

# Chatham News + Record

Chatham County, N.C. | OCTOBER 24-30, 2019 | www.chathamnewsrecord.com | \$1

## 2019 ELECTION

### Chatham's municipal election candidates utilize social media for outreach, endorsements

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

Social media use as part of a political campaign is nothing new.

And candidates for the various municipal offices in Pittsboro and Siler City this year have taken full advantage.

All three candidates for Siler City Mayor, all three for the District 3 Commissioner seat for the Siler City town board and four of the seven candidates for Pittsboro Town Commissioner have been using Facebook and/or Twitter pages to publish their credentials, showcase their personalities and even endorse other candidates through this election cycle.

Siler City Mayor John Grimes, whose Facebook page tops all candidates with 475 likes as of Oct. 21, said his page is a way to "reach a segment of our population that prefers to get their news this way." Since his page's inception in August 2017, Grimes regularly posts photos of himself at public events. Last week, he posted photos of his campaign mailers in both English and Spanish, something fellow mayoral candidate Jackie Adams did this August.

"I use social media because many generations use it more often than not," Adams said. "It is important to involve young people in politics, and to do that, you have to meet them where they are."

Multiple candidates, particularly those

in Pittsboro, have posted about their positions on issues on their Facebook pages. Commissioner John Bonitz, who is seeking his second term, clarified some of his comments from an NAACP forum in an Oct. 16 post and announced an endorsement from the Chatham-Orange chapter of the Sierra Club on Sept. 24. Fellow candidate Lonnie West shared an endorser's praise in an Oct. 13 post and restated his positions from a candidates forum on Chatham Park tree coverage, climate change and other issues on Sept. 20. Siler City commissioner candidate Michael Constantino advocated on Oct. 15 for voters to "keep this board together

See ELECTION, page A8

### Chemical discharge into the Haw River under investigation

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The source of a discharge of significant amounts of 1,4 Dioxane into the Haw River, first observed by researchers from N.C. State and Duke University, was identified as Greensboro industry Shamrock Environmental last week.

The solvent 1,4 Dioxane, which has been identified by the EPA as a likely carcinogen, was initially discovered in the Haw River by Detlef Knappe, the S. James Ellen Distinguished Professor of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering at N.C. State six years ago. 1,4 Dioxane is not regulated at either the federal or state levels and its removal from drinking water supplies is not required.

But its presence in the water, along with other chemicals such as PFAS, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, has concerned the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners, who have been working for several years to identify the sources, reduce the flow of chemicals into the water and find treatment options for the town's current water treatment plant.

In September, Knappe, along with Duke researcher Dr. Heather Stapleton, alerted the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners of a spike in 1,4 Dioxane in test samples from August at levels 400 times above what EPA guidelines. The researchers estimated that the chemical was in the water at or near that level for about seven days. At the same time, the researchers noted that the "chemical signature" they tracked in the water indicated that the majority of the PFAS contamination originated from the East Burlington Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Then, last week, it was revealed that a discharge from Shamrock Environmental occurred on Aug. 7, but the City of Greensboro — which manages the wastewater permit — was not informed. Greensboro discovered the discharge through testing recently mandated by the N.C. Dept. of Environmental

See SPILL, page A8

### Statue protests continue in Pittsboro

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Another Saturday in downtown Pittsboro was disrupted by protests regarding the Confederate statue at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse, with this past weekend's crowds — and level of anger and vitriol — reaching new levels.

About 200 anti-confederate protesters — a mixture of local and out-of-county activists — gathered early on Saturday and conducted a "unity march" from Main Street Station in Pittsboro to the circle and then gathered at the parking lot at the Blair Building. Those supporting the confederate statue, numbering about 60 mostly out-of-county activists, gathered at the site of the recently erected confederate flag across from Horton Middle School, named after the famed slave poet George Moses Horton and the previous home to the African-American High School.

Within the ranks of both groups, those from outside the county outnumbered those who resided in the area, according to multiple local people who took part. Those supporting the statue on Saturday included members of organizations identified as "hate groups" by the Southern Poverty Center, including the League of the South, the Hiwaymen and the Proud Boys, in addition to pro-confederacy groups such as Heirs to the Confederacy and ACTBAC NC.

Many of those opposed to the monument included activists who participated in the protests surrounding Silent Sam such as Maya Little, a UNC-Chapel Hill PhD student



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Supporters of the monument gathered at the site of the recently erected Confederate flag across from Horton Middle School. Many of those gathered had open-carry handguns visible.

who was charged with pouring blood and red paint on the now removed statue at UNC-Chapel Hill, Black Lives Matter and Redneck Revolt. Many members of the local community who support removing the monument identified themselves by wearing a cloth heart pinned to their shirts. (Little was subsequently arrested Monday protesting at an unrelated anti-abortion protest at UNC-Chapel Hill.)

"Given the conflict across

See PROTESTS, page A13



Those who want the Confederate statue removed gathered early for a "Unity March" up East Street to the parking lot of the Blair Building in Pittsboro.

Staff photo by Kim Hawks

### Chatham nonprofits try to answer surging need for food aid

BY KEITH BARBER  
Carolina Public Press

Editor's note: Carolina Public Press is working with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, MomsRising and other community partners to hold a forum on hunger at Chatham Community Library. The Newsmakers Forum will feature five panelists working in the community around the issue of hunger and discuss solutions already being used to address the problem in the community, as well as current challenges and how they may be addressed. The event, which begins at 12:30 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Bernadette Taylor said she never could've imagined being homeless at the age of 44.

Bernadette shared her story while volunteering on a recent Friday morning at Chatham Outreach Alliance, better known by its acronym — CORA.

Bernadette, now 52, said she first visited CORA's modest yet well-appointed facility in Pittsboro several years ago with great reluctance.

"I was a little nervous and a little self-conscious because I never could've imagined myself sitting in a soup kitchen and eating and talking with other



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Steve Stewart, of Fuquay-Varina, unloads a donation of food to Chatham Outreach Alliance in Pittsboro on Friday.

people," she said. "But when I came here, they welcomed everyone with open arms."

Bernadette said a simple life decision — deciding to assist family members by taking in her nieces and nephews — set into motion a chain of events that ultimately led her to CORA's front

See FOOD, page A3

### Siler City ballot to include referendum on beer, wine sales

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — This town's 2019 municipal ballot includes two referenda on beer and wine sales within town limits.

In July, the Siler City Board of Commissioners voted to place the two referenda on the ballot at the behest of the town's Downtown Advisory Board and several downtown merchants. During the meeting, the board included both items separately to ensure that their intent was clear for state regulators.

If approved by Siler City voters, businesses inside the town limits would be allowed to sell malt beverages, such as beer, and table [unfortified] wine in establishments such as tasting rooms or breweries, rather than only in restaurants and hotels.

Chatham County is considering a similar ballot measure for 2020's gen-

eral 2020 election.

North Carolina laws on alcohol sales vary from county to county and municipality to municipality. Rather than the state making a law for all its jurisdictions to follow, North Carolina has created a set of guidelines that outline the extent to which a jurisdiction can allow alcohol sales. It is then up to each county or municipality to put those options up to a vote.

County votes will determine the laws in the municipalities within its jurisdiction if that municipality has not held its own vote in the matter, meaning a single county can have a patchwork of laws that govern alcohol sales that are completely different.

At this time, the only Chatham County municipality that allows beer and wine sales in establishments that are not hotels or restaur-

See BEER, page A8

## IN THE KNOW

Siler City's H&B Furniture Legacy to close doors after sale of building. **PAGE A9**

Death Faire event looks at culture around death, dying — and living well. **PAGE B5**

CH@T: UPLIFT Chatham's John Moore on awareness, cost of poverty. **PAGE B10**

New column: 'Curious Cook' Debbie Matthews whips up recipes and more. **PAGE B11**







# VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | BUCK RYAN, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

## From funeral to iPad, a glimmer of hope beams for democracy — and newspapers

*Editor's note: Buck Ryan, director of the Citizen Kentucky Project at the University of Kentucky's School of Journalism and Media, is visiting Chatham County through Oct. 26.*



**BUCK RYAN**  
Guest Columnist

A funny thing happened on my way to the 5th annual U.S. Media Literacy Week. I went to the funerals of two old friends — and saw a glimmer of hope for newspapers.

That beacon of hope brought me to Chatham County to see what's behind the exciting changes in the News + Record. I've witnessed a transformation with your newspaper's redesign, new website, social media posts, community problem-solving forums and plans for podcasts, all with the aspiration to be the community's No. 1 citizen fighting for the public good.

I just returned from Chicago where my Tribune Tower had cracked windows perfect for Halloween. It stood on the Mag-

nificent Mile like a metaphor for the newspaper industry.

As a young editor, I remember meeting Joan Beck, a Tribune columnist for 48 years who focused on parenting and early childhood education among many social issues.

Her workbook, "Short Cuts to Reading — You Can Teach Your Child," gave parents tips on teaching preschool children to read. It was first published by the Tribune in 1964 and drew more than 100,000 requests for reprints.

A newspaper's mission that included teaching people to read is long gone.

Tribune Tower has been evacuated of journalists and is now being converted to condos ranging in price from \$700,000 to \$7 million. Not many journalists can afford those prices.

I was in Chicago two weeks ago to attend the 134th annual meeting of the Inland Press Association, the nation's largest independent newspaper association. This year it was a joint meeting with the 117th annual Southern Newspaper Publishers Association conference.

Both associations died before my very eyes.

I toasted to a new merged organization, America's Newspapers (newspapers.org). Good luck to it, and our democracy, which may hinge on an iPad and a measure of respect, if I see the future correctly.

In 1989 I was the only academic on the Future of Newspapers Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. ASNE also disappeared into a merger with APME (Associated Press Managing Editors) to become NLA (News Leaders Association/newsleaders.org).

A few of us on the ASNE committee saw the house on fire, and sure enough, in the last 15 years, "we've lost approximately 2,100 newspapers, all but 70 of which are weeklies," says journalism professor Penny Abernathy at the University of North Carolina.

Why? If you are reading this for free on your cell phone and not in a printed newspaper with a subscription, then you can guess why.

As one of my former students lamented, "The dollars are in print advertising, dimes online, and pennies for mobile. If the future is mobile, how am I going to run a newspaper on pennies?"

Adding insult to insolvency are those waiting to dance on the grave of a liberal press.

But there's hope beyond Chatham County. A beam of light emanates from Little Rock, Arkansas.

There Walter Hussman Jr., frustrated with the way journalism was defined on TV, drafted a seven-paragraph Statement of Core Values and started publishing it every day on Page 2 of his family-owned Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

The statement starts with Adolph Ochs (1858-1935) — "To give the news impartially, without fear or favor" — and ends with his father, Walter Hussman (1906-1988) — put shareholders last after readers, advertisers, employees and creditors: "As long as the newspaper keeps those constituencies in that order, especially its readers first, all constituencies will be well served."

Hussman told the Chicago conference that rather than drop staff or news pages, he cut his profit margin to the bone. The killer was circulation costs, especially in the far corners of Arkansas.

With respect wrapped in a four-page explanatory letter, he began converting subscribers in small

towns to reading the newspaper on an iPad, offering free devices and training at hotels. They are reading newspaper pages as they were published, not a website, for \$34 to \$36 a month with delivery as early as 4 a.m.

The results so far, he says: Many readers love being able to increase the point size for reading; they prefer seeing all color photos, some that turn to videos; they like being able to share articles with a click, and for advertising, they can see products in various colors — a selling point for advertisers.

Slowly, Hussman is preserving the power of the press as he holds his readers' hands into the digital age.

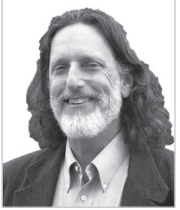
To insure the future, his family dropped the largest gift ever — \$25 million — on his alma mater, the journalism school at the University of North Carolina.

Enjoy U.S. Media Literacy Week (Oct. 21 to 25) and stay tuned, newspaper lovers. If good ideas like those here and in Arkansas catch on, maybe we won't have to go to so many funerals.

Buck Ryan can be reached at buck.ryan@uky.edu.

## It's just a thing

When my neighbor Mary celebrated a birthday in late August, many of her friends observed the occasion by sending her a birthday card.



**RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
Randall Reflects

Savoring the memory, Mary neatly arranged the couple dozen birthday greetings — all of them standing open at 45-degree angles for optimal display — atop her dining room table.

There the arrangement of cards stayed for a couple of weeks until Mary, deciding it was time to mothball the mementos, set about gathering up the cards.

While so engaged, Mary, with an errant elbow, accidentally knocked a ceramic keepsake from a dining room shelf. The figurine — one part of a two-piece set made for her by a friend and in her possession for the last three decades, give or take — shattered when its short flight ended, as gravity dictated, on the wooden dining room floor.

"It made me sick to my stomach," Mary said, recalling the moment — which still clearly troubled her — during a recent conversation.

Aiming to reassure my friend, who was still feeling the pang of loss over the time-cherished item, I called her attention to a silver lining: At least, I said, one of the figurines remained unscathed.

And further from my well of sympathetic wisdom, I also offered this: "And it's just a thing."

Mary, whose own well of wisdom is fortified by a stream of years longer than mine, nodded agreement.

"I know," she said. It's just a thing.

So, too, is the now-controversial metal statue of a Confederate soldier, still poised, for the moment, overlooking from its keystone position at the historic Chatham County Courthouse, the confluence of traffic from U.S. 15-501 and U.S. 64.

Yes, it's a monument to Chatham County's Confederate soldiers — "Our Confederate Heroes," it even says, and detractors and champions will debate those words — but it's not an ideal, it's not a principle.

It's a metal statue. It's just a thing.

Though a fixture of Pittsboro — none of us alive today know Chatham County's seat of government without it — the thing mostly went unnoticed for more than a century.

Certainly nobody got upset — or voiced it if they did — when they drove past it or when the Daughters of the Confederacy placed a wreath at its base every April in observance of Confederate Memorial Day, as someone from the organization has done every year since it was erected in 1907.

It's just a thing. Removing that thing — as our elected county leaders, like it or not, have chosen by majority vote to do — only removes that thing.

It doesn't wipe clean the annals of history or strip anyone of their Southern heritage, as some who champion the statue's continued existence in place seem to fear it's removal will. The Civil War — fought during the long ago years of 1861 to 1865 — still happened, statue or not, and the intricate history of that conflict is available for all to review. I recommend the local library as a good place to start.

If, as others have expressed, that piece of metal statuary symbolizes a racist past, removing a piece of sculpted metal indeed removes the symbol but doesn't remove the past or, certainly, racism itself, which hasn't been eradicated yet.

Folks may still disagree about this thing. It's our right to have opinions.

And folks are free to argue, if they choose. Be they local or bused in from elsewhere, people can congregate, as some have the last few weekends, in Pittsboro, where they can gnash their teeth, they can cuss under their breath — or over it, if they wish — and they can push and shove and shout and fuss and mistreat other people, on one side of the street or the other, from now until New Years.

But it won't change a thing. So here we are now, the late latter half of 2019, with folks sketching a proverbial line in the sand in Pittsboro because of a thing.

Sanford Road has come to represent that line. On one side, literally, sits Horton Middle School — formerly the segregated black high school, now, in more enlightened times, a school for the education of children of all ethnicities — and on the other, erected in protest of the county's statue removal decision, flies a Confederate flag.

Both of those are things, too, of course. But one of those things represents the present and the future while the other represents a long distant past.

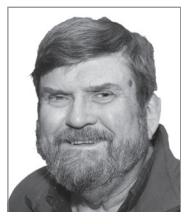
Which side you choose is up to you, of course. But I know which side I want to be on and it's not the side with the outdated relic.

And nothing — for sure, no mere thing — will change my mind about that.



## Months of the year act like old friends

Is it just me or do the months of the year at times seem to take on a life of their own?



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around

It's almost as if they have personalities, it seems, and those personalities then affect us.

January and February, for instance, aren't very hospitable. They drive us indoors for the most part and can be pretty cold. I like homemade soup but sometimes in those months I'm not the usual warm and fuzzy self I've come to know and love.

April and May, on the other hand, fairly sing for joy at the prospect of new life and I'm reborn at the prospect of starting over and doing better.

In time comes the heat of July and August and life in general can become heavy and oppressive, sweaty even, and not only does my Right Guard break down but so can my patience.

If we stick with the calendar, though, we can know that after fall comes the holiday seasons. Call me old-fashioned, conservative, narrow-minded, ignorant or whatever, but I don't look at "the holidays" as one three-month long event. Rather, they are separate and distinct happenings even though retail stores would tell us differently.

For instance, I don't consider Halloween to be either an evil thing or on an equal footing with those times that come in November and December. Sure, it can be made into something sinister but so can almost anything else. I still like candy and like to see what comes home in baskets and buckets and I like to see my grands dressed in their costumes, ranging from what my one-time Little Guy now a teen wore in his Scooby-Do costume, the second one he'd had in his short life since he outgrew the first one, to the alligator and Wonder Woman worn last year by a couple of the princesses.

November gives us Thanksgiving and although I'm into Christmas, in some ways this is my favorite. Football and turkey aside, Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to call time out, if we will, and let some things soak in. The bad thing is that most stores can't wait for Halloween candy and costumes to be over before they put out the Christmas stuff. Some places even have it out now.

And while we're on the subject of the Decem-

ber holiday, it still is and always will be "Merry Christmas" for me and not "Happy Holidays" and that evergreen that graces our living room is not a "holiday tree." For the life of me I don't see why that's such a stink. I don't tell my Jewish friends they can't do "Hanukah" and last time I looked, "Ramadan" was on my calendar for the folks who follow Islam.

Having said all that there's one more time on the calendar that speaks to me and I just sort of realized that it's right now.

October has come to be sort of a bitter-sweet time around the ol' castle. I love the crisp nights, sleeping with the window up and hearing the sounds of night and the geese on their non-stops farther south. Mother Nature has once again done the best she could with a pastel of colors in the woods, given the drought we endured recently. And the smell of burning wood is about as good as it gets. It's a wonderful month.

But it also brings up some memories that tug at the heart. I won't go into the full list here — it's too long — but every October makes me think of my dad.

He would have been 107 if he'd made it to October 22 this year. I didn't really expect him to get there and it was becoming pretty apparent that he wasn't going to but I didn't expect him to die the day he did, Oct. 2.

I got over being mad at him for doing that, especially since I didn't get to tell him goodbye or that I loved him. I'm pretty sure — actually, downright sure — he knew that but I would like to have told him one more time.

These days, I'm not mad...I just miss him. He's left me some reminders. I have his aching joints, his cufflinks, pictures, the old debit book from his days peddling insurance. I've got a picture of him when he was 4 or 5 hanging on the wall over my desk. He's imprinted himself on my nature; I quote him often now without realizing it or giving him credit for what I say. I tell stories, sometimes over and over, often to the same people, even. Usually they're kind and don't remind me or wonder if I'm becoming senile.

I try to remember the good, to look forward to life and that usually works. But sometimes when the winds of October blow, when the leaves turn loose from where they lived in the summer, when the smoke is billowing from the wood stove I think of him.

And I still shed a tear. Like right now...

# VIEWPOINTS

## LETTERS

### To all sides in the Confederate monuments controversy

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Some anti-Confederates claim monuments remind them of slavery.

• 169 years of slavery under the Union Jack of England, 73 years under our Star Spangled Banner; four more years under the Stars & Stripes and Stars & Bars.

Some pro-Confederates claim the War had nothing to do with slavery.

• The only slavery issue was the Federal government's attempt to prohibit the expansion of slavery into the territories; i.e. The Missouri Compromise of 1820 and 1850.

Anti-confederates claim the Union was fighting to abolish slavery, and the South fighting to protect it.

• The Corwin Amendment protecting slavery was passed one month before the war in the U.S. House by a vote of 133-65, the Senate by a vote of 24-12; first seven seceding states didn't vote.

The War Aims Resolution was to preserve the union, not interfere with slavery; it passed over three months into the war by the U.S. House vote of 119-2, and in the Senate by a vote of 30-5; all confederate states were already out of the union.

Anti-Confederates charge that confederate soldiers were racist.

• Many former confederate soldiers were members of the KKK or similar vigilante groups; the "anti's" mistakenly don't distinguish between the Klan of the Reconstruction era and the white supremacy ones of later periods; these Reconstruction groups targeted both races who supported the radical republican reconstruction government. Their purpose was to keep order and end reconstruction.

Answering the charge that all confederates were traitors: as their fathers and grandfathers of 1776, these confederates answered their state's call in defense against an invading army. Unlike their forefathers, there was no aim of overthrowing the government in power.

If anything reminds you of slavery, it's because you desire it to. Break a \$20 bill and in your change may be some dollar bills and quarters, staring at you are three slave-owning presidents. Do you think of slavery?

Whether you're anti or pro-Confederate, state your

vestment and know America's true history; false narratives are self-serving, fiction and entertaining, but real history is more rewarding;

My vestment: I am a descendant of several Confederate soldiers. Confederate soldiers endured over four years of war, often with little to no food, clothing, shoes, shelter or blankets; thinking they endured this to protect slavery is lunacy.

**Alan Petty**  
Gastonia

(The letter-writer is a former resident of Siler City.)

### Is Congressman Walker only pretending to care?

#### TO THE EDITOR:

When asked about gun violence in your October 4 feature article, Congressman Mark Walker replied: "As far as making sure that a weapon, a gun is not in the hands of the wrong people, yeah, I want to do everything I can...What I want to do is make sure that we don't go after law-abiding citizens. If there's loopholes out there with background checks, I've got no problem closing them."

Someone reading this might think that Mr. Walker agrees with the 90 percent or so of Americans that closing purchasing loopholes would make fewer guns available to people who commit mass murders. But in January of this year, when the U.S. House voted 240-180 for the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, Walker voted against it. Shortly before the that vote was taken, the House voted 310-119 for an amendment intended to clarify that "great bodily harm" included domestic violence, dating partner violence, sexual assault, stalking and domestic abuse. Walker voted against that also.

While the bill was being considered, I had written to Walker urging him to support it. In March he wrote back:

"As a Member of Congress, I swore an oath to 'support and defend the Constitution of the United States,' and will staunchly fight any attempts to weaken our constitutionally protected rights to bear arms. This new legislation infringes on law-abiding citizen's rights while failing to address the deeper-rooted issues behind gun violence."

I responded:

"Thank you for your letter of March 17. My psychiatric

career included examination of murderers and court-ordered evaluations of people to determine their dangerousness. Please send me your list of 'deeper rooted issues behind gun violence' and indicate what legislation can address them."

He did not reply. I wrote again — seven more times. He did not reply.

Gun rights? I would like the right not to be shot when I go to a public gathering. Congressman Walker has displayed no interest in protecting me. But what bothers me even more is pretending that he cares.

**Stephen Barrett**  
Pittsboro

### Chatham County commissioners should know our history

#### TO THE EDITOR:

In memory and honor of the men who answered our state's call, and in response to the Chatham News + Record article "Three arrested in Saturday protests around Confederate monument" (Oct. 10-16 edition):

Chatham County commissioners voted 4-1 that the statue had to go. They delivered an ultimatum to the Winnie Davis chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy to move it themselves or the county will move it on Nov. 1st, declaring it a "public trespass."

Of the five commissioners, three were born in the north; one of these three is African-American. The question to all: if the monument at the courthouse were one honoring Martin Luther King Jr., would you have declared it a public trespass? You may say that such a statue isn't controversial, really! The people who don't honor King are not racist as there are many blacks in this group, but they don't protest and demand its removal where ever located.

I don't expect Yankees to know southern history, but I expect the two board members who are to know our history. Ignorance of factual American history is the cause of condemning what many are very proud of. The monument in Pittsboro is in honor and memory of the men of Chatham County who answered this state's call in 1861 to repel an invading federal army. Some of these men would die on battlefields and several returned home with missing limbs, eyes, and to destruction by the invading army that excels the worst of any victors

in any country's history. Total war was waged on the South; many women, children and men, too old or too young to fight would die. Blacks would fare even worse as they were only considered contraband by the Yankee army. Many would be raped and robbed of what little they had.

**Theron Bass**  
King City

(The letter-writer is a former resident of Siler City.)

### Rallies, flags and 'my way' isn't going to solve the problem

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I had a business in downtown Pittsboro for 40 years, raised our children here and loved being a part of this diverse community. But not so much now.

When the commissioners met about the issue of removing the Confederate statue or not, I was so saddened by the show of hatred on both sides. Many of my good friends were for taking the statue down. So when I stood up I was nervous to say the least. I said I understand both sides but there are no winners. Taking the statue down will not stop racism. It will draw a line between them and us. Dividing our community, possibly forever.

I suggested a compromise. Instead of removing the statue that we put up another one honoring our black community and history, George Moses Horton, a freed slave, and Margaret Pollard, a former county commissioner. I feel this would go a long way in mending our community. It would honor all and hopefully make Pittsboro a destination again.

Putting up Rebel flags and having rallies every weekend downtown is NOT the way to work this out. Many people lost family members in the Civil War. Right or wrong, it's a part of Southern history. I know people on both sides that would be willing to contribute to a monument honoring our black history.

Now protesters are fighting protesters. Police are diverting traffic from downtown. What's that costing the taxpayers?

It's gone TOO far!

All the protesters should be removed from downtown and moved to the Sheriff's Dept., where everyone will be safe. Businesses are having to close on Saturdays because of the hatred and nonsense. People are not coming to shop here because they are afraid.

Our community is fractured and it's not going to get better. It takes all of us working together to fix this. It CANNOT work if you think it's YOUR WAY or NO WAY.

I urge everyone to consider a compromise that will end this show of hate and hurt feelings. I know there is a better way. Let's move forward together and become the community I remember and love!

**Pam Smith**  
Pittsboro

### Candidate Heather Johnson provides answers

#### TO THE EDITOR:

To Chatham News + Record readers and Pittsboro voters:

Please accept my full answers to the previously submitted Pittsboro Town Candidate Questionnaire. Thank you for all of the readers and voters who have expressed concern that I did not include all of the answers.

You can find my answers here: <https://www.chathamnewsrecord.com/stories/2019-candidate-questionnaire-commissioner-town-of-pittsboro,3083/p/stories/candidate-questionnaires,3633>.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Heather Johnson**  
Pittsboro

### Chatham residents are fully capable without your interference

#### TO THE EDITOR:

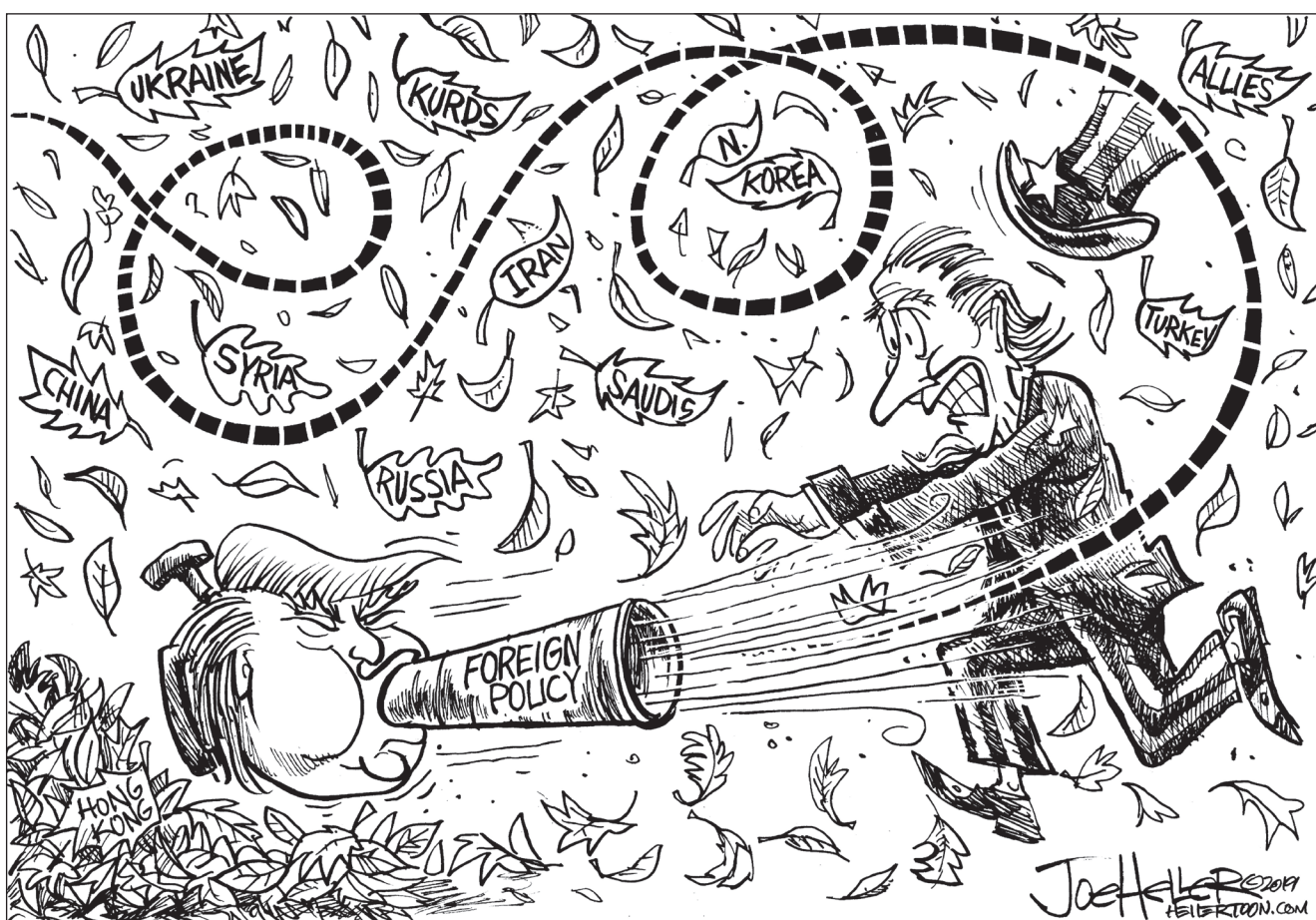
To the Confederate Statue protestors:

Recent published reports in this newspaper have listed non-Chatham County resident protestors as being arrested for a number of offenses including public affray (fistfighting) and illegal possession of weapons.

While respecting our First Amendment rights, this kind of illegal and dangerous behavior must cease. Also, since the majority of arrests seem to be "outside agitators," I encourage those of you from outside Chatham County to take your energy elsewhere and mind your own business.

Chatham County residents are fully capable of dealing with our own issues without your interference and illegal behavior.

**Edd Pryor**  
Pittsboro



**ONE YEAR FOR ONLY \$45 in county / \$50 outside county**

Extraordinary coverage of Chatham County since 1878

**Chatham News + Record**

call (919) 663-3232 or go to

[chathamnewsrecord.com/subscribe/](http://chathamnewsrecord.com/subscribe/)

## Chatham News + Record

[www.chathamnewsrecord.com](http://www.chathamnewsrecord.com)

**BILL HORNER III, Publisher & Editor**

**RANDALL RIGSBEE, Managing Editor**

**CASEY MANN | ZACHARY HORNER, Reporters**

**DON BEANE, Sports Editor**

**DAVID BRADLEY, Photographer**

### What's on your mind?

The Chatham News + Record welcomes letters from its readers on topics of local and public interest, as well as thoughtful and informative guest columns.

At our discretion, we may edit letters for clarity. We reserve the right to refuse letters and other submissions that promote a commercial product, contain either libelous material, personal attacks on individuals or vulgar language. Consumer complaints and letters containing unverifiable factual claims are ineligible for publication.

Each letter must contain the writer's full name, address and daytime telephone number for verification. Letters should be no more than 400 words in length. Letters selected for publication may be edited and all letters become property of the Chatham News + Record.

To submit a letter: Mail it to the News + Record at P.O. Box 290, Siler City, N.C. 27344; or email to [bhorne3@chathamnr.com](mailto:bhorne3@chathamnr.com); or drop by our office at 303 West Raleigh Street in Siler City.





# ELECTION: 'These are the candidates that will do the work'

Continued from page A1

— they deserve it.”

It also allows, as Siler City mayor candidate Albert Reddick stated, transparency from the candidate and an opportunity to interact with potential voters.

“Social media is a good platform for the community to get to know the candidates and what they stand for,” Reddick said, “and it’s a good platform for the community to express to the candidates their concerns.”

Those campaigning will also utilize their social media presences to announce things like forums and share early voting schedules. Pittsboro candidates Kyle Shipp (on Oct. 15 and 16) and Heather Johnson (on Oct. 16) encouraged residents to go vote during the early voting period. Others like Siler City commissioner candidates Curtis Brown and Timothy “Cookie” Brown have posted their campaign signs and announced they were available for supporters.

In an even rarer occasion this cycle, Pittsboro mayor candidate Jim Nass — who is all but assured of the seat because he is unopposed — endorsed three commissioner candidates on Facebook on Oct. 16.

“After very careful consideration and attending two candidate forums, I wholeheartedly endorse Jay Farrell, Pam Cash Roper and Kyle Shipp for Town Commissioner,” Nass wrote. “These are the candidates that will do the work, be prepared and do the best job for all of Pittsboro.”

Whether it’s selfies or policy positions or advocacy for a cause or another candidate, those seeking elected office in Chatham County this year have made it clear that social media is going to be a part of not only their campaigning but their governance.

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

## Chatham’s 2019 Municipal candidates on social media

Nearly every candidate in this year’s elections has some sort of online presence, whether that be through a social media page or a website. Here’s a rundown of each social media platform per candidate.

### Siler City Mayor

**John Grimes:** facebook.com/mayorjohngrimes  
**Jackie Adams:** facebook.com/Mayor.JAA; twitter.com/mayorsiler  
**Albert Reddick:** facebook.com/reddick-formayor

### Siler City Commissioner — District 3

**Michael Constantino:** facebook.com/commissioner.constantino  
**Curtis Brown:** facebook.com/profile.php?id=100040586798630

**Timothy “Cookie” Brown:** facebook.com/timothycokiebrown

### Pittsboro Mayor

**Jim Nass:** facebook.com/Jim-Nass-for-Mayor-of-Pittsboro-444914976092774/

### Pittsboro Board of Commissioners

**John Bonitz:** facebook.com/bonitz4pittsboro  
**Heather Johnson:** facebook.com/heatherforpittsboro  
**Kyle Shipp:** facebook.com/kyleforpittsboro  
**Lonnie West:** facebook.com/pittsborotowncommissioner  
**Pam Cash-Roper, Jay Farrell and Bridget Perry:** None  
 — CN+R Staff

## SPILL: Unregulated chemicals

Continued from page A1

Quality for 25 pre-treatment communities along the Cape Fear Watershed. NCDEQ was not notified until Sept. 27 when the town provided the test results to the state. At no time did any of these entities alert communities downstream of the discharge.

At a public forum held in Pittsboro last Wednesday on the presence of unregulated chemicals — which had been scheduled by the Haw River Assembly prior to the announcement of the discharge — the News + Record asked NCDEQ’s Director of the Division of Water Resources Linda Culpepper and Permitting Supervisor Julie Grzyb, who were on Wednesday’s panel, at what time, if any, were Shamrock, Greensboro or NCDEQ required to notify anyone, including those downstream, of the discharge.

In response, they noted that “they are investigating that right now” and that they would “have to speak to counsel” for answers to those questions.

“DEQ is investigating the release of 1,4 dioxane from City of Greensboro T.Z. Osborn Wastewater Treatment Plant and pursuing appropriate enforcement action, so it would be inaccurate to say the upstream wastewater treatment plants bear no responsibility,” Sharon Martin, NCDEQ’s Deputy Secretary for Public Affairs, later noted via email to the News + Record. “DEQ takes the issue of emerging compounds and water quality very seriously, and as you heard during the meeting, we are working with pretreatment programs and industrial dischargers with state permits to screen for 1,4 dioxane in surface water and biosolids as part of an ongoing management strategy on 1,4 dioxane and PFAS. We are also sampling weekly at the Greensboro wastewater treatment plant.”

Members of Wednesday’s panel, which also included Knappe, Stapleton, Dr. Jackie Bangma of UNC-Chapel Hill and Dr. Zack Moore of the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services, were asked whether they would drink Pittsboro’s water. Knappe noted that if he lived in Pittsboro, he would want to have a home filter because he found the levels of chemicals in the drinking water “unacceptably high” especially for “populations that are more vulnerable” such as infants.



CN+R graphic by Jason Justice

One by one, each panelist noted that they each have water filtration systems on their own homes, though none lived in Pittsboro.

A Pittsboro resident asked the panelists whether the Town of Pittsboro had any responsibility to reimburse residents for the cost of reverse osmosis. Knappe said no, and remaekd that it should be a matter of source control. The panelists suggested a variety of water filtration systems for individual homes that were affordable, but stressed that regular maintenance to any system was key to prevent other contaminants, such as bacteria, from finding their way into residents’ drinking water.

The town contracted with CDM Smith on Oct. 14, prior to the announcement of the discharge, to conduct testing of four different water filtration systems at its treatment plant to determine what system will work best to remove the contaminants. Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck noted the company is “mobilizing its resources and we anticipate work to start as soon as possible.” He also noted that the town is willing to work with other water treatment facilities “to identify a long term solution to upstream infiltration of unregulated chemicals.”

The costs for the system, depending on the option chosen, ranges from \$11-23 million for start-up costs alone with annual maintenance and disposal costs still to be determined.

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

## Columbus Lodge No 102, AF & AM of Pittsboro, NC Presents it’s 9th Annual:

### Columbus Lodge Day Car Show, Rib Fest & Family Fun

No Cost for Car Shows Spectators, Rib Fest \$10

**Rain Date November 9th Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### Car Show Info:

Registration 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Judging 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Show Awards announced at 2:30 pm

Donation to Show Your Car: \$25



# ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME

Please contact Brian Glover at 919-265-4081, or [bubbletime1@gmail.com](mailto:bubbletime1@gmail.com) for more information.

**121 East St., Pittsboro, NC**  
 (Corner of Masonic St & East St, Across from Hardee’s)

Once upon a time ... children met Cinderella and her handsome new prince. Red Riding Hood and a wolf bad ever since. And they talked with some of their many friends, too! Even a cow named Milky White. Moo!

They had pancakes and juice. They heard characters sing. And they took pictures of friends with what they did bring. There was plenty of fun and a whole lot of laughter. And when they went home, they lived happily ever after.

**JM Arts**  
**Fairytale**  
 CHARACTER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, November 2**  
 10 am to noon

Jordan-Matthews Media Center  
 \$10 per person to benefit JM Arts  
 For reservations: 919.742.2916  
 or [info@jmarts.org](mailto:info@jmarts.org)

## ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING

### Oct. 16 - Nov. 1

DAY	DATE	HOURS
Wednesday	Oct. 23	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 24	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 25	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 26	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Monday	Oct. 28	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 29	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 30	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 31	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday	Nov. 1	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE**  
 984-D THOMPSON ST., PITTSBORO, NC 27312

Staff graphic by Jason Justice

## BEER: Breweries bring in \$2B

Continued from page A1

rants is Pittsboro, which held an election on the topic in 1971. This means that, in Chatham County, establishments such as 580 Craft Beer and House of Hops can currently only be located in Pittsboro.

According to the Brewers Association, North Carolina ranks seventh nationally for the number of breweries that brew and sell craft beer in the state with

craft beer sales creating an economic impact of \$2 billion annually. It also accounts for \$300 million in annual wages and 12,000 jobs.

Siler City is hoping to open up its downtown to some of that revenue.

The referenda seem likely to pass because organized opposition has not been vocal. At the same time, the Siler City Board of Commissioners, Mayor John Grimes, the Downtown Advisory Committee as

well as downtown merchants all support the measure.

Siler City residents have the opportunity to cast their vote on both referenda during the 2019 municipal elections. Early voting is currently under way at the Chatham County Board of Elections office in Pittsboro. Residents may also vote on election day, Nov. 5.

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



SILER CITY'S H&B FURNITURE LEGACY

# Local furniture store scheduled to close after sale of building

BY BILL HORNER III  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The irony of a furniture store becoming homeless isn't lost on Tim Cunnup.

But the reality for Cunnup and his wife, Camille — the owners of H&B Furniture Legacy in downtown Siler City — is that after just over two years of operation from their 28,000-sq.-ft. showroom on Third Street, when the building you're renting is sold to a buyer who will occupy it for his own business, the phrase "out on the street" becomes sadly apropos.

Cunnup, in fact, has beat the streets of Siler City and Pittsboro and elsewhere in Chatham County the last few weeks, looking for a new home for H&B Furniture Legacy. "When I found out the building was being sold, I immediately started looking for a new space to move to — which I thought would be possible," Cunnup said last Friday morning as customers began to fill H&B's showroom. "Unfortunately, in Chatham County, there are very limited spaces that are above 20,000 square feet."

The few available spaces he considered in Chatham and neighboring Lee County were either too small or carried rental prices that were too steep for a furniture retailer in a highly competitive market. As a result, H&B must vacate the building by year's end, making way for a new Raleigh-based owner — whose business, a commercial cleaning equipment distributor, will occupy the space.

To facilitate the movement of more than \$300,000 worth of furniture inventory, H&B is

selling everything on the showroom floor at prices 50 to 75 percent below retail. When the inventory — which includes the business' office furniture and display items — are gone, or Dec. 31 arrives, if that comes first, H&B will cease to exist.

The store's eight employees, including the Cunnups' daughter, Katlyn, will be seeking new jobs, and Siler City will lose one of its few remaining large, visible locally-owned retailers.

"Of course we're very disappointed," Cunnup said. "Camille and I had purchased this business in hopes that we would be here until our retirement. It was such a privilege for us to be able to carry on what Mr. (Harold) Hart [the "H" in the former H&B Furniture] had started. And the fact that we had a store that was unlike any other around, with furniture for everybody. It's a real disappointment for us at this point to have to shut the doors and leave the city because we feel like we did add value to Siler City, and to Chatham County."

Cunnup was alerted by the building's owner — descendants of the late Harold — of the pending sale back in September, and in that time, he says he's "accepted the inevitability of this."

"The only thing we can do is liquidate the move on," he said. "We're very sad, to be honest. Almost everybody I've talked to has said, 'Oh my goodness, I hate that we're losing this store — there's not another one around like it.' Overall it's been a response of concern not only for us, but that the community is losing a good store."

Small "mom 'n pop"



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

H&B Furniture Legacy owners Tim and Camille Cunnup are planning to close the store after the 28,000-square-foot building they rent on Third Street in Siler City was sold. The building's new owner will operate a commercial cleaning equipment distributorship from the location.

stores, Cunnup said, "are going by the wayside. I'm sad to see that."

For the time being, though, Cunnup is focused on moving H&B's inventory, which has focused on higher-quality furniture product lines from manufacturers including Bassett, Kincaid, Flexsteel and Craftmaster.

"Anybody who's looking for furniture right now, quality furniture, you will never find it at a price this low anywhere," he said.

When H&B closes its

doors, Cunnup — who's running unopposed for another term as Goldston's mayor this election cycle — will figure out his next career move. He has more than two decades of real estate sales experience and owns a number of rental properties himself, and said he might consider re-opening the sign and t-shirt company he and Camille operated prior to the opening of H&B Legacy Furniture.

In the meantime, town leaders are mourning the loss.

"H&B Furniture Lega-

cy came into our community, and we were glad to welcome them," said Mayor John Grimes. "They filled an existing building on Third Street, provided employment within our community, and offered quality products. We are sad to see them go, but we understand that a new enterprise will be coming to this same location."

Jackie Adams, a downtown business owner who heads up the Siler City Merchants Association, said every small town and its businesses face unique chal-

lenges. But the loss of H&B will be particularly painful.

"The Cunnups built relationships on quality and honesty with their suppliers, manufacturers, and customers," said Adams, who is also a candidate for mayor. "That is of value when your goal is attracting outside customers to a destination location."

It's a great loss, she said, when "a wonderful family business closes its doors."

"A loss to our town's prosperity, a loss to our community," she said.

## Local Halloween events planned

With Halloween returning next week, several holiday-themed programs are planned to help Chatham County residents get into the spirit of the season.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, Chatham Community Library's month-long sci-fi film series concludes with the screening of "District 9" (2009) in the Holmes Meeting Room. The event is free and open to the public.

From 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, Siler City Parks & Recreation is offering its Fall-O-Ween Carnival & Trunk R' Treat event at Bray Park, 800 Alston Bridge Rd.

The family-friendly event offers hay rides, inflatables, games, face-painting, food trucks and a screening of "Hotel Transylvania 3," which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Those interested in watching the movie are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets.

The event is free,



though there is a cost to buy food from participating food truck vendors.

On Halloween, Oct. 31, children of all ages are invited to a Goldston Library, 9235 Pittsboro-Goldston Rd., for a 3:30 p.m. screening of a "slightly spooky" movie in celebration of the holiday. Costumes are also welcome. The film concludes at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Goldston Library at 919-898-4522.

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, Chatham County Parks and Recreation is offering a movie

and food drive event at Southwest District Park (beside Chatham Central High School).

The free event includes a "Haunted Boo Trail," inflatables, games, concessions, music and trunks filled with candy. A movie will begin at dusk. Chairs and blankets are encouraged for those planning to stay for the film.

The event is free but all planning to attend are asked to donate non-perishable food items to benefit the West Chatham Food Pantry.

# BREAKOUT

MARTIAL ARTS AND FITNESS

- TAEKWONDO
- AFTER SCHOOL
- HOMESCHOOL
- SUMMER CAMP







90 East Street, Pittsboro NC 27312  
919-599-9191  
breakoutmma@gmail.com



## NOW OPEN

At Crutchfield Crossroads

Mulch, gravel, topsoil, landscape supplies,  
landscape services, hoop cheese, old time candies,  
local honey, jam, apple cider, & pumpkins

Come on in for a cold RC Cola & moon pie!

6788 Siler City Snow Camp Rd., Siler City  
(919) 663-1569



# Commissioners schedule sales tax referendum for 2020 primary ballot

**BY ZACHARY HORNER**  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Early next year, residents of Chatham County will have the opportunity to vote on a new sales tax fund to support multiple county initiatives, including affordable housing and education.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted Monday afternoon to hold a referendum on an Article 46 local option sales tax in the 2020 primary election. If approved, the county could be the beneficiary of an additional \$1.6 million — the projected revenues if the tax had been in place in 2017 — and potentially more in future years.

The commissioners and county staff have been discussing the possibility for many months and on Monday, they finally ap-

proved the ballot item by a unanimous vote and set some potential standards for how the money would be spent.

No percentages were allocated or decided, but the board also passed a motion to instruct county staff to draft a resolution saying the funds would be used in the future for affordable housing, education, parks and recreation and “agricultural preservation and enhancement,” as Vice Chairman Diana Hales put it. Other options previously discussed included economic development and broadband access, but those were discarded for various reasons.

Commissioner Karen Howard began the discussion by saying that economic development was “covered by all these other things” and that making it a separate item was “not our strongest move.” Commission-



er Jim Crawford later said that counties were hamstrung on broadband access due to “a public bad legislature.”

But the other items were generally supported by the board. Howard cited the “looming challenges” when it comes to education, particularly teacher salaries and the Chatham Promise program. Board Chairman Mike Dasher said parks and recreation funds could be used to match grants from outside sources. Multiple board members vocally supported the agricultural piece, which received a boost from a presentation earlier in the afternoon.

Debbie Roos from the N.C. Cooperative Extension’s Chatham office and Tandy Jones, chairman of the county’s Agricultural Advisory Board, spoke prior to the sales tax discussion about how large portions of farmland in Chatham County are being taken over by development, and they felt that any permanent sources of county money could help keep farmers on farmland and continue agriculture’s place as a prominent part of the Chatham economy.

“Participating in programs that provide more stability for that sector of your economy, the ultimate

beneficiary is the county, but it’s through protecting farmland,” Jones said.

The board also generally agreed that affordable housing would get a large chunk of money from the fund, if approved by citizens, but keeping options open would allow for flexibility down the road.

“That’s the best thing about it,” Crawford said. “I think the affordable housing is a clearly demonstrated need and would expect get the lion’s share, but I also like the idea of also finding out what else could be there.”

North Carolina’s 2020 primary elections are currently scheduled for March 3. The county may produce educational material on the ballot referendum, but may not advocate for or against the measure. Individual commissioners may advocate for a position, but cannot use county funds or receive reimbursement on expenditures related to their advocacy.

The board will receive a formal resolution on uses next month and vote on it. The uses will not be spelled out in the referendum.

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



Staff photo by David Bradley

Mayor John Grimes, flanked by members of Food Lion management and employees, cuts the ribbon on the new Food Lion To Go program at the Siler City Food Lion last Monday morning. The new concept in the local store offers online shopping with delivery to the customer’s car for a low fee. The To Go program is now in operation.

## Local grocery store offers online shopping

**BY DAVID BRADLEY**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Shopping just got easier at a local grocery store.

Food Lion on U.S. Hwy. 64 in Siler City has launched a new service, called Food Lion To Go, that allows a customer to order and pay on-line, and have their order placed in the car, without having to leave the vehicle. The concept is exciting the management at Food Lion.

“It allows customers to experience Food Lion in a different, more efficient way,” Regional Director Joe Panasei said. “It allows you to place an order from the comfort of home. We load up, and they drive off.”

Melissa Meadows is in charge of the new concept in the Siler City Food Lion store, after being a part of the To Go crew in the Liberty Food Lion.

“I love to shop, because I love to cook,” said Meadows. Because of her love of cooking, Meadows can also look at the customer’s order and make suggestions via text while picking up orders. She praised the new concept as part of the times that we live in. “People have been waiting for it. We have to keep up with the times.”

Mayor John Grimes cut the ribbon on the new delivery lanes last Monday, and praised the beginning of the new service at Food Lion.

“It’s a show of confidence that we’re on the right track for growth and jobs,” said Grimes. “They wouldn’t have improved the store if they didn’t see growth in the county and economy.”

Shoppers can access the service at [shop.foodlion.com](http://shop.foodlion.com).

David Bradley can be reached at [david@chathamnr.com](mailto:david@chathamnr.com).

### TURNBERRY INTERIOR DESIGN GROUP

SILER CITY SHOWROOM

233 NORTH CHATHAM AVE. SILER CITY

OCTOBER 40% OFF SALE

STARTING THURSDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

----EXTENDED DAYS----

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY (12:00 PM until 4:00 PM) THROUGHOUT THE REST OF OCTOBER! Try not to miss this rare sale!



MORE THAN A PLACE

Imagine a place where the experience and interaction is simply indescribable. A destination alive with the unforgettable and inspired by tomorrow. That’s **MOSAIC** — the gateway to **Chatham Park**, where community is perfected.

Know **MOSAIC**. It’s where you’ll want to be.

**OPENING FALL 2020**

**PHASE 1**

- retail + dining
- **hotel**
- residences
- office
- theatres
- education



[mosaicatchatham.com](http://mosaicatchatham.com)  
[chathampark.com](http://chathampark.com)



@mosaicatchatham  
@chathamparkNC

CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Family business awards, food delivery and mock interviews

We haven't done a roundup here on the



**ZACHARY HORNER**  
Corner Store

Corner Store in a while, and I'm excited to say we're back with some more local business news to tell you about.

If you or your company would like to be considered for inclusion in the weekly business roundup, don't forget to send me a note at zhorner@chathamnr.com.

**Two local businesses awarded by Triangle Business Journal**

Brookward Farms of Siler City and Capital Ready Mix Concrete of Pittsboro were each announced earlier this month as winners of the Triangle Business Journal's 2019 Family Business Awards.

The TBJ, a Raleigh-based business news publication, presents the awards annually to businesses that are, according to a press release from the Chatham Economic Development Corporation, "multigenerational, family-owned, as well as closely-held businesses in the Triangle for overall excellence, innovation, ethics, philanthropy and contribution to the strength of the region."

Brookwood Farms produces barbecue products that are sold across the country. It was founded in 1978 by Jerry

Wood and is now led by Twig and Craig Wood, the third generation. The fourth generation is already involved, as Twig and Craig's children work in sales and quality control.

Capital Ready Mix Concrete was started in 2009 by James Lochren and his daughter Sarah is the company's vice president. The company renovated the former Townsends chicken processing plant to expand operations from its former location in Knightdale and serves Wake, Johnston, Franklin, Durham and Chatham counties.

The awards will be presented at an event on Thursday, Dec. 5, at Prestonwood Country Club.

**Where's my DoorDash?**

The food delivery services DoorDash, GrubHub and Uber Eats collectively deliver food daily from thousands of restaurants to millions of customers worldwide. But not many in Chatham County.

The Tacos Michoacan food truck at 697 Hillboro St. in Pittsboro is the lone restaurant listed as an option on the sites, and only on GrubHub.

Chatham and its residents could benefit from these services as a younger and more tech-savvy generation grows up and moves into the county. Uber Eats says 91 million people use its service every month, and GrubHub states that it directed \$5 billion to restaurants and more than \$2 billion

in driver tips last year. Both restaurants and Chatham residents, the hungry and the deliverers, could get a piece of that pie if they take a leap.

**Make no mockery of these students**

Chatham Charter School's senior class got a leg-up in the job and college hunt last Friday during the school's annual mock interview activity.

A press release from the school said students "rotated through three pairs of interviewers who asked questions that are typical in job, scholarship and college admission interview settings. Organizers had recruited adult interviewers who worked in a wide range of fields and often were able to match students with those who have similar interests or expertise."

These types of events are commonplace in schools nowadays as individual institutions and school districts are seeing their focus as helping educate kids for life after graduation with more than just a diploma, but real-world skills they can apply in a number of ways. It's always good to see Chatham County kids get that experience.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR, where you can also direct him to exciting business news or places for good, healthy and free food in Chatham County.

# Early voting slow and steady

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

Turnout for early voting for Chatham County's municipal elections has been slow and steady since its start on Oct. 16.

Just 174 residents have cast their votes in four days of early voting so far with a majority of them — 160 — cast in the Pittsboro election. Only 12 Siler City residents have cast their ballots with only two in Goldston heading to the polls so far.

The discrepancy in turnout between the municipalities is likely due to several factors. Goldston has no contested races and typically averages about 6 percent turnout during municipal elections. In addition, the only early voting site this year is at the Chatham County Board of Elections office in Pittsboro, which may account for the difference in turnout between Pittsboro and Siler City thus far.

Municipal elections tend to have smaller turnouts than general election years. In 2017, voter turnout in Pittsboro was 19 percent, or 606 voters, while in Siler City turnout was closer to 26 percent with 1,470 voters. In the municipal election before that in 2015, which is a more similar election year in terms of races on the ballot, turnout in Pittsboro was 31 percent with Siler City at about 18.5 percent.

According to Chatham County Board of Elections Executive Director Pandora Paschal, lower turnout is not wholly unexpected.

"The thing about municipal elections is not a lot of excitement is generated," she noted. "But it usually picks up. Some people are going to vote no matter what, but some people need a little nudge. We want participation."

Paschal also noted that early voting also coincides with the N.C. State Fair, which can sometimes draw people away from early voting. In addition, based on new state guidelines, there is only one day of Saturday early voting which will occur this Saturday. As a result of both of those, the board chose to include extended hours for the last two days of early voting on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

There are three contested races on this year's municipal ballot. In Siler City, Siler City Mayor John Grimes is being contested by Jackie Adams and Albert Reddick. And Commissioner Mike Constantino (District 3) running for re-election against Curtis Brown and Timothy (Cookie) Brown. There are also two referenda on the Siler City ballot regarding beer and wine sales in the town's limits. Commissioners Larry Cheek (District 2) and Bill Haiges (District 4) are running unopposed.

In Pittsboro, the only contested race is for three available board of commissioners' seats. Incumbents John Bonitz and Jay Farrell are running to retain their seats against Pam Cash-Roper, Heather Johnson, Bridget Perry, Kyle Shipp and Lonnie West. Pittsboro mayoral candidate Jim Nass is running unopposed.

There will be four polling sites open on election day, Nov. 5. There is a temporary change of polling location for West Siler City residents on election day this year. The West Siler City Precinct will vote at the Paul Braxton Gymnasium, located at 115 S. 3rd Ave. in Siler City. Voters in the East Siler City Precinct will vote where they have in the past, the Earl B. Fitts Community Center at 111 South Third Ave. in Siler City. On election day, Pittsboro residents will vote at the Multipurpose Room at Central Carolina Community College at 764 West St. in Pittsboro. Goldston residents will vote at Goldston Town Hall, located at 40A Coral Ave. in Goldston.

The East and West Siler City Precincts in Chatham County will be testing new voting equipment on Election Day. The county is purchasing new voting equipment from Hart Inter-Civic as its current equipment needs to be replaced. Per state statute, the county must test the equipment in one precinct prior to full implementation during the 2020 primary election.

For more information on the 2019 election, visit the Chatham County Board of Elections website or call 919-545-8500.

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



*Elect*  
**Curtis Brown**  
Siler City Commissioner  
District 5  
November 5th, 2019



Vote at Paul Braxton Gymnasium  
115 S. 3rd. Ave., Siler City, NC 27344  
(Beside the Earl B Fitts Community Center)  
Paid for by the Committee to Elect Curtis Brown

**70TH ANNUAL SILER CITY ROTARY BAZAAR & AUCTION**  
For the benefit of Chatham County Community Organizations

**LOCATION**  
★ **WEST CHATHAM SENIOR CENTER** ★

**RADIO-THON**  
SPONSORED BY  
**WNCA/AM 1570 RADIO & CHATHAM HOSPITAL**  
Thursday, October 31st, 2019  
9:00am to 2:00pm



**\$1,000.00 POT 'O GOLD DRAWING**

**Raffle** **Three (3) GREAT Prizes**

1st Prize.....Weber Spirit II 3-burner gas grill with propane tank (\$500 value)  
*Donated by Lowe's Home Improvement*

2nd Prize.....Hisense 50" 4K HDR Ultra High Def Roku Smart TV  
*Donated by Friends of Rotary*

3rd Prize.....\$100 GIFT CARD  
*Donated by Siler City Rotary*

*Tickets available from any Rotarian*

**FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
BAZAAR & AUCTION AT THE WEST CHATHAM SENIOR CENTER • 7:00PM

**BBQ SUPPER & BAKE SALE**  
BBQ Supper • Eat In or Take-Out • 4:00PM - 7:00PM

**THE WEST CHATHAM SENIOR CENTER**

**\$8.00 PER PLATE**  
DRINK INCLUDED



**BAZAAR SPONSORS**

**PLATINUM**

WREN FOUNDATION • BROOKWOOD FARMS  
DR. BYRON HOFFMAN • MARK & ELIZABETH ZERINGUE

**GOLD**

Greensborough Radiology • Steve & Donna Brooks in Honor of Jack Brooks  
Mountaire Farms • UNC Healthcare

**SILVER**

CW Dunn & Associates CPAs, PLLC • Bill & Sallie Milholen  
Jim & Ann Marie Schwankl • UNC Primary Care at Chatham  
Chatham Hospital • WNCA

**BRONZE**

Moody, Williams, Roper & Lee LLP • Dr. Paul L. Powell, Jr DDS, In Memoriam  
Dr. Paul Mitchum, DDS • PalletOne of North Carolina, Inc  
Edward Jones: Laura Clapp, Financial Advisor • Brenda J. Hadley, Confidential Tax Services, LLC • Cecil Budd Tire • Luck Stone • Siler City Pharmacy  
Liles Plumbing and Heating • North Carolina Signs • Marsh Auto Parts

# PROTESTS: 'Pushing their version of a lost cause in our community'

Continued from page A1

the nation after Charlottesville what is playing out in Pittsboro was unavoidable. We're the next logical place," said Randy Voller, the former mayor of Pittsboro and former North Carolina Democratic Party chairman who attended the event.

Voller said that community sentiment became even more charged when a Confederate flag was erected across from Horton Middle School, asserting the "flaggers" were using "negative iconography" as "leverage" to get the county to back down from its position to remove the statue.

After a couple of hours Saturday, a majority of the anti-confederate protesters, many dressed in black, began to make their way to the sidewalk across from the confederate flag where confederate supporters were gathered. At first, the scene was calm with the occasional barb hurled from across the street. The traffic on Sanford Road seemed to keep the two groups safely separated for a time.

At around 1 p.m., the calm was broken as a backhoe, draped in confederate regalia, driven by a man wearing a mask and sunglasses attempted to drive south on Sanford Road towards the two groups. The man was later identified as Pittsboro resident Sam White, who was recently cited for a violation of town ordinance for a confederate flag erected on his property. White, who has previous convictions on drug and weapons charges, was also found guilty of assault on a female this past May.

A local activist whose identity has not yet been confirmed independently sat in front of the equipment, pre-



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Some of the anti-Confederate statue protesters carried large hearts calling for peace and unity.



Staff photo by Casey Mann

The calm was broken when a man, later identified as Sam White, drove a backhoe draped in Confederate regalia down Sanford Road. A local activist sat in the road to prevent the backhoe from passing. A scuffle followed.

venting it from moving any further. The street began to fill as members of both protest groups ran toward the scene, blocking traffic in both directions. Shouting between the two groups commenced, with a confederate supporter spitting at one of the anti-confederate protesters. A shoving match followed with a confederate supporter ending up on the ground.

Law enforcement officials at the scene separated the groups, directing the backhoe into a laundromat parking lot at the corner of Pittsboro Elementary School Road and to turn around and return, allowing traffic to return to flow. No arrests were made at the time, but all incident information was turned over to the Pittsboro Police Department for investigation. At press time, the department had not released any information about charges.

Law enforcement officers present described the scene as extremely dangerous. Tensions were high and members of the pro-confederacy group were seen with holstered guns even



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Many local residents participating in the march wore cloth hearts pinned to their shirts. Maleeka Guess and Keosha McKinney, both from Pittsboro, attended.

during the scuffle on Sanford Road. Carrying a weapon at a demonstration, even if properly permitted, is against North Carolina law. The pro-confederacy groups were able to keep their weapons as they mainly kept themselves sequestered on private

property. Following the scuffle, the two groups shouted at each other, with insults and racial epithets flying back and forth. On occasion, a member of one group would cross the street and taunt the other side only to retreat. Each time, the confrontation provided fodder for their cause, regardless of the side.

While a significant number of the more vocal protesters were from outside of the county, members of the local community were present though more were identified as participating in the "unity march." However, some of the rhetoric from the outside groups concerned the local residents who support removing the monument. Chants equating the police department with the Ku Klux Klan disturbed many attendees who asked them to stop, saying, "We like our officers," and "This is not what we're about."

"I can understand and empathize with the general concerns and reasonable critiques that citizens have with



Staff photo by Casey Mann

The scuffle that occurred following the arrival of the backhoe was quickly calmed by Chatham County sheriff's deputies, who separated the two groups, urging them to return to their respective sides of the road.

public safety officers across the nation," Voller said. "In the more specific case of Chatham County and Pittsboro, protesters [from outside of the county] should consider that the local public safety officers in Chatham County are likely a bit different than other locales and reflect a broader community based policing model then their brethren in other places. There are a lot of issues with police to work on and improve, but wearing tee shirts to a rally that say "Eat police, save a pig" are more than likely not a positive step in a direction to improve public safety performance. Are the local police perfect? No. But they are not the issue here. The issue is the insult of the Confederate flag across from Horton Middle School and the massing of out of towners pushing their version of a lost cause in our community."

The protests are likely to continue until

a final decision is made about the fate of the confederate statue. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners gave the United Daughters of the Confederacy a deadline of Oct. 31 to remove the statue or else it will be deemed trespass. As the days countdown to the deadline, Pittsboro residents and local businesses continue to struggle to get around each weekend. With next week's Pittsboro Street Fair, an annual art and craft fair that has occurred for about 30 years, town officials are weighing their options to ensure safety. At the town's board meeting last week, Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck noted that he was working with Pittsboro Police Chief Percy Crutchfield to determine whether to have the event.

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

**ARSENIC and OLD LACE**  
 Halloween Comedy Play  
 in Sweet Bee Theater Pittsboro  
 Tickets Online and at Box Office in Sweet Bee

CHATHAM COMMUNITY PLAYERS ADULT THEATER TROUP  
 OCT. 26 - NOV. 3 • SAT'S 4 & 7pm, SUN'S 2 & 6pm  
 IN THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS DOWNTOWN PITTSBORO

## Commissioners reaffirm monument decision days before public trespass deadline

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
 News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved a motion Monday night that restated the board's intent to call for the removal of the "Our Confederate Heroes" in downtown Pittsboro, barring any work by the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to remove it before the Nov. 1 deadline.

Nine days before the county would declare the monument a "public trespass," Board Vice Chairman Diana Hales made a motion "that the County Manager safely and respectfully have (county staff) remove and securely preserve and store (the monument) until such time as the UDC decides on a more appropriate location." The motion was approved by a 4-1 vote, with lone Republican Commissioner Andy Wilkie the only commissioner in opposition.

Board Chairman Mike Dasher said prior to the vote — which was the final action of a lengthy meeting and occurred during the commissioner's comments portion — that he had met with county officials and lawyers representing the UDC. He said the UDC's

representatives had called the meeting but had not shifted on their position.

The UDC has previously said it would be willing to "reimagine" the area around the monument, but would not agree to any alterations.

"It's just kind of a non-starter," Dasher said. "I was hopeful that when the meeting was requested that they might get down to some real negotiations, but that wasn't the case."

Dasher did not commit to a timeline for the monument's removal if the UDC does not come to an agreement with the county — he said the Nov. 1 deadline "certainly doesn't preclude, exclude, include any date for actual removal."

The meeting also featured a public comment from Robert Butler, who has spoken at meetings several times in support of keeping the monument in place. He said that on Saturday at a protest someone had come up to a black man who was standing with monument supporters and called the man a "g\*\*d\*\*\* n\*\*\*\*\*." However, when repeating the comment, Butler did not censor n\*\*\*\*\*, even after Commissioner Karen Howard asked him why he said the full word but censored g\*\*d\*\*\*\*. Butler repeated that he was just quoting what was said and did not stop saying n\*\*\*\*\*.

V O L U N T E E R

All that's missing is



Become a tutor for an adult learner.

Next tutor training: November 15, 2019

Contact us to join our free training.

919-930-7284 • travis@chathamliteracy.org



www.chathamliteracy.org

# FORCED LIQUIDATION

# 50-75% OFF

**Bassett • Craftmaster  
Flexsteel • Kincaid • Ashley  
Hooker • Vaughn Bassett  
Sealy • Spring Air**



H&B Furniture Legacy is losing its home. Our building is being sold, so we're selling all remaining floor stock at unheard-of prices. You'll never, ever have an opportunity like this to purchase high quality home furnishings at such low prices. All floor stock must go, so check out our remaining inventory while you have the chance!

# H & B

**FURNITURE**  
~Legacy Co.~

Mon. Closed • Tues. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Wed. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM • Thurs. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Fri. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM • Sat. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Sun. Closed

420 E. 3rd St., Siler City, NC  
919-742-5515

[www.hbfurniturelegacy.com](http://www.hbfurniturelegacy.com)

# Chatham News + Record

## SPORTS NEWS & CLASSIFIEDS

OCTOBER 24-30, 2019 | chathamnewsrecord.com/sports | SECTION B

### Wolves fight past Knights in soccer action

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — In a 1A Central Tar Heel boys soccer clash between two county rivals on Wednesday afternoon in Siler City, it was Woods Charter dispatching of Chatham Charter 5-1 with relative ease.

Wolves junior Kyle Howarth proved to be the difference in the contest as the quick forward torched the Knights' defense for three goals on just five shot attempts in the match up.

In addition, Mac Czyzewski chipped in two more goals for the forest green-clad Woods Charter squad, which improved to 8-3 in league play and to 8-7

overall with the impressive win. The sophomore took 10 shots in the game and was around the ball the entire day.

Chatham Charter, meanwhile, fell to 6-4 in the Central Tar Heel Conference and to 7-5-1 overall.

Sophomore Casey Wanless tallied the lone goal for the Knights in the loss.

Coyt Neagle, a freshman, took the victory in goal for Woods Charter.

Chatham Charter is scheduled to host Raleigh Charter on Wednesday, October 23 in Siler City while Woods Charter is off until they travel to Raleigh Charter a week later on Wednesday, October 30. Both are key Central Tar Heel affairs.

### Post-season girls tennis takes center court

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

State playoff action in girls tennis ramped up last week and the results for Chatham County teams came back successful.

On Tuesday afternoon down in Bear Creek, Chatham Central opened up the NCHSAA 1A Dual Team state playoffs by hosting Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy out of Mooresboro.

The contest went back and forth the entire afternoon before Ellie Phillips and Olivia Brooks, a freshman tandem for Central, recorded an 8-0 rout of Danielle Coldren and Kaylon Jones of TJA at No. 3 doubles to break a 4-all tie

and propel the Lady Bears to a thrilling 5-4 victory and on into the second round.

Chatham Central (17-3-1) was scheduled to travel to Polk County (9-4) up in Columbus in the western North Carolina mountains on Tuesday, October 22, weather permitting.

The contest got off to an inauspicious start for the Bears on Tuesday as the Lady Gryphons took three of the opening four matches to go up early 3-1.

Only a victory in singles at No. 3 by junior Sophie Phillips kept the locals from going down 4-0 and on the brink of elimination.

See TENNIS, page B3

## Taste of victory sweet as Jets collar Bulldogs 12-0 on Homecoming



Staff photo by David Bradley

Trinity's Caleb Green prepares to block Jordan-Matthew's Jacquéz Thompson on a punt return down the left field line in the fourth quarter. Thompson was brought down about the 5-yard-line, setting up J-M for its second touchdown of the night.

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — You'd be hard-pressed to say Jordan-Matthew's 2019 Homecoming could have been any sweeter.

Snapping a four-game losing streak, the Jets posted their first shutout in almost three years and won their first Homecoming game in five seasons while capturing their first-ever PAC 7 2A Conference triumph to climb out of the league cellar by outlasting a stubborn Trinity squad 12-0 Friday evening at Phil E. Senter Stadium.

Collaring the Bulldogs for the first time in three meetings in a series that began in 2017, J-M improved to 1-3 in the conference and 2-7 overall, whereas Trinity was shut out for the fifth time this season in dropping to 0-3 in the league standings and 0-8 for the year.

The last time Jordan-Matthews blanked an opponent was in a 26-0 conquest of Carrboro on October 28, 2016, while the Jets' last Homecoming win was a 49-0 rout of Chatham Central on August 29, 2014.

Friday night's victory also halted J-M's 15-game losing skid against PAC 7 rivals since joining the conference three years ago.

While Jordan-Matthews' rushing attack was held to just 80 yard on 38 carries, quarterback Calvin Schwartz enjoyed his most productive outing of the season, completing six-of-16 passes for a career-high 105 yards despite tossing two interceptions.

"We knew we would be in a dogfight with Trinity and felt like the game would be won late," said Jets' coach Sam

See VICTORY, page B2



Staff photo by David Bradley

Trinity's Caleb Green watches Jordan-Matthew's Johnny Person catch a long bomb deep in Bulldog territory late in the third quarter of their game last Friday in Siler City. Both teams were held scoreless until the third quarter, when J-M put six points on the board.

## 'Nastiest catch' highlights Southern Durham's defeat of Northwood

BY ATTICUS CROTHERS  
News + Record Staff

DURHAM — "That's what we call Odell Beckham," Darius Robinson said. "Odell Beckham in high school. That's a great catch."

The Southern Durham head coach wasn't the only one surprised by Aaron Hall's remarkable one-handed touchdown grab.

"I knew I was going to get the ball," Hall said. "I just wasn't expecting to get it like that."

The receiver's third touchdown of the game gave the Spartans a 31-0 lead over Northwood with 3:40 to go in the second quarter and headlined a dominant performance for Southern Durham in a 49-3 win over Northwood on Friday night at Spartan Stadium.

Southern Durham improved to 7-1, while Northwood fell to 4-4.

"We ran into a bit of a buzzsaw," Chargers coach Cullen Homolka said. "We got in our heads a little bit and we broke down in areas where we really need people to step up."

Just three plays into the game's opening drive, an interception from Northwood quarterback Jack Thompson set up the Spartans with good field position, and they quickly capitalized when Omari Smith found Hall on a crossing route for a 39-yard touchdown.

Hall, who is being recruited as

a defensive end, then recorded his 15th sack of the season on the ensuing series.

Jacquez Warren intercepted Thompson less than three minutes later, the second of five interceptions for the Spartans.

"In my opinion we have the best defense in the state," Hall said. "We can't be stopped."

Smith proceeded to lead the offense down the field and found Hall once again, on a 17-yard slant to make it 14-0 with 4:09 remaining in the first quarter.

A minute into the second quarter, a 40-yard field goal from John Paulino extended the lead to 17 points.

After a missed field goal from the Chargers, Smith brought his team 80 yards down the field in just five plays, culminating in a 40-yard touchdown pass to Tyreek Lloyd, on yet another crossing route, bringing the score to 24-0 with 5:46 left in the half.

"He's playing well," Robinson said of Smith. "He's getting better and he's going to be a great quarterback moving forward."

Smith was far from done. Just two minutes later, he hoisted a 20-yard high fade toward Hall in the back corner of the end zone. The receiver reached up and, despite defensive pass interference, snared the tip of the ball with his right hand and somehow secured

the catch.

The stadium erupted into pandemonium while several Spartans sprinted down the sideline in disbelief.

"All you could say was, 'Wow,'" Robinson said. "You'll probably only see those once or twice in your lifetime and we were able to see it live."

Hall was the least amazed of anyone when describing the catch. "I think it's the gloves," Hall said of his new Wake Forest receiver gloves he had been given earlier in the day. "It hit the glove and never came out. It just stuck to me. Lucky gloves."

Before the sideline even had a chance to settle down, the Spartans had scored again, 42 seconds later, on a 1-yard quarterback sneak from Smith after a Shawn Chappell interception.

The only drama left for Southern Durham was whether the defense would be able to preserve the shutout and secure the corresponding reward of donuts at the team's Saturday rehab lift. In three previous conference games, the Spartans had allowed just 14 points and earned donuts twice.

However, on the next series, Aidan Laros converted a 47-yard field goal with 1:23 left in the half to give the Chargers their only

See DEFEAT, page B2



Staff photo by David Bradley

### I see the finish line!

With less than a quarter mile to go, Woods Charter's Maddy Sparrow leads the pack of most of the girls running cross country in last Thursday's meet at Cedarock Park in Burlington. Six schools competed in the 1A conference race, with Woods collecting 60 points for the girls team, with Sparrow finishing second in the event of more than 20 girls. Her unofficial time for the 3.1-mile course, over uneven terrain with exposed tree roots and rocks, was 22:27.





# Wilson runs wild as North Rowan rocks Chatham Central

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

SPENCER — Malcolm Wilson torched Chatham Central for 304 yards and seven touchdowns Friday night in Spencer as North Rowan smashed the visiting Bears 72-3 in a 1A Yadin Valley Conference clash.

Chatham Central remained winless at 0-4 in the league and 0-8 overall with the loss while North Rowan remained tied atop the YVC standings with North Stanly with a 4-0 mark and 6-3 record overall.

For the Bears, it was another dismal performance against a conference slate that opened with the top three teams, including the Cavaliers, the league preseason favorite.

"It's been tough, we're missing so many players due to injury that we are depending on a lot of young and inexperienced players," CC head coach Sherman Howze said after the

loss. "North Rowan is senior dominated and we couldn't match their speed or strength."

Howze was impressed with the effort of Wilson whose seven touchdowns in a game set a Rowan County record.

"He's a workhorse of a back, runs hard and also has some speed," noted Howze. "The North Rowan offensive line deserves a lot of credit as well. They are a veteran unit and play well together."

Wilson did all his damage on a modest 11 carries but it was the opening play of the game that set the tone of the game as the Cavalier senior reeled in the kickoff and raced 95 yards to pay dirt to send the hosts up 7-0 before adding touchdowns jaunts of 70, 7 and 9 yards to take a commanding 29-3 advantage after one quarter in the books.

Only an Abad de la Sancha field goal from 32 yards out kept the Bears from being shut

out in the opening stanza, and ultimately the game. A 44-yard pass from Michael Moore to sophomore running back Malachi Moore, the later of which saw his first action of the season, set up the field goal.

"Abad is having a great year for us all over the field," added Howze. "He's a good football player and one of the best kickers in the state."

Chatham Central would not score again as North Rowan erupted for 23 more points in the second quarter to take an insurmountable 52-3 advantage at the break.

North Rowan quarterback Kyree Sims, who completed 4-of-5 passes in the contest for 34 yards, got into the scoring action in the second with a 34-yard scramble to the end zone before Tyshon Sifford darted in from seven yards out with just over three minutes left in the stanza to push the lead to 45-3, and to start a running clock.

Wilson would score a final time in the half just before the buzzer, this time from 38 yards out, and coming after the Cavaliers stopped a fake punt by the Bears.

With the clock running, the contest ended quickly in the second half, but North Rowan found the end zone three more times on just four offensive plays with Wilson scampering 64 yards for a touchdown at the 6:25 mark before a TSION Delaney blocked punt sparked the Cavaliers taking over at the eight yard line of the Bears, with Wilson blasting in for the score on the very next play to give the hosts a 66-3 advantage.

Chatham Central received a break in the fourth when North Rowan fumbled on its own 33 after an exchange of possessions and Trey Clay pounced on the loose pigskin. The Bears quickly moved to the 8-yard line of the Cavaliers when Michael Moore hit Hunter Strickland

on a 25-yard pass play. On the ensuing play, however, North Rowan's Omari Harris stepped in front of a Moore aerial and returned it 86 yards with just over five minutes remaining to make the final 72-3.

"That has sort of been our season, we make some plays then mistakes hurt us," closed Howze. "We have Homecoming this week so our kids will be excited and we will get back to work and continue trying to improve."

Moore closed 13-of-20 for 147 yards for the Bears who closed with 174 of total offense. Malachi Moore hauled in four passes for 62 yards while Strickland added three for 41, Brady Cunnup three for 20, and Sancha one for 20.

North Rowan, which rushed 451 yards in the game on 17 carries, received 76 and 68 yards on the ground respectively from Sifford and Sims, all on three totes apiece.

## TENNIS

Continued from page B1

Kate Fletcher won the singles top-seeded match over Taylor Hughes 6-0, 6-2 for Thomas Jefferson (6-3) before Claudia Dearnest bested Cameron Hughes 6-4, 4-6, 10-2 at No. 2 in the best played singles match of the day.

At No. 4, Margaret Schweppe topped Mary Grace Murchison 6-1, 6-3 to send the Gryphons in front 3-1.

Then came the rally for the Lady Bears as Ellie Phillips downed Jones 6-0, 6-2 at No. 5, and Brooks routed Coldren 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6 to even the score at 3-3 headed into doubles.

In top-seeded doubles action, the Hughes twins fought fiercely and edged Fletch and Sophia Hayes 8-7 to send Chatham Central in front for the first time in the match 4-3.

Thomas Jefferson would not go down without a fight, however, as Dearnest and Schweppe outlasted Sophie Phillips and Murchison 8-6 at No. 2, setting up the winner

take all showdown at No. 3 won by a heroic effort from Ellie Phillips and Brooks.

Down in Williamston on Thursday afternoon, Chatham Charter opened the NCHSAA 1A Dual Team state play-offs with a convincing 9-0 thrashing of Riverside-Martin.

The Lady Knights dominated from start to finish with Rachel Brookshire starting things off by demolishing Khugboo Patel 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 singles.

Emery Eldridge followed with a 6-0, 6-0 blanking of Lindsay Sexton at No. 2 before Lorelei Byrd hammered Sydney Sparrow 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3 to move the lead to 3-0.

At No. 4, Ashlyn Hart topped Meredith Eure 6-1, 6-0 before Emily Stecher rolled past Brieanne Guidry 6-0, 6-0, and Rebecca Brookshire cruised past Haven Howard 6-3, 6-1 at No. 6 to send the Knights into doubles leading 6-0 and the match clinched.

In doubles, Rachel Brookshire and Byrd slammed Patel and Sparrow 8-1 at No. 1 before Rebecca Brookshire and Byrd disposed of Sexton and Eure 8-3

at No. 2.

Hart and Stecher closed out the win in style by drubbing Howard and Sexton 8-0 at No. 3 to cap off the 9-0 triumph for the Knights.

Chatham Charter (9-5) was scheduled to battle East Carteret (11-4) down on the NC coast on Tuesday, October 22, weather permitting.

In individual state play, Avery Headen and Lindley Andrew of Jordan-Matthews qualified for the NCHSAA 2A State Championships in doubles by virtue of their performance on Friday and Saturday at the Mideast Regionals in Carrboro.

Headen and Andrew open state play on Friday, October 25 versus Megan Smith and Lindsay Ray of Forbush High School. A win would propel the Lady Jets to the second round against the victors of the match between Lindsay Dickens and Alyssa Byrum of Bertie versus Olivia Pursley and Anna Trace of Hendersonville.

Individual state championship tennis action will take place at the Burlington Tennis Center.

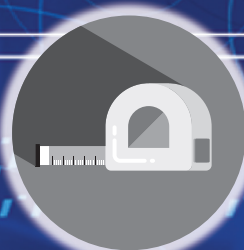


Staff photo by David Bradley

## Over the hills we go

Woods Charter's Ember Penney and Dahlia Kilgore sprint toward the finish line, just over the hill, at last Thursday's cross country meet at Cedarock Park in Burlington. Kilgore finished 21st in the race, with a time of 25:28, and Ember Penney was 22nd, with a time of 25:45 for the 3.1-mile course.

# BUSINESSES & SERVICES



# DIRECTORY

**CROSSROADS BACKHOE SERVICE**

- Install and Repair Septic Systems
- Pump Existing Septic Tanks
- All Sorts of Backhoe Work
- Specializing in Bush Hogging
- Ponds, Ditches & Driveways

Call Monty Justice  
@ (919) 545-4107

See Us For:  
Commercial Refrigeration  
Heating & Air Conditioning  
Sales & Service

**LANGLEY**  
Refrigeration Company  
Ph: 742-2777

**FOR THIS SPOT CALL**  
(919) 663-3232

**THIS SPOT CAN BE YOURS!**

Call Advertising @ 919-663-3232

**D & G PLUMBING**

Plumbing Problems?  
Commercial and Residential Installation and Service  
Located in Siler City

Locally Owned and Operated by Greg and Donna Kennedy  
Licensed and Insured  
Office: 919-742-4587 Cell: 919-427-2374

**Caviness Farms**

GRADING AND HAULING  
Siler City, NC • 919-548-3064

**CHRIS CAVINESS**  
GRAVEL • TOPSOIL • POND • MULCH • FILL DIRT  
DRIVEWAY • LAND CLEARING • SITE DEVELOPMENT

**TREEMASTERS**

- Brush Chipping
- Tree Climbing • Stump Removal
- Free Estimates

(919) 775-7408  
Tommy Dunigan Cell: (919) 548-3542

**ASHEBORO TIE YARDS, INC**

Beautiful Yards Start Here!

Mushroom Compost • Shredded Hardwood Mulch  
Pine Mini Nuggets • Brick Chips • Sand • Top Soil  
Black, Brown & Red Mulch • White Pea Gravel • Railroad Ties

205 Hanner Town Rd. Bear Creek  
(2 miles South of Bonlee on Old 421)  
Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 7 AM - 4 PM, Fri. 7 AM - 12 PM  
(919) 837-2822 • We Deliver!

**THIS SPOT CAN BE YOURS!**

Call Advertising @ 919-663-3232

**CAMPBELL PAINT & BODY**  
161 Vernie Phillips Rd - Bear Creek, NC 27207  
Phone: (919) 898-4911

- 24 Hr. Towing Service
- Insurance Claims Handled
- Collision Repair Specialists
- Have An Accident - Request Campbell's
- We Pick Up Your Vehicle & Handle Insurance & Repairs

Find the help you need in the *Services Directory* of Chatham News + Record

**Advertise Your Business in the Service Directory for ONLY \$20 PER WEEK!**

# Fall sports in focus



Staff photo by David Bradley

The 2019 Homecoming activities included a performance by The Jammin' Jets, Jordan-Matthews' marching band. Alex Domingez accompanied the band on the field with the flute, playing theme music from the movie, 'The Wizard of Oz.' Drum Major Myriah Pettitt, dressed as Dorothy from the movie, directed the assembled musicians.

Trinity's Caleb Green and Cristian Moore grab Jordan-Matthews' Jayden Davis late in the third quarter to stop his bid for a touchdown. Brought down near the goal line, the Jets suffered several penalties and a quarterback sack before turning over the ball on downs.

Staff photo by David Bradley



River Mill Academy's Nick Ortega chases the ball along with Chatham Charter's Casey Wanless on the new soccer pitch at Chatham Charter in Siler City Oct. 14. The Knights defeated the Jaguars 2-0, with both goals scored in the second half of the match.

Staff photo by David Bradley



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' 2019 Homecoming King Jerrell Brooks and Queen Sheila Hernandez were announced at halftime Friday in Siler City.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Wood's Charter's Chloe Richardson follows the trail past horses and fencing to the finish line, with a time of 23:33, scoring ninth in the conference meet at Cedarock Park in Burlington on Thursday.



**CENTRAL  
PIEDMONT**  
URGENT CARE



*October Is*



breast cancer  
**awareness**  
*month*

**101 Walmart Supercenter  
Siler City, NC 27344**

[www.centralpedmonturgentcare.com](http://www.centralpedmonturgentcare.com) | 919-663-3911



EST. 2016  
**PHARMACY**



**SIMPLY BETTER PHARMACY**

- Compounding
- Personal Service
- Local Delivery
- Adherence Packaging
- Flu Shots
- Genetic Testing
- & More!

**OPEN MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY**  
Locally Owned & Operated by Pharmacist Han Su

**THE VERANDA AT BRIAR CHAPEL**  
98 Chapelton Court, Suite 300  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
984-999-0501 · 501RX.com

# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Monica Gunter, 39, of Bear Creek, was charged October 11 with larceny by employee. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a November 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Kathryn Truitt, 26, of Bear Creek, was charged October 11 with assault and battery. She was held under a mandatory 48-hour domestic violence hold with an October 22 court date in Siler City.

Ernest Wieland Jr., 43, of Timberlake, was charged October 13 with felony larceny, obtaining property by false pretenses and larceny of a firearm. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a November 12 court date in Roxboro.

Christine Jones, 24, of Chapel Hill, was charged October 15 with burning personal property and simple assault. She was held under a mandatory 48-hour domestic violence hold with a November 4 court date in Chatham County.

Christine Hall, 45, of Ashe-

boro, was charged October 15 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$5,000 bond with a November 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Tracy Scoggins, 30, of Chapel Hill was charged October 15 with two counts of failure to appear. On the first, he was released on a written promise with an October 18 court date in Salisbury. On the second, he was held under a \$3,000 bond with an October 30 court date in Asheboro.

Travis Spinks, 38, of Pittsboro, was charged October 15 with assault on a female. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour domestic violence hold with an October 30 court date in Pittsboro.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jamie Clark of Goldston was cited October 10 for failure to reduce speed on West Raleigh Street in Siler City.

Lucio Mendoza, 25, of Charlotte, was charged October 12

with driving under the influence and no operator's license. He was released on a written promise with an October 22 court date in Siler City.

Matthew Davis, 36, of Siler City, was charged October 15 with driving while impaired by alcohol/drugs, driving while license revoked, assault on a government official/employee, failure to reduce speed, resisting/obstructing/delaying a law enforcement officer and driving while license revoked violation. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with a November 25 court date in Siler City.

Jose Moreno of Siler City was cited October 15 for safe movement violation and no operator's license on North Second Avenue in Siler City.

Denice Edwards of Siler City was cited October 15 for reckless driving to endangerment and failure to maintain lane control on East Third Street in Siler City.

Karen Figueroa of Siler City was cited October 17 for no operator's license on North

Second Avenue in Siler City.

Reydi Martinez of Siler City was cited October 17 for safe movement violation on North Second Avenue in Siler City.

Nazih Mogao of Greensboro was cited October 17 for reckless driving with wanton disregard in the Mountaire parking lot.

Charlie Clinard of Advance was cited October 18 for safe movement violation on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

James McNamara of Pittsboro was cited October 15 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Eden Dimitrov of Pittsboro was cited October 16 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Gary Joy of Gwynn, Virginia, was cited October 16 for failure to yield on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Celena Mars of Linden was cited October 16 for lane control violation on U.S. Highway 421 in Siler City.

William Thomas III of Siler City was cited October 16 for failure to reduce speed and expired registration on U.S. Highway 64 in Siler City.

Rebecca Delapaz of Aberdeen was cited October 17 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 1 in Pittsboro.

Saul Marengo Quinteros of Raleigh was cited October 17 for failure to secure load on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Adrienne Pearson of Shelby was cited October 17 for failure to reduce speed on Mt. Gilead Church Road in Pittsboro.

Andrea Baltodano of Chapel Hill was cited October 18 for failure to reduce speed on Farrington Road in Pittsboro.

Manuel Garcia Garcia of Alexandria, Virginia, was cited October 18 with failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 64 in Siler City.

## DEATH FAIRE | NOV. 2 IN PITTSBORO

# Event examines culture of death, dying and living well

PITTSBORO — Abundance NC will host the 4th annual Death Faire from noon until 6 p.m. on Nov. 2 at the Chatham Beverage District on Lorax Lane in Pittsboro.

The event's goal is "an attempt at changing our culture around death, dying and ultimately living well," providing participants an opportunity to explore death in a supportive, festive atmosphere with the goal of moving beyond our culture's death phobia in ways that are both life-affirming and

community building. Organizers note that the event is indeed a fair which does not require "a deep dive into the darkest corners of your soul." It will include workshops, vendors, guest speakers, meditation, dance, food and activities for children.

Charles Eisenstein, the keynote speaker, is a teacher and author whose talk will focus on "civilization, consciousness, death, climate, and the human cultural evolution." There will also be an original dance production by the

Studio A Dancers as well as a "movement ritual" with a collective of local musicians. Music will also be provided by Angela Winter who place a "lute-like ukulele" as well as a second line funeral procession with the Bulltown Strutters.

Speakers will include experts in end-of-life decisions, helping children through loss, experts on living wills and green burials. There will also be an art show at the Smelt, and interactive ancestor altar and a "Before I Die" wall. Vendor spaces including

Oak City Hemp, Chatham Ciderworks, Copeland Springs Farm & Kitchen will be open as well offering food and beverages.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$30 at the door, and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at AbundanceNC.org.

Full event details available at: <https://abundancenc.org/event/death-faire-2019/>

Tami Schwerin, Executive Director of the nonprofit Abundance NC, which organizes the Death Faire, says she developed the event in response to a realization that most people avoided death and that this had consequences. "Death has a direct relationship to how we live our life — and the more we face death, the better we live our life," she says. "I find that the more we embrace death, the healthier and more meaningful our lives are."

Death Faire features art, live music, dance, poetry, storytelling and interactive

**November 2**  
Saturday noon-6pm  
at The Plant 220 Lorax Lane  
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Keynote Speaker Charles Eisenstein, Author  
Heartspace Book Launch by Cathy Brooksie Edwards  
Movement Ritual by Living Arts Collective

Workshops, Vendors, DED Talks, Kid's Activities, Interactive Altar, Meditation, Fire Spinning, Live Music, Delicious Food, Cash Bar, Candles Everywhere, Music, Dance and Celebrate, Art Show.

For tickets and info visit: [www.abundancenc.org](http://www.abundancenc.org)

**DEATH FAIRE**

The 4th annual Death Faire is set for Nov. 2 in Pittsboro.

exhibits to provide multiple entry points into conversations about death. A coffin photo booth, ancestor altar, art show, dance performance and other installa-

tions provide opportunities to reflect on one's own mortality, remember our dead, honor our grief and strengthen community resilience in the face of loss.

"I found resources and supports at the Death Faire that prepared me to be at my mother's side when she died," says Dana Brinson, a Death Faire participant. "I am deeply grateful for this event and am looking forward to participating again this year."

On Nov. 1, the night prior to Death Faire, Abundance NC presents a separately ticketed event called, "An evening with Charles Eisenstein: Serving a More Beautiful World." To purchase tickets for this event, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-charles-eisenstein-serving-a-more-beautiful-world-tickets-62288789446>

**NEW YORK STYLE PIZZA AND SUBS**

**ELIZABETH'S PIZZA**

ITALIAN RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA  
919-663-5555

ASK ABOUT OUR DINNER SPECIALS

**DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS**  
11:00AM - 2:00PM

**Monday**

2 Slices 2 Toppings, Garden Salad & Drink ..... \$8.99  
Any 8" Sub, French Fries & Drink ..... \$8.99  
Large Grilled Chicken Salad & Drink..... \$8.99

**Tuesday**

Any Gyro, French Fries & Drink ..... \$8.99  
Small (Ham, Spinach or Pepperoni) Calzone, Salad & Drink... \$8.99  
Small Lasagna, Salad & Drink ..... \$8.99

**Wednesday**

Cajun Chicken Sandwich, French Fries & Drink..... \$8.99  
Small Spaghetti (Tomato Sauce, Meat Sauce or Marinara) Salad & Drink.. \$8.99  
Small (Pepperoni & Ham) Stromboli, Salad & Drink..... \$8.99

**Thursday**

Buffalo Chicken Sandwich, French Fries & Drink..... \$8.99  
Small Ravioli (Any Sauce) Salad & Drink..... \$8.99  
Large Chef Salad & Drink..... \$8.99

**Friday**

BBQ Chicken Sandwich, French Fries & Drink..... \$8.99  
Chicken Veggie Wrap, French Fries & Drink..... \$8.99  
Large Tuna Salad & Drink..... \$8.99

Available Only At Elizabeth's Pizza of Siler City  
[www.elizabethspizzaofsilercity.com](http://www.elizabethspizzaofsilercity.com)  
119 Siler Crossing Shopping Center  
Siler City, NC 27344  
919-663-5555

VISA MasterCard AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER

Follow Us On Facebook

**CHATHAM HOSPITAL**  
UNC HEALTH CARE  
Invites parents to...  
bring their children out for

**TRICK OR TREATING!!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
FROM 2:00-4:00 P.M.  
IN THE HOSPITAL CAFETERIA

We are asking everyone to bring one food item per child to donate to our food drive this year.

**475 Progress Blvd • Siler City**

**CHATHAM COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM

4221 Silk Hope Rd., Siler City, NC  
SILK HOPE RURITAN BUILDING

**FARM BUREAU CHATHAM**

This event is open to Chatham County Farm Bureau Members.  
Please bring canned food donations for Food Pantry.

# Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



© 2019 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 35, No. 46

## Ghost House Supports the Community



Help the ghost find its way into the Ghost House!

In 1969, a group of five women in Fremont, Calif. wanted to find a way to raise money to help build a YMCA to provide a place for after-school sports, crafts and other activities. They came up with the idea of creating a haunted house and Halloween carnival. They named their group the **Candle Lighters**.

community needed. So each year, hundreds of volunteers help create the Ghost House.

Fill in the missing vowels to discover causes that Ghost House funds have been used for:

W \_ T \_ R \_ P \_ R K

M \_ S \_ \_ M S

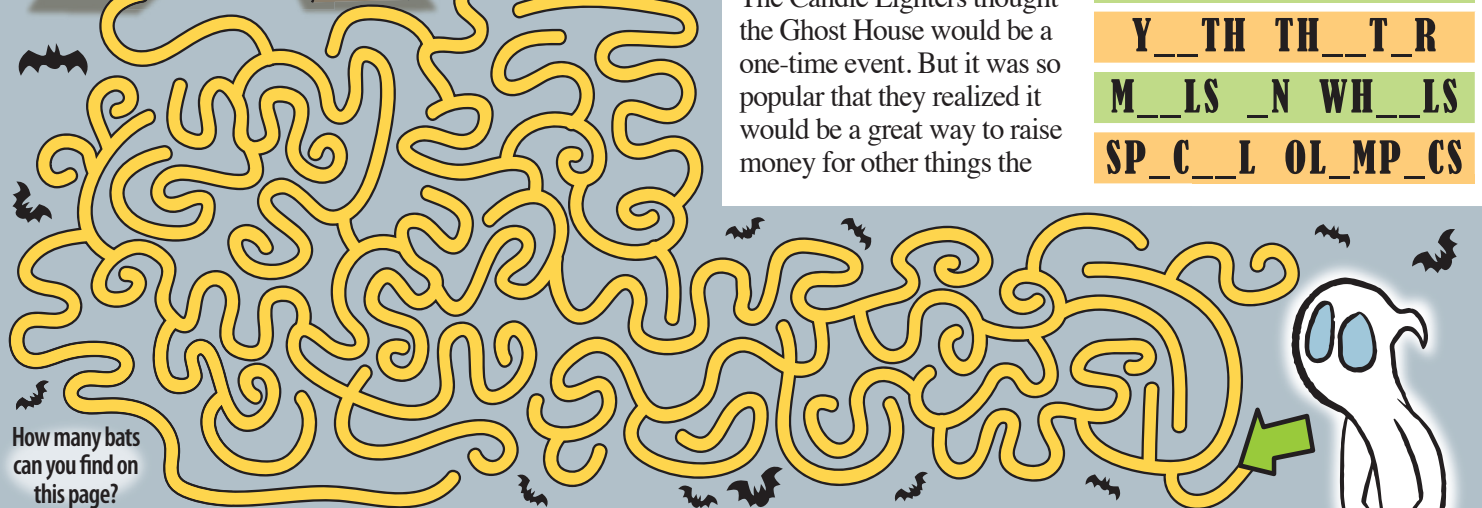
SCH \_ \_ L S

Y \_ TH TH \_ T \_ R

M \_ L S \_ N WH \_ L S

SP \_ C \_ \_ L OL \_ MP \_ CS

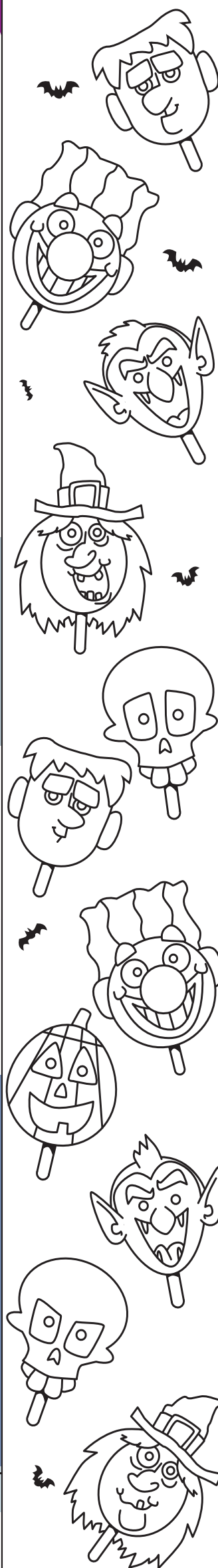
The Candle Lighters thought the Ghost House would be a one-time event. But it was so popular that they realized it would be a great way to raise money for other things the



How many bats can you find on this page?

### Matching Masks

Look closely! Color the two masks that are exactly the same. Circle the mask that is one-of-a-kind.



Standards Links: Visual Discrimination: Find differences and similarities in common objects.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **COMMUNITY**

The noun **community** means the people living in the same place, such as a village or city

Hundreds of people in our **community** watch the annual Halloween parade.

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

### DRESS FUN CREEPY TEENAGERS GHOULS

## Ghouls and Good Fairies

Local \_\_\_\_\_ volunteer to become "ghouls" in the Ghost House. Wearing \_\_\_\_\_ costumes and makeup, they hide in dark corners to jump out and startle visitors.

The Candle Lighters understood that haunted houses can be scary for some kids (and adults, too!). To make the Ghost House \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone, they have volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ up as "Good Fairies." The Good Fairies lead people through the Ghost House and keep the \_\_\_\_\_ from scaring people.

Hold this page up to a mirror to find out how much money the Candle Lighters have raised to help their community over the past 50 years!

!lsoo !snihts zoloz !si ot lloblol otl egnit hcei rof owl gnit (s)ilil !gnit

This little ghoul knocked some of the words out of this article. Can you fix it?



How many differences can you spot between these two pictures?

### Extra! Extra!

## Halloween Scavenger Hunt

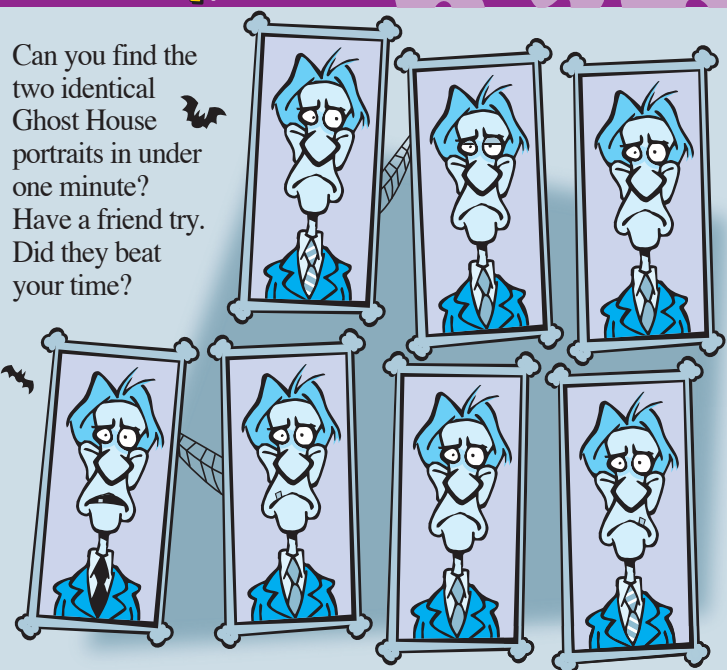
Look through the newspaper for:

- A word that means the opposite of scary
- A funny Halloween costume idea
- A photo with signs of fall
- An advertisement with a Halloween theme

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

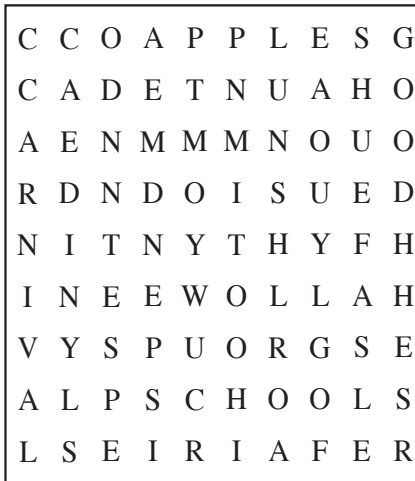
Can you find the two identical Ghost House portraits in under one minute? Have a friend try. Did they beat your time?



### Double Double Word Search

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

- CARNIVAL
- SCHOOLS
- HAUNTED
- FAIRIES
- APPLES
- GROUPS
- GHOST HOUSE
- MONEY
- CANDY
- GOOD
- IDEA
- SAFE
- FUN



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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

## Good in the Neighborhood

Find a newspaper article about a local event that is raising funds for a good cause in your community. Write down **WHO** is running the event, **WHAT** the event is, **WHY** it's happening and **WHERE** this event will happen.

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

WHAT DID THE GHOST TEACHER SAY TO HER STUDENTS?

ANSWER: "Watch the board and I'll go through it again!"

### Write On!

## Woman I Admire

Write about a woman that you admire. Include at least three facts about this woman's life and explain what you admire about her.

**Chatham YMCA**

- CHATHAM YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP
- YMCA DAY CAMP: PITTSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- YMCA DAY CAMP: PERRY HARRISON SCHOOL

287 East Street, Suite 412, Pittsboro, NC 27312  
More Info: 919-545-9622

## Chatham News + Record

Subscribe Today  
919-663-3232

CHATHAM COUNTY EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

# Patrick Tillett | Chatham Center for Innovation

**Grades/subjects you teach:** 9th and 10th grade Math I, II and III, Discrete Math

**E-mail address:** ptillett@chatham.k12.nc.us

**Date, place of birth:** November 29, 1958, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Education (high school & college attended, degrees):** Firestone High School; Kent State University, B.S. PE/Health; Chapman University, M.A. Administration

**Brief work history:** Teacher, 27th year; U.S. Air Force, seven years active duty, four years reserves in military intelligence

**Teaching honors/awards:** 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year for the Chatham Center for Innovation

**Hobbies/interests outside teaching:** Sports, baseball, basketball, dogs, beach

**Family:** Married with five kids, seven grandchildren

*On teaching...*



Submitted photo  
Chatham School of Science & Engineering student Lily Taylor (second from right) and her sister, Miana, look on while Science & Engineering educator Patrick Tillett speaks with their father, Mark, during open house on campus Aug. 6.

**What led you to a career as a teacher?:** Actually to be a coach in baseball and basketball.

**Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them?:** Mrs. Goroner, Latin/English. Taught me how to

work my best!

**Has becoming a teacher been all you expected it would be?:** Yes, very fulfilling and fun.

**How has teaching changed since you were a student?:** The technology is so different now.

**What "makes your day" as a teacher?:** Seeing a student smile because he/she solved a tough math problem.

**What's working in schools today?:** Schools do so much: educate, feed, bus and help kids grow.

**What's not working?:** We

need more teachers.

**What's your favorite memory of your first year as a teacher?:** Dissecting frogs in 7th grade.

**How would your "teacher" persona handle you as a student?:** Probably with humor and enthusiasm.

**Best piece of advice for other teachers?:** Have fun — our children are the country's best and most important resource.

**For students?:** Never give up. Try your best.

**For parents?:** Support your kids with love and positive attitudes.

**If you were superintendent for a day, you'd:** Have all school personnel switch/trade jobs for one day.

**What about your job would surprise your non-teaching friends the most?:** How many decisions a teacher makes every day.

**If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be?:** Always try your best and

never stop learning.

**When you think about today's kids, you:** Realize how much they will need to know in their lifetime.

**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?:** Funny.

**Favorite movie about school or teaching:** "To Sir With Love"

**How would you summarize your teaching philosophy?:** Try to have all my students like math.

**What five things must every teacher know?:** Your subject, your students, yourself, humor and patience.

**What's special about your classroom?:** It is very inviting and supportive.

**What's special about your school?:** It's a fantastic place to learn. We are a family here.

**Most unusual question you've ever gotten from a student?:** Did you know Abraham Lincoln?

NEWS BRIEF

**ForestHer workshops set for November**

Women landowners and natural resource professionals interested in learning more about management and conservation of private lands are invited to attend one of three ForestHer NC workshops to be held across the state in November. This is the second in a series of workshops. The workshops will run from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and cost \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required.

Registration includes lunch and handouts. Note to natural resource professionals: this workshop has been approved for continuing education credits (CFE, EE, and TWS). For details

contact foresthernc@gmail.com or call 919-917-8646.

A local workshop will be held on November 7 at Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro.

To register by mail, contact us at foresthernc@gmail.com or call 919-917-8646.

ForestHer NC is a new initiative created by conservation organizations in North Carolina to provide women who are forest landowners with tools and training to help them manage their lands and become more engaged in forest stewardship.

According to the Women Owning Woodlands network and data published in the National Woodland Owners Survey, "the percentage of family forest

ownerships where a woman is the primary decision maker doubled from 2006 to 2013. These women make decisions for 44 million acres of America's family forest land." In North Carolina, 65 percent of private forestland is jointly owned by women, yet statistics indicate that women are significantly less likely to attend conventional landowner programs and participate in management activities.

"Research shows women are starting to have a greater influence on private lands management, which reinforces the need for us to develop a program specifically designed to appeal to women and engage them in conservation practices" said Kelly Douglass, a technical assistance biologist with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "We hope this program will foster a sense of community among participants, provide them with an opportunity to learn from others in a positive, encouraging environment, and ultimately help them reach their conservation goals."

ForestHer NC is sponsored by conservation organizations including the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, U.S. Forest Service, N.C. Tree Farm Program, N.C. Forest Service, Audubon North Carolina, Wild Turkey Federation, N.C. Cooperative Extension, and the Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project.

— CN + R staff reports

## BRINGING HEMP TO THE SOUTH

*Local, Loyal, Dependable*



192 Lorax Ln,  
Pittsboro, NC 27312  
919-880-8164  
oakcityhemp.com



**Thur – Sat 1-8pm • Sun 1-5pm**  
**Closed Mon – Tue • Wed 5-8pm**

# TRIANGLE FITNESS 24/7

**FALL SPECIAL**

Sign up by October 31  
and get a membership for  
the remainder of the year

for only

**\$50<sup>00</sup>**



**118 SILER CROSSING • 663-2289**

THE UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM COUNTY AGENCY PROFILE

# Partnership for Children

*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.*



**Chatham County Partnership for Children**  
**Focus Area:** Nurturing Youth & Families  
**Name of United Way Supported Program(s):** Raising a Reader  
**How will the Partnership for Children use United Way donor**

**dollars?:** United Way funding will be used to support the implementation of an evidence-based early literacy book rotation program in partnership with early childhood education centers and families across Chatham County. The program will reach more than 350 children and will engage each child's entire family in literacy strategies that are proven to build a lifelong love of reading.

**Why is this program essential to Chatham County?:** Over half our children enter kindergarten without the basic literacy awareness they need to succeed in school. Our long term goal, in collaboration with Chatham County Schools, is to achieve grade level reading by 3rd grade for 100 percent of our students. This goal is essential for the long term success of our students and our society. Grade Level Reading is

a critical economic influencer for our community.

**How does the program make a difference in the community?:** Families all over the county are developing literacy routines early in their children's lives, including increased use of the public library and increased daily book sharing.

**Please share a story about a Chatham resident this program helped and the impact it made:** Raising a Reader was particularly successful in an Early Head Start classroom in Siler City this year. The classroom consisted of eight low-income toddlers, some of whom were limited English speaking, and two teachers. At the beginning of the year, the teachers made home visits to each family. During these visits, they explained how Raising a Reader works, highlighted the importance of sharing books

with children at home, and provided early literacy ideas to the parents. Additionally, both teachers attended Raising a Reader early literacy trainings throughout the year and implemented the new strategies they learned to improve the literacy environment in the classroom. They were consistent in sending the Raising a Reader book bags home with the children, and they read to the children daily in the classroom. In a just a few short months, the teachers reported that children were able to recognize some of their favorite Raising a Reader books by the covers and enjoyed the RAR books being read at school. During subsequent home visits, parents shared that they enjoyed reading with their children and that many had established a reading routine at home for the first time.

IN THE EVENT OF AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY ...

## Thousands across Southeast U.S. learn real lessons from virtual earthquake

**BY RANDALL RIGSBEE**

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — At 10:17 a.m. last Thursday, Oct. 17, a virtual earthquake shook the southeastern United States and an estimated 350,000 students throughout the region reacted.

Among them were the students in Beth Vaughn's high school science class at the Chatham Center for Innovation, who momentarily stopped their mid-morning studies to calmly take cover under their desks and grab hold of something steady.

It was, of course, a drill; but an important one, said Brian Haines, a spokesman for the N.C. Dept. of Public Safety, which spearheaded state-wide participation.

"One of our goals here at Emergency Management," said Haines, "is to help people prepare for different events that may occur: hurricanes, torna-

does, earthquakes."

Called the Great Southeast Shakeout, and billed as the world's largest earthquake drill, last week's practice run was part of that planning process.

"North Carolina itself is not highly earthquake-prone," Haines acknowledged, though earthquakes do occur in Tar Heel State, particularly the western portion.

And knowing what to do should the earth underfoot ever actually move is smart, Haines said.

The potentially life-saving steps — followed exactly by Vaughn's science students — are easy: Drop, cover, and hold on.

"These simple steps allow you to get down before you're thrown to the ground, provide protection from falling or flying items, and increase your chances of surviving a building collapse," advises a release from the Dept. of Public Safety.

"By identifying places you can shelter safely in your home or workplace and by practicing going to those places, you increase the likelihood of surviving an earthquake."

The drill is part of Chatham County Schools' overall safety program, for students and faculty alike.

"From a safety standpoint, we try to be proactive so when the real deal happens we're prepared," said John McCann, the county school system's public information officer. "In that spirit of preparedness, we're always drilling, and getting advice from the experts, because you never know."

Bobby Dixon, principal of the Chatham Center for Innovation, which houses Chatham County Schools' Early College program, said students are no strangers to drills. Periodically, they practice fire drills, lockdown drills and tornado drills.

Students take them seriously, he said.

"They know it's for their safety," said Dixon, "and they know it's good practice."

At the appointed time last Thursday — joining an estimated 2.3 million people across the southeastern United States — the students went into earthquake mode.

"We're going to pretend the classroom is shaking," Dixon announced to the classroom full of students, who then sprang into action — without horseplay or cutting up —

calmly standing at their seats before taking cover beneath the classroom furniture, grabbing table legs for support.

Sean Abenes, a freshman in Vaughn's class, said the drill was "interesting" and informative.

"I feel like I know what to do now," he said.

His classmate, sophomore Gracie Culberson, agreed.

"Even though earthquakes are not frequent around here," she said, "they can still happen."

She experienced one herself, when she was

8, recalling "the whole house shaking. It was scary, so it's good for us to know what to do."

Vaughn, likewise, felt the aftershocks of an actual earthquake, seven or eight years ago when teaching in Johnston County.

"My desk was literally shaking," she said of the experience, which lasted a few seconds. "We do live near a fault line and we have to be prepared."

*Randall Rigsbee can be reached at rigsb@chathamnr.com.*

Ranked #1  
 houzz  
 CHAPEL HILL  
**buildBOLDnc.com**



BRIARCHAPELPOTTERSTONEWESTFALLGOVERNORSCLUB  
 CHAPELRIDGEAMBERLYP... WINDFALLFEARRINGTON  
 THEPRESERVEAT... COLVARDFARMS  
 GOVERNORS... INAPRESERVE  
 THEHAM... ROSMONT  
 CHA... REST

**THE CHATHAM COUNTY REAL ESTATE EXPERTS**



*Domicile*

REALTY

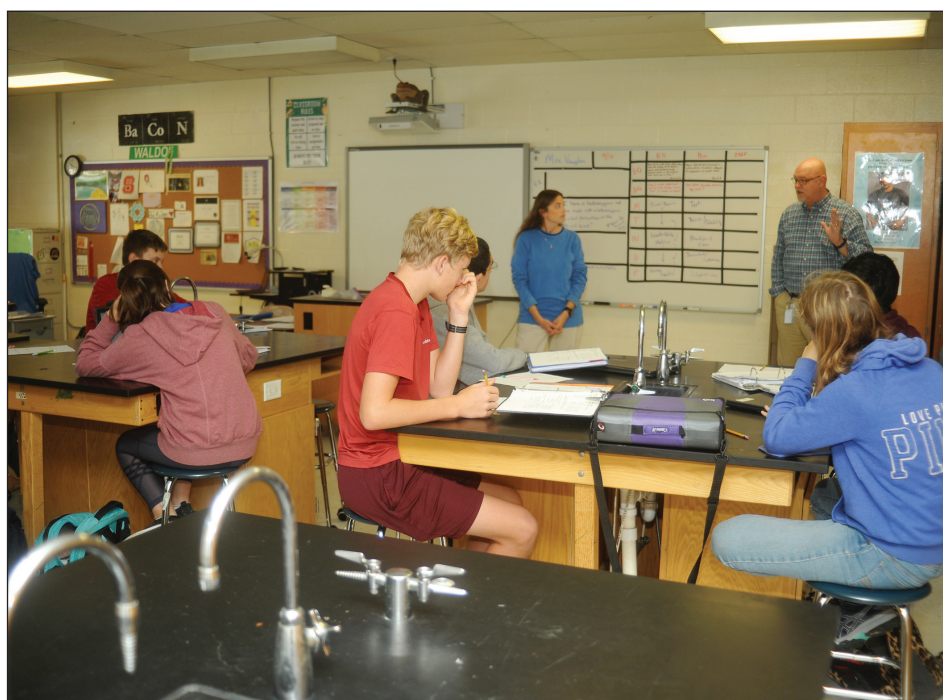
**DOMICILEREALTY.COM**

**(919) 590-0266**



Staff photo by David Bradley

Kayleigh Smith and Annika Lowe share a safe space under a science desk at the Chatham Center for Innovation in Siler City.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Students in the Honors Biology class with teacher Beth Vaughn listen to Principal Bobby Dixon as he explains safety procedures before an earthquake drill last Thursday.

# Murphy is dynamite in ‘Dolemite,’ but Snipes steals the show

Rudy Ray Moore's audacious and profane comedic persona undoubtedly influenced a generation of comedians, foremost among them being Eddie Murphy. That said, there's a lot of Murphy in his portrayal of Moore in "Dolemite is My Name," a loving biopic as ostentatious as its subject.

Moore's famous foul-mouthed limericks are front-and-center, alongside his never-say-die compulsion to find fame. But this Moore is a rapid-fire loudmouth wearing Murphy's trademark wide grin and piercing cackle. The film might be Rudy Ray Moore's story, but this is Eddie Murphy's Rudy Ray Moore. And there's nothing wrong with that.

Moore was a struggling singer and comedian whose 1960s stylings were suddenly outdated at the outset of the 1970s. While working at an L.A. record store, he comes across the idle ramblings of a homeless man named Rico, who spouts odd, elaborate rhymes about a fictional larger-than-life hero named "Dolemite." Moore appropriates these stories into a new stage persona, a raunchy, flamboyant rogue with an inflated sexual prowess and rebellious undercurrent.

Dolemite becomes a hit on the comedy tour circuit. When Moore needs to spice up his act, he brings on a brash female foil named Lady Reed

(Da'Vine Joy Randolph). When record companies wouldn't cut or sell his albums because of their explicit content, Moore and his friends produce and market their own, finding an eager market. When radio stations wouldn't play his act on air, he finds a friend who will. And when movie producers reject Moore's desire to make films, he cobbles together his own makeshift production company using his own money, time, and an odd array of acquaintances that includes white film students, a social justice dramatist named Jerry Jones (Keegan-Michael Key), and black actor-turned-director D'Urville Martin, played to hilarious effect by Wesley Snipes. Their finished product is a ragged, laughably amateurish effort whose antiestablishment undercurrent strikes a chord with African-American audiences and becomes a lucrative touchstone of blaxploitation movies.

Director Craig Brewer ("Hustle and Flow") has his finger on the pulse of both the hardscrabble setting and the rhythms of his subject matter. Brewer successfully straddles the line between conveying the inanity of Moore's approach and efforts and paying respect to his ambitions and accomplishments. In that way, it's a fun, more enjoyable analog to "The Disaster Artist." Still, the film is decidedly soft focus, paying passing lip service to any in-depth examination of Moore's background or the inner demons that drive his compulsion for approval.



Photo courtesy of Netflix

Eddie Murphy stars in 'Dolemite Is My Name.'

It's darn difficult to steal scenes from Eddie Murphy, but Wesley Snipes does just that with his zany interpretation of the eccentric Martin, a self-styled artiste who views his collaboration with Moore as slumming without recognizing that it's the one place he finally receives the credit and esteem he clearly craves.

Snipes and the rest of the standout cast notwithstanding, "Dolemite is My Name" is an Eddie Murphy showcase. Sure, it'll spark your deserved interest in both Moore and the blaxploitation genre. But more than anything, it'll again

## DOLEMITE IS MY NAME

**GRADE:** B  
**DIRECTOR:** Craig Brewer  
**STARRING:** Eddie Murphy, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Wesley Snipes, Keegan-Michael Key and Craig Robinson  
**MPAA RATING:** R  
**RUNNING TIME:** 1 hr. 58 min.

remind us that Murphy is a singular, underrated talent whose absences and shortcomings are mostly self-imposed. Brewer is

slated to direct Murphy again in next year's "Coming to America" sequel. Here's hoping his revival continues.

**Sweet Deal**  
 Purchase any coffee and chocolate and we'll give you a copy of the  
**Chatham News + Record**

**Sweet Bee COFFEE SHOP**  
 18A East Salisbury St.  
 Downtown Pittsboro

**CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS**

## Chatham BOE considering new location for new Central Services building

**BY ZACHARY HORNER**  
 News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — After an offer of land from the Chatham County government, the Chatham County Board of Education may take a different direction with a new administrative office building.

The board decided last week to spend a month thinking about and discussing locating the district's new Central Services building on Renaissance Drive off of U.S. Hwy. 64 west of Pittsboro, the current location of the county's detention center and Animal Services office. The current plan is to put the new building in front of the old one.

County Manager Dan LaMontagne, who presented the item along with Commissioners Chairman Mike Dasher, said the county was "real excited about this opportunity," particularly to "anchor" the area with the Central Services building and the county's new Emergency Operations Center.

"Our intention is to master plan this property," LaMontagne said. "This is in the direct middle of the county. We're very excited about this and we think this is a great opportunity to anchor this property."

Schools officials said

the relocation would likely add a couple months to the project's construction timeline.

A 2014 facility conditions assessment stated that the current Central Services building, located at 369 West St. in Pittsboro, had passed its intended lifespan and was in need of costly repairs. In addition, the building is not large enough to house all the district's administrative staff — some work out of Horton Middle School — and more space would be needed as the county grows in population. The most recent projected cost was more than \$11 million, but the potential addition of a warehouse, as discussed last week, would increase that cost.

The board was generally positive about the plan, but multiple members said they wanted more time before making a firm decision.

"I think it's difficult to make a decision on something that we really haven't had a chance to do our due diligence on," said board member Melissa Hlavac.

The current plan has already been set in motion, but no construction work has been done. Randy Drumheller, CCS' director of maintenance and construction, said the district has already spent \$122,000 on architectural work — "most" of which can

be repurposed to the new site — and \$20,000 on site surveys, money which won't be able to be recouped.

The board agreed to discuss the item again in a month and delay anything on the current site that would be a cost.

Board member David Hamm expressed concern about what would happen to the old building, saying it would be a poor decision to move if the current offices would be left vacant.

"On one hand, I see y'all coming and laying out a golden platter for our facility," Hamm said, referring to the county's offer of land. "But at the same token, that site the building is on has been there and meant a lot to this community for a long time."

LaMontagne, Dasher and district COO Chris Blice said there's still plenty of time to find something to do with the building and the site.

"This allows all of us to get onto the same page, and keep that construction schedule going," Dasher said. "When we're all on the same page, we can start thinking about what the site could potentially be."

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at [zhorn@chathamnr.com](mailto:zhorn@chathamnr.com) or on Twitter at [@ZachHorn-CNR](https://twitter.com/ZachHorn-CNR).

**Siler City FALL-O-WEEN CARNIVAL & TRUNK R' TREAT**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**  
 Movie will begin at 7:30pm

**BRAY PARK**  
 800 Alston Bridge Rd, Siler City

**HAY RIDES**  
**FOOD TRUCKS**  
**INFLATABLES**  
**GAMES & MORE**

**MOVIE IN THE PARK!**  
 Hotel Transylvania 3 will premier under the stars at 7:30pm on the big screen. Bring your blankets, chairs, friends, & family for a FREE movie in the park!

Siler City Parks & Recreation | (919) 742-2699

CHATHAM CH@T: UPLIFT CHATHAM

# UPLIFT's Poverty Awareness Day set for Nov. 9

Poverty is a sad reality for thousands of Chatham residents. This week, we speak with John Moore, the founder and executive director of UPLIFT Chatham, once known as Circles Chatham. The organization — the acronym stands for Understanding Poverty: Lifting Individuals and Families Together — began in 2012. Moore has a bachelor's degree in computer engineering and worked as a certified project management professional. During his 30 years at IBM and two years at SunTrust Bank, he held several technical and management positions in computer hardware and software development, and in test and quality management. He has also served in leadership roles in his churches and in parent-teacher-student organizations.

**What is UPLIFT Chatham, and what's the organization's objective and mission in Chatham County?**

UPLIFT Chatham is a grassroots organization of diverse, motivated people seeking to help our neighbors who are stressing with the financial realities of low-income living in Chatham County. Our mission is to equip people who are struggling financially with access to the opportunities, education, and relationships they need to become self-sufficient. We do this through a model of empowerment, listening first to discover strengths and building upon them. Holistically recognizing the interconnected parts of individuals and communities (financial, intellectual, relational, physical, spiritual, etc.). UPLIFT promotes leadership and self-governance from within, working WITH people versus working FOR them.

Our objective is to provide a means for people to realize and navigate a path to financial self-sufficiency and break the cycle of generational poverty. It's all about relationships — bringing together people from all walks of life, with the range of strengths they bring to the community, focused on helping our neighbors. Ultimately, working with social service agencies, non-profits, government, business and corporations, education, health care, faith communities, and individuals, we strive to eliminate poverty across the county.

**One of the questions you pose to the community at large is: Can you survive a month in poverty? Many families in Chatham do, but what's the message the community as a whole needs to know about that struggle, and what it means to be forced to survive when you're living at or below the poverty line?**

The struggle hits many more people than those that are at or below the poverty line. Poverty levels, which are set

annually by the federal government, do not come close to reflecting the actual costs of living families incur, which are usually about twice as high as the poverty rate for just a bare bones budget.

There are systemic barriers to moving to financial self-sufficiency. For instance, there's the "Cliff Effect" — which reflects the fact that the way public benefits are calculated, as people strive for success by doing better at work and earning raises, as income increases incrementally benefits decrease at a much higher rate. These include benefits received by many families to maintain a basic life (such as food stamps, child care subsidies, children's health care insurance, etc.). For example, when someone is successful in a job and earns an increase of, say \$1/hour (\$80/month), the result could be a decrease of \$200 in food stamps. So the net result is lower effective income and falling further behind. Where is the incentive to improve and get ahead?

Come learn more at our workshops on Saturday, Nov 9.

**UPLIFT's Poverty Awareness Day is Nov. 9. Let's look at both parts of the event — the first is a conversation about the scope and challenges of poverty. What can participants expect to hear and learn?**

Our workshops are intended to provide insight, understanding and inspiration to people who have not experienced poverty.

Perspectives on Poverty is a fast paced workshop in which we cover a wide range of topics and information, including the above issues. We go deeper into the Cliff Effect and other structural barriers people encounter. We talk about how different institutions define poverty by numbers, how social services then use those numbers to calculate benefits...and how this compares to the actual costs of living in Chatham County. We show what income level is needed to break through the dependency on benefits, achieve financial self-sufficiency, and have control of your life.

It includes engaging small group activities which provide insight into real life scenarios for families with low income, identifying some of the barriers to achieving equity.

We also share solutions — what can we do as individuals/friends and as organizations to support families in a compassionate, caring, and, yes, uplifting way.

**The Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) is also a part of the event. How does taking part in the COPE typically impact those who take part?**

The COPE poverty simulation offers an opportunity to gain a glimpse into



Staff photo by David Bradley

**John Moore is the founder of UPLIFT Chatham. The organization works to break the cycle of poverty by identifying and targeting problem areas, and finding solutions to bring a better life to Chatham residents.**

the lives of families in our communities that face poverty every day. The experience gives participants an opportunity to move beyond stereotypes to a more holistic understanding of the causes and effects of poverty. Also captured in the experience is the role that the broader community plays in their interactions with low-income families. The experiential nature of this training helps individuals, organizations and communities more deeply understand the complexities of poverty, paving the way to address the issues more comprehensively.

During the simulation, you will take on the role of a person in a low income family and attempt to navigate your responsibilities for a simulated one month. As you plan tasks and responsibilities with your "family" and then proceed to interact with community resources and the other families, you will begin to gain greater insight into the struggles some families live with on a daily basis in real life.

A very common word we hear from COPE participants is that the experience is "powerful." You come away with an appreciation of what some of our neighbors experience, resulting

in a higher degree of compassion and empathy. Many are inspired to do something with their new knowledge — from simply treating others more kindly to working within their circles of influence to make a difference.

Here are a few participant quotes: "What a powerful experience! It has changed my perspective permanently." (HK)

"This will make me look on others with more compassion." (AM)

"I did the COPE a couple of years ago and I still vividly recall the experience." (PS)

"[I'm a teacher and] I now understand that when a child doesn't complete homework, it's sometimes due to circumstances in the home, beyond the child's control. I now handle these situations with more compassion." (RG)

**Can you talk about how UPLIFT works with other agencies in the county to address the topic of poverty?**

From our very beginnings, we knew the issues of poverty was larger than any single organization. As we delivered our unique services we partnered with such organizations as Central Carolina Community College, Chatham Literacy Council, Chatham Habitat for Humanity as well as local professionals to deliver specialized programming our members needed to help them achieve their goals.

We have learned from our early experience and, along with recent research seeking an even more effective way to impact more people, we discovered an effective, evidence-based approach which will have a greater collective impact in our community. We are in the early stages of identifying and talking with several organizations to partner on the development of a pilot program to offer seamless, coordinated delivery of a set of key core services at a single, accessible site.

The results of this approach used by other organizations across the country have shown that people who participate in this level of integrated services are 3-4 times more likely to achieve a major economic outcome!

**How can people help or get involved?**

A great start is to register and participate in the Nov. 9 Poverty Awareness Day workshops. Register from our website at [www.UPLIFTChatham.org](http://www.UPLIFTChatham.org). The workshops provide foundational understanding of the community, the issues, and the opportunities. If that date does not work for you, reach out to UPLIFT via email at [info@upliftchatham.org](mailto:info@upliftchatham.org) and we'll set some time to talk.

**Committed.  
Respected.  
Loyal.**

For 50 years, Sanford Contractors has delivered high-quality construction services and formed trusted partner relationships.

- BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
- COMMERCIAL BUILDING
- SITE DEVELOPMENT
- UTILITY CONSTRUCTION



**Building with Trust for 50 Years**

[SANFORDCONTRACTORS.COM](http://SANFORDCONTRACTORS.COM) | 919.775.7882

## Why sell your valuables through Trader Chris Consignments?

Because we get *worldwide results. Fast.*



**Rare Joseph Stalin Statuette**

Sold for \$1025.00  
Shipped to United Kingdom

**1950's Superman Comic Book**

Sold for \$623.00  
Shipped to Little Neck NY

**14K Gold Waltham Pocket Watch**

Sold for \$1239.00  
Shipped to Foster City CA

With over 16 years of eBay experience, we know how to get top dollar for your valuable collectibles, jewelry, estate silver, and watches on eBay. Trader Chris provides free, no-obligation estimates and uses state-of-the-art tools to research, track, and ship consignments worldwide. Most consignments sell within a few weeks, not months.

For more information, please call us at (919) 448-7325 or visit [www.traderchris.biz](http://www.traderchris.biz)

**TRADER CHRIS**  
CONSIGNMENTS

The modern way to sell your classics



# A rebirth: Chatham Hospital to resume maternity care in September 2020

**BY ZACHARY HORNER**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment stated that there were no child birthing centers currently in the county, and that the county ranked in the bottom quarter of North Carolina's 100 counties for average distance between home and a hospital offering childbirth services.

That's all about to change.

Chatham Hospital in Siler City will resume maternity care starting in September 2020, according to hospital president Jeff Strickler. The hospital shut down its birthing care unit more than 20 years ago, but a shift in the national conversation about maternal care and a desire to provide more local healthcare has changed things.

Strickler said that more than 700 Chatham residents every year drive out of the county — an average of 25 miles according to the CCCA — to give birth in a medical facility.

"We think that a significant portion of that can and should be treated

in Chatham County," he said. "We're looking at developing a model where mothers can deliver in Chatham County. It will be more of a family medicine-based model versus an obstetrician-based model."

What Chatham Hospital is doing, Strickler said, is trying to be on the cutting edge of birthing medical care, precipitated by multiple factors. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, half of U.S. counties lack a single OBGYN, and by next year, there are projected to be 8,000 fewer obstetricians than needed. That number may rise to 22,000 by 2050. The lack of OBGYNs, medical experts say, has been a factor in a national increase in maternal deaths, infant mortality and birth complications.

"The growing OBGYN shortage represents a serious threat to women, many of whom are low-income and in remote rural areas, and who need quality prenatal care, cancer screening and other vital services," Dr. Janis Orlowski, chief health care officer of the Association of American

Medical Colleges. "We need to work to solve this problem with all the tools at our disposal."

Chatham Hospital discontinued its birthing services, Strickler said, because it had an older maternity care staff, declining birth numbers and a retiring obstetrician. The infrastructure and staff was too expensive for the number of babies born each year, so the hospital cut the program. But UNC Health Care, which operates Chatham Hospital, is trying to see "what care can remain local versus what care can be at that high-end, academic medical center," Strickler said.

So the hospital will introduce a somewhat-new model that is gaining traction around the country: family physicians as the doctors guiding mothers through pregnancy and the birthing process.

Doctors practicing family medicine treat patients "from birth to grave," Strickler said, and those professionals are becoming more involved in hospital-based care across the country. Chatham Hospital will take advantage of this



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

**Chatham Hospital in Siler City is planning to restart maternity care, including births, in September 2020. The hospital stopped its previous maternity program more than 20 years ago.**

shift, and doctors will be supported by family medicine physicians that can do Caesarean sections and obstetricians will be on-call if needed. Dr. John Cullen, president of the American Academy of Family Physicians, made the argument that, particularly in rural areas, family physicians are the "best choice" for maternal care.

"Our broad scope of practice allows for coverage of multiple areas in the hospital," Cullen wrote on AAFP's website in October 2018. "Skills learned in family medicine residency can be honed with experience. A laborist model does not work where a lone obstetrician is on call 24/7, and midwives lack the surgical skills for operative obstetrics. On the other

hand, three family physicians can safely provide obstetrical care, including operative obstetrics, if they and their nursing staff are well trained and committed."

Strickler said high-risk pregnancies will be directed to higher-level hospitals, but anything that's low-risk can be taken care of right in Siler City.

"By using this family medicine-based model and still having a lot of that support, at least access to (it) — for the majority of the deliveries, they're perfectly appropriate with a family medicine physician and some specially-trained physicians for that," he said. "We just think that would be a better model for that. We're going to pilot that here in Chatham, and hopefully this will be

a sustainable model that can be duplicated around the state and around the country."

The hospital is going to be remodeling a wing of its facility to accommodate the new program. The design phase is underway, with demolition and construction set to start in the new year. Prospective Chatham mothers who become pregnant in the early days of 2020 may be able to give birth in their home county.

"We're really excited to bring that service back to Chatham County," Strickler said. "We want to keep as much care local as we can."

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at [zhorn@chathamnr.com](mailto:zhorn@chathamnr.com) or on Twitter at [@ZachHornCNR](https://twitter.com/ZachHornCNR).



**NERICCIO'S**  
**FAMILY RESTAURANT**  
DINE-IN • TAKE-OUT • DELIVERY

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR**

## Grand Opening

**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 29TH**  
**RIBBON CUTTING AT 1PM**

**Cake and coffee will be served! Enter to win a \$20.00 Gift Certificate. Drawing will be at 6pm. Winner does not need to be present.**

**919-799-7647**

**1110 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC**  
Next to Car Wash (Site of the Old Copper Penny Restaurant)

## Column, the first

Greetings, Chatham County.

My name is Debbie Matthews, and I am delighted to be writing this new weekly column for the Chatham News + Record about food, cooking, and all the culinary etcetera that pops into my head.

But first, I think it's only fair to tell you a

bit about myself, to have some idea of what you're getting yourself in for.

Raised in a Coast Guard family, I moved often as a kid, but I've spent most of my life in N.C.. I've been married to Petey since Swatches and Cabbage Patch Kids. We have one child, The Kid, who was educated at the New England Culinary Institute in Vermont, and aside from being a pretty awesome spawn, functions as my kitchen co-conspirator.

My favorite foods are potato salad and birthday cake. I know all the lyrics to Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, and I can bend my thumbs backward at a 90 degree angle. I love dogs and have a 120-pound Akita goofball named Crowley.

My favorite movie is *The Big Chill*. I'm also a big fan of carbs, sleeping in, old-school Gothic romance novels, and cute shoes. I have three magazine subscriptions: *Our State*, *British Cosmopolitan* and *Mad Magazine*.

I loathe corduroy, raspberries, fake Southern accents, and bad journalism. People who abuse the less powerful are evil, and "naked" cakes and vegetarian "cheese" are abominations.

I believe new sweatsuits and flannel sheets, warm from the dryer, are a gift. I am impatient to a pathological degree, which makes me a dreadful road trip companion. I love swimming in the ocean, walking in the woods, and look forward to the State Fair like a 4-year-old. Listening to good music while preparing good food makes my day.

If you have questions or comments, please sing out. I promise I will answer each and every missive. You can reach me at [dm@bullcitymom.com](mailto:dm@bullcitymom.com).

For my first recipe, Gentle Reader, I'm giving you my extra-strength brownie recipe. These treats are so good, they will make you the rock star of any picnic, bake sale, or potluck. They

also have a dirty little secret.



**DEBBIE MATTHEWS**  
The Curious Cook

They come from a box.

I use one from Betty or Duncan with words like "dark," "chocolate,"

and "fudge" on the front. Then I make according to directions.

Except. I add a heaping tablespoon of dark cocoa powder, a big pinch of kosher salt, and a capful of vanilla extract to the mix. I replace the water it calls for with espresso — not enough to make the brownies taste like coffee, but deepens the flavor of the chocolate.

Next up: stir-ins. I change them up frequently, but lately I'm adding one bag of Ghirardelli milk chocolate chips and half a bag of Nestle's semi-sweet minis. But any stir-ins you prefer add flavor and personality. You do you.

Before baking I top the batter with broken pretzel pieces. Then halfway through baking, I spin the pan 180 degrees for even baking, and sprinkle on ½ cup of M&Ms. Or, before baking, drop six big dollops of peanut butter or dulce de leche onto batter and gently swirl until it looks tie-dyed.

But the most crucial part of the recipe is cooking time. Cook it 1-2 minutes less than the box instructs — they'll be moist and not cakey. After baking, let cool on counter for 45 minutes, then in the fridge until fully chilled. This'll set that fudgy consistency.

So, Gentle Reader, thank you for having me. And, while I can't promise this space will always be hilarious, I can promise you that these columns will always be about food, and they will always, always be honest.

Thanks for your time.



LCG ENRICHMENT CENTER

## 2019 Fall Festival

1615 S. THIRD ST. | SANFORD, NC 27330

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**  
**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Purchase from more than 50 tables filled with woodcarving, jewelry, paintings, baked & canned goods, homemade soaps and lotions, candles, Christmas decorations, hand sewn items and much more!

Grilled hot dogs and sausage dogs with all the trimmings - chili, slaw, & onions.  
Drinks and Fresh Baked Goods will be available for purchase.

**Lending Paws A Hand, Inc.**  
**Animal Rescue**  
will have pets on site ready for their "forever" home! **9 AM - 1 PM**



**20% off Inventory!**  
**Orders accepted.**

All food and cutlery proceeds benefit **The Enrichment Center, Inc. Helping Fund**  
*The Helping Fund assists Lee county older adults who are in a crisis situation with the basic necessities of life.*

**LCG Enrichment Center**  
NC Certified Senior Center of Excellence  
1615 S. Third St. | Sanford, NC 27330  
919.776.0501 ext. 2201 | [www.leecountync.gov/ec](http://www.leecountync.gov/ec)





