outstanding program. It includes a distinguished keynote speaker, 18 workshops, and a wide array of private and public exhibitors.

"This may be our best conference yet and the first two have been outstanding," said COA director Dennis W. Streets.

The keynote speaker is Dr. David Casarett, a Duke Professor of Medicine and Chief of Palliative Care in Duke Health. A respected researcher and author, Dr. Casarett will present a timely and somewhat controversial topic: The Truth about Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol (CBD oil).

"People may have a hard time choosing among the 18 workshops,

but they can't go wrong with any of the topics or presenters," Streets said. With three hour-long workshop tracks during the day, participants can enhance their knowledge and skills in many diverse areas.

Those interested in learning more about financial and estate planning have an opportunity to learn from experts in estate administration and documentation and steps to leave a legacy.

Participants eager to improve their health can choose from topics that include the sleep deprivation, anti-cancer living, hearing loss, opioids, remaining safe and sound in the hospital, managing stress, and the healing powers of the NIA technique.

For the history buffs and outdoor enthusiasts, there are other options. Among the workshops are the N.C. Dialects Project, Chatham's history told through photographs, native plants for wild-life-friendly landscapes, and bees and other pollinators.

"For those who still seeking other interests, you might want to learn about science projects you can do with grandchildren, hear about the latest consumer scams, and experience the Cooperative Extension kitchen for sessions on food safety and cooking for 1 or 2," said Melanie Girard, the COA's Development & Communications Director.

"If this isn't enough," added Girard, "partic-

ipants will also have a chance to meet with a wide array of exhibitors, including representatives from the Chatham County Tax Office, Chatham Hospital, the Veterans Service Office, and the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)."

Girard cautioned that while it's not too late to register, tickets are going fast. The \$25 ticket price includes the educational sessions, plus a hot lunch from The Old Place.

The low price for this event is made possible through the support of many sponsors. Major sponsors include Carolina Meadows, Galloway Ridge, Chatham Hospital, SHIIP, Hearing Health Care Services, Mountaire, Transitions LifeCare and Kennon Craver PLLC.

Proceeds from this event go to support the work of the Chatham County Council on Aging, a nonprofit organization celebrating its 45th year of service to Chatham seniors and their families.

"Again, it's not too late to get your ticket for this outstanding day, but don't wait too long," said Girard. "Here's an example of what we heard from last year's participants: 'My husband and I want to thank you for an amazing day — the entire Senior Education Conference was so well put together, great variety of topics, and a lovely lunch. It was difficult to choose only three workshops. We do know what a tremendous amount of work it



Submitted photo

Participants listen to a speaker at a previous Senior Education Conference. The next version of the event will be held Nov. 14 in Pittsboro.

was for all of you, and once more we say thank you!"

To register, go to www.chathamcoa.org or visit the Chatham County Council on Aging's two centers located in Pittsboro and Siler City. The Pittsboro Center is at 365 Hwy. 87 North and the Center in Siler City is at 112 Village Lake Road. Persons needing additional information may contact Melanie Girard at 919-542-4512, or melanie.girard@chathamcoa.org.



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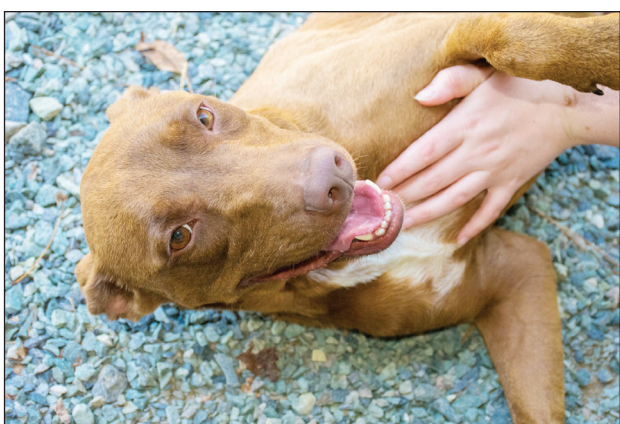


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The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Lola, a female Pointer mix who joined the Animal Resource Center family on Sept. 11. Lola is a year old and very energetic. She plays well with other dogs and cats and never meets a stranger. Lola loves belly rubs and ear scratches, but nothing makes her happier than sitting near — or better yet, ATOP — her human's feet! Lola is known for giving handshakes and high fives to Sheriff's Office staff and stealing hearts wherever she goes. If you're looking for a fun-loving pet who doubles as the perfect footwarmer during the winter months, Lola is your dream come true! For more information on how to meet or adopt Lola into your family, swing by our office at 725 Renaissance Dr. in Pittsboro or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an Animal Resource Officer.

NEWS BRIEFS

Galloway Ridge wins Beacon Award for 'Best in Wellness'

PITTSBORO — Galloway Ridge has won the 2019 ICAA NuStep Beacon Award, which recognizes and honors the Top 25 "Best in Wellness" senior living communities in North America.

Galloway Ridge is among those recognized as best-in-class for successfully fostering a wellness-centered environment to benefit all who live and work in their community. The award was created as a joint effort between International Council on Active Aging (ICAA) and NuStep, LLC, a major manufacturer of recumbent cross-trainers used in healthcare, senior living and fitness, already mentioned above. The ICAA is responsible for leading, connecting and defining the active-aging industry.

CEO and founder Colin Milner says, "Senior living communities have long been aware of how important wellness is for the health and well-being of their residents, but in recent years, wellness has evolved from being a programming option to becoming a way of life." This evolution, says Milner, is also reflected in a survey recently conducted by the ICAA. The survey found that 59 percent of senior living communities state their business model will be wellness-centered with care services by 2023.

Galloway Ridge has successively partnered with its residents and staff to create relevant, meaningful opportunities and inspire participants to improve their quality of life. Wellness is typically defined by seven key dimensions: emotional, physical, intellectual, social, spiritual, vocational and environmental. When

each of these dimensions is equally nurtured and prioritized, it can enhance a sense of well-being among residents. It is this commitment and acknowledgement of how important wellness is for older adults that elevates resident health to new heights.

"At Galloway Ridge we believe that there is wellness in everything that we do," said Bob Zimmer, Executive Director at Galloway Ridge. "Through the relationships built between residents and staff, the services and programs offered, and the environment in and around our community, it is clear that wellness is at our very core. Our goal is to provide opportunities for each resident and staff member of our community to live their best life and to continue thriving as the unique individual that they are."

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Mountaire still seeking road closure

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Mountaire Farms continues to seek closure of a portion of East Third Street in Siler City.

Last October, Mountaire Farms, a Delaware-based poultry processing company which opened a plant on East Third Street earlier this year, filed petitions with the Town of Siler City to close a portion of the street adjacent to its property. The company also requested closing Johnson Street where a former mobile home park was located prior to Mountaire's purchase of the property.

At the time of the first request, the Siler City Board of Commissioners were disinclined to close East Third Street, a main tributary into downtown, but in lieu of an outright rejection, the board provided the company a review period of no less than 90 days to re-work their plan to one that might be more amenable to the board. Since that time, Mountaire, town staff and representatives of the N.C. Dept. of Transportation have corresponded and met numerous times as Mountaire brings updated requests to try to satisfy the board's concerns.

According to several different commissioner comments during an Oct. 7 board meeting, rumors have begun swirling that the town had approved a road closure request by Mountaire. Disturbed by this, the board requested an update on the review and petition at its meeting from Siler City Planning

Director Jack Meadows.

Meadows noted that Mountaire has recently requested a change to the petition which would now involve a request to close portions of East Third to North Avenue, then extend Fifth Street down from North Avenue to create a new connection to East Third so that the road will still have access to U.S. Hwy. 64. Meadows said neither Mountaire nor town staff were "ready to present" the updated petition formally.

With each request and design change from Mountaire, Meadows notes the NCDOT reviews as well, not only because it would connect to an NCDOT maintained road, but because of the planned "speed street" project NCDOT has planned for Hwy. 64 where medians and turnabouts will be installed. Meadows noted that he had not heard back from NCDOT for its comments on this most recent proposal.

The board seemed skeptical of the proposal and wanted to ensure the process provided them and ample opportunity to review and consider any request. According to Meadows, once the town staff and NCDOT have all questions and concerns addressed, the matter will be brought before the board for its consideration. The town would then hold a public hearing which requires the town to publish the request for four consecutive weeks in the newspaper and send certified letters to all adjacent property owners.

During the public hearing, the public is provided the opportunity to voice their support or concerns about the



Staff photo by David Bradley

Mountaire Farms continues to seek closure of a portion of Third Street in Siler City. The town's board has not yet received a formal presentation on the request.

proposal and the town can determine whether the public interest and the private property owners' interests are being served by the request. If the town approves any plan, it would still need to go through a process with NCDOT.

The board was quick to note that it has made "no decision at this point" as

it has not received a formal proposal. Therefore, East Third Street will remain open. There was no timeline for when Mountaire's proposal might come before the board.

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CycleNC rolls through Siler City

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Hundreds of cyclists made their way to Siler City and stayed the night as part of the annual Cycle North Carolina event Oct. 1 and 2.

Stopping in Chatham County for the first time, the event gathers cyclists from across the state and the country to travel from Blowing Rock in the west to Atlantic Beach on the east. And based on initial reports, things went well.

"I am thrilled with how it went," said Neha Shah, the director of the Pittsboro-Siler City Convention & Visitors Bureau. "We couldn't control the heat, we knew that was going to be an issue. I don't know how they managed to get through. It just got hotter as the ride went on."

The 964 riders were able to push through the high temperatures thanks to several events and amenities available to participants. Services provided at the National Guard Armory across the street from Bray Park, the event's Siler City hub, included live music, a beverage garden, yoga and acupuncture, while the Peppercorn, Chatham Rabbit and Oasis Open-Air Market in downtown Siler City also hosted events. Most of the riders slept in tents in Bray Park.

Visit NC, the state's tourism agency, hosted an excursion to Southern Supreme in Bear Creek. Shah said some riders even ordered some fruit cake to ship home.

"We really wanted to cover a good bit



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Safety concerns for the riders in the Cycle NC event kept them in single-file line on the side of the less-traveled roadways in Chatham County Oct. 2. More than 900 riders were involved in the week-long journey across the state.

of Siler City so they would go downtown, see the area where Johnson's is, and also just some of the side roads," she said. "We did have some who, even though the shuttle was running, if it was something short, they wanted to explore some of the neighborhoods."

Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne said in press release prior to the cyclists' arrival that the county was pleased to be hosting the event.

"We are thrilled to join with the Pittsboro-Siler City Convention & Visitors Bureau to bring Cycle North Carolina

to Chatham County and Siler City," he said. "We hope that the cyclists will enjoy experiencing our hospitality as well as visiting restaurants, shops and other attractions that make our community so special."

At the Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting a week ago Monday, LaMontagne said about 1,100 riders came through and the event "was a big benefit for Siler City" and "a tremendous success."

Shah said the town was chosen after an application process, and she's "very

confident" Chatham will be on the list in the future.

"We were pleasantly surprised because we have limited accommodations so we had to be creative," she said. "But we just made a really good bid application this year. Cycle NC was fantastic to work with and they were encouraging. It was important for us to do well so they would want to return."

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The Cycle NC ride gets an early start through Chatham County as two cyclists speed down the backroads toward Moncure Oct. 2. Their first stop, for breakfast at the Chatham United Methodist Church, is just a few miles down the road.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Early morning sun lights the pathway of the Cycle NC cyclists as they pedal on their journey through Chatham County Oct. 2. The 'Mountains to the Sea' trip, covering the state in a week, includes daily trips of up to 78 miles.



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Drink coolers get a check from Teri Berrier as thirsty cyclists on the Cycle NC trip across the state continue to pour through the Chatham UMC parking lot in Moncure Oct. 2.

Kenneth Johnson, of Trek Greensboro, works with the derailleurs on a bike that needed adjustments during the Cycle NC event. Johnson set up in the parking lot at the Chatham United Methodist Church in Moncure for the Chatham County portion of the week-long event, but his company has four mechanics across the state to assist in other event stages. Johnson said that he enjoys the experience, meeting new people every day.

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Old farms on the back roads of Chatham County were part of the early morning scenery that greeted cyclists on the Cycle NC trip through the area during the first week of October.

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2 miles from Pittsboro courthouse off NC Hwy 902.

Located on a quiet private road, this property combines seclusion and privacy with a very convenient location. Spacious (2100 sq.ft.) well-kept manufactured home on permanent foundation, with rocking chair front porch, raised bed garden, fruit trees, and numerous established plantings. All bedrooms/study, as well as front foyer, have generous walk-in closets; master bath has garden tub and separate shower. Formal dining area has chandelier; master bedroom and living room have ceiling fans. Two-sided fireplace graces both living room and family room. Eat-in kitchen has pantry space as well as plenty of cabinets; laundry area/mud room has separate exit to outside. Home is on a good well and well-maintained septic.

This home is all electric; appliances, including extra fridge and 11 hp, 6000 w gas generator, mounted under porch, convey. Home is wired for and includes manual transfer switch ready for installation of whole house generator. Container storage unit with steps, with title, will also convey.

This property is offered for sale by owner; by appointment only. Contact owner at 919-542-0279 or newrosie@embarqmail.com for more information.



