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## SILER CITY ELECTIONS **Grimes handily wins** re-election as mayor

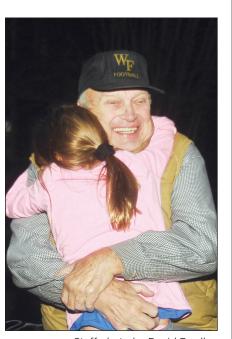


Siler City Mayor John Grimes (left) celebrates winning re-election to his seat with new Commissioner Curtis Brown, who deafeated incumbent Michael Constantino in the town's District 3 race.

Curtis Brown takes Dist. 3; wine, beer votes pass

water and sewer capacities, as well as job creation.

The 2019 election was Reddick's third attempt to secure the town's top spot. He ran a campaign focused on unifying a diverse community, economic growth that would bring jobs that paid a living wage, revitalizing downtown, and affordable safe housing, and received 23 percent of the vote. Adams, a first-time candidate and Siler City business owner, campaigned on revitalizing Siler City, improving water and sewer quality and capacity, bringing quality business and jobs to the town and bringing affordable and sustainable housing. According to unofficial results, Grimes received 468 votes, Reddick came in second with 176 votes, and Adams garnered 110 votes, or just under 15 percent. Grimes awaited the results at the Siler City polling sites with supporters including friends and family. Rosemary Lentzen, a supporter Grimes' wife Cecelia called his "number one vote getter," was on hand as



Shipp top vote-getter, **Bonitz and Farrell** re-elected to Pittsboro town board

#### **BY ZACHARY HORNER** News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Both incumbents seeking re-election to the Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners retained their seats Tuesday night, but it was a first-time candidate who earned the most votes.

Kyle Shipp led the field with 623 votes to earn a spot on the five-person board, while John Bonitz (504 votes) and Jay Farrell (464 votes) each earned another four-year term on the board as the top three vote-getters from a field of seven candidates, according to unofficial tallies.

They will join Jim Nass, who ran unopposed to replace to departing Cindy Perry as Pittsboro's mayor, as part of the town's governing body.

Bridget Perry finished fourth in voting with 432 votes, with Heather Johnson (322), Lonnie West (251) and Pam Cash-Roper (230) rounding out the field in fifth, sixth and seventh place, respectively.

The board was slated to get at least one new commissioner after current board member Bett Wilson Foley's decision to not seek re-election, and it ended up being Shipp. A Michi-

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## NAACP, Chatham for All file to participate in statue court case

**BY CASEY MANN** News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The legal fight over the ownership of the confederate statue located on the grounds of the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro may have new participants.

#### **BY CASEY MANN**

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City Mayor John Grimes retained his seat Tuesday by a comfortable margin, winning 62 percent of the vote and earning another term in office after defeating challengers Jackie Adams and Albert Reddick.

Grimes has served in the role since being appointed to the seat in 2013 after more than a decade on the Siler City Board of Commissioners. A 50-year resident of Siler City, he's a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired businessman. In his campaign, he championed his record — including \$32 million in grants the town has received during his tenure — and removing the burden on taxpayers for expanding and upgrading the town's

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Grimes gets a big hug from his granddaughter Sophia Grimes Tuesday night after learning of his re-election.

The West Chatham Branch of the NAACP and the activist group "Chatham for All" together filed a motion Monday at the Chatham County Justice Center requesting to become defendants in the case which pits the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy against the Chatham County Board of Commissioners following the commissioners' vote in August to take steps to remove the statue. Also on Monday, the attorneys for the Chatham County Board of Commissioners requested an extension of 30 days, or Dec. 23, in order to respond to the UDC's original complaint.

The West Chatham Branch of the NAACP and Chatham for All are being represented by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, with co-counsel Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Raleigh. A statement from the groups notes that the Lawyers' Committee "represents organizations which spent years organizing to have the county government

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### **HELPING MEET LOCAL NEEDS** Longtime local volunteer turns tuneful for senior audience

#### BY RANDALL RIGSBEE

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — For Don Lein, retired IBM executive and Chatham resident for going on three decades, volunteering comes easily and naturally.

It's a "way of life," he said. "My philosophy," said Lein, "was succinctly expressed by John Donne in 1624 in his famous quotation: 'No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.'

For his vibrant volunteer spirit, Lein, who is 85, credits not only the influence of his parents (his father, for instance, was an elected town official in New York for nearly 40 years) and the times in which he grew up, when sacrifice and selflessness during the hard years of the second World War were part of the American fabric.

There wasn't anything that wasn't affected by the war," he said, "and everyone made sacrifices. You certainly got those lessons out of World War II. The world was very much with you then and you were aware what a very small speck you were in this great big galaxy." Those lessons stuck.

Employed as a litigation

consultant with IBM when he and his wife, Marian, moved to Chatham County 27 years ago, buying a house just east of Jordan Lake, he retired from the tech giant eight months after they settled into their new home.

"Shortly after I retired," Lein recalled, "I visited the ranger headquarters [at the lake] and asked what I could help with as a volunteer.'

That modest query soon led to the creation, with Lein's guiding help, of a Communi-ty Advisory Board, which he chaired for a couple of years, and was the genesis of a 27-year record of volunteer service in Chatham County.

That record includes volunteer duties with the Council on Aging (he and Marian chaired the annual "Taste of Chatham" event which raised funds to pay for the county's East and West senior centers), the Senior Games, the Boys & Girls Clubs and the recently-dissolved Chatham Parks Foundation, a group he chaired for two decades which raised money for new county parks and raised public awareness of the need for them.

"When we shut it down re-cently," said Lein, "we donated approximately \$100,000 to the county to be used for parks in the future."

With his 86th birthday approaching soon after the new year, Lein — who took up running in his 40s and became a distinguished competitive runner in his 50s (he also helped establish the annual Reindeer Run running event in Pittsboro, returning for the 15th year next month) – -shows no sign of letting up.

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American music has a rich history, and recently, Don Lien dug into its past to sing songs, mostly from the 1920s, for a special event celebrating 90-yearolds at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center.

Staff photo by David Bradley

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### ON THE AGENDA

• The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Pittsboro Town Hall located at 635 East St. in Pittsboro

#### • The Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14 in the conference room in the new Agriculture Building in Pittsboro. To confirm the meeting or for additional information, call the office at 919-542-8240 or 919-

545-8440, ask for Brenda.

THURSDAY

• Chatham Habitat for Humanity is seeking groups - corporate, school, neighborhood, etc. - to volunteer on their Siler City build sites. Build days are on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For more information, visit chathamhabitat.org/volunteer, or email rachelh@ chathamhabitat.org.

• Chatham Community Library - Volunteer genealogists are available to assist with family history research, whether your ancestors lived in Chatham County, the 50 states, or overseas. A genealogy volunteer is on site in the library most Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and other days and times by appointment. Call 919-545-8086 to make an appointment.

• Chatham County Parks and Recreation is planning to create a Southeast Park in Moncure. Here is your opportunity to be part of the conversation. Attendees will provide input about which amenities and programs the park should have. The next meeting is scheduled to occur from 6 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the Moncure Fire Station #8, 2389 Old US 1, Moncure.

• **Chatham Trades** will celebrate their new business location, 2535 Old US Highway 421 N, Siler City, with a Ribbon Cutting and Open House at 1 p.m. on November 7. Refreshments will be available during the Open House, ending at 3 p.m. Join us!

• Creating Connections Through Fellowship and Food - The Community

stage at Jordan-Matthews High School Auditorium for three performances only. At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14; at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15; and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16. General admission tickets are \$5 each and are available online at JMArtsTickets.com. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Child care will be provided for the Friday and Saturday performances by student clubs with a suggested donation of \$5 per child. No passes, including Chatham County Schools and senior citizens' passes, can be accepted. Everyone entering the theater, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

• The Second Bloom of Chatham Thrift Shop is now open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. We have adult clothing, shoes and accessories in all sizes for your winter weather needs. All proceeds support domestic violence services and education in collaboration with Chatham County. The shop is located on the Courthouse Circle in Pittsboro.

• The **Pittsboro Farmers Market** is open with available items year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. They are located at 287 East Street, Pittsboro.

#### FRIDAY

 Free Friday Music Jam at the Oasis Open Air Market in Siler City from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30-7 every Friday. Get together with the acoustic community of Siler City to play, and sing while enjoying Open Blue Grass, Old-time and County music. If you want to join, show up or email John Eichorn, johneichorn72@gmail.com. Come play corn hole, sit on the patio or stay inside. If weather permits, music is outside on the patio.

 Silk Hope Volunteer Fire **Department Fundraiser Tur**key Shoot will be held Friday nights, thru Nov. 29 at Silk Hope Station #7, 8110 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, Siler City. Shoots run from 7 p.m. to 11. N.C. **Certified Range Officers** will be on hand to provide safe, clean, and alcohol-free fun for the whole family. Factory, unaltered shotguns only, with 410 Gauge Shotguns provided for the little ones, so this is a family event. \$3 and \$5 shots for a variety of meats and money prizes. All proceeds go to the Silk Hope Fire Department.

2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 16, at the Chapel Hill Community Center, 120 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill. Gerrymandering is a serious problem and we need to end it, but that doesn't mean we cannot have fun at the same time! Join us for: games. tattoos, balloon animals, fishing, bean bag toss and more, funny film shorts, Educational Mini-Talks and gerrymander-themed snacks. This event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available.

· Join the gathering for the Bluegrass Jam Circle at Bynum Front Porch Pickin' and make music every 2nd and 4th Saturday (Nov. 14) throughout the year, at 950 Bynum Rd. The circle forms around 10 a.m. until 12ish. Singers, new pickers, (spoons, washboards) and audience members are all welcome! This is an open circle type jam for all skill levels and ages. If you pick, bring your instrument (Acoustic Instruments Only). If you sing, bring your voice. Come to enjoy great music at the historic Bynum General Store. As always. the Circle Jam is Free and open to the public!

 Liberty Showcase Theater announces that Sammy Kershaw will be featured with performances at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, Nov. 8 and 9. Seldom Scene will be featured at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16 and the Bellamy Brothers will be there at 8 p.m. on Nov. 22. The theater is located at 101 S. Fayetteville St. in Liberty. Reservations can be made at 336-622-3844. www.thelibertyshowcase.com.

 Stream Watch with the NHAS is scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 9. John Kent will lead a volunteer team conducting monthly water quality monitoring at several sites on New Hope Creek. If interested in participating, contact John at jnkent25@ gmail.com. A NHAS Bird Walk is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10. Meet in front of the Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Crossing, for around a 3-hour walk at an area site. All skill levels welcome. Contact Vern Bothwell at Vernb2017@gmail.com. -All walks, wear long pants and closed toe shoes with socks. Bring snacks and water if you like.

sounds every Monday at the Pittsboro Roadhouse and General Store, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The dance floor is open and bands rotate. 1st Monday: NC Revelers Orchestra, \$10; 2nd Monday: David Quick Jazz Combo, \$5; 3rd Monday: Triangle Jazz Orchestra, \$10; 4th Monday: Gregg Gelb Orchestra, \$10; and 5th Monday: TBA. For more information, see our website: www.pittsbororoadhouse.com.

#### UPCOMING

 Hands-on Animal Skins and Skulls - All are invited to a family-friendly hands-on program at 2 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 17 at the Bynum Store. Learn about some common mammals of NC by examining their skins and skulls. Patricia Thomas-Laemont, professor at Elon University, will bring her amazing collection of pelts and skulls, and share some fascinating secrets about mammals that are revealed in their bones. Event is sponsored by The Friends for the Lower Haw River SNA.

 Chatham Community Library is offering a series of free computer classes in November and December. You can find a description of each class, including topics covered and prerequisites for attending, by visiting: www.chathamnc. org/ComputerClasses. Drop-in Computer Assistance, from 4-5 p.m. Nov 13; Microsoft Excel Basics, Part 2: from 3-4:30 p.m. on Nov. 20; Google Apps. from 3-4:30 p.m. on Dec. 4; and Drop-in Computer Assistance, from 4-5 p.m. on Dec. 11. The Drop-In Computer Assistance sessions do not require registration. For all other classes, space is limited and you must register in advance if you wish to attend. Register online at the address above. For more information, call 919-545-8086 or email reference@ chathamlibraries.org. All classes take place in the computer lab at Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro, on the campus of Central Carolina Community College.

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

• Jordan-Matthews High School, Class of 1992, It's class reunion time again! Event set for Feb. 21, 2020. Would love to hear from everyone. Contact Amy E. Smith at: https:// www.facebook.com/highschoolgettogetherof1982.

The Chatham Historical

**Museum** is open from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday thru Friday. Our friendly and knowledgeable volunteers are ready to welcome you. Bring your friends and family. The museum is adult and kid friendly. Admission is free. While the usual entrance on the north side is blocked, please enter using the east or west entrances.

**Caregiver Support Group** sponsored by UNC Hospice -This group offers support for those currently providing care to a loved one. Hear information about effective caregiving and share experiences in comfortable surroundings. The facilitator has led Caregiver Support Groups for over 30 years. No registration necessary. Just Come! Every Monday, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sunroom at SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro, 984-215-2675. For more information, contact Annie Ritter: 984-215-2650 or ann. ritter@unchealth.unc.edu.

 The Circle of Support for those who have lost a loved one to death meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the second Monday of each month at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. Come to one or come every month to give and gain support from others who have lost a loved one. Volunteers will facilitate the circle of support. Participants can bring pictures and stories of their loved one as well as questions and concerns. No need to register! Just come! If you'd like further information, contact Ann Ritter, 984-215-2650 or ann. ritter@unchealth.unc.edu. If you need directions, call the Hospice Home at 984-215-2675.

#### • The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players will meet

Road in Chapel Hill. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments welcome. For more information and/or directions, contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol.com or 919-929-5359.

#### **ALSO HAPPENING**

• WGU North Carolina. an affiliate of the competency-based nonprofit Western Governors University, has announced the availability of new Become a Teacher Scholarships, worth up to \$2,500 per student will be available through the deadline of Dec. 31. For more information about WGU North Carolina, visit www. wgu.edu/north-carolina. html. To learn more or to apply, visit the webpage at: https://www.wgu. edu/financial-aid-tuition/ scholarships/general/become-a-teacher.html.

 Updated Voting Laws and Rules, Photo ID and Absentee Voting Procedures - The Chatham Unit of the League of Women Voters of Orange. Durham and Chatham Counties invites the public to a non-partisan educational presentation by You Can Vote, a Durham-based voter registration and education organization. This presentation will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov.14, 2019, at Chatham Community Library located at 197 NC Hwy 87 N, Pittsboro. This session will cover updated voting laws and rules, including photo ID and absentee voting procedures. This event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available.

 The League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham and Chatham counties announces the availability of VOTE411.org, a comprehensive website providing local election and candidate information. Available now, the on-line information hub for the local 2019 Municipal Elections includes candidate questionnaires, sample ballots, polling locations and early and regular voting dates, locations and times. All candidates in Orange, Durham and Chatham races were invited to participate in VOTE411.org. Voters simply enter their address to get a sample ballot that lists all races and candidates that will appear on their ballot. as well as read all participating candidates' unedited

Lunch serves a free hot meal to our walk-in guests from noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday in the parish hall of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Our mission is simple: to provide a healthy, appetizing meal at no cost to all who come to us hungry. We provide a place of hospitality and fellowship for everyone. We welcome all, regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religious preference, handicap, or income.

 Candlelight Reflection Ceremonies will be held across North Carolina in Honor of National Alzheimers Awareness Month and National Caregiver Month. From 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, join the one at Western Chatham Senior Center, 112 Village Lake Road, Siler City, for a time to remember those we have lost and honor those currently living with types of dementia, such as Alzheimers Disease and other progressive illnesses. Support the dedicated family caregivers that have experienced the journey of caring for their loved ones.

• The classic **Broadway musical "Into the Woods"**, an epic fairytale about wishes, family and the choices we make, takes the

#### SATURDAY

• Going Nutz Family Hike -Come for a family friendly hike along the Haw River between 1 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10. Learn how animals and plants prepare for fall and winter. All ages welcome for this easy riverside hike. Meet in the lower parking lot of the Bynum Mill area off Bynum Church Road. Event is sponsored by the Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area.

• Chatham Community Library will host the **2nd Annual Veterans Day Meet & Mingle** from 2-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, in the Holmes Meeting Room. Featured speakers will be local author and decorated veteran Wes J. Bryant, and Army veteran Rusty Edmister, Founder of the North Carolina Military Veterans Oral History Project. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

• The **League of Women Voters** of Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties invites the public to a complimentary, fun, family-oriented event from

#### MONDAY

 Welcome to Writing Toward Resilience, a weekly opportunity for all those who are grieving or current caregivers. We meet Mondays at noon at SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC. Come and enjoy a respite from the demands of your day - to reflect and write. No writing experience necessary. Facilitated by Carol Henderson, a professional writer and workshop leader who has facilitated workshops all over the U.S. and in Europe. No registration needed. The UNC Hospice Home is at 100 Roundtree Circle, behind Bojangles in Pittsboro. 919-984-2675. For further information email ann. ritter@unchealth.unc.edu.

• Circle City Squares is a square dance group in Pittsboro that usually dances on Monday afternoons, currently, from 2 to 5 p.m., but verify the exact time and place. The usual meeting space is the Old Agriculture Building Auditorium, 65 East Chatham Street, located downstairs in downtown Pittsboro. Cost is \$5 per person each week. For more information or to verify the time/ place, email: gunnhsd@ embarqmail.com.

Big Band swing and jazz

Jan. 1. Call to schedule an appointment with a trained SHIIP counselor. at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Seymore Center on Homestead and unabridged answers to questions on important issues.

## Smith & Buckner Funeral Home

cordially invites You, Your Family and Friends, to our annual Candlelight Service of Remembrance

This upbeat service will include congregational songs of the season along with special music. This will be followed by a short meditation and then the all important reading of the names of deceased loved ones.

### First United Methodist Church 1101 West Raleigh Street Siler City, North Carolina

### Sunday, November 17, 2019 Four o'clock in the afternoon



This tranquil late evening service will warm your heart and uplift your spirit for the holidays. If you have a deceased loved one whose name you would like read at the service, call 919-742-2151 by noon, Friday, November 15, 2019. Names will not be accepted at the door. Our service will be incomplete without your presence.

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### **Biz news: Mountaire, State Fair** and a no-go for Duke Energy

This week's roundup of news and notes affecting the busi-

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ZACHARY HORNER **Corner Store** 

in Siler City, a surprising drop in attendance from a popular state attraction and a follow-up on something we reported on a few weeks ago.

#### **Grimes on Mountaire:** 'Exciting moment in our Town's history'

During the annual "State of the Town" address last week, Siler City Mayor John Grimes spoke about the importance of the opening of the Mountaire Farms chicken plant, which opened on Third Street in Siler City earlier this year.

The company poured \$170 million into the project and will eventually hire a total of 1,200 employees. Grimes said the project represented "resurgence in our local economy by providing investment and employment opportunities.'

"It revitalized and repurposed existing properties, hired many

of our local contractors and merchants during the building process, invigorated our economy and world in lifted our community's spirits," Grimes said. "It gives us great pleasure to partner with Mountaire and on behalf of the includes town, the town board and our citizens, I want to personally say to Mountaire and [Mountaire's Community Relations Manager] Mark Reif, thank you for coming to Siler City.'

#### **State Fair attendance** down

The N.C. State Fair was always a big deal to me growing up, and our somewhat-annual trips were exciting to me and friends that attended with us. But I haven't been in a few years, and apparently I wasn't the only one.

According to a report from WRAL, State Fair attendance dipped by 39,000 from last year total of 938,029 people. That marked the lowest total in five years, even though the 2018 edition closed for one day due to bad weather. The total attendance was also below the average for the past 10 years.

The highest attended day of the fair was Saturday, October 26, when 136,448 people went through the entry turnstiles.

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said Jon M. Greenbaum,

Chief Counsel and Senior

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Chatham commission-

ers voted 4-1 on Aug. 19 to

terminate an agreement

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Deputy Director, in the

#### **Duke Energy-related** bill denied in part

We reported in early October that Duke Energy, which provides power and electricity to the majority of Chathamites and North Carolinians, is seeking a rate hike to help with the shift to cleaner energy and pay for repairs to equipment damaged by hurricanes. While there's no movement on that, there was some movement last week on related legislation.

The N.C. General Assembly killed part of a bill that would allow Duke and other utility providers to get rate increases approved up to three years in advance. The other piece of the legislation, which was approved by the N.C. House and Senate, changed the way utility companies financed storm repairs.

The final bill, Senate Bill 559, altered the way utility providers can finance storm repair efforts in a way that backers sav can save customers money. The final version received unanimous support in both chambers of the legislature.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @Zach-HornerCNR, where he'll be live-tweeting all the government meetings he attends.

## JMArts receives grant for high school artists creating puppets for 'Into the Woods'

SILER CITY — Jor-dan-Matthews High School artists are creating puppets for the fall musical, "Into the Woods," thanks in part to a grant announced Nov. 1.

The \$1,600 Grassroots Arts Grant was awarded to JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, through the Chatham Arts Council.

Grant money is being used to bring artist Donovan Zimmerman to campus during a sixweek fall residency to teach papier-mache technique and help student artists create puppets for "Into the Woods," the school's fall musical with three performances from November 14-16.

Zimmerman is co-founder and director of Paperhand Puppet Intervention, a renowned artistic organization based in Saxapahaw. As described on their website, Paperhand "uses diverse styles of puppetry and artistic expression to create works that inspire, promote social change and are deeply rewarding for all involved.' Art teacher Rahma Ma-

Photo by Rose Pate, JMArts

Artist Donovan Zimmerman watches as Jordan-Matthews High School artists use papier-mache technique to create a head for Milky White, the cow character in 'Into the Woods' being animated by puppeteers.

teen-Mason believes those goals have been shared by her students creating larger-than-life puppets for a musical where fairytale characters get what they wish for, but the consequences aren't exactly what they expected.

'Working with Donovan was an amazing expe-rience," she said. "These papier-mache techniques that we learned will be implemented in my future classes. I know now that anything can be made using the techniques that Donovan taught us. And we are extremely grateful to both the Chatham Arts Council and all the folks who have supported JMArts.

The Grassroots grant was matched by JMArts, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization with more than 80 members and five organizational partners working to provide what JM artists need to excel.

More information about JMArts, including how to become a member, is available online at JMArts.org. Tickets to "Into the Woods" are now on sale at JMArtsTickets.com.

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vote to remove the statue; the groups seek to enter the lawsuit to ensure that the voices of black residents of Chatham are heard.'

'These monuments are a continuing affront to the dignity of African Americans and, just as they did when they were erected, send a message that African Americans



the UDC allowing for the placement of the monument. That vote has triggered protests and counter-protests on most Saturdays in downtown Pittsboro. It also sparked the erection of numerous Confederate flags in town with one, positioned across the street from Horton Middle School, the former segregated African-American high school named in honor of the slave poet George Moses Horton, drawing significant ire from counter-protesters.

Following an October vote by the board of commissioners to authorize county staff to safely remove and store the statue,



Multiple third parties have now submitted requests to Chatham County Superior Court to be party to a legal dispute over the ownership of the "Our Confederate Heroes" monument in Education member) Del Turner and Stephanie Terry, a member of Cha-

tham for All. The motion states that the statue "has drawn widespread public demonstrations by neo-confederate and altright organizations, many of them openly carrying guns, swords and knives and other weapons" and "has become a threat to public safety and a public nuisance." In Terry's affidavit, she notes that her grandchildren, who attend Horton Middle School, "expressed fear about their own safety in school, because in their minds, the flag signifies 'people that hate black people." The motion also states that preventing the removal of the monument "directly implicates and would adversely impact [their] interests as civil rights organizations and advocates of the rights of African Americans.

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#### the UDC filed a complaint and requested a temporary restraining order and injunction while the court's determine the ownership. Last week, the UDC was awarded a 10day temporary restraining order, preventing the county from removing and storing the statue until a hearing on a request for an injunction — pre-

#### downtown Pittsboro. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners and Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are the defendant and plaintiff, respectively.

viously scheduled for this es with Chatham for Friday — was held.

In the motion filed on Monday, the West Chatham Branch of the NAACP, represented by its president Larry Brooks, joined forc-

All, an organization opposed to the confederate statue. The filing includes affidavits from Brooks, Chatham for All board Chairman (and Chatham Board of

File photo

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

### LIEN: 'That's the greatest high you can get'

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In fact, he's recently undertaken a new — and somewhat unusual — volunteer duty: singing.

For the past few months, Don and Marian Don handling vocal duties. Marian accompanying her husband on piano



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— have been entertaining seniors for a once-monthly program of old songs, mostly show tunes, at the East Chatham Senior Center.

It began as an offshoot of his close involvement in the Senior Games when he was having a conversation with one of its organizers. It came up in conversation that Lein, in addition to being a willing volunteer, could also carry a tune. He mentioned he and Marian had played and sung for a Rotary group when they lived in New York and the performances had been well-received.

And he'd had experience singing in churches, mostly as a soloist, but also as part of a choir or two. Working with IBM, he had re-located eight times, joining a church in each new community and 'each time I'd wind up in church singing."

For the seniors utiliz-ing the services of the Chatham County Council on Aging, he and his wife combed through their collection of old sheet music culled from Don's mother's collection and with those songs as a starting point, they took their act to the Senior Center.

Their audience of Chatham County seniors approved.

'They said 'You were a hit! Come back!' So we did," Lein said.

He said he aims to make the program interactive. He and Marian

run through a dozen or more songs, each followed up with questions and answers. Who sang it originally? What Broadway show is it from?

Often, Lein will throw in a little back story about the music. The Kingston Trio's hit "Tom Dooley," for example, is part of the Lein's repertoire and the folk song, he said, is firmly rooted in North Carolina, being a musical recounting of the 1866 murder of Laura Foster in Wilkes County. He throws in that kind of trivia.

The Leins carefully select their song choices, gearing them towards their audience and the occasion. They're busy now planning and upcoming Thanksgiving program, searching for songs about thankfulness

Performing for an older audience, some with memory issues, Lein said he aims to "include them and get them thinking about what you're singing. You want to engage them in a sort of a mental exercise and have good interplay with them. And they really get into it. We've been going back each month.

The Leins, in fact, are part of a large group of local volunteers, and he says it's good company to keep.

'It's rewarding to share your devotion to making things happen," he said. "You do it so others live well and are happier, and at the end of the day, that's the greatest high

you can get."

Dennis Streets, the executive director of the Chatham County Council on Aging, says volunteers like Don and Marian Lein — not only greatly enhance the work of the Council, they're integral to the program.

"We certainly need people to help with activities at both of our centers," he said.

Streets said approxi-mately 300 people volunteer in various capacities with the Council on Aging's East Senior Center (in Pittsboro) and West Senior Center (in Siler City) and additional volunteer help is always needed. Those needs range from clerical duties like answering the telephone to delivering meals through the Council's Meals on Wheels program, which runs 12 routes and currently has a need for drivers, particularly in the western half of the county. Allison Andrews is the Council on Aging's Volunteer Coordinator and may be reached for inquiries about volunteering with the agency at allison. andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org. Of the rewards of vol-

unteering, Lein is certain. 'Idle hands are the dev-

il's playground," he said. "Nonetheless, we receive more than we give."

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# VIEWPOINTS

#### **GUEST COLUMN | ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN**

## An Uncommon Bond: Remembering an old friend

My recently deceased friend was known to play upon his fa-mous namesake: Bond...James Bond. But he preferred to be known simply as Jim.

Upon his retirement as the dean of the Seattle University School of Law, this James E. Bond gave an interview for a local newspaper. In one of the questions, Dean Bond was asked to recite his favorite lawyer joke: "It was so cold today that I saw a lawyer with both hands in his own pockets!"

Jim knew how to deliver a good line.

At his retirement, he was honored at an assembly with other former deans. The subject of his speech was posed as a question: "What makes a law school?

Jim proceeded to acknowledge that the library was important, but it was not the books that made a law school. The classrooms and administrative offices were important, but it was not the buildings that made a law school. Here's Dean Bond in his own words:

"What makes a law school? What is it? It is people. It is people like you and me. People who have shared a common experience though each of us has lived that experience uniquely.

As a pastor, my education and experience are in a different field — although there are plenty of jokes about preachers as well! But I would submit that Jim's answer also applies to the question, "What makes a

### community?" It is the people.

What else can we learn from this James Bond?

Jim authored a book titled "No Easy Walk to Freedom" about the ratification of the 14th Amendment, which addressed the equal rights and protections of former slaves. What's notable to me is that, in one of his other books, "The Art of Judging," Jim argued for what he termed judicial craftsmanship over judicial statesmanship. He argued the Supreme Court should interpret the original text of the Constitution rather than advance progressive ideas of the moral good. This would seem to place him in a certain political camp...

But in 1964, Jim traveled to Mississippi for Freedom Summer to register black voters. He saw that, for his fellow American citizens of color, this truly was "no easy walk to freedom." Jim saw that making distinctions among people led to oppression and evil, and that truth transcends any political

ideology. But I'm not here to bring the gavel down. Instead, remember what Jim said: "People share a common experience though each of us has lived that experience uniquely." As an illustration of that common bond, here's a lean story of spiritual substance from the man's life:

When he had partially retired and was teaching undergraduate students at the University of Seattle, James E. Bond would leave his lovely wife early in the morning and, each weekday, the prestigious dean of the law school would sit and share coffee with...the janitor.

That story preaches itself. So, let me end with Jim's own words from a different speech. Here's how Dean Bond ended the commencement address to law graduates in 1993:

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, go out of this place and make a good living; but more importantly, make a good life.

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

## Time change adjustment just takes ... time

There have been days, though I can't remember specific ones, that I probably could have used



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an extra hour. But Sunday wasn't one of

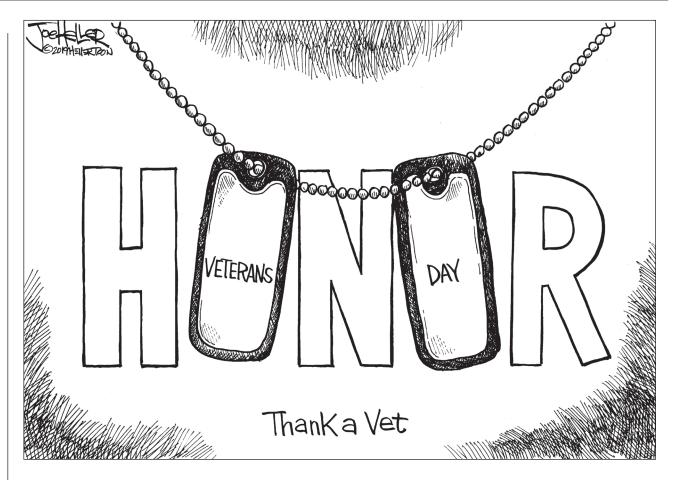
them Not that Sunday — a pleasing day off, after all, and sunny as a bonus — was a bad day, because it wasn't. But Sunday, if I had to find fault, was a tad on the longish side. For this, of course, we can thank the annual, inevitable time change.

**Randall Reflects** any new territory here, grousing about Daylight Saving Time ("spring forward"), or its flip-side ("fall back"). Why

do we do it? I've never heard a compelling reason. To some hearty souls – I know a couple - those forced changes in time, whether forward or back. make no difference. Either way, those

I know I'm not covering

To some hearty souls — I know a couple — those forced changes in time, whether forward or back, make no difference. Either way, those adaptable folks rise and go about their business shining as if nothing unusual adaptable folks rise had occurred. But I'm not one of those hearty souls,



## Better to be at story nstead of being

#### business shining as if nothing unusual had occurred.

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so I've got some grousing to do. I'm more a creature of habit and

my habits largely revolve around my internal clock, which regulates important stuff like when I wake up in the morning.

Because it's internal. I can't reset it with the touch of a switch. It takes a few days to reset itself. It's a process. The process started Sunday morning.

Having gone to bed Saturday night mindful of the imminent time change but too tired to fiddle with clocks (on my nightstand, the oven, the microwave), it came as an unpleasant jolt looking at the digital display on my nightstand, knowing the green, glowing 6:28 on my clock was erroneous and rightly should have read 5:28.

I can drink coffee and waste time for hours on a weekend, so the early rising time — even compounded by that "extra hour" — shouldn't be a big deal.

But I couldn't fight off a sinking feeling in my gut, knowing what lay ahead. I've experienced this before (every year, in fact) and knew that what lay ahead in the hours that awaited.

Still, I spent the day productively, working outdoors for much of it, taking advantage of the lovely early November weather.

But my, how the day did drag. After I'd been awake for about 12 hours, give or take, the clock revealed it was shortly past noon.

Another 12 or 13 hours later, it was a mere 6:30 p.m.

By 7:30 Sunday night, after a long day of chores and clock-watching, I was worn out, mainly more mental than physical, ready to plop myself in bed for the night, had it not been so early.

So I toughed it out another five or six hours until 9:38 p.m. (8:38 p.m., of course, pre-change time) until I decided enough was enough and it was time to bring closure to the neverending story that was Sunday.

Since I've had experience with this a couple of times before, I know how it turns out. I'll feel out of sorts ("unstuck in time," as Kurt Vonnegut aptly wrote in "Slaughterhouse Five," though not actually referencing Daylight Saving) for a couple more days before I start to feel normal again and 9:38 actually means 9:38 and not an hour prior.

Normal is within reach, I know. It just takes a little time.

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#### **BOB WACHS** Movin' Around

Novel, whatever that is, or be the world's foremost sports writer.

As it turned out, neither of those happened, although the late Jack Shaner, Northwood High's football coach of the 1970's, was fond of calling me Grantland Rice, after the noted sports journalist. I got back at him by naming him Knute Rockne, Notre Dame's legendary pigskin leader. And, in reality, neither of us ever achieved the status of our namesakes but we did have fun along the way.

Anyway, as I remember, Professor Ken Byerly of Journalism 53 — dubbed News Writing — told us, in so many words, we needed to get close to the story without getting too close, namely getting in it. That way, he reasoned, we would be aware of what was going on without us as the messenger getting in the way.

I will pause in this line of thought for just a second to point out that I'm pretty sure none and I mean none - of today's TV talking heads ever sat in Professor Byerly's class. He strictly forbid us to become part of the story. "You're the messenger," he told us, "the reporter." That's a novel con-cept, isn't it? You're supposed to be the reporter of what's going on, not the analyzer or the wanna-be or the person to fill in the blanks if the story doesn't go like you want

it to go.

Think I'm kidding? Then tonight just pick a network TV newscast and listen to the "news" — I use the term lightly — and see how much editorializing goes on. It never ceases to amaze me how, depending on the network, three "reporters" can view the same event and come up with four different stories.

Anyway, in an effort to be true to my mentor, who later gave up teaching to move to Montana and run a bunch of weekly newspapers, I did my best to follow his logic. As a result of that desire, I, in time, would find myself in some places, though not necessarily especially dangerous, maybe at least places and events I would not repeat today.

For instance, I rode with highway patrol officers back when you could do that and couldn't get out of the car on some occasions when I thought we were going too fast and I wanted to get out. I sat with deputies in the woods as they waited for moonshine still operators to return to work and went with them when they raided someone's place of business, often their house.

I've climbed really tall towers, rode high in fire truck buckets, climbed too-tall ladders. Once I flew with a crop-duster in his plane, maybe two feet off the ground at, I thought, near the speed of sound and way too close to an approaching patch of woods. When he finally pulled back on the throttle and we went straight up, my heart and stomach took up residence in my shoes. He said it was just business as usual for him.

Now I know this pales in comparison to the many folks who go off to war and live with the troops. Bullets have a way of just going where they go and numbers of correspondents have lost their lives through the years. But I tip my hat

to them. At least they're staying close to the concept of being a reporter. But other efforts leave me wondering.

The arrival of hurricanes several weeks ago and their effect and aftermath is a case in point. Pray tell why does every correspondent, and in many cases the "anchor," feel the necessity to stand out in the driving rain or knee deep in nasty water to talk about the weather? They're getting pelted in the kisser with hard rain and their little monogrammed caps and slickers are blowing around. The wind often interrupts the signal so what you get is a report like "The hur uh k ehh nop will likely cu to flib glibbetz" and the picture freezes with all the little pixels and cells gaudy green colors.

Still, that's what they do, all about the public's right to know and such. But I wonder, especially when what's on is reports urging folks to get out of town for safety's sake, who's watching in their homes if there's no power and folks have left town?

In addition to all that, however, is another very practical reason not to get too close to the story, especially if it's standing outside to report on a hurricane. The day after the brunt of a storm of recent history struck a certain community, the local TV celebrity was standing in a street or on a wall or somewhere dutifully giving his report when a large wave of water came along.

The next sight on the screen was his microphone going one way and him another as he disappeared from sight, courtesy of the power of Mother Nature taking his feet and legs from under him.

Professor Byerly was right.

Don't get in or too close to the story. If you want to editorialize, write a column or an editorial.

Otherwise, just tell the news.

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# VIEWPOINTS

#### An idea about handling impeachment

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I've always marveled at the writings of Alexis de Tocqueville and thought if he had been an American citizen he could have easily been president. However, I didn't know how in-tune he was to our new experiment in democracy until I recently read an 1835 quote from him that says: "A decline of public morals in the United States will probably be marked by the abuse of the power of impeachment as a means of crushing political adversaries or ejecting them from office.'

This makes me even more convinced, as suggested in a Wall Street Journal opinion piece last week, that the Constitution should be amended to allow any president who is impeached, but not convicted by the Senate, to be guaranteed another term in office to compensate for the inability to properly govern during his impeachment.

Such an amendment would have almost certainly resulted in no impeachment efforts against Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton or Donald Trump because all three efforts were directed by their opposing parties.

I fear every future president will be impeached if the opposing party holds a House majority. Our children and future generations do not deserve this insult. Johnson's opposition/veto to the Tenure Act, Clinton's lying about being sexually gratified, and Trump's beating the hell out of Clinton in the Electoral College are not justifiable reasons for impeachment.

And guess who loses from the political insanity.

Philip H. Johnson Siler City

#### An open letter to white supremacy groups

#### TO THE EDITOR:

To all hate groups: we descendants of confederate soldiers beseech you to not show up at the confederate statue in Pittsboro or any confederate monuments in any city. Your very presence is shameful and demeaning to the honor of our ancestors. You dishonor the

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proud Confederate battle flag by associating it with hate, racism and white supremacy. Confederate soldiers, regardless of the false narratives, were not racist and the only hate they entertained was against the usurpation of the constitution by the Federal government.

I say in all sincerity to Neo-Nazi, KKK, white supremacist and other such groups that we who are descendants of the confederacy have no hate or racism in our hearts, it's a shame that y'all do. Some of your members are also descendants of confederate soldiers; if so, then they should honor their memory by not dragging their flag in the mud. In fact, we humbly ask you to quit carrying our ancestors' flag.

The U.D.C. (United Daughters of the Confederacy) obtained a temporary restraining order to prevent officials from removing the confederate statue located at the courthouse square in Pittsboro. A judge will decide whether the county owns the statue or not. Regardless of his ruling, it will have far-reaching consequences and set precedence for the future.

In Gastonia, my current

residence, our confederate statue was moved from our old courthouse in 1998 to our new courthouse at the expense of the city; they knew that it was the people's property. During the renovation of Pittsboro's courthouse in 2010 and the rebuilding after the fire that prevented further renovation, the city of Pittsboro protected the town's confederate statue and may have even temporarily relocated it at the city's expense during rebuilding. Regardless of the judge's decision, North Carolina's statute of protection of monuments makes no distinction of who owns a particular monument. As the statue has been a part of the courthouse for 112 years, it may fall within the dictates of North Carolina statute 47-20.6., which makes it the people's property, i.e. the county.

**Alan Petty** Gastonia

#### No greater 'hate crime' than eliminating rights of Southerners

#### TO THE EDITOR:

When U.S. law covering

hate crimes was voted into existence, surely there was a list explaining the actions that were considered a hate crime. It is my personal opinion that there is no greater hate crime than the attempt to eliminate the Civil Rights of U.S. citizens because they happen to be born in the South. I'm totally surprised Southerners in immediate danger of losing their Civil Rights to keep their history, keep Stone Mountain as is, and to display Confederate monuments haven't filed a Class Action lawsuit charging a hate crime against the parties trying to eliminate their Civil Rights. Every U.S. citizen should be protected by the same laws, even those of us born in the South.

**Carol Gene Good** Conover

#### Correction

The author of the letter to the editor, "The monument is our voice" (Oct. 31-Nov. 6 edition) was Michael Tysor of Bear Creek, not Richard Tysor. The News + Record regrets the error.

## Name-calling won't help N.C. **Gov.** Cooper

RALEIGH — Gov. Roy Cooper is a likeable and experienced politician. But he's not made of



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Teflon. His administration has taken a number of heavy blows over the past month, and his aides have done him no favors by reacting flippantly rather

than substantively. Consider, for example, the current cash crunch at North Carolina's Department of Transportation. Secretary Jim Trogdon blames the problem on hundreds of millions of dollars of hurricane damage and payouts to property owners whose rights

were violated by the state's abusive Map Act. While these costs are real, they don't fully explain DOT's overspending. An outside consultant's report dinged the department for faulty forecasting and cash management. State Treasurer Dale Folwell cited the report's findings as well as DOT's transfer of \$1.1 billion from the Highway Trust Fund to the Highway Fund without his legally required authorization as reasons

## Having to say 'the late' when describing the great

"The late" is a term I am having to insert too many times as I revise and update "North



Carolina's Roadside Eateries,' my book on local North Carolina restaurants near our interstates. Some of the founders and mainstays of my

favorite barbecue restaurants and comfort food

eateries died recently. So I have to insert "the late" beside their names when I describe their lifetimes' great accomplishments, the eateries they made into an icons.

When Lowell Thomas "Tommy" Bullock died last Christmas Eve at the age of 79, his Durham hometown lost an icon. He had learned the barbecue business from his dad Glenn who first opened Durham's Bullock's Bar-be-cue in 1952. Tommy took over the business in 1965 and moved it to its current site in 1970. He made the restaurant a part of Durham's culture and one of my favorite places to eat, run into friends, and celebrate the region's diverse history and culture. Also, I enjoy the tasty offerings of barbecue, fried chicken, and sides. I will always be grateful to Tommy for setting the standard for an ideal community eatery. Folks in Concord thought Raiford Troutman would live forever. He was, after all, their living connection

to almost 100 years of history. His rich personal life was chronicled recently in a book by Michael Eury titled "The Raiford Troutman Story: From Sharecropper to Millionaire with Faith and Family." Mr. Troutman was special to me because the downtown Concord restaurant that bore his name is one of the my ideal gathering places that combines good tasting barbecue and community life. Even at age 92 he regularly made two stops every day: one to the office where he managed his multiple business enterprises, and the other to check on his downtown restaurant, which remains one of my favorite community-building eateries.

Julia Raynor and her husband opened Meadow Village in 1982. Located less than a mile from I-40, just to the east of I-95, Meadow Village Restaurant became a favorite stopping place for travelers between the Triangle and Wilmington. The bountiful and reasonably priced buffet of barbecue, chicken, vegetables, and selections of cakes, pies, and other desserts made for lasting happy memories. Until her death last year, Julia watched over the operation even as she dealt with serious injuries stemming from a 2010 car accident. Although paralyzed from the waist down, she moved about the restaurant in a motorized wheelchair, bringing optimism and cheer to her customers.

and the people it brings together.

Bill's Barbecue near I-95 in Wilson was a temple for barbecue lovers. Even when Bill's 850 seats were full, visiting its plentiful buffet was like a warm family meal. Its founder, Bill Ellis, retired in 2015 and died in 2017. Then, earlier this year the restaurant closed.

The loss of Bill's makes me worry about whether other great icons such as Troutman's, Meadow, and Bullocks can survive losing their founders

We can hope the families and loyal staffs will take and meet the challenge.

But just in case, I am putting all these three survivors on my bucket list for a visit next year. And to fill the void left by Bill's closure, I am adding Marty's, owned by Bill's son, Lawrence, who gets great reviews from the people who loved his dad's offerings.

There is something you could do as well. Look around your hometown for the eateries that have served as gathering places for many years. Put together a small group of friends and eat a meal there. To make it a special occasion of appreciation, take a photo and share it with your local newspaper.



why Cooper should replace Trogdon.

Rather than responding to these specific concerns, the governor's press office put out a statement rejecting what it termed "a financial lecture from the nation's least effective state Treasurer." DOT's money woes have complex origins and consequences, to be sure. But Trogdon's defense neither required nor was advanced by such adolescent name-calling.

Much less money is at stake over at the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, but its recent miscue inflicted more political damage.

The department handles a decades-old program called the N.C. State Scholarship for Children of War Veterans. The department sent out a letter informing colleges and universities that scholarship payments would be "delayed until further notice," citing the budget impasse between Gov. Cooper and the General Assembly. But according to reporting by WBTV's Nick Ochsner, there was neither a fiscal nor a legal reason to suspend pavment. Whether this was simply an administrative screw-up or a purposeful attempt to pressure GOP lawmakers, it was incredibly foolish.

Meanwhile, the Department of Health and Human Services is mired in its own controversy over awarding a Medicaid contract to a managed-care network led by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina instead of one led by Aetna. In its legal challenge to the decision, Aetna argues that one of the DHHS employees in charge of evaluating the bids was living with a key Blue Cross executive.

Furthermore, according to reporting by Carolina Journal's Don Carrington, an internal document shows that Aetna's bid originally ranked above the Blue Cross bid. A DHHS official then intervened to create a new criterion after the fact, which had the effect of displacing Aetna in favor of Blue Cross.

If all that wasn't enough, the Cooper administration also spent the month trying to impede an ongoing investigation of issues related to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. As stories by Carrington and other reporters revealed, the Department of Environmental Quality awarded a water-quality permit for the pipeline through Eastern North Carolina in early 2018 at nearly the same time Gov. Cooper announced a \$57.8 million "discretionary fund" to be financed by the utilities building the pipeline — and right after he pressured one of those companies, Duke Energy, to settle a dispute with solar-energy executives, including a political backer of Cooper's

Cooper and his aides have denied that the three issues were linked in any way. Lawmakers are understandably skeptical and want to know more.

That's why they launched an investigation. But Cooper refused to allow his staff to be interviewed by the investigators, and even sought to use a public-records request to disrupt the ongoing probe. The Raleigh News & Observer, rarely accused of Republican leanings, editorialized that it was "a bad look for the governor" and that "voters should be troubled" by attempts to obstruct legislative oversight.

Cooper and three of his aides have been asked to testify on the pipeline at a legislative hearing on Nov. 8. Will the sober-minded former state senator and attorney general show up and provide a persuasive defense of his administration's conduct? Or will North Carolinians be treated to another round of political hackery and juvenile tweets?

For me, she left a legacy of the model of a mixture of great tasting food

Send me copies of any clippings.

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

## Our biggest problem today? Lack of trust

If asked to identify our biggest problem today in one word

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Democrats, Democrats don't trust Republicans, and the public doesn't trust either group. Used car salesmen are more trusted than those in the media and lawyers. Many distrust doctors, hospitals, church leaders or business people. Neighbors distrust one another and we won't get into trust issues within families. Ours is a culture where few are trusted.

Here's a North Carolina example. Last week a three-judge panel ruled we could not hold 2020 congressional elections without drawing new

because the current ones are unconstitutionally gerrymandered. Leaders of both parties agree we need a better way of drawing districts and, with the computer driven modeling available today, we could feed in the desired parameters and have new and fairer districts generated within an hour. So why don't we?

congressional districts

Nobody has a plan most can trust. Some want the legislative staff to draw districts; others question who hires the staff. to whom do they report, and can we trust them to be impartial? Another plan would establish an independent commission of four Republicans, four Democrats and three unaffiliated voters to draw maps. Again, who appoints those members? A third group has us change our state constitution to ensure future legislatures don't fall back into gerrymandering habits. We don't trust our elected lawmakers to fix

the problems, so endless protests and court actions continue.

How did we get here? Was it just an illusion or was there a time not long ago we accepted that if someone in authority told us something, we could believe it was true and trust they acted for the common good? Was it Vietnam and Watergate that destroyed our trust? It isn't uncommon to suspect dishonesty, partiality, greed and immorality from those in power.

Who do you really trust deep down? It doesn't feel good not to trust others.

Here are three things we can do. For starters, put down your devices phones, tablets and computers. Some research says the average adult spends almost three hours daily with their smartphone; children spend up to six hours. These devices result in our being more isolated and disconnected, and while social media may have been intended to bring us closer together, the opposite has been the result.

Second, get involved. Before hundreds of channels of cable TV and our "modern" electronics we belonged to churches and faith groups, civic clubs and community groups. We sat on porches and visited with friends and neighbors. We got to know one another, worked together and built relationships. Most organizations have some credo or belief statement similar to the Rotary 4-Way Test, which asks: Is it the truth, Is it fair to all concerned, Will it build goodwill and better friendships, and Will it be beneficial to all concerned? In short, does it build trust? When you recite these principles every week, they become part of you.

Most importantly, you must be a trustworthy person. When I know I can trust you I want to act the same toward you. Not everyone will be trustworthy, but wouldn't it be nice to return to a day when we believed we could trust most people?

#### What's on your mind?

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### **Death Faire: A celebration**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Keynote speaker Charles Eisenstein and organizer Tami Schwerin speak to attendees at Death Faire in Pittsboro, organized by Abundance NC.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Despite a sudden turn to chiller weather, this year's Death Faire attracted a strong turnout at The Plant in Pittsboro.



#### SILER CITY ALCOHOL VOTE

## **Voters choose** beer, wine sales

#### **BY CASEY MANN** News + Record Staff

SILER CITY - Siler City voters on Tuesday chose to expand beer and wine sales within town limits by a 10 percent margin.

On Election Day, voters had the option to vote for two referenda on beer and wine sales. Both won by similar margins — the vote for beer sales resulting in 385 (53.47 percent) votes for the measure and 335 (46.53 percent) against, and wine sales ending with 388 (54.27 percent) for and 327 (45.73 percent) against, based on unofficial election results from the Chatham County Board of Elections.

The Siler City Board of Commissioners voted in July to add the two referenda on the ballot after a request by the town's Downtown Advisory Board and several downtown merchants. Previously,

beer and wine sales were only allowed at hotels, restaurants and retail establishments such as grocery stores and gas stations.

Tuesday's decision will allow other establishments such as tasting rooms or breweries to operate inside the town. Chatham County is considering the same for the 2020 primary election in March. The vote means Siler

City has alcohol laws similar to Pittsboro, where establishments such as 580 Craft Beer and House of Hops have thrived, bringing jobs and additional tax base into the community.

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, according to the Brewers Association. The industry also creates about 12,000 jobs and \$300

million in annual wages in the state.

The vote means that many of the storefronts in town may find a new industry to woo to town. Developer Wren Farrar, who is renovating numerous buildings in the downtown area, has spoken about the opportunity to bring a brewer and entertainment space to the area. The change to the laws governing beer and wine sales in town open the door to that possibility.

Jackie Ådams, who made the original request of the town board in July as chairman of the Siler City Downtown Advisory Board, was pleased with the outcome.

"This will put Siler City on par to make headway in social and economic endeavors as other small successful N.C. towns have done already," Adams said.

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### **GRIMES:** 'Happy and I am grateful'

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the polls closed to gather numbers and

support her candidate. "The best qualified person won the race," Lentzen said. "A team effort

made it possible." Grimes, who received a bear hug from his granddaughter, Sophia, upon hearing the news of his re-election, was pleased to have the opportunity to serve another term.

"I serve a great town and I am privileged to be Siler City's mayor," Grimes said. "I had a great team supporting me in this election and I am thankful for their strong and dedicated support and the voters who responded with such a tremendous vote of confidence. The voters have allowed me the privilege to continue to serve and to lead a remarkable board of commissioners. I am happy and I am grateful."

#### Siler City District 3 Race

Curtis Brown unseated incumbent Michael Constantino, taking the District 3 seat on the Siler City Board of

Commissioners. Brown received 146 votes with Constantino taking 40 votes, based on preliminary counts. The third District 3 candidate, Timothy (Cookie) Brown garnered 13 votes.

Curtis Brown, a retired town employee, brings utility management and planning board experience. His candidacy was based on a desire to update Siler City's water and wastewater treatment systems, to encourage economic growth and work on affordable housing. He ousted Constantino, who was first elected to the board in 2011.

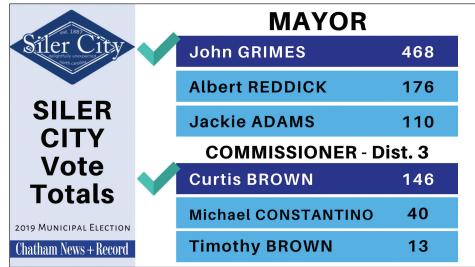
Thank you to all the voters and my committee," Brown said Tuesday night. "I appreciate the other candidates. Anyone willing to commit to service is commendable.

Three of the four seats up for election on the Siler City Board of Commissioners were uncontested — incumbent Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek (District 2) and Commissioners Bill Haiges (District 4) and Thomas (Chip) Price (at-large) will all return to their positions the board.

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Cathy Brooks Edwards shared insights from her new book, 'Heartspace,' at last weekend's Death Faire in Pittsboro.

### **PITTSBORO:** 'Maintain the culture'

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gan-born engineer who currently serves on the town's planning board and the Chatham County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Shipp did not return a voicemail left for him in time for press deadlines, but said in a News + Record questionnaire that he wanted to be "the technical interface between town staff and residents.

"I've learned a lot on the Planning Board about how Pittsboro works and development in the Town," he said. "I want to use my experience to maintain the culture, character and environment of Pittsboro while we continue to progress and grow.

Bonitz, a clean transportation specialist, earned his second term on the board. He said Tuesday night that the results were "a win for the people of Pittsboro."

"I really do think it was a great outcome for Pittsboro and our great people and our town,' Bonitz said. "I'm honored that the voters chose me

for another term. Farrell, the co-owner of Virlie's Grill in downtown Pittsboro, won a seat for the third time. The Pittsboro native also did not reply to a voicemail by press time, but said in his questionnaire that he believed he brought the experience as a two-term incumbent "familiar with the issues and policies" and wanted to "keep the interest of the citizens first if possible" when it came to making votes.

Shipp took the lead in early voting with 319 votes, followed by incumbents Bonitz and Farrell, but Perry was less than 50 votes from Bonitz's second place.

Bonitz also spoke to the election of Farrell and Shipp.

"I can't help but think the voters responded to Jay Farrell's strength on the concrete plant and the preposterous 40-year term on the development agreement," he said.

The people of Pittsboro want a strong board and I'm very glad that Jay is standing strong. And I'm also really pleased that the voters overwhelmingly recognized everything that Kyle Shipp will bring to this work."

The Pittsboro election saw 1,101 people turn out to the polls, amounting to just less than 16 percent of registered voters. This was less than the 1,524 ballots cast in the 2017 election, when there was also a contested commissioners race and a mayoral candidate running unopposed.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.

## **OBITUARIES**

#### **ROBERT ALLEN DAVIS**



Robert Allen Davis, 66, of Siler City died Wednesday, October 30, 2019 in Siler City.

Mr. Davis was born January 3, 1953 in Chatham County, the son of Billy June and Myrtle Brower Davis. Robert was a farmer, an avid sports fan, especially enjoying golf. He loved his grandchildren.

He is survived by sons, Brent Davis and wife Jerraca of Summerville, SC and Matthew Davis of Siler City; sister, Brenda D. Washburn, of Smyrna, and brother, Henry Davis and wife

Bonnie of Siler City; grandsons, Lincoln Zaczyk Davis and Grady Robert Davis.

The family received friends Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church. A graveside service followed at 3 p.m. in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 3631 Mt. Vernon-Hickory Mountain Road, Siler City, NC 27344.

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneralhome.com.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home assisted the family.

#### WILLIAM EARL MCDANIEL



William Earl McDaniel, 85, of Siler City died Sunday, November 3, 2019. Mr. McDaniel was born January 4, 1934 in Chatham County, the son of William Arthur and Martha Mozelle Dunlap McDaniel. He is preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Wanda Angell McDaniel, son James Timothy Lowe and brothers, Jessie Lewis McDaniel and June McDaniel.

Earl and his beloved wife were always together and his family was very important to him. He was an expert craftsman who loved wood-

working. He loved spending time in the yard with his wife before he got sick. Earl also had a passion for golf and played every chance he got.

He is survived by daughter, Joan Coley and husband Lynn of Greensboro; son, Michael Lowe and wife Jan of Siler City; brother, David Thomas McDaniel and wife Janet of Siler City, Donald Ray McDaniel of Greensboro; sister, Elizabeth Ann McDaniel and husband Morris of Florida; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a very special niece, Sylvia Womble with whom he lived along with her husband, Arnold Womble and children Gabby and Jacob.

The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. A graveside service followed at 3 p.m. at Chatham Memorial Park, 13260 US Hwy 64 W., Siler City with Rev. Patrick Fuller officiating. Smith and Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfh.com .

#### PHILIP RICHARD STROMPF

Philip Richard Strompf, 90, of Siler City died Thursday, October 31, 2019 at WhiteStone Masonic Eastern Star Community, Greensboro.

Mr. Strompf was born in Bronx, New York on November 14,1928, the son of Joseph William and Lillian (Myslivecek) Strompf. Philip was an Army Veteran, had received a Bachelors' Degree in Business and had been employed as a Regional Sales Manager with Ertl Toys.

Philip is survived by his wife, Georgiann (Waters) Strompf; one daughter, Amy Rachael Armstrong and husband Wally of Siler City; three sons, Gary Strompf and wife Pamela of New York, Dr. Richard Strompf and wife Ellen of Connecti-cut and David Strompf and wife Philomena of Florida; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

#### **OREN DANIEL ELKINS**



positions including Plant Manager for Pomona Pipe Company and management positions at various feed mills before finally retiring at the age of 74. Even then his expertise was in demand, and he continued to work until he was 80 and no longer physically capable.

Oren Daniel Elkins, 90, of Goldston

Mr. Elkins was born in Chatham

Gaines Elkins. Oren was a member of

Hickory Grove Baptist Church where

County on May 18, 1929, the son of

Roy Banks Elkins and Mollie Jane

he had served as a Deacon, Sunday

School Superintendent, and Sunday

School Teacher. He was employed as

Walker, Thornton & Company for 22

years. Prior to that Oren held several

a Project Manager with Wagester,

died Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Oren was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His first priority was always his family and taking care of them. Oren drove countless miles and spent countless hours to be by the side of his loved ones when they needed him. He took care of his parents, children and siblings in their time of need. His heart was infinite. Oren was a man of integrity. His word was considered gold by all who knew him. Family and friends could always count on Oren. He was trustworthy, honest, dependable, and a role

model for all men to be measured by. In healthier times, Oren enjoyed planting and tending to a garden with his wife, Mattie. He took up the game of golf later in life and enjoyed time on the golf course with good friends and his son, Phil. Like most, Oren loved good food and enjoyed going out to eat with Mattie or taking a drive for some good ice cream.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Raeford Elkins, and sister, Dixie Rose.

Oren is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Mattie Phillips Elkins "Shugg"; son, Phillip Elkins; daughters, Cynthia Elkins Watrous and Susan Elkins Kidd; eight grandchildren: Charles, Taylor, Brittany, Carter, Brandon, Caston, Eastan, Trevor; and three great-grandchildren, Krisalyn, Jordan, and Cooper.

The family received friends Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, 17721 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek, NC. The funeral followed Sunday at 3 p.m. at Hickory Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Darrell Garner officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. The family would like to thank all of the caregivers who

showed such love and compassion during the past several months ... and a very special thank you goes to Letha, whose devotion to the family went above and beyond anything they could have ever imagined.

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

#### **MRS. SHARON PERTRAITIS**



Mrs. Sharon Pertraitis of Pittsboro, NC passed away at age of 94, early in the morning on October 8, 2019. She had been a resident of Cambridge Hills for the past several years, where she especially treasured her friend-ship with nurse, Lisa Ridge. She was born in Chicago, IL, a

daughter to the late Carl G.A. Hard and Corinne H. Larson. She had a life-long interest in artwork and song. She sang in the choirs of her church in Chicago, Cedar Rapids and her home church in Pittsboro. After many

years as a homemaker, she earned a degree in Fine Arts at Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, IA. Many of her works of art were in numerous exhibitions throughout Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Iowa where many people were able to know and enjoy her pieces.

She is preceded in death by her high school sweetheart and

#### **MOSES JAMES TAYLOR**

Moses James Taylor, 89, of Siler City died Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

A graveside memorial service will be held in Panama City, FL at a later date.

Mr. Taylor was born in Tifton, GA on August 28, 1930, the son of James Morgan and Queen Elizabeth (Hand) Taylor. He had been employed in the school system. He was a member of the Wings of Love Ministries in Panama City, FL. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Pitts Taylor and a son, James Marsh Taylor.

Survivors include two daughters, Glennett Taylor Hargrove and Carol Ann Taylor of Siler City; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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

#### JEREMY JOE LEAIRD

Jeremy Joe Leaird, age 46, of Broadway, died Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Fu-neral Home Chapel, with Rev. Pearl Castleberry officiating.

He was born in Lee County on December 24, 1972 to the late Jerry Joe Leaird and LaDonna Reece Honeycutt. In addition to his father, Jeremy Joe was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Leaird and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reece, Jr. He worked in home construction and remodeling, eventually owning his own business, JJL Custom Construction.

Jeremy Joe is survived by his mother and step-father, LaDonna and Rufus Honeycutt of Sanford; wife, Tammy Bryant Leaird; sons, Kaleb Leaird of Sanford and Zach Stone of Broadway; daughters, Haley Marie Maynor, Makenleigh Jo Leaird, Tiffany Blackmon, all of Sanford and Chyanne Southern of Broadway; brothers, Brandon of Sanford, Matthew of Asheboro; sister, Robin Honeycutt Bettany of Broadway; and four grandchildren.

Contributions to assist the family with funeral expenses can be made to Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home in Sanford.

Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneral home.com.

#### **EMMA DELL DARK PERRY**

Emma Dell Dark Perry, 96, of Pittsboro, died Friday, November 1, 2019 at SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan UNC Hospice House.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association, Western Carolina Chapter, 4600 Park Rd., Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209, www.alz.org/northcarolina or Wounded Warrior Foundation, 2115 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101

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

#### JOSEPH PHILLIP SHORT

Joseph Phillip Short, 74, of Siler City died Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the VA Medical Center in Durham, NC

Mr. Short was born September 7, 1945 in Wake County, NC to Wesley and Patty Short.

He served in the US Army during the Vietnam Era. Mr. Short attended Emmaus Baptist Church where he was a member of the Adult 5 Fellowship Class. Joe was an avid Dale Earnhardt fan and enjoyed grilling out with friends as well. Fishing was one of his favorite hobbies, whether it was in a nearby lake or on the ocean, especially with his grandson and fishing buddy, Dylan, while teaching him "the art" of fishing. He had developed close friendships with many folks in Siler City over his years after moving here from Wake Forest and after having served in the US Army, but he never forgot his friends of earlier years and always enjoyed talking with them about their "antics" during high school. He had grown especially fond of his early morning ritual of coffee with friends at a nearby restaurant over many years and he considered them dear friends. His enjoyment of breakfast often lead him to have a second breakfast on Saturday mornings at a nearby restaurant most often with his stepson and grandson for another sharing of the week's events. He was "Hoppy Joe" to his grandchildren and that name was adapted by other family members and friends over the years as he spoke of such pride of them. For many years he enjoyed going to their birthday celebrations, school activities and to "his Princess" Kaitlyn's gymnastics competitions and dance recitals.

His ability to bring laughter into a sometimes, awkward situation was one of his strongest personal assets. He in general loved people and quickly developed caring relationships for them. He was Owner and President of a local contemporary furniture company for 25 years. He was loyal; as well as, a friend to his employees and they in return had much loyalty and respect for him. His dedication to their well being as well as the dedication to those whom he served through the products they produced and to the employees that made it all come together was admirable.

Mr. Short was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Linda Barlowe and Ellen Core; brothers, Charles Short and Billy Moody; and brother-in-law; Dickie Joyce.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Linda J. Short of Siler City; step-son, Phillip Kidd and wife Pebble of Sanford; sister, Gail Dundee of Little River; grandchildren, Dylan and Kaitlyn Kidd; sister-in-laws, Judy Short of Bahama and Jean Womble of Greensboro.

A graveside memorial service will be Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Edward Hill Friends Meeting, 92 Ed Leonard Road, Siler City with Rev. Steve Moore and Dr. Patrick Fuller officiating. Visitation will follow in the Church fellowship hall and other times at the family home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American

Cancer Society, the Chatham County Animal Control or to an rganization of your choice.

Smith and Buckner is assisting the family during this time. Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneralhome.com.

husband of 70 years, Leonard Petraitis; her grandson, Eric Petraitis; and her brother, Carl Warren Hard.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy Wood; sons, Paul and John Petraitis; as well as granddaughter, Rebecca Whitt; grandsons, Bryce and Michael Whitt and Adam Petraitis; along with beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Pittsboro UMC on Saturday, November 16, 2019. A reception will follow. Memorials may be made to the Pittsboro UMC Building Fund, P.O. Box 716, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com . Arrangements by Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation.

#### JANET KAY BRIGHT DARR

Janet Kay Bright Darr, age 57, of Broadway, NC died Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Mrs. Darr was born July 23, 1962 in Moore County to William Curtis and Maggie Mozelle Ellis Bright. She was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tom Darr; and brother Glenn Bright.

Janet is survived by sisters: Wanda (Danny) Stover, Cherry (Larry) Jordan, of Bear Creek and Teresa (Terry) Kidd of Robbins. She is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews and 26 grand-nieces and nephews.

A Memorial has been set for Saturday November 9, 2019 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Meroney Methodist Church. Family will greet visitors during these hours to celebrate the life of Janet. She was known for her love of colors and the family encourages all to dress casually and in your special color of choice for this special time of remembrance.

The family wishes to thank Janet's employer, Bojangles, and her colleagues for their wonderful support during this difficult time. And, to Smith and Buckner Funeral Home for being there from the beginning and has served our family so faithfully. We are so grateful for their service.

Respectfully, the family request that in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions be given to Meroney Methodist Church, 10568 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek, NC 27207. Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Darr

Family

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneralhome.com

#### PRESLEY MAE PHILLIPS

Presley Mae Phillips, infant daughter of Jordan and Nicole Phillips of Robbins, passed away on October 29, 2019 at First Health Moore Regional.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Prosperity Friends Church with Rev. Rick Martindale and Rev. Danny Meetze presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Presley was born in Moore County on August 26, 2019 to Jordan and Nicole Wilson Phillips.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a brother, Carson Phillips of the home; sister, Mila Phillips of the home; grandparents, Hoyte and Shelby Wilson of High Falls, Julia and Danny Brown

of Robbins, Darrell Phillips of Bennett; and great-grandparents, Carroll and Lynda Comer of Robbins.

Condolences may be offered online at: www.joycebradychapel.com.

#### **ELIZABETH JUDITH** (GREENOUGH) CARNEGIE

Ms. Elizabeth J. Carnegie, 73 of Carrboro, passed on Wednesday, November 2, 2019 at UNC Hospice Home.

Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

#### JENNIFER DIANNE PUGH

Ms. Jennifer D. Pugh, 69, of Burlington, passed on Friday, November 1, 2019 at Parkview Health and Rehab, Chapel Hill. Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro, is serving the family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Browns Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Ray Gooch and Rev. Sara Beth Pannell presiding. Inurnment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall immediately following.

Emma Dell was born in Chatham County on October 20, 1923 to the late Earl Jerome Dark and Nell Foushee Dark. She was also preceded in death by her husband Paige Perry and brother, Earl J. Dark, Jr.

Surviving relatives include daughter, Nancy Piatt of Bahama; sons, Kenneth Perry of Sanford, Tommy Perry of Pittsboro; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in her memory to Browns Chapel UMC c/o Teresa Far-rell, P.O. Box 1048, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or Pittsboro UMC, P.O. Box 716, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

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

Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Perry family.

#### JENNIFER BROOKE HONEYCUTT

Jennifer Brooke Honeycutt, 33, of Sanford, died Friday, November 1, 2019 at Duke University Medical Center.

The funeral service was held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at Solid Rock Community Church with Pastor Brad Marona officiating.

She was born in Lee County on December 20, 1985 to Tony Honeycutt and the late Tammie Gail Doby. In addition to her mother, Jennifer was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Patsy Doby and paternal grandparents, Robert and Ruby Honeycutt. She received a Paralegal degree from Central Carolina Community College.

She is survived by her father and stepmother, Tony and Daune Honeycutt of Sanford; and grandfather, Russell Doby of Sanford; .

Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneral home.com.

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#### **JOSEPHINE (JO) JORDAN**

Josephine (Jo) Jordan, 79, passed Monday, October 28, 2019 at Hospice in Pittsboro. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

#### WOODIE GENE PARRISH

Woodie Gene Parrish, 77, of Pittsboro, died Saturday, November 2, 2019 at his home.

There are no services planned at this time. Gene was born in Autauga County, Alabama on September 20, 1942 to the late William Austin Parrish and Margaret Adelaide Barber Parrish. He was also preceded in death by a brother Richard Parrish.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Linda Parrish; son, Steven Parrish of Willow Springs; daughter, Sena Parrish of Pittsboro; brother, Terrell Parrish of Millbrook, Alabama; and three grandchildren.

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

#### **GLORIA GAIL HENDERSON**

Gloria Gail Henderson, 69, of Siler City died Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Chatham Hospital, Inc., Siler City.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday November 6, 2019 at Rives Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Siler City with Rev. Greg Burriss officiating.

Mrs. Henderson was born October 22, 1950 in Chatham County, the daughter of William Frank and Carrie Lee Beal Dowd Gail was employed by A. J. Schneierson as a sewer, and also with Hancock Hams. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Henderson and her son, Kenny Elixson.

On line condolences may be made at: www.pugh-funeralhome.com .

#### **MS. ANNIE RUTH GLOVER**

Ms. Annie Ruth Glover, 85, passed away on Friday, November 01, 2019, at Genesis, Siler City Center.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

#### MARIO SALINAS NOYOLA

boro.

Mr. Mario Salinas Noyola, 36, of Winston Salem, passed on Sunday, November 3, 2019. Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Pitts-

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## Siler City FD to begin 24-7 professional service within weeks

#### BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Scott Murphy says the change won't mean anything for the service he and his guys provide the town of Siler City.

But the impending move of the Siler City Fire Department to 24-7 operations is still a good thing, he says, because it will produce better protection, better ratings and a more efficient and well-maintained agency.

The SCFD is planning to hire five new professional firefighters by the end of November or even sooner as part of the department's shift in service. The roster of 35 volunteers, already aided by two full-time staff in Murphy and a full-time driver, will be aided by guys who will, in Murphy's words, be able to respond to calls in the middle of the night and on weekends, when volunteer response is stretched.

"We run a tree down in the road or a power line or a fire alarm, the two career staff here at night will be able to run that," Murphy said, "where my volunteers don't have to worry about getting up because they have to go to work the next day. These guys can handle those little calls, assist EMS with lifting or stuff like that in the middle of the night."

The shift is happening due to Siler City's 3-cent tax rate increase earlier this year, as well as a 3-cent increase in the fire district's tax rate. Both of those increases are adding around \$253,000 to the fire department's operations, mainly for the five new staff. Then-Town Manager Bryan Thompson wrote in June that the change would "ultimately improve response time to calls for service and enable the Town's ability to improve upon the current ISO [Insurance Services Office]



Staff photo by David Bradley

Siler City Fire Department Captain Michael Powers shows the control station of the new engine for the city fire department in October. From here, the firefighters can control water and foam outputs, turn on lights and other functions from the truck.

ratings inside and outside the corporate limits within our Fire District."

These ratings, Murphy explained, are developed by judging a department's response time, training regimens and equipment preparedness and maintenance, among other items. The SCFD currently has an ISO 4 in city limits and an ISO 5 in the fire district. The best possible score is a 1 and the worst is a 10. Those ratings potentially improving is something Mayor John Grimes mentioned in his "State of the Town" address last week as one of the positives from this move to 24-7 operations.

"This action will improve critical event response time and can ultimately lower property insurance rates for business owners and residents," Grimes said. "We are proud of our distinguished fire department, acknowledged far and wide as one of the state's finest, and the tremendous good they do in our community." The change also comes at a time when fire departments are struggling to recruit and retain able-bodied firefighters. Murphy said the average age of his roster is 55 years old.

"This is a young man's game, and we're not getting younger volunteers in as much as we used to," he said. "With all the family commitment and everything everybody's got now, it's just getting harder for volunteer service."

Murphy added that his volunteers were some of the strongest supporters of this move to hire five fulltime, professional staffers.

"Siler's been very fortunate that we've been able to hold it off compared to a lot of the other departments as long as we have," he said. "It's been a long time coming, and my volunteers have actually pushed and asked me the last three years, 'Are you putting in paid staff? We need to start looking at paid staff.' They see the writing on the wall."

Ultimately, this move will provide more stability to the department and its services, according to Murphy. It's only two fulltime firefighters per shift, which is not a lot, but the agency's volunteers will continue to serve the way they have. The SCFD responded to 564 calls in 2018, and Murphy says that number has been rising in recent years.

Murphy says that while citizens won't notice much of a difference in service, this change is simply a "good thing."

"There's going to be challenges, I know there's going to be challenges," he said. "With the volunteers pushing it, it's going to make it easier. It helps the volunteers during the day and the night. It's going to help all the way around, I think."

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

Served at Elementary and K-8 Schools

\*\* Middle and High School Menus

Monday, November 11 **BREAKFAST:** No School LUNCH: Veterans Day

**Tuesday, November 12 BREAKFAST:** Strawberrv Parfait w/French Toast Sticks, Fruit Cocktail (\*\*Breakfast Griddle Sandwich, Fresh Fruit) LUNCH: Chicken & Waffles, BBQ Pork w/ Corn Muffin, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Fries, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit (\*\*Chicken & Waffles, BBQ Pork w/ Corn Muffin, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Fries, Cole Slaw, Chilled Applesauce, Fresh Fruit)

#### Wednesday, November 13

**BREAKFAST:** Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit

(\*\*Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Fresh Fruit) LUNCH: Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, Zesty Garlic French Bread, Build A Pizza Combo, Baked Potato, Carrot Souffle, Chilled Pears (\*\* Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, Hawaiian Ham & Cheese, Mozzarella Sticks Combo, Baked Potato, Carrot Souffle, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit)

#### **Thursday, November 14**

**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Griddle Sandwich, Peaches (\*\*Strawberry Parfait w/Fr Toast Stx, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: TexMex Beef w/ Chips & Cheese, Fruit & Yogurt Combo, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Black Beans, Seasoned

Corn, Rainbow Dessert Cup (\*\*Walking Taco w/ Beef & Cheese, Zesty Garlic French Bread, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Black Beans. Seasoned Corn, Rainbow Dessert Cup, Fresh Cup)

#### Friday, November 15

**BREAKFAST:** Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit LUNCH: Mozarella Sticks w/Marinara, Fish & Shrimp Basket w/ Hushpuppies, PB&J w/ Cheese Stick Combo, Baked Beans, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Fruit Explosion (\*\*Bacon Cheeseburger on Bun, Fish & Shrimp Basket w/Hushpuppies, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combp, Baked Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Fruit Explosion, Fresh Fruit, Lettuce & Tomato)

#### **CHURCH NEWS**

#### LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

We will once again be a Drop-off Location for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes at Loves Creek Baptist Church. Collection Week is Nov. 18 through 25 and the hours for drop-off are 10 a.m. to noon and 6-8 p.m. Nov. 18-22; from 10 a.m. to Noon and 2-5 p.m. on Nov. 23; from 2-4p.m. on Nov. 24; from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Nov. 25.

We are located at 1745 East Eleventh St., Siler City. We welcome your church, group, family, or individual shoe boxes.

#### **MOUNT PLEASANT METHODIST** CHURCH

There will be a Brunswick Stew and BBQ meal served from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church. Eat-In (all you can eat) or Take Out, \$10 per plate. The church is located at 269 Mann's Chapel Rd., Pittsboro.

#### **TAYLORS CHAPEL CHURCH**

You're invited to Taylors Chapel Church 140th Church Anniversary at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9 and at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 10. Lunch will be served. All are welcome.

The church is located at 2153 Mays Chapel Rd., Sanford.

#### OAK GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The celebration for the 25th pastoral anniversary of Harold D. Garner, will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. The guest speaker will be Rev. Luther Barnes, pastor of Restoration Worship

Center in Rocky Mount. All are invited.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Missionary Baptist Church of Siler City

The Prison Ministry of the First

will sponsor a Gospel Music program featuring the Golden Stars of Goldston

The public is invited to attend. The

church is located at 914 Martin Luther

The church is located at 8043 Oak

Grove Church Rd., Liberty.

at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10.

King, Jr., Blvd., Siler City.

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Asheville is being offered

Dec. 13, with all proceeds

#### HOUSE OF PRAYER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

We will hold our annual Rainbow Tea at the House of Prayer Fellowship Church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9. Colors to be represented will be blue, red, green, and orange. Choose a color and join us.

All will be welcome. We are located at 549 Horton Rd., Goldston.

#### **BROWN'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Brown's Chapel United Methodist Church will host a Veterans Recognition Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6. All veterans of US Military Service are invited to attend. The Pittsboro Elementary Chorus will present a program of patriotic music.

The church is located at 355 Chicken Bridge Rd., Pittsboro.

#### HANKS CHAPEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hanks Chapel United Church of Christ will have the final revival service in a three-part series at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Reverend Denise Honeycutt from Merritt's Chapel will deliver the message. Cake and coffee will be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. Everyone is welcome.

#### UNITY POWERHOUSE

The church Missionary Department of Unity Powerhouse will celebrate their anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 10. There will be several speakers from various churches speaking on the word. All are welcome to come and worship with us.

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**SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 2019** Hosted by the Siler City Merchants Assoc. **American Legion Post 93** 

**10AM Memorial at Bray Park.** 

11AM Parade beginning at the Siler City Fire Dept. ending at Beaver St.

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Congratulations to Ms. Barbara Taylor, winner of the Gas Grill!

#### SOLID ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 11 - 13. Pastor Sammy Kay from Greenville, SC will be the evangelist.

Every one is welcome to attend. The church is located at 64 West Hwy, Pittsboro.

#### **NEWS BRIEF**

benefiting Chatham County 4-H's educational programming.

The trip begins with a 7 a.m. pick-up at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center. Cost is \$180 per person, and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, a ticket to Biltmore Estate and lunch at the on-site Deerpark Restaurant. Optional tickets to the Downton Abbey exhibit are \$26.75 and can be purchased at Biltmore.

For more details and to register for this spectacular trip please visit, www.go.ncsu.edu/ biltmore4h or call 919-542-8202.

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#### **JOHN WESLEY AND MARTISHA GUNTER** REUNION SCHEDULED

The descendants of John Wesley and Martisha Gunter will meet Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Asbury United Methodist Church, Fellowship Building for their 49th reunion. We will gather around 3 p.m., we plan to eat 4:30 to 5. Please bring one side and dessert &/or drink.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship and meal. The church is located at 560 Wade Bright Rd., Sanford (Chatham County). Any questions, call Ann Mason: 919-776-6946 or cell: 919-353-9597.



## NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH Family caregivers play 'vital' role in community, particularly in Chatham

**BY ZACHARY** HORNER News + Record Staff

November is National Family Caregivers Month, and Chatham County is not short of reasons - and people to remember during the 30 days of November.

The Chatham County Council on Aging says it has provided services to at least 177 caregivers since April 2015, and there are potentially more throughout a county that is expected to be the fourth oldest county in North Carolina by 2030 and was the eighth oldest in 2010.

Caregivers are people who, either full-time or part-time, literally give care to older loved ones who are suffering from various medical conditions like Alzeheimer's disease or dementia, as well as children with special needs. And according to Susan Hardy, the family caregiver specialist at the COA's Eatern Center, they need support as much as the family members or loved ones they serve.

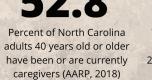
"Caregiving is no easy task," Hardy said. "We



Caregivers who have been provided services by the Chatham County Council on Aging since April 2015

know that a caregiver must take care of themselves in order to take care of their loved one. Sadly, it is sometimes the case that the loved one outlives the caregiver because the caregiver does not take the time to take care of themselves.

A 2018 report by the AARP (which used to be called the American Associaton of Retired Persons) said that more than half of North Carolinians aged 40 and older are current or former caregivers. while a higher number



of survey respondents said they would likely be providing care in the future. The same report said the average caregiver is a woman aged 60.

Hardy said the majority of caregivers the COA serves in Chatham County are 60 years old or more, and even at that age, they do a lot of things.

"Often caregivers speak of how difficult the morning routine is," Hardy said. "The routine of getting a loved one up, then bathing, dressing,

The average age of a North Carolina caregiver (AARP, 2018) and estimated avg. age of Chatham caregiver

Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

feeding and administering their medications can be very exhausting for the caregiver. When a caregiver is asked when they would like to have an aide to assist in the home, most will usually choose the morning. However, some caregivers speak of how difficult their loved ones can be in the afternoon and evenings."

This heavy burden faced by caregivers, Hardy said, is one of the reasons why providing services and solutions

for Chatham's caregivers was one of the Chatham County's Aging Plan for 2018-2023's five main goals. Some of the suggested resources include self-care classes, support groups and respite and involve reaching out to faith-based organizations and other potential partners.

One program is already in motion. Hardy said the **R.E.S.T.** for Caregivers

- stands for Running Errands and Sleep Time is currently projected to begin in April 2020. The COA is partnering with 13 community churches to provide four-hour blocks once a week for caregivers to take a break and find some "refuge," as Hardy termed it.

Having those four hours a week would likely be helpful, as the average number of caregiving hours per week is more than  $2\overline{4}$ , according to a 2016 report from the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities. The theme for the 2019 Family Caregivers Month, "Caregiving Around the Clock,' reflects that reality, something the Chatham County Board of Commis-

sioners recognized in a resolution passed late last month.

"We are calling upon the people of Chatham County to join the Council on Aging in honoring and supporting family caregivers, not only in November but through-out the year," board Chairman Mike Dasher said in a statement. "Families are the backbone of long-term care.

Hardy said community members can help by directing caregivers they know to resources like the COA and volunteer for programs like R.E.S.T. for Caregivers. They can also simply take the time to get to know a caregiver and be a friend.

"People in the community can offer to run errands for caregivers," Hardy said. "Caregivers often feel socially isolated, so ask if you can come by and visit. Get to know the caregivers in your neighborhood and become their friends and advocates.'

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## Going door-to-door, Raleigh physician seeks Tillis' seat in U.S. Senate

#### **BY RANDALL RIGSBEE** News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Eying a seat in the U.S. Senate, Dr. Atul Goel is hitting the pavement, knocking on doors of households throughout North Carolina and talking with the folks who answer about the issues he hopes to address if elected.

The 59-year-old Raleigh physician wants to be the Democratic U.S. Senate nominee facing incumbent Republican Thom Tillis in next November's general election.

Goel has filed as an official candidate with the Federal Elections Commission and plans to file in North Carolina with the State Board of Elections during next month's filing window to have his name on the ballot alongside other Democratic candidates for the March 3 primary. Goel hopes to survive the primary and advance to next November's general election, aiming to unseat Tillis, 59, the state's junior U.S. Senator since 2015. Launching his campaign a month ago, Goel has visited 22 of North Carolina's 100 counties with plans to visit all 100 before March. "I'm going door-to-door, knocking on people's doors and talking to them," he said last Friday, while doing just that in Siler City. Some close to the candidate — this is his first attempt seeking an elected office — advised him against his nontraditional shoes-on-pavement approach, he acknowledged, telling the doctor it's a "waste of time." But that's not how he sees the hours he's logged on the road and in neighborhoods across the state. 'How am I to represent people unless I go talk to them?" Goel said. "I have to work on representing the entire state, and the rural counties are just as important as the more densely populated



He said he feels his years of experience in health care equips him to address the issue as a policymaker.

Involved for a number of years with Democratic party politics in Wake County (he has served, for example, as a precinct chair) Goel said he grew frustrated hearing potential policymakers discuss health care.

"I can tell they don't know what they're talking about," he said. "I've been involved in a wide variety of the health care aspect."

Goel, a native of India who moved to the United States with his family when he was 10, said he's offered his health care expertise to numerous candidates at no cost — so they'd "at least know the jargon," but he said he's had no takers. So he decided to seek office himself. need to fire 60 rounds in one minute to kill a deer.'

He also hopes to address immigration policy.

"I just feel we've gone down the wrong path in our society where we really need a humane immigration policy," he said. "Some people seem to feel that Democrats are for open and porous borders. That's ridiculous. Who would want that? I don't want that. But separating kids and their parents hoping that will deter some from coming here. That's not American. That's not us. We should do something about that."

A veteran, he served as flight surgeon for a squadron of fighter pilots in Afghanistan, Goel said he's also concerned how the United States is treating its allies. 'We have treated our allies terribly," he said, "and yet these monstrous dictators we call our dear friends. That hurts me greatly when I think of the people who have fought alongside us. Married to wife Anita and father to two grown children, Goel said he's seeking only one term in office. 'If I can't be part of the team that can get it done in six years, then it's time for somebody else to try to do something different. But until elected, he'll be hitting the road Of his unusual door-to-door campaign, he said response has been positive. "People are so nice," he said. "Republicans, Democrats, independents. Nobody is mean. They hear why I'm there and they listen and talk to me. Some will tell me they're not going to vote for me. But they're civil. It's been very gratifying."

Staff photo by David Bradley

Atul Goel, a candidate for U.S. Senate, stopped by Siler City Nov. 1 as part of his goal to visit 100 counties in North Carolina. His stop in Chatham County included a visit to the Whiskey Barrel Cafe on W. **Raleigh Street in Siler City.** 

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The first-time candidate paused for lunch — and more conversation with potential constituents - at the Whiskey Barrel restaurant downtown.

"I'm certainly not a career politician," he said, "because I haven't done this before. And I am running to address what I feel are very specific issues.<sup>4</sup>

Topping the list is health care.

"We all know we have a health care crisis that needs to be addressed," he said. "We don't have affordable health care access for everyone.

"It's a serious issue I just feel needs to be addressed," he said. "I don't have all the answers, but I understand the issues and want to be part of the team that does something about it."

Goel, a Raleigh resident for 30 years after moving here to escape the harsh winters of New York, works four days a week "for the State of North Carolina," he said. "I'm the state medical consultant in the Division of Vocational Rehab. Our job is to help people who have medical disabilities get back in the work force. I do all my politicking, shall we say, in the evenings and Friday, Saturday, Sundays I'm on the road.

There are, he said, "a few other issues I feel very strongly about.'

"We must do something about reducing gun violence in our country," he said.

"I own guns," he said. "I've got hand guns and long guns. And I belong to a gun club. I don't want anybody taking away my guns.

Though not himself a hunter, he said "I've yet to hear somebody tell me they

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### Walker, Flynn respond to Trump impeachment process, inquiry vote

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date to announce opposition to him, have weighed in on the latest developments.

After a period of time of initial testimony, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 232-196 last Thursday to approve a resolution that would establish rules and open the impeachment inquiry process to public hearings, instead of the private ones that have been ongoing. Two Democrats joined all the Republicans in opposition, while the sole independent Congressman joined every other Democrat in voting against. Three Republican members and one Democrat did not cast a vote.

U.S. Rep. Mark Walker (R-N.C.), who represents Chatham County in Congress, criticized the vote on President Trump's impeachment inquiry in a press release Thursday, which was followed by a press release from Chatham County resident Angela Flynn, a Democrat who has begun campaigning to replace Walker in 2020.

After launching a

CN+R STAFF REPORT sham impeachment by impetuous fiat, with a preordained result of removing the President of the United States and overturning an election, (House) Speaker (Nancy) Pelosi handed the reins over to

(U.S. Rep.) Adam Schiff, allowing him to serve as a basement-dwelling judge, jury and executioner," the statement said. "Now, House Democrats, in an admission of their tainted and secretive impeachment process, are trying to retroactively legalize Chatham their injustices and hys-County's terics. We will not allow the people of our nation to be shut out and shielded man, and from the facts while their President is undermined by an irrational mob."

Walker has been one of the loudest critics of the impeachment process, not weighing in on Trump's potential guilt or the allegations but instead stating repeated criticism of the Democrats leading the inquiry. After multiple tweets and comments saying he wanted transparency in the process, Walker ended up voting against the resolution that was designed at providing it.

That was the basis of comments from Flvnn. who works as a minister and stated in a press release that Walker "vote(d) against the bill that ensures the open and transparent process he says he wants.'

'Mark Walker's continued brazen contempt for both oversight and the law is telling," Flynn said in the release. "As a Member of Congress and someone who claims to be a fellow minister, Mark should hold himself above party politics to serve his entire constituency, act in a way worthy of being called a Christian, and uphold the Constitution and laws of our country.'

### 'Into the Woods' musical hits J-M stage Nov. 14

SILER CITY - The classic Broadway musical "Into the Woods" an epic fairytale about wishes, family and the choices we make - takes the stage at Jordan-Matthews High School in November with a large student cast for three performances only.

Performances at the JM Auditorium are at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14 and 15 and 2 p.m. on Nov. 16. General admission tickets are \$5 each and now available online at JMArtsTickets.com.

Remaining tickets will be sold at the door and child care will be provided for the Friday and Saturday performances by student clubs with a suggested donation of \$5 per child. No passes including Chatham County Schools and senior citizens' passes can be accepted. Everyone entering the theater, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

"Into the Woods," by musical theater legends Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, is a cautionary tale warning everyone to be careful what they wish for. The Baker and his wife wish to have a child. Cinderella wishes to attend the King's Festival. And Jack wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences return to haunt them later.

One of Sondheim's most popular works, the dark comedy received 1988 Tony Awards for Best Book of a Musical and Best Original Score after its initial Broadway run. Since then, it has been been revived on Broadway, performed around the world and made into a Hollywood blockbuster film starring Meryl Streep, Emily Blunt and James Corden.

Jordan-Matthews' production features a huge, 36-member cast including puppeteers bringing the forest to life with animated trees and larger-than-life characters

The puppets were designed and created by about 50 JM art students under the guidance of artist Donovan Zimmerman from Paperhand Puppet Intervention. Through an arrangement with JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, Zimmerman spent six days this fall at the school, guiding the project and teaching papier-mache technique. The six-day residency was partially funded by a matching grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, through the Chatham

Arts Council. While the dark comedy involves beloved fairytale characters, producer Rose Pate says "Into the Woods" may not be appropriate for younger children. A minimum age of 5-years-old to attend is strongly suggested. Still, she said, it's a show that will dazzle and connect with audiences.

'This show has everything — humor, glorious music and a real sense of what it means to be human," Pate said. "Everyone will see familiar emotional situations, from the excitement of a dangerous relationship to the difficulty of letting our children grow up and leave home. This show takes familiar characters everyone knows from fairy tales and fleshes them out into real people with problems we all recognize.

The musical also represents a significant achievement for the high school actors on stage, said music director Matt Fry, because "Into the Woods" is particularly challenging. "This music is extremely complicated and the kids are doing a super job of getting it right and making it excit-



Submitted photo by Chip Pate

Jack (Buck Thornton) pleads with his mother (Laci Burt) not to sell his beloved cow, Milky White, which is a character animated by puppeteers Calvin Conroy and Manuel Mata and designed and created by Jordan-Matthews artists.



Submitted photo by Chip Pate

Cinderella (Kayli McIntosh, center) asks the birds to help her go to the King's Festival. Zv'kiuh Marsh, left, and Paige Colborne are puppeteers animating birds that were designed and created by JM artists.

ing," he said.

Director Jessica Nunn agreed, pointing out that the challenge is what helps students expand their skills and vision about what they're capable of accomplishing. "I love that we raise the challenge for the students every year," she said. "And every year they meet it."

For Friday and Saturday performances, child care with snacks will be provided by JM's HOSA and LEO clubs, with adult supervision, at a requested donation of \$5 per child. Care will be provided in the JM Media Center, located near the auditorium, so parents will have time to check in with their children

during a 15-minute intermission between the two acts

Other members of the creative team are costume designers Cynthia Bredenberg and Heath Smith, and scenery designer Rahma Mateen-Mason — all veterans of previous JM stage productions. "Into the Woods"

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

More information about the production and other arts events scheduled for this season is available online at imarts.org

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## **Siler City hires finance director**

SILER CITY — The Town of Siler City has named Tina Stroupe as its new finance director.

Stroupe will direct and supervise the financial operation and reporting of all municipal funds, audit, cash management, debt management and utility rate structure in compliance with North Carolina Local Government Commission and the North Carolina Treasurer's Office.

"Tina is a proven leader and brings a tremendous amount of experience from other governmental organizations," Town Manager Roy Lynch said. "She is a committed professional who will promote and direct activities that maximize, leverage and protect the town's financial resources. She is a great addition to the town."

Stroupe has more than nine years of professional experience in the public sector. Prior to joining the Town of Siler City, she served as the accounting and finance manager for the Town of Holly Springs, where she managed all aspects of general accounting and financial reporting for the town, including the debt service program. Stroupe also served as Accountant I for the City of Sanford from 2011 to 2015.

Stroupe received an Applied Science Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Campbell University. Stroupe also has



Submitted photo

Tina Stroupe, Siler City's new finance manager.

completed all the requirements for the North Carolina Government Finance Officer Association Finance Officer Certification Program and is awaiting the application period to apply.

"I am excited to join the Town's team and continue to uphold its excellent reputation for financial management," said Stroupe. Stroupe's first day at City Hall was

October 28.

## Veterans Day events planned

Veterans Day will be celebrated officially for the 82nd time this year across America, including many places in Chatham County, but the origins of the celebration go back to 1919.

On November 11, 1919, exactly one year after the last day of World War I, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation honoring the anniversary and making it as Armistice Day to remember those who served in World War I. In the proclamation, Wilson said: "To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the

councils of nations." Congress adopted a resolution on June 4, 1926, making the proclamations

an annual event, and the day was officially made a federal holiday in 1938 as a "day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace." The celebration was renamed "Veterans Day" by an act of Congress in 1954 and designated to honor all veterans.

Several organizations and agencies will be hosting Veterans Day events or close to mark the holiday. Here's the full list of events on the day and before:

Chatham Charter School, Thursday: Chatham Charter School will honor military veterans during its fifth annual campus event from 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday. Elementary students will have guest readers; the middle school will have a variety of stations to learn about aspects of military life; and high school students will hear guest speakers discuss skills they learned in the military and how they have used them in civilian life. The culminating event will be a ceremony in the gym.

Chatham Community Library, Saturday: The 2nd Annual Veterans Day Meet & Mingle will take place starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 9. Local author and retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Wes Bryant and Army veteran Rusty Edmister will be in attendance. The program is free and open to the public.

Agencies closed on Veterans Day: Chatham County Public Libraries, Chatham County Schools, Chatham Charter School, Woods Charter School, Willow Oak Montessori School, U.S. Postal Service post offices and nearly all county and state offices (except for public safety functions) will be closed Monday.

# County CIP released, public hearing set for Nov. 18

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#### BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

Chatham County released its Capital Improvements Plan for Fisol years 2021-2027 Monday night during a Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting.

The CIP showcases proposed, current and future projects the county funds that will cost \$100,000 or more and could be scheduled and funded over the next seven years. The document is not a budget, but simply a projection that can change over time.

"While staff attempts to be as accurate as possible, it is difficult to estimate project costs exactly, particularly early in the planning process," the plan states. "Before funds can be spent they must be budgeted through the operating budget or, in most cases, through a separately adopted project ordinance."

Projects included on this year's iteration of the CIP include nearly completed ones like Chatham Grove mated cost of \$33.1 million) and Central Carolina Community College's Health Sciences Building (\$13.05 million); planned but not yet begun projects like an expansion and renovation to the county's Animal Shelter (\$5.6 million) and upgrading the county's emergency communications radio systems (\$18.2 million); and projects down the line such as replacing audio/visual equipment at the county Justice Center (\$465,850) and replacing the wastewater system at Silk Hope School (\$643,500). The CIP is also where

The CIP is also where the county will begin considering projects even further down the line. Among projects mooted for the future, but not guaranteed, funded or budgeted at this point, are a Career and Technical Education building for CCCC, a new Sheriff's office, a northeast branch of the Chatham County Public Library system and a new elementary

school at Chatham Park. A presentation on the plan given by county staff Monday night urged the

commissioners to "be cautious with debt-funded projects until impact of significant future projects and of future growth is known," particularly related to Chatham Park. However, the presentation added, the county is in good shape when it goes to the borrowing market — Chatham is one of 10 counties in North Carolina to hold a AAA rating from Standard and Poor's and also holds an Aa1 from Moody's.

"The county's diligent planning contributed to the bond rating," the presentation stated. "These ratings mean that the county is in a very competitive position in the debt market, as demonstrated in our recent borrowing."

The News + Record will have an in-depth story next week exploring some of the projects on the CIP, what it will take for the county to accomplish them and what they might mean for Chatham County citizens.

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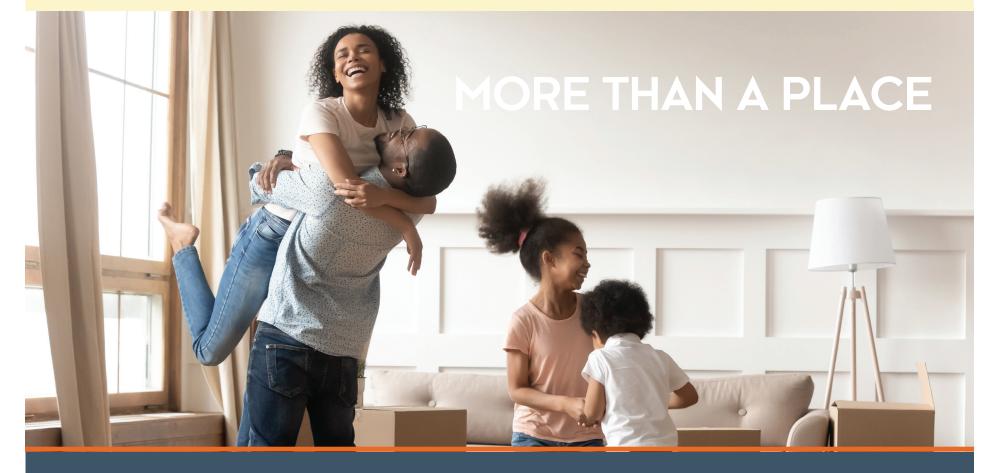
### Pet of the Week: Bella



The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Bella, a 2-year-old stray looking for a loving home. Bella is a sweet, Southern lady who doesn't mind getting dirty especially when eating is involved. She is proud of her curves and radiates confidence from her dainty eyelashes all the way to her hooves. If vou're looking for a companion who will always laugh (or snort) at your jokes and never complain about your cooking, Bella may be your soulmate. For more information on how to meet or adopt Bella the Pig, swing by the Sheriff's Animal Resource Center at 725 Renaissance Drive in Pittsboro, or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an animal resource officer.

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## Cross Country Regional round up as Chatham County harriers make their marks

#### BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

High school harriers from across Chatham County were on display on Saturday at four different NCHSAA Cross Country Regionals across Piedmont/ Triad.

Chatham Charter's Brandon McKoy was the top finisher from the county as the Knights sophomore sped to a 2nd place finish as the 1A Mideast Regional up in Cary. McKoy closed with a time of 16:50.35 to finish behind winner Aaron Rovnak of Franklin Academy who posted a 15:45.84.

Wiley Sykes of Woods Charter also showed strong with a 5th place mark of 17:33.90 in the same 5K race a Wake Med Soccer Park.

Other Top 10 finishers in the county were Maddie Sparrow of Woods Charter taking 9th overall at the 1A Mideast Regional in Cary with a while Malachi Levy of Northwood The Northwood boy's were the top finishers with 84 points to close in 2nd behind Chapel Hill's 31 points...

grabbed 9th at the 3A Mideast Regional in Pittsboro with a time of 16:54.48, and Caroline Murrell took 9th at the 3A Mideast Regional in Pittsboro with a 19:47.37.

In the team standings, the Northwood boy's were the top finishers with 84 points to close in 2nd behind Chapel Hill's 31 points at the 3A Mideast Regional while the Northwood girls took 6th with 160 points.

The Woods Charter boys added a 4th place finish with 153 points at the 1A Mideast Regional while the Chatham Charter boys closed in 6th with 174 points.

The Woods Charter girls notched 5th at the 1A Mideast

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Staff photo by David Bradley

More than 100 athletes from 20 schools in the area competed in last Saturday's Cross Country event, the Mideast Regional 3A, at Northwood High in Pittsboro. With an hour break between gender-specific races, each group started from a line on the football field before funnelling through the gates of the field to the 5000-meter long course.

## Vance victory versus Chargers vaults Vipers into third place



## Kitchings, Jordan card finishes at 2019 NCHSAA Women's Golf State Championships

#### BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

PINEHURST — Gillian Kitchings of Chatham Central and Lily Jordan of Northwood competed at the 2019 NCHSAA Woment's Golf State Championships last Monday and Tuesday in Pinehurst.

Kitchings closed tied for 52nd overall in the 1A/2A classification after firings rounds of 92 and 104 to close the event with a 196 on the 5,215-yard layout at Longleaf Golf and Family Club. Ashley Longbottom rounded out the team's day 2 total with an 86. The group helped Oak Grove nab their first State Championship in school history.

In 3Å, Jordan carded a 194 after rounds of 106 and 88 to finished tied for 55th overall at Foxfire Resort and Golf Course's Red Fox Course.

Cox Mill's Elizabeth Lohbauer ran away from the field in the final round, posting a 2-under, 70, to finish with a 1-under, 143 total. Lohbauer ripped off three birdies in the opening five holes to card a 33 on the front nine before maintaining a four-shot overnight advantage on Emily Mathews from Eastern Alamance who also shot 70 in the final round Lohbauer combined with Riva Modak and Brook Sutton on day one to push Cox Mill out to a three-shot lead over four-time defending champions, Rockingham County. Kennedy Brady and Hailey Ellis joined the action for Cox Mill on day two, carding 79 and 81 respectively to help the Chargers to a 14-shot win over Rockingham County. The championship is Cox Mill's first team State Championship in Women's Golf.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Vance County's quarterback Samein Burwell is brought down by Northwood's Jakari Green after a quarterback-keeper that saw Burwell scramble for a first down in the third quarter of last Friday's game in Pittsboro.

#### BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Vance County's Samein Burwell entered Friday evening's key Big Eight 3A Conference showdown with Northwood having established himself as one of the league's top-rated passers, and his impressive outing against the Chargers in a battle to determine sole ownership of third place in the standings only served to enhance his reputation.

The 6'1", 165-pound senior signal-caller completed 15-of-31 passes for 235 yards and five touchdowns, raising his season total to 28 scoring tosses while surpassing the 2,300-yard mark through the air, as the Vipers built as much as a 29-point third-quarter advantage before holding off a late Northwood challenge to ruin the Chargers' Senior Night by claiming a 42-21 victory on James L. Griffin Field in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

Assuring itself of a spot in the state playoffs, Vance County improved to 4-2 in the conference and 8-2 overall, while Northwood fell to 3-3 against league rivals and 4-6 for the year.

Despite the Chargers having more than an 18 minute advantage in time of possession, the Vipers managed to outgain their host 299-287 in total yardage.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Northwood's Jack Thompson pushes to get past Vance County defensive player Malik Williams after scrambling from the line of scrimmage. Thompson gained several yards while looking to unload, before fumbling and losing the ball to the Vipers, deep in Charger territory. The loss last Friday night in Pittsboro, 42-21, brought the Chargers record to 4-6 for the season.

Northwood workhorse tailback Deuce Powell rushed for 143 yards and a pair of scores on 32 carries, while quarterback Jack Thompson connected on nine-of-16 passes for 108 yards and a touchdown with one interception.

"From watching game films we were expecting Northwood to open in a spread attack, but instead they came out in

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First Flight junior Katherine Schuster won her third consecutive 1A/2A State Championship as she fired a 1-under, 71, on the final round to march to an eight-shot win over Katelyn Griggs from Gray Stone Day. Schuster cruised through, carding four birdies in her final round, including three on the final nine.

After finishing day one in a tie with Mount Pleasant for the team lead, Oak Grove got an excellent round from Karli Jump, who fired a 6-over, 78 to lead the team, as she finished at 22-over, 166, for the tournament in a tie for 11th. Emma Maddock contributed an 85 for her final round and

## Pittsboro's Trotter makes history for CCCC Cougars

#### **BY DON BEANE** News + Record Staff

WESTFIELD, MA — Anna Trotter and Colby Day represented Central Carolina Community College at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Stanley Park in Westfield, Mass.

Trotter, of Pittsboro, finished 46th out of 121 runners with a time of 22:59 in the women's championships. The Northwood graduate is the first female runner to participate in the NJCAA Division III Cross Country Championships for the CCCC program.

Colby Day, of Frisco, N.C., finished 124th out of 200 runners with a time of 31:48 in the men's championships.

Last year, Britt Lehman of Siler City became the first CCCC cross country athlete to participate in the national championship meet.



Submitted photo

Pittsboro's Anna Trotter represented Central Carolina Community College at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Stanley Park in Westfield, Mass.

## Crowning Chatham Central girls tennis team 1A State Champions and more



**DON BEANE** Sports Editor

playoffs. Central Florida, not in the playoffs, finished unbeaten that season and bucked the NCAA and declared itself as the real National Champions complete

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with a trophy and parade. So I am now following suit and proclaiming the Chatham Central girl's tennis team as your official 1A NCHSAA State Champions, and I think my case is much more valid than that of Central Florida which didn't play in a P5 Conference.

Now in the state record books, Pine Lake Prep, which beat Chatham Central in the Western Finals last Wednesday afternoon in Mooresville 6-0 before returning to the state title match in Burlington and winning its first ever state crown over Franklin Academy, will be listed as your state champs.

But in reality, Chatham Central was the best "true" 1A public school team in the state of North Carolina this fall. The Lady Bears were not only the last real public school in the final four, but also the final eight, with the other seven teams all being charter schools, or simply a private school in the case

In 2018 after of Bishop McGuinness. the NCAA Of course we all know the history of Bishop McGuinness bowl season was complete and Winston Salem Prep, I've the University

seen great teams from Chatham County such as P.J. Lowman's Jordan-Matthews boy's basketball teams, Gerald Binkley's Chatham Central girl's teams, Jeff Stutts Jordan-Matthew's girl's teams, and Bill Slaughter's Chatham Central boy's teams fall to those recruiting machines when in reality they could have won some state titles for our county. Bishop McGuinness and Winston Salem Prep simply dominated the 1A ranks for over a decade despite outcrying from the mountains to the coast in the Tar Heel state.

So what does the NCHSAA do, they decide to take it a step farther and include charter schools and academies into the NCHSAA public athletics, mainly due to increased revenue, and in less than a decade, these schools have started dominating the 1A ranks in most sports.

Just up the road last school year Uwĥarrie Charter in Asheboro, virtually a newbie to 1A, captured state championships in wrestling and baseball.

Now let me say I have nothing against charter schools, my kids attended Chatham Charter School for years and I also know many people at Woods Charter. And neither recruit for athletics. But they are the exception to the rule.

My main point is that if they wanted to, in reality, they could, as a lot of charter schools do. And why not, they are allowed a 25 mile window around the school to draw in students, basically a 50 mile radius.

And example of this was my first season coaching middle school girl's soccer at Chatham Charter, I had players that could have attended Jordan-Matthews, Chatham Central, Northwood, Providence Grove, Eastern Randolph and Southern Alamance. That's just off the top of my head and the enrollment of those schools per the ADM's just released by the NCHSAA on Monday were 5,560.

Again, none of those kids were recruited at Chatham Charter, but you can certainly see the huge advantage charter and academies have when they do recruit. It takes a special team to actually compete with those schools in any sport especially in the 1A ranks where enrollments are generally in the 500's and less.

That's what Chatham Central had this season. A special team led by the Hughes twins, Taylor and Cameron. In a true 1A setting, they were the state champions and that includes being better than traditional powers Mount Airy, etc.

And in my opinion, another true 1A public school, like many others before them in Chatham County and the state of NC, were robbed of a state title. Am I proposing ridding of charter schools and academies? Of course not, I personally think they are a good thing. Competition is good especially

in the academic circles.

Just create another classification for them. Go to 6A and allow charters and academies to have the 1A classification. The NCHSAA is set to go to a 5A soon regardless, so just add one more

Through the grapevine and athletic circles I've heard that the NCHSAA is fearful of litigation, that the charter and academies would not be happy with this solution. Personally I don't think that would be the case, a small minority at the most. Regardless they would have a classification and would still be governed under the NCHSAA, and would still be able to play in conferences with the other true public schools, but just separate come state playoff time.

Secondly, and I'm not trying to come across rude, but for the ones that would be upset, who cares? The NCHSAA certainly hasn't seemed to care that flagship public schools for decades and decades were upset when Charlotte Catholic, Bishop McGuinness, Cardinal Gibbons, Winston Salem Prep and the likes were allowed to compete with public schools despite them being private and having no recruiting boundaries. So why all of a sudden has this changed?

In reality it's not that hard and an issue that should be addressed. Personally seeing the charter schools in a classification and competing for state titles would be fun to watch, and also fair to the true 1A schools that have much smaller limited boundaries and numbers to field teams with.

So that's my stance, and I'm officially declaring the Chatham Central girl's tennis team as the NCHSAA 1A State Champions for the 2019 fall seasons. Well done Coach Heather Brooks and Lady Bears, you deserve it! If anyone wants to chip in and buy these young ladies a trophy, they deserve it. And I'm not even kidding.

Switching gears a bit, if you are free Saturday and looking for some football action, ride up to Providence Grove.

The Quad County Football League will have its 2019 Cham-pionships and Chatham County is heavily involved.

The little guys will kick things off at 9 a.m. with Flag title game which will feature East Chatham taking on Asheboro.

At 10 am, Asheboro and Randleman will battle in the 8U contest.

Then the showdowns commence with Siler City and East Chatham waging war to decide the 10U crown at 11:30 a.m., before Siler City and East Chatham tangle at 1 p.m. for the 12U title.

So again, if you want to see some great football action with our young kids here in Chatham County going out and representing our communities, please come up and support these teams. It's an incredible event year in and year out and you will be amazed at some of the performances by individuals and teams alike.

## VICTORY

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an I-formation, which caused us to have to make some defensive adjustments," said Vance County coach Darry Ragland. "In the meantime they took away our running game and forced us to throw the ball, and that ended up working in our favor. Our offense was a little sluggish at the start and we had some missed opportunities in the first half with dropped balls, but the defense played well and we executed at the end when we needed to in order to solidify the win.

After a failed fourthdown Northwood gamble early in the second stanza allowed Vance County to regain possession at its own 45, the Vipers went 55 yards in six plays to take the lead for good.

Burwell climaxed the march by connecting with wide receiver Noah Terry on a five-yard touchdown toss in the back of the end zone to give Vance County a 12-7 advantage with 9:18 to go in the second quarter.

Starting from their own 27 following a Chargers' punt with 3:39 remaining until intermission, the Vipers marched 73 yards in seven plays to extend their lead to 20-7. Burwell finished off the drive by dumping a pass over the middle to running back Davonte Evans, who broke two tackles en route to the goal line on a 26-yard scoring play before Burwell hooked up with wide receiver William Hawkins for a two-point conversion toss with 1:48 left in the half. On its initial possession of the second half Vance County traveled 60 yards in seven plays to increase its advantage to 28-7 when Burwell capped the march with a 10-yard scoring pass to Jones, who made a leaping catch in the back of the end zone prior to Burwell running wide right for a two-point conversion with 7:38 to go in the third quarter. Five plays into Northwood's next series Vipers' linebacker Noah Terry stripped the ball from Powell's grasp at the Chargers' 38 and sped untouched down the sideline to the goal line to expand the margin to 36-7 after Burwell passed to Jordan for a two-point conversion with 5:20 remaining in the period. Northwood then launched a time-consuming 16-play, 89-yard scoring drive ending in Powell's two-vard run up the middle before Laros added the extra point to trim the difference to 36-14 with 10:39 left in the contest. After holding Vance County to a three-and-out series, the Chargers closed the gap to 36-21 with 6:41 to play when Powell terminated a seven-play, 38-yard scoring march by bursting the final two yards off right tackle prior to Laros once again splitting the uprights. But the Vipers then answered with a fiveplay, 51-yard drive to round out the scoring when Burwell completed a 13-yard fade pass to Jordan in the left side of the end zone with 4:18 showing on the clock.

## Warriors' Halo is golden in romp over Jets

#### **BY ATTICUS CROTHERS**

News + Record Correspondent

TRINITY — For a 5-foot-9 Catawba College baseball commit who didn't play football until eighth grade, Nick Halo's six-touchdown performance on Senior Night provided a remarkable end to an illustrious career at Wheatmore Stadium.

"We set it up on the sideline," Halo said of the second touchdown. "We knew the corners were biting hard on little short routes and so I gave him a little fake, the corner came up and I just let it rip to Gabe for a touchdown.<sup>3</sup>

Jordan-Matthews quarterback Calvin Schwartz was then intercepted by Camden Wishon, setting up Wheatmore to score again when Halo found Berrier on a 3-yard out route to make it 21-0.

"Our kids, they haven't quit all year. And you know, something about the kids in Siler City, they're tough. They're always going to fight and that's encouraging going forward."

SAM SPENCER, Jordan-Matthews coach

terback Jacquez Thompson to get the ball to Johnny Person, a senior wide receiver without a touchdown on the season.

Warriors on the field, Halo and Yarbrough, walked off of it together. "We had great memories on that field," Halo

"Northwood is a good team and they played hard," Ragland said, 'but I think we just had a few more weapons than they did."

Chargers' coach Cullen Homolka remarked in spite of the setback he felt his team accomplished the objective it wanted to achieve.

'Our goal tonight was to establish a running game, an area where we have been inconsistent in all year. and we started to see some results in the second half when we began to wear out Vance County's defense." stated Homolka.

'They came at us hard early with some blitzes,' he said, "but once we got our blocking schemes down our tailback had success running downhill for good yardage. Two aspects that really hurt us tonight were not hanging on to catchable balls and untimely pass interference calls.

On Northwood's second possession of the night the Chargers moved from their 48 to the Vipers' 27 prior to Vance County defensive back Phadol Jordan intercepting a Thompson pass at his own five and returning the theft 29 yards, setting up a threeplay scoring drive culminating in Burwell finding Jordan, now operating as a wide receiver, open on a left-to-right slant pattern across the middle for a 43yard TD strike to give the winners a 6-0 advantage with 3:08 remaining in the first quarter.

A minute-and-a-half elapsed before Northwood linebacker Aidan Laros recovered a Kemarrous Jones fumble at the Vipers' 24, and two plays later Thompson completed a 22-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Jack Spotz wide open in the back of the end zone prior to Laros booting the point-after to put the Chargers ahead 7-6 with 33.7 seconds left in the opening period.

Halo controlled the game and completed 26 of 34 attempts for 318 yards as his Wheatmore Warriors rolled to a 49-14 win over Jordan-Matthews on Friday night.

The Warriors improved to 4-6 while the Jets dropped to 2-8.

"I'm undersized but I play with a big heart," Halo said. "I've been told that I was too short and I wanted to prove everyone wrong. I've had a great high school career.

Halo, whose father was once the Wheatmore defensive coordinator, had never played football until eighth grade and started out as a defensive player. But he quickly became a quarterback during that season at Archdale-Trinitv Middle School.

We were at practice one day and Coach Sheffield took me over to the side and gave me a ball and said 'Start throwing," Halo said. "That's how it all started."

Two years later, as a Wheatmore sophomore, he was in the midst of a quarterback competition as the Warriors trailed East Davidson 2-0 with two minutes remaining in the game. It was Philip Yarbrough's second game as the Wheatmore head coach.

"I was in for the last drive," Halo said. "I threw a slant route to Nathan Christenbury, and he scored a touchdown and Coach Yarbrough believed in me ever since."

Since that game, Halo has led the Warriors to 23 wins over his three years as the starting quarterback.

"We trust each other that when you're in the heat of the game, we're going to figure it out,' Yarbrough said.

The Warriors began executing smoothly right out of the gate on Friday, coming up with two quick scores. Halo threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Zach Berrier and a 20-yard score to Gabe Hernandez.

After a total of four interceptions - two per team - over the next five series, the Warriors offense found its stride once again and Austin Biggs punched in a one-yard rushing score.

Less than four minutes later, Halo completed another three-yard touchdown to Berrier, sending the game into halftime at 34-0.

Jordan-Matthews coach Sam Spencer attributed his team's first half struggles to penalties, turnovers and "a bunch of self-inflicted wounds." The Jets managed just 26 scrimmage yards in the half.

Four plays into the second half, Halo flipped a shovel pass to Hernandez and the senior wideout dashed in for a 9-yard touchdown, his second of the game. Biggs ran in the two-point conversion to make it 42-0.

The Jets finally got on track as Schwartz completed a 53-yard touchdown pass to Rayshawn Alston. Ethan Jordan's two-point rush brought the score to 42-8 with 5:23 to go in the third quarter.

Halo then drove his team down to the 14-yard line and fired over the middle to Berrier, who dove into the end zone for his fourth touchdown of the night.

"My quarterback was hitting me," said Berrier, a teammate of Halo's since eighth grade. "It's been nice playing with him.

Yarbrough also appreciates the bond between Halo and Berrier.

They're really good friends so there's a lot of natural chemistry there," the coach said. "They're able to really feed off of each other."

The Jets then got the ball back for one last series, and they capitalized.

With the ball at the Wheatmore 8-yard line and just seconds left in the game, Spencer called timeout. He wanted quar-

"I told Jacquez there I said, 'Throw it to Johnny in the corner,'" Spencer said.

Thompson threw the ball up to Person, who came down with it in the end zone for his first touchdown of the season and Thompson's first career touchdown pass.

'Our kids, they haven't quit all year," Spencer said. "And you know, something about the kids in Siler City, they're tough. They're always going to fight and that's encouraging going forward.

The running clock meant that was the last play of the game, and a positive ending for Jordan-Matthews. The Jets, however, were simply unable to keep up with the high-flying Warriors offense, headlined by Halo's standout performance in his final home game.

'I thought he was unbelievable," Yarbrough said of Halo. "He's been able to really progress and make some reads on the field and do some things that other people can't. So it allows me, as a play caller, to put a lot of faith in him to make decisions on the field."

Long after the game had ended, the last two

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said.

As they left the field and prepared to set off up the stairs of Wheatmore Stadium and into the night, Yarbrough wanted to make sure he got to share a few words with his quarterback.

Said the coach, "I'm proud of you."



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### REGIONAL

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Regional with 133 points. The NCHSAA 2019 State Championships will take place this Saturday, November 9 at Beeson Park in Kernersville. The 1A boys race at 9:30 am while the 1A girls begin at 10:30 am.

In 2A, action begins at 2:30 pm for the boys while the girls race at 3:30 pm. The 3A boys race at 9 pm while the girls go at 10.

#### 1A Midwest Regional Cha-

tham Central Girl's Results 23:47.34 Kailey Green 33rd

26:07.15 Raynee Redington 70th

28:06.56 Chloe Fuquay 81st

#### 1A Midwest Regional Chatham Central Boy's Results

19:21.75 Brantley Hart

- 27th 19:25.81 Parker Crowley
- 30th 20:37.69 Sidney Overa-
- cre 58th 21:01.94 Travis Criss-
- man 71st
- 22:20.09 Chandler Wilkes 88th
- 22:39.12 Sawyer Elkins 90th
- 22:40.25 Jacob Ziblay
- 91st
- 1A Mideast Regionals Chatham Charter Boy's Results
- 16:50.35 Brandon McKoy 2nd
- 18:36.86 Caleb Kolb 20th 19:14.63 Fogleman Har-
- rison 36th
- 19:47.59 Casey Wanless 50th
- 20:19.75 Clay Griffin
- 68th 21:59.42 Thomas
- O'Hara106th
- 24:40.56 Chance Collison126th

#### 1A NCHSAA Mideast Regional Woods Charter Girl's Results

- 21:36.33 Maddie Sparrow 9th
- 23:10.75 Samana Young 26th 23:52.10 Chloe Richard
- 37th
- 23:58.38 Molly Tyler 38th
- 24:16.87 Dahila Kilgore 44th
- 24:31.05 Ember Penney 46th
- 26:21.22 Analise Villanueva 67th

#### 1A NCHSAA Mideast Regional Woods Charter Boy's Results

- 17:33.90 Wiley Sykes 5th 18:40.21 Primo Costa 21st
- 19:19.07 Kyle Howarth 38th
- 19:26.28 Nichols Vallant 41st
- 19:43.13 Samuel Drum-
- mer 49th 19:56.08 Frank Wagoner
- 55th 20:12.63 Ian Stone 64th
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#### 2A Mideast Regional Jordan-Matthews Girl's Results

- 26:12.31 Jasmine Basilio 42nd 26:53.03 Anna Vicente
- 46th
- 27:43.69 Clarissa Morales 54th
- 30:19.66 Estefani Depaz Rodrig 62nd
- 30:55.18 Alexa Gonzalez
- 63rd 33:33.84 Damisela Rive-
- ra 66ths 39:03.72 Litzy Cavariega 67th

#### 2A Mideast Regional Jordan-Matthews Boy's Results

- 17:58.78 Jacorey Coats 16th
- 20:04.58 Matthew Old-
- ham 41st 20:24.92 Aiden Harrison
- 43rd
- 22:19.79 Cole Vickery 63rd
- 22:26.12 Cole Kidd 65th 22:38.18 Jimmy Gomez 67th
- 22:42.39 Braden McIntosh 68th

#### 3A Mideast Regional Northwood Girl's Results

- 19:47.37 Caroline Murrell 9th 21:28.17 Tessa Yell 33rd
- 21:33.12 Caroline Yell
- 34th 21:53.97 Liv Riggsbee
- 40th 22:53.08 Ella Hennessey
- 52nd 24:11.06 Grace Costa
- 65th
- 24:43.74 Dacia Case 78th

#### 3A Mideast Regional

- Northwood Boy's Results 16:54.48 Malachi Levy 9th
- 17:08.56 Colin Henry 12th
- 17:30.47 Mason Bae 19th 17:44.26 Carter Pippin
- 21st 17:44.91 Christian Glick
- 23rd 18:23.70 Glenn Porter
- 41st
- 19:03.05 Andrew Kimbrel 63rd

## Chatham on the Gridiron - Week 12

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

#### FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

This week: Chatham Central (0-5, 0-10) hosts North Moore (1-4, 3-6). Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. at Chatham Central High School, Bears Stadium. Head Coach: Andrew Carrouth

Last year: (1-6, 2-9; 1A Yadkin Valley Conference)

Leading returnees for North Moore: QB Gage Pennington, RB Jaleak Horne, TE Cody Patterson, DE Jatorious Brower, WR Chris Sheffield, SS Trace Wilson.

Last week: South Davidson, Chatham Central 20; North Stanly 43 North Moore 0

Last meeting: Chatham Central 31 North Moore 30 in 2018

**Notable:** Senior Night for Chatham Central against rival North Moore with the Bears in search of its first win of the season.

Game keys: After a dismal 2018 season North Moore has turned its program around a bit under first year coach Andrew Corruth North Moore already has three wins and a fourth could give the Mustangs an outside shot at the 1A state playoffs. Chatham Central will have to stop Mustang QB Gage Patterson who is a threat to run and pass while RB Jaleak Horne is small but can take it the distance. Defensively blocking big DE Jatorious Brower will be a chore for the Bears while Trace Wilson makes plays all over the field for the Mustangs who play a great deal of players both ways. If Michael Moore has time to pass and the Bears can get the running game going it should be a wild one in Bear Creek.

**From the coaches:** Bears coach Sherman Howze said, "It's Senior Night and we want to send our seniors out on a high note. We need to put it all together this week and find a way to win. It's always a great game when these two schools meet."

#### ON CHARGER BOULEVARD

**This week:** Northwood (3-3, 4-6) traveling to Northern Durham (5-1, 8-2). Kickoff: 7 p.m. at Durham County Stadium.

Head Coach: John Hamlett Last year: (5-0, 11-2; 3A Big Eight Conference)

Leading returnees: QB Kyle

Barnhill, RB Anthony Freeman, WR Caleb Steele, Cameron Traylor LB, DT Jaden Taylor, DE Justin Rhodes.

Last week: Vance County 42 Northwood 21; Northern Durham 60 East Chapel Hill 0

Last meeting: Northern Durham 23 Northwood 0 in 2018

**Notable:** Northwood faces a must win situation if the Chargers are to have any shot at the NCHSAA 3A State Playoffs which begin a week later. Even then a percentage is low and would require a lot of upsets in other Big Eight Conference games.

**Game keys:** Northwood first and foremost must slow down Northern Durham RB Anthony Freeman who has 1,148 yards coming into the contest. Knights QB Kyle Barnhill is a capable runner and passer while WR Caleb Steele presents a real threat catching the ball. The Chargers will also have to account for DT Jaden Taylor and DE Justin Rhodes, both of which can wreak havoc consistently up front.

#### IN THE JET HANGAR

**This week:** Jordan-Matthews (1-4, 2-8) is hosting Providence Grove

Staff photo by David Bradley

(3-2, 7-3) on Friday night in Siler City. Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. at Phil E. Senter Stadium. **Head Coach:** Calvin Brown

Last year: (3-3, 6-6; 2A PAC 7

Jordan-Matthews 14; Providence

Last meeting: Providence Grove

Last week: Wheatmore 49

42, Jordan-Matthews 0 in 2018

Leading returnees: QB Luke

Thomas, RB Caleb Rogers, WR

Jacob Marcrum, WR Cam Way,

LB Jadon Griffith, DB Masaon

Notable: It will be Senior Night

at Jordan-Matthews. Providence

Grove needs a win to take third

place outright in the conference

Game keys: Providence Grove

and for upcoming state playoff

has been the surprise team of

the conference this fall in large

Luke Thomas who has a group

of talented receivers led by Cam

Way and Jacob Marcrum, both

of which have caught almost 500

yards worth of passes. RB Caleb

Rogers has over 700 yards rush-

ing so the Jets defense will have

to worry about both the ground

and aerial attack of the Patriots.

to block Anthony Castagna, the

leader of the Providence Grove

cer said his team must "tackle

well. We have to play our assign-

ments on defense and force some

turnovers. Offensively we've got

to sustain drives, play almost mis-

take free to have a chance. I want

to see us compete hard and to play

four quarters. It's Senior Night so

we need to show up focused and to

Total

concentration

nothing else, Chatham Central's

third-round match of the state

Focused on the ball and

Cami Hughes backhands

McGuiness opponent in a

the ball back to her Bishop

playoffs in Kernersville Oct.

and advanced to the semi

Central girls tennis.

28. The Bears won the match,

finals of the State 1A playoffs,

an exciting first for Chatham

defense with 117 tackles including

From the coach: J-M's Sam Spen-

Jordan-Matthews must find a way

part due to the passing of QB

Collins, DB Travis Boone, DE

Anthony Castagna.

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## A cool night and frosty morn at Northwood



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One of Northwood's cross country athletes in competition Saturday morning runs in a pack of Chapel Hill athletes as they exit the woods to go around the Northwood school building in Pittsboro. Northwood came in sixth out of the 15 teams competing in the 3A Mideast Regionals at the school last Saturday.



Vance County's Samein **Burwell** is pursued by Northwood's Cameron Sanders (left) and **Hue Jacobs** down the left field line, late in the third quarter in last Friday's game in Pittsboro.

Staff photo by David Bradley



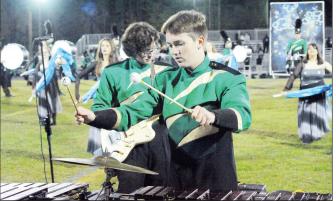
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Part of the pack, Northwood's Dacia Case runs toward her schools tennis courts as they head for the finish line in last Saturday's 3A Mideast Regional Cross Country meet in Pittsboro. The Chargers ended up sixth in the event.



Staff photo by David Bradley

A smile from the keyboard player accentuates the music she adds to the marchers and flag corps on the field for last Friday's halftime show in Pittsboro.



The Chargers marching band blended the smooth melodies of the vibraphone and guitars players with the actions of the flag corps and the field musicians in their multi-tune program in Pittsboro last Friday night.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Sam White arrested for probation violation, weapons charges

#### **CN+R STAFF** REPORT

PITTSBORO — Sam White of Pittsboro was arrested last Thursday



White

by a felon. White subsequently failed to attend the initial hearing on Monday and was arrested that night at his home.

White was on probation for a conviction earlier this year for assault on a female.

The probation violation stemmed from citations issued to White on Oct. 22 when he was stopped by police for driving a backhoe down Sanford Road during the

#### ongoing protests regarding the Confederate monument that rests on the grounds of the Historic Chatham County

courthouse. White was also the first resident to allow the Virginia Flaggers, a pro-Confederacy group, to erect a Confederate flag on his property in Pittsboro.

White was cited for operating a vehicle without being registered, without inspection and without insurance. That citation triggered an investigation by Community Corrections, the probation arm of the N.C. Dept. of Public Safety. White was charged with a probation violation on Oct. 29. White's home was subsequently searched the next day and six firearms were recovered.

The arrest warrants

indicates that deputies located three handguns, two revolvers and a rifle at the residence. White had been

previously convicted of possession of a firearm by a felon in 2009, which was punishable by up to 47 months in jail. At the time, White was sentenced to 12-15 months "confinement, 36 months supervised probation and 90 days electronic house monitoring, according to the arrest warrant.

White was booked into the Chatham County Detention Center on Oct. 30 and was subsequently released on \$25,000 secured bond for the weapons violation and a \$5,000 cash bond for the violation of probation. He was booked again on Nov. 4 for failure to appear and later released on a \$50,000 secured bond.

#### CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Tamia Edwards, 22, of Sanford, was charged October 25 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$25,000 bond with an October 30 court date in Sanford.

Harry Pendleton Jr., 68, of Chapel Hill, was charged October 25 with larceny of a motor vehicle. He was released under a written promise with a November 18 court date in Durham.

Calvin Megginson, 29, of Pittsboro, was charged October 26 with simple affray and inciting a riot. He was released under a written promise with a November 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Timothy Osborn, 24, of Carrboro, was charged October 26 with simple affray and inciting a riot. He was released under a written promise with a November 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Jonathan Bowers, 44, of Chapel Hill, was charged October 27 with misdemeanor child abuse. He was released under a written promise with a November 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Kiarrah Bennett, 25, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was charged October 27 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$50,000 bond with a November 18 court date in Pittsboro.

Timothy Grinnell, 27, of Raleigh, was charged October 28 with fleeing to elude arrest with a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, two counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, fictitious tags and unsafe movement. He was held under a \$25,000 bond with a November 14 court date in Raleigh.

Brittany Mann, 23, of Pittsboro, was charged October 28 with two counts of larceny of a motor vehicle. She was held under a \$10.000 bond with a November 14 court date in Raleigh.

Willie Barefoot, 74, of Moncure, was charged October 28 with assault on a female. He was

charged October 29 with communicating threats and obstruction of justice. She was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a November 20 court date in Pittsboro. Defeo was charged October 31 with assault and battery and held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a November 20 court date in Pittsboro

Byron Urban, 38, of Siler City, was charged October 31 with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and assault on a female. He was held under a \$50,000 bond with a November 6 court date in Pittsboro.

Syvion Smith, 21 of Siler City, was charged November 1 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$300 bond with a November 13 court date in Pittsboro.

Stephanie Litton, 25, of Gulf, was charged November 1 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$2,000 bond with a November 13 court date in Carthage.

Kiarrah Bennett of Raeford was taken into custody November 2 on true bills of indictment for failure to appear on a felony and failure to appear on a misdemeanor. She was held under a \$50,000 bond with a December 16 court date in Pittsboro.

Jennifer Hayes, 36, of Staley, was charged November 2 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$2,000 bond with a November 27 court date in Asheboro.

Clark Parker Sr., 70, of Sanford, was charged November 2 with unlawfully being on premises as a sex offender. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a November 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Thomas Harris, 45, of Siler City, was charged November 2 with assault on a female, habitual misdemeanor assault, attempted statutory sex offense with a child by an adult, indecent liberties with a child, statutory rape with a child by an adult, disseminating obscene material to a minor under 13 and sexual battery. He was held under a combined \$510,000 bond with a December 16 court date in Pittsboro.

for felony stopping for an injury after a hit and run, driving while license revoked, having a canceled/ revoked/suspended certificate/tag and damage to property in the parking lot of What-A-Wash in Siler City.

Michael McKinney, 41, of Siler City, was charged October 26 with felony assault by strangulation and assault on a female. He was given a November 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Janus McSwain, 40, of Siler City, was charged October 27 with felony assault by strangulation and assault on a female. He was given a November 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Kya Pugh, 20, of Siler City, was charged October 29 with simple assault. She was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a November 19 court date in Siler City.

James Staton, 20, of Siler City, was charged October 29 with assault on a female. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a November 19 court date in Siler City.

Lacie Clark of Snow Camp was cited October 29 for failure to maintain lane control on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Kyle Coleman, 30, of Asheboro, was charged October 31 with shoplifting. He was held under a \$2,000 bond with a November 19 court date in Siler City.

Curtis McClain, 67, of Siler City, was taken into custody October 31 on a charge of failure to appear. He was held under a \$2,000 bond with a December 11 court date in Asheboro.

Courtney Mitchell of Siler City was cited October 31 for failure to stop-steady at a red light and failure to reduce speed on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Alfredo Reyes of Siler City was cited November 1 for no operator's license and safe movement violation on West Third Street in Siler City.

#### **Chatham library** offering Microsoft **Excel classes**

The Chatham Community Library is offering Microsoft Excel Basics classes at 3 p.m. on November 20 in Pittsboro.

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released under a written promise with a November 12 court date in Siler City.

David Clodfelter, 44, of Bear Creek, was charged October 29 with communicating threats and cyberstalking. He was held under a 48-hour hold with a November 6 court date in Pittsboro.

Samuel White, 81, of Pittsboro was charged October 29 with probation violation and was held under a \$5,000 bond with a November 20 court date in Pittsboro. He was also charged October 30 with possession of a firearm by a felon and held under a \$25,000 bond with a November 14 court date in Chatham County.

John Monroy-Pulido, 28, of Pittsboro, was charged October 29 with assault on a government official and non-physical resisting, delaying and obstructing. He was held under a \$1,500 bond with a November 20 court date in Pittsboro.

Debra Defeo, 52, of Pompano Beach, Florida, was

Christopher Gilliland, 44. of Bear Creak, was charged November 3 with second-degree trespassing. He was held under a \$300 bond with a December 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Rachel Ohara-Brill, 28 of Chapel Hill, was charged November 3 with simple assault. She was held under a \$600 bond with a November 7 court date in Hillsborough.

Danny Mora, 34, of Chapel Hill, was charged November 3 with assault on a female. He was held on a mandatory 48-hour domestic violence hold with a November 6 court date in Pittsboro.

#### SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brandon Little of Siler City was cited October 26

Melva Cleary of Siler City was taken into custody November 3 on a charge of failure to appear. She was held under a \$20,000 bond with a December 3 court date in Siler City.

#### **STATE HIGHWAY** PATROL

Robert Leblanc of Angier was cited October 28 for improper passing on Tody Goodwin Road in Pittsboro.

Donald Shelton of Goldston was cited October 28 for failure to yield on N.C. Highway 902 in Siler City.

Ligia Ulloa Gaitan of Sanford was cited October 30 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Nolan Barefoot of Broadway was cited October 31 for failure to maintain lane control on U.S. Highway 421 in Siler City.

Caleb Johnson of Sanford was cited October 31 for careless and reckless driving on Moncure Pittsboro Road in Pittsboro.

## Two from Chapel Hill killed in Oct. 21 accident south of Pittsboro

#### **BY ZACHARY** HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — A mother and daughter from Chapel Hill died in a vehicle accident on the afternoon of October 21 just south of Pittsboro that is still under investigation.

Heather Lynn Rice, 43, and her daughter Abigail, 12, were driving north on U.S. Hwy. 15-501 when a tractor trailer traveling south side-swiped the

two cars in front of it and struck Rice's Toyota Corolla head-on.

John J. Niechniedowicz, 52, of North Augusta, South Carolina, is facing two pending charges of misdemeanor death by vehicle. He is still in the hospital receiving treatment, State Highway Patrol Trooper Brandon Harris told the News + Record on Tuesday.

The incident occurred around 2 p.m. on October 21, but clean-up took

eight hours. No other injuries were reported.

'For some reason we're not really sure yet it crosses the center line, side-swipes the two vehicles that are in the center lane and hits the fourth vehicle head on," Harris said.

The accident is still under investigation.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.



## CHATHAM EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK Alicia Shoup | Moncure School

grade English Language Arts E-mail address: akakins@ chatham.k12.nc.us

Date, place of birth: March 22, 1982, in Elmira, New York

Education: Southside High School in Elmira; SUNY Geneseo for undergraduate, with bachelor's of science in education with a dual certification in elementary and special education. Graduate: UNC-Greensboro, master's degree in literacy

Brief work history: This is my 16th year teaching. All 16 have been in Chatham County Schools. My first 11 were spent at Chatham Middle. I initially taught 5th grade language arts (LA) until Virginia Cross was built and 5th grade was mov-ing into the elementary building. I decided to move up into the middle school and taught 6th grade LA and science. I transferred to Moncure in 2015 when my daughter began Pre-K to work closer to home. I taught 5th grade my first year at Moncure and moved up into the middle school where I've been since.

Teaching honors/awards: Chatham County Schools Teacher of the Year 2010, Chatham County Schools STAR award 2011, National Board Certified Teacher in literacy 2012, Chatham County Schools Teacher of the year 2019

Hobbies/interests outside teaching: I enjoy reading, running, travelling with my daughter, going to musicals/plays,

Family: I have a daughter, Madeline, in the 3rd grade

What led you to a career as a teacher?: I wanted to be a teacher as early as kindergarten. I may have changed my mind a few times but, ultimately, through volunteer opportunities in high school, I

Grades taught: 6th, 7th and 8th realized it was a career I would love.

> Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them?: My favorite teachers were my kindergarten teacher and my English teachers (middle school and high school). I was an avid reader growing up and, so, naturally I felt more successful in English class, and I connected with the content more.

Has becoming a teacher been all you expected it would be?: It has, it continues to be rewarding and challenging daily.

How has teaching changed since you were a student?: Very much so; when I was in school it was almost all direct instruction.

What "makes your day" as a teacher?: When my students seek me out to say "good morning" to start their day.

What's working in schools

today?: We are taking the time to discuss every student's strengths and deficits both academically and emotionally through MTSS to help all students grow and be successful in school.

What's not working?: The expectations placed on teachers to do more with less. Funding for schools needs to be increased. Programs need to be added to help students experiencing poverty.

What's your favorite memory of your first year as a teacher?: My mentor Judy Morris, explaining everything I need to do with a smile and always encouraged and praised me as a first-year teacher.

How would your "teacher" persona handle you as a student?: I was fairly quiet and well-behaved in school, so my teach-



#### Submitted photo Moncure School teacher Alicia Shoup.

ing persona would have had no major clashes with me as a student.

Best piece of advice for other **teachers?:** Get to know your students as individuals to help connect to them in the classroom.

For students?: Be kind to everyone and try your best every day.

For parents?: Read with your children every single day! Treat reading as an opportunity for something to do together instead of as a punishment.

If you were superintendent for a day, you'd: I'd do a school tour, visit as many classrooms as I could and show my support for all the teachers.

What about your job would surprise your non-teaching friends the most?: The amount of work we bring home at nights, on weekends and during the summer. Most non-teaching friends think we check out at 3:00 daily and don't work at all during summers.

If you could somehow magical-



ly instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it **be?:** Surround yourself with positive thinkers and hard workers.

Lucas Ferri (left) and Gunnar Goodwin.

When you think about today's kids, you: I think about the increased pressures and exposures they have that weren't around when I was growing up, and how that impacts what I see in the classroom.

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?: Strict.

Favorite movie about school or teaching: "Dead Poets Society'

How would you summarize your teaching philosophy?: Myshortened teaching philosophy is that we are all always learning every day. Every student should expect to learn something new or try a new strategy every day, and I should be continually learning and pushing myself to try something new with my students to help them be successful in the classroom.

Submitted photo Moncure School's Alicia Shoup works with 5th-graders

> What five things must every teacher know?: 1. You are making a difference, even if it isn't showing today. 2. You need a work/family balance. 3. Ask for help when you need it. 4. Planning is key, take the time to plan well and plan extra. 5. Where the staff coffee maker is.

> What's special about your classroom?: I have flexible learning spaces, student work proudly displayed and comfortable spaces for reading.

What's special about your school?: The teachers and staff at Moncure are more like a family than coworkers. We all take care of and support each other. Not only do I love being a part of the teaching staff but also feel fortunate to have my daughter raised in a small school community.

The most unusual question you've ever gotten from a stu**dent?:** On discussing plans to go to the beach for a holiday weekend, "Whoa, wait.. Do teachers ACTUALLY wear bathing suits at the beach?!"

## 'Midway' earnest and enjoyable, but feels out of place during November awards season

For those wondering whether the world needed





**NEIL MORRIS** Film Critic

pointing out that director Roland Emmerich's latest big screen bonanza eschews many of the missteps that plagued the 1976 star-studded original. Gone are the tepid battle scenes, some of them footage lifted from John Ford's 1942 Oscar-win-ning documentary "Battle of Midway." Gone is the hokey romantic subplot, or any for that matter. Gone are fictitious characters based on real people who are properly

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another movie GRADE: Babout **DIRECTOR:** Roland Emmerich Battle of STARRING: Ed Skrein, Patrick Wilson, Luke Midway Evans, Aaron Eckhart, Nick Jonas, Mandy Island

Moore, Woody Harrelson and Dennis Quaid MPAA RATING: PG-13

#### RUNNING TIME: 2 hr. 18 min.

identified in the new film. Moreover, the 1976 film instantly felt anachronistic in the Cold War era, a callback to a film genre fading from prominence around the same time as John Wayne.

Perhaps today's world craves stories with a clear delineation of good and evil. Maybe the passage of time and historical imperative necessitates remembering last century's war heroes. Either way,

Emmerich's "Midway' exceeds any reasonable expectations. It doesn't break any molds, but it's an earnest attempt at memorializing this historically significant event and its key contributors.

Unlike the 1976 film, Emmerich opens with a recreation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which is used as a bookend for the Battle of Midway six months later. Reeling from that

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Dennis Quaid stars in 'Midway.'

overwhelming defeat, the U.S. Navy revamps its approach to the Pacific theater, starting with the appointment of Admiral Chester Nimitz (Woody Harrelson) to command the fleet and a re-emphasis on intelligence gathering, led by Lieutenant Commander Edwin T. Layton (Patrick Wilson), whose early warnings about the vulnerability of Pearl Harbor were ignored by his superiors. Layton's Japanese counterpart is Rear Admiral Tamon Yamaguchi (Tadanobu Asano), a former confidant and moderate whose misgivings about awakening the sleeping American giant are ignored by hardliners bent on war.

The most intriguing segments of "Midway are the competing cat-andmouse military tactics, as strategists on both sides try to crack codes and outwit their opponents. Midway Island represents a strategic foothold for



both America and Japan if Japan could capture Midway, its air bases could serve as launching points for raids on Hawaii and even the western contidental U.S. Meanwhile, U.S. strategists are can use Japan's desire for Midway to set a trap that could reshift the balance of power in the Pacific.

Emmerich particularly shines a spotlight on the contributions of Layton and Dick Best (Ed Skrein), an ace American pilot whose aviation exploits culminated with bombing two Japanese carriers during the Battle of Midway. While Emmerich relies a bit heavily on the blur of CGI throughout "Midway," one virtue of his visual palette is that it effectively captures the hellish heroism of dive bombing, with pilots asked to fly directly into a hail tracer fire, often while being pursued by enemy planes from the rear. Few pilots return alive, each of

them accepting that the sacrifice of a few is worth the destruction of an entire warship or aircraft carrier. Even though Emmerich

scales down any shoehorned character backstories, there's still too much idle conversations and rah-rah speechifying for a 138-minute film that could have clocked in much shorter. Aaron Eckhart shows up for a few minutes as pilot Jimmy Dolittle, apparently just so Emmerich can give him a rousing speech (like Bill Pullman in Emmerich's "Independence Day") and later be included in the closing "What happened to ..." montage. And since Harry Styles got a role in "Dunkirk," I guess that's why Nick Jonas shows up here, bestowed with a noble death and one of few f-bombs a PG-13 movie can spare.

Usually the only difference between Emmerich and Michael Bay is that **Emmerich** operates under the delusion that he's making weighty cinema. "Midway" could have been a lot worse, and it's actually quite good in parts. Still, it's more of a summer blockbuster than a November awards season release.

## THE UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM COUNTY AGENCY PROFILE El Futuro's Latino Child and Family **Mental Health Treatment program**

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

Focus Area: Strengthening the Community (health)

Name of United Way Supported Program: Chatham County Latino Child and Family Mental Health Treatment

How will El Futuro use United Way donor dollars?: United Way funding is supporting delivery of comprehensive, bilingual, outpatient mental health treatment for Latino families in Chatham County. Clients are provided therapy (individual, group, or family), psychiatry, and case management, all in a culturally-responsive environment that reduces barriers to care for Latino families.

Due to the continued high levels of demand for bilingual mental health treatment in the community, El Futuro is consistently called to expand our service provision. Over the last two years, we've expanded our Siler City clinic operations from two to three days / week, expanded our clinic capacity by 50 percent in the new Ivey Avenue space, and initiated case management services to help meet complex and overlapping needs.

Despite these efforts, there are still more families who need services.



We are continually asked to be open more days per week, provide services in different locations across the county, and generally expand our treatment array.

In FY2020, we're continuing our steady growth of services for Chatham County families by adding another clinician to our Siler City clinic, expanding case management services, providing additional capacity for medication management follow up appointments through telepsychiatry provided from our home clinic in Durham, and further developing the walkin clinic approach in our Siler City clinic, including additional community outreach to help connect more families to these growing services.

Funding from United Way is helping support these growing personnel costs, and specifically the salary of an additional therapist in Siler City. This therapist provides individual and family treatment, coordinates care with case managers and other community agencies as appropriate, works with the whole family to improve psycho-social skills and supportive networks, and serves as a liaison to other community agencies working toward improved outcomes for Latino

families. Why is this program essential to Chatham County?: Sixty-five percent of respondents to the United Way of Chatham County Community Needs Assessment identified lack of mental

health care as a problem in violence in the home Chatham, and the report cites decreasing funding for community mental health services, along with a fragmented system of care, making the process of finding appropriate care difficult. The report also notes behavioral outcomes for youth as a concern, with particular emphasis on alcohol and drug abuse, teen pregnancies, and high school dropout rates. For Latino youth, the

needs are even more critical. According to the preliminary findings of the 2018 Community Health Assessment, Latino youth were more likely than their peers to have attempted or seriously considered suicide, or to have felt sad or hopeless every day for more than two weeks. Chatham County was also designated as a Mental Health **Professional Shortage** Area for Spanish-speaking residents due to the lack of adequate numbers of bilingual mental health providers. Our program addresses these needs by making high quality, bilingual mental health treatment more accessible to low-income Latino families in Chatham County.

How does the program make a difference in the community?: El Futuro recognizes that Latino immigrant families arrive in our community seeking a better future. Yet too often, extraordinary hardships related to the stresses of migration and poverty result in mental health challenges. In many cases,

country is so severe that the best option parents can find is to send their children, alone, to relatives or other acquaintances in the US. In a survey of our clients we found 54 percent of the children we serve are unaccompanied minors. Many others 60 percent of our client population — are victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, or other crimes.

Additionally, the migration journey often includes separation from family, and then, upon arrival, there is cultural and linguistic isolation. These hardships are known to create symptoms of depression, anxiety, PTSD, and substance abuse (the most frequent symptoms we treat) — all of which can have negative impacts on academic success, behavior, productivity, and relationships. Additionally, cognitive function and decision making abilities are significantly impacted by the chronic stress of poverty and by traumatic exposures. Without appropriate treatment, individuals are unable to take advantage of available opportunities such as education. These exposures are also known to have long-term health impacts. In other words, left untreated, these mental health symptoms negatively impact the ability of the families to function at their best and achieve their dreams.

Our team of bilingual, licensed therapists,

psychiatrists, and case managers provide evidence-based, trauma-informed mental health treatments in a welcoming environment that honors the dignity and value of everyone who comes through our doors. At-risk individuals are routinely referred to El Futuro through strong connections with other local agencies, and our growing case management program helps connect Latino families to other community services, reducing stressors that may impact mental health. Once engaged in treatment, our services help develop important coping skills, grow parenting abilities and build community.

We do not seek the quick fix solution but rather work towards sustainable changes that will help the individuals feel better (clinical improvement) and function better (socially, physically, occupationally, scholastically and in the home setting). On average, our clients stay for at least six appointments or until they are better, which may mean getting back to work, attending school again, sleeping through the night without nightmares, or staying sober.

We provide culturally and linguistically appropriate interventions designed to not only help the individual but also strengthen the whole family. We know that warm and nurturing relationships between children and adults can serve as powerful bulwarks against the stressors affecting individuals in poverty and against mental illnesses. When parents are able to reduce their stress and anxiety, they can better respond to their children's emotional needs and help them manage difficulties. To that end,

we use a two-generation approach with family centered treatment methods, despite current policy structures that most often focus only on the health of the child without encouraging treatment for the affected parent.

Through all of these approaches, our program nurtures stronger familias to live out their dreams, and reduces unnecessary burdens on our educational, social service, and healthcare systems. To that end, our program helps strengthen the entire community.

**Please share a story** about a Chatham resident this program helped and the impact it made: Juan (not his real name) was referred to Dr. Luke Smith, El Futuro's Executive Director & Psychiatrist, a few years ago after having to be hospitalized for symptoms related to schizophrenia. At the time, Juan's life was extremely impacted by his symptoms, and he was not able to hold down a job. After several months of treatment, his symptoms had improved to the point that his treatment with Dr. Smith came to an end.

Just a few weeks ago, Dr. Smith went to a local store and recognized Juan, who was working there. Juan and Dr. Smith spent a few minutes catching up, and Dr. Smith was thrilled to see that Juan's symptoms were still being managed and that he's now able to work and have more stability in his life. Juan's story is one that reflects that, with adequate access to quality treatment, even the most severe symptoms of mental illness can be improved, helping our community's newest members get back to their dreams for the future that brought them here in the first place.

## Mad Kitchen Science leads to lentil pilaf

The Kid has always been a very adventurous

eater.

In

the 1st

grade,

were asked

to bring in their

favorite

with the

food to

share

class.



DEBBIE MATTHEWS The Curious Cook

The next day the table was laden with hot dogs, cookies, chicken nuggets, and bowls of mac 'n' cheese.

We brought three dozen dolmas — a Greek delicacy made from grape leaves, which are pickled and stuffed with lemony rice, then covered in olive oil.

When I was in the 1st grade, I would have brought

Petey and I share a fondness for Mediterranean food. We're not quite as hardcore as The Kid; I'll pretty much students always pass on the squid and lamb. But I love the things they do with carbs and vegetables. Garlic is a frequent ingredient, as well as lemon and lots of bright fresh herbs.

Little Debbie brownies.

Za'atar is a spice blend that's really popular. Za'atar's a mixture of toasted sesame seed, earthy oregano, smoky cumin, and rich, lemonv sumac. It's used as a topping for flatbread, mixed into oil, as a rub for meats, and a flavoring for rice dishes.

It can be purchased at Greek and Middle Eastern grocers, gourmet shops, and online. My sampler side dish is a



Lentil pilaf.

combination of the dishes of a few favorite restaurants. It's an example of the flavor you can bring to the table on the cheap. The sausage was leftover from another dinner, the fideo pasta is .38 a

bag, and the lentils actually came from the dollar store. Thanks for your time.

Contact Debbie Matthews at dm@bullcity.mom

### 2019's Final Household Hazardous Waste Events

#### FINAL EVENT: Saturday, November 16



9:00 am to 3:00 pm 28 County Services Road 6 miles west of Pittsboro, off Hwy 64)

	Chatham County residents can bring household hazardous items such as • chemicals • cleaners • solvents • paint • pesticides • gasoline • antifreeze • electronics					
Photo by Debbie Matthews	For a complete list of item The Chatham County Sheriff's Office will provide a free take back of	No trash or empty containers. No business waste.				
g, and the lentils actually me from the dollar store. Thanks for your time.	unwanted medicines during this HHW event. No needles, sharps, or liquids will be accepted.	No decal required. Must show NC Drivers License. Questions? Call (919) 542-5516				
ontact Debbie Matthews	HHW events will r	resume in March 2020.				

**Mediterranean Sampler Side Dish** 

1 cup lentils 2 cups chicken stock 1 large yellow onion, chopped 1 teaspoon za'atar spice 3 bay leaves

2 tablespoons butter

broken into small

1 cup fideo or spaghetti

white rice 1/2 cup dry Marsala wine 1-10 ounce box frozen chopped spinach, thawed, squeezed until most of the water is out, and chopped 4 cooked Italian, or

11/2 cups long-grain

other very garlicky sausages, slice into 1/2-inch rounds 4-6 (to taste) garlic cloves, chopped 3 1/2 cups water Salt and pepper to taste Olive oil Large, flaky finishing salt, like Maldon salt

pieces Place lentils, chicken stock and big pinch of salt into saucepan. Bring to boil, reduce to simmer, cover and cook for 15 minutes. This is to par-cook the lentils. They'll finish cooking with the pilaf. Drain and set aside.

Melt butter in a heavy pot with a lid. Add onions, za'atar, bay leaves, a big pinch of salt and pepper. Cook on medium until the onions turn light golden. Add pasta, and while stirring frequently and watching constantly, cook until toasty-smelling and light caramel. Add rice and stir until it's all coated with butter.

Turn up to medium-high and pour in Marsala. Stir, scraping up any brown bits stuck to pot. This is called deglazing, and the bits are called "fond". Fond adds buckets of flavor. Cook until the wine's completely cooked off and the pot is dry.

Stir in spinach, add sausage, and drained lentils. Add water, bring to boil, reduce to simmer, and cover. Reduce heat to medium-low.

Cook for 17 minutes. If the water hasn't yet cooked out, keep cooking until the rice is moist, but there's no water left.

Keep covered, turn off burner, and let sit for at least 15 minutes for starches to set. This will keep both the rice and pasta from breaking when you serve

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> 19 E 489 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Execu-tor of the Estate of **NANCY** FARRAR BROOKS of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 17, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 17th day of October,

Michael E. Laney, Executor PO Box 693

Hillsborough, NC 27278 017,024,031,N7,4tp

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 19 E 484 NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **PEGGY BARGER HALL** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 17, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 17th day of October. 2019. Vicky Pittman, Administrator 2606 Lamroc Rd. Greensboro, NC 27407 017,024,031,N7,4tp

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 19 E 503

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Administrators of the Estate of CLARA JACQUELINE JENKINS of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations, having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against CAROLYN ECKFELDT KOZELKA, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before January 17th, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 17th day of October, 2020. James Louis Kozelka, Executor Estate of Carolyn Eckfeldt Kozelka

c/o Roberson Law Firm 1829 E. Franklin St., Ste. 800C Chapel Hill, NC 27514 017,024,031,N7,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 17 E 466 NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of WILLIAM **ODELL YATES** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 24, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 24th day of October, 2019. Joan P. Yates, Executrix 808 Burnaby Ct Cary, NC 27519

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

19 E 519 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MAMIE E. BURNETTE of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons having claims against NANCY O. SORENSON aka Nancy O'Neal Sorenson aka Nancy Ellen Sorenson ["Nancy O. Sorenson"] of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 25th day of September, 2019, are notified to present them to Peter M. Sorenson, Executor of the

Estate of Nancy O. Sorenson in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320, Exchange West at Mead-owmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 8834, on or before January 30, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the

devisees of Nancy O. Sorenson. Those indebted to Nancy O. Sorenson are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320 Exchange West at Meadowmont

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Barbara Ann Fahy NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor the Estate of BARBARA ANN FAHY, late of 124 Serenity Hill Circle, Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms. and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517, on or before the 25th day of January, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms. corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 24th day of October, 2019.

Joseph T. Fahy, Executor of The Estate of Barbara Ann Fahy Dori J. Dixon Schell Bray PLLC Attorney for the Estate 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271 Chapel Hill, North Carolina,

27517

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 514 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Execu-tor of the Estate of **HAROLD** C. PETERSON of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 24, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 24th day of October, 2019. Carol Ziemiecki, Executor 8 Plymouth Court Pittsboro, NC 27312

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 504

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of GLENDA ANN KEENAN of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 24, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All per sons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 24th day of October,

2019. Alison Keenan, Executrix 736 Ellsworth Rd

Charlotte, NC 28211 024,031,N7,N14,4tp

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 19-CVD-752 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY ELIZABETH CASTANEDA ORTIZ Plaintiff branch North 7 degrees 19 minutes West 100.44 feet: thence North 69 degrees 36 minutes West 87.60 feet: thence North 12 degrees 36 minutes West 194.75 feet; thence North 20 degrees 21 minutes West 195.85 feet: thence North 45 degrees 54 minutes 194.6 feet; thence North 55 degrees 54 minutes East 124.06 feet; thence North 20 degrees 06 minutes West 56.67 feet to corner with Endsley Glosson; thence with said Glosson Line (iron stake 21 feet from corner on bank of branch in this line) North 7 degrees 24 minutes East 429.86 feet to an iron stake; thence South 83 degrees 36 minutes East 527 feet to an iron stake; thence North 34 degrees 24 minutes East 175 feet to an iron stake: thence South 78 degrees 36 minutes East 151 feet to the beginning, containing Twenty-Three and 27/100 (23.27) acres, more or less.

There is also granted and conveyed herewith all of that certain Easement for Roadway Across Real Estate 60 feet in width heretofore granted to Grantors by instrument recorded in Book 568, Page 566, Chatham County Registry. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. **Parcel Identification Number:** 0010786

The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habit ability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25

This the 21st day of October, 2019.

Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner Trenton, NC 28585 O31,N7,2tc

#### NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE

SALE Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. AMBROSIO MARTINEZ OR-TIZ and spouse, CANDELARIA CRISTOBAL CERVANTES, and all possible heirs and assignees of AMBROSIO MARTINEZ ORTIZ and spouse, CANDELARIA CRISTOBAL CERVANTES, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder. et al. 08-CVD-602. the undersigned Commissioner will on the 13th day of November, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County. North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Matthews hin Stat and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: All those certain tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Being all of Lot 1, Block D, as shown on Plat entitled "Map of West Siler City", recorded in Plat Book 2. at Page 9. Chatham County Registry. Save and Except, However, from the above referenced tract, a portion of it conveyed to Grace N. Crisson in Deed Book KU at Page 88, Chatham County Registry, more par-ticularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake in the Western margin of Brown St. (now Elm Street) and said point also being in the northern margin of Asheboro St., where said Brown St., and Asheboro Street intersect, as shown on the hereinafter referenced plat thence form said point North 76 degrees West 60 feet to iron stake in the Northern margin of Asheboro St., said iron stake being in the Southeast corner of Lot 2, Block D, on hereinafter referenced plat; thence from said point, North 22 degrees 36 minutes West 72 feet to an iron stake in the eastern line of Lot 2 of Block D on hereinafter referenced plat; thence from said point South 76 degrees East 60 feet to an iron stake in the Western margin of Brown Street (now Elm Street) as shown on hereinafter referenced plat; thence from said point and along the Western line of Brown Street. South 22 degrees 36 minutes East 72 feet to a stake on the North side of Asheboro Street, said stake being the point and place of beginning. This metes and bounds description came from a plat entitled "Map of West Siler City", said plat being recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 9, Chatham County Registry. Subject to restrictive cove nants and easements of record. **Parcel Identification Number:** 

fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 21st day of October, 2019. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25

Trenton, NC 28585 O31,N7,2tc

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified on the 25th day of October. 2019 as Administrator. CTA of the Estate of HARRY B. GIBSON a/k/a Harry Burton Gibson, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 29th day of October, 2019. Sheryl G. Montgomery, Administrator. CTA of the Estate of Harry B. Gibson a/k/a Harry Burton Gibson PO Box 51579 Durham, NC 27717-1579 Michael S. Munson, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 O31,N7,N14,N21,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of WILLIE RALPH WALDEN, II, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of January, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 28th day of October, Melinda Walden, Administrator of The Estate of Willie Ralph Walden, II Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806

PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 031,N7,N14,N21,4tc

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**19 E 529** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **NANCY KAREN SCHEIN** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before Hillsboro Street. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www. chathamnc.org by selecting the heading County Government. then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral. on the issues listed below: Legislative Request: 1. A Legislative public hearing request by Chatham County Planning Department to consider County-initiated zoning of parcels 93277, 93278, 93279, 93280, and 93281 to R1-Residential. Formerly located in Harnett County and being located off of NC HWY 42. 2. A Legislative public hearing request by Pitt Hill X, LLC for a conditional district rezoning from R-1 Residential to CD-NB for retail shopping center, Par cel No. 2721, located at 10329 US 15-501 N, Baldwin Township on approximately 5.01 acres. 3. A Legislative public hearing request by Paul Brewer for a conditional district rezoning from R-1 Residential to CD-CB for indoor/outdoor storage facility, Parcel No. 80765 being 15.52 acres and Parcel No. 5421 being 1.4 acres for a total of 16.92 acres, located off Dickens Road, Cape Fear Township. 4. A Legislative public hearing request by Paul Brewer for a general use rezoning from R-1 Residential to Light Industrial, Parcel No. 60167 being 48.8 acres, located off Jordan Dam Road, Haw River Township. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discus-

sions. Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 919-542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312. N7,N14,2tc

#### NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **MARIGOLD ANN ABRAHAMSON AKA MARIGOLD A. ABRAHAM-SON** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on April 17, 2019 are hereby notified to present their claims to JANET H. MCLAMB, EXECUTOR, on or before February 10, 2020 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment. This 7th day of November,

2019. JANET H. MCLAMB, EXECUTOR The Exchange at Meadowmont 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 290 2.0 MGD, or 50% of the plant's permitted capacity prior to Mountaire's construction. While the plant has the hydraulic capacity to service both current flows and the Mountaire Farms facility, the WWTP is not currently designed or required to meet an effluent limit for Total Nitrogen (TN). The Town has therefore entered the planning phase of upgrading the WWTP to accommodate nutrient removal. The project is anticipated to be constructed as two phases. The first phase to improve nutrient removal at the current capacity of 4.0 MGD and a second phase to increase capacity to 6.0 MGD. The first phase of construction includes improvements to the existing oxidation ditches, blowers, controls and electrical. The second phase improvements include expansion of the influent screening and grit removal systems, influent pump station upgrades. constructing a third oxidation ditch basin and clarifier, new effluent filters, disinfection system expansion, solids handling facility and associated electrical and piping upgrades. The project also includes upgrades to approximately 5,600 LF of gravity sewer interceptor from the point that Mountaire Farms flows enter the interceptor to the WWTP. These improvements are proposed to be constructed to reduce nutrients to levels at or below the mass of Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus discharged when poultry processing was not discharging to the Town's WWTP. This project is critical to allow the Town of Siler City to serve Mountaire Farms. The proposed project had potential to impact riparian wetlands along Love's Creek. During the 8-step process several alternative sewer line alignments were considered. The proposed alignment will run parallel and to the south of the existing sewer line, away from Love's Creek, and within upland areas. As a result, there are no anticipated wetland impacts associated with the proposed project. The project would include work within a 100-year floodplain of Loves Creek. The proposed gravity sewer line construction will be below grade with above grade manhole access Construction will result in minimal changes to the current topography. The sewer line will be installed primarily within existing road right of way and existing utility easements

however some areas will be rerouted to minimize impacts to the floodplain. The project will not impede or change the flow in any roadside ditches. Activities in floodplains would include minimal clearing of regetation, material laydown installation of erosion contro measures, and excavation of an approximately 6-foot wide trench for installation of the sewer line. Approximately 3.5-acres of the Loves Creek floodplain will receive temporary impacts during sewer line installation. A new discharge pipe with rip rap bank protection is proposed within the floodplain along Love's Creek to the west of the Siler City WWTP. Permanent stream bank impacts above existing grades and contours are antici-

pated to be minimal.

areas and erosion control and native plant seed will be cast over disturbed areas to re-establish natural vegetative community following work. Appropriate permits will be acquired prior to completing work in floodplain areas. A permit to construct in the floodplain may be required through the Town of Siler City and Chatham County Floodplain Management Programs. The Town of Siler City has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain area and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document the Eight Step Process of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location shown in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the floodplain for the following reasons: (1) all impacts to floodplain areas will be temporary and original conditions will be restored following work; (2) erosion control measures will be employed in floodplain areas and erosion control and native plant seed will be cast over disturbed areas to re-establish natural vegetative community following work. There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness. when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in flood-plains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received by Roy Lynch, Town Manager, Town of Siler City at the following address: PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344, (919) 742-4731, on or before November 14, 2019. Comments may also be submitted via email at rlvnch@silercity.org. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Roy Lynch, Town Manager, Town of Siler City at the following address: PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344, (919) 742-4731 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. N7,1tc **TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** 

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#### VICTOR MANUEL ORTIZ Defendant NOTICE OF SERVICE OR PROCESS BY PUBLICATION TO: VICTOR MANUEL

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed on the 2nd day of October, 2019 in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Plaintiff is seeking an absolute divorce from defendant based upon one year's separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days following the 24th day of October, 2019, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice, or from the date complaint is required to be filed, whichever is later, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This 24th day of October, 2019. ELIZABETH CASTANEDA ORTIZ, Plaintiff

W. Ben Atwater, Jr. Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344 (919) 663-2850

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#### NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. AARON MICHAEL AMMER-MAN and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of AARON MICHAEL AMMER-MAN and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 17-CVD-730, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 13th day of November, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash. to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County. North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Hadley Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Hadley Town-ship, Chatham County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron stake, a corner with International Paper Company, and Edsley Glosson, and running thence with said Paper Company line South 5 degrees West 1325.25 feet to a big cedar tree; thence North 84 degrees 02 minutes (iron stake 23 feet from corner on bank of branch in this line) 732 feet to a point in Lick Branch, a corner with L.C. Glosson; thence with

said Glosson's line and said

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The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording January 31, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 31st day of October, 2019. Jennifer Kogos Youngstrom, Executrix 103 Westchester Pl Chapel Hill, NC 27514 031,N7,N14,N21,4tp

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 444

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **HERBERT C. HENLEY, JR.** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 31, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 31st day of October, 2019. Caroline K. Henley, Administrator

433 Henley Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517 O31,N7,N14,N21,4tp

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 498

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MILDRED YVONNE JOHNSON of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 24, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 31st day of October, 2019. Darryl Johnson, Executor PO Box 126 90 Fields Country Rd Goldston, NC 27252 O31,N7,N14,N21,4tp

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, November 18, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 9 Chapel Hill, NC 27517 N7,N14,N21,N28,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM NEWS All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **ANNE NELSON LOEB** late of Chatham County. North Carolina, who died on September 25, 2019 are hereby notified to present their claims to CHARLES NELSON LOEB and WILLIAM NELSON LOEB, CO-EXECUTORS, in care of the undersigned attorney at her address, on or before February 10, 2020 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corpora-tions indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment. This 7th day of November, 2019 CHARLES NELSON LOEB and WILLIAM NELSON LOEB, CO-EXECUTORS

c/o JANET H. MCLAMB, Attorney The Exchange at Meadowmont 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 290

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC

REVIEW OF A NOTICE AND PUB-LIC REVIEW of a PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals This is to give notice that the Town of Siler City has conduct ed an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for activities related to the **Community Development Block** Grant Economic Development (CDBG-ED) program. The Town of Siler City is requesting grant funding from CDBG-ED. In May 2016, Mountaire Farms selected the Town of Siler City, North Carolina as its next location for a processing facility. With two hatcheries located in southwest Chatham County and the Town of Siler City's history of poultry processing, the location was ideal to invest \$170 million and create over 1,100 jobs within the commu-

nity. The Town of Siler City currently owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) that is permitted to discharge up to 4.0 MGD of treated effluent to Love's Creek. Sludge removed from the storage basins is land applied to local farmland. Flows treated at the WWTP averaged approximately

The Town of Siler City has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Alternative No. 1 - No Action - The alternative of not providing a sewer expansion with adequate capacity for the Mountaire Farms facility. This would fail to allow the facility to operate at full capacity, would potentially result in surface water quality impacts, and would not improve the economic state for the region. The No Action alternative is not considered to be a desirable option. Therefore, the "No Action" alternative is dismissed. Alternative No. 2 – Sewer Force Main with new Pump Station This alternative would allow for the construction of a sewer force main outside of the 100-year floodplain limits, but would require the construction of a new pump station, the acquisition of new utility easement, and impacts to undeveloped natural areas including areas that may contain critical threatened and endangered species habitat. This alternative is not economically feasible due to the cost associated with the construction of a new pump station and force main. Therefore, the "Sewer Force Main with new Pump Station" alternative is dismissed. Alternative No. 3 – Gravity Sewer Expansion Outside of 100-Year Floodplain – Alternative 3 would consist of the construction of a new gravity sewer line at a higher elevation outside of the Loves Creek 100-year floodplain limits. While this alternative would not result in impacts to 100-year floodplain, it would require the acquisition of new easement area, impact undeveloped natural areas potentially containing critical threatened and endangered species habitat, and private property, and would require that the sewer line be buried at an impractical depth. Therefore, the "Gravity Sewer Expansion Outside of 100-Year Floodplain" alternative is dismissed.

Mitigation measures and construction techniques will be utilized during project completion to minimize adverse impacts, as well as, restore and preserve natural and beneficial resource values. (1) Impacts to floodplains will be temporary during line trenching; (2) land disturbance associated with the new sewer line in the 100-year floodplain will be tem porary and post construction surface elevations will match original height and slope; (3) The new discharge pipe proposed within the floodplain

will conduct a public hearing on **November 18, 2019 at 7 pm in the City Hall Courtroom** located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests:

1. Marsh Auto Parts requests a conditional use district rezoning to rezone ~1.218 acres from Residential (R-10) to Highway-Commercial (H-C). The proposed conditional use is a temporary storage area for receiving inventory for salvage yard operations. The subject property is located at 1110 Greensboro Ave. and is identified as tax parcel # 16464; and 2. Michael P. & Carolyn A. Jokinen proposes to rezone ~1.153 acres from Residential (R-10) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R). The subject property is located at 173 N. Hillcrest Rd. and is identified as parcel # 74935 & 78666.

The proposed items are available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the application are invited to attend the public hearing and present comments, testimony, exhibits, evidence, arguments, and ask questions of persons who testify on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on Nov. 12 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@ silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@ silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Admin-istrator CTA of the Estate of LILLIE MAE A. BURNETTE, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the under-signed on or before the 5th day of February, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 4th day of November, 2019. Erika Alston Green, Administrator CTA of The Estate of Lillie Mae A. Burnette Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605

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**NOTIFICATION OF DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED WASTEWATER** General Statute 143-215-1C requires that the owner of any wastewater collection or treatment works to issue a press release when an untreated wastewater discharge of 1,000 gallons or more reaches surface waters. In accordance with that regulation, the following news

regulation, the following news release has been prepared and issued to media in the affected counties: The City of Graham had a discharge of untreated waste-

discharge of untreated wastewater on October 28, 2019 of an estimated 3,000 gallons at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 1204 East Gilbreath Street in Graham. The untreated wastewater was discharged in Town Branch Creek in the Cape Fear River Basin. The North Carolina Division of Environmental Quality Winston-Salem Regional Office was notified of the event on October 29, 2019 and is reviewing the matter. For more information, contact the City of Graham at 336-570-6721.

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#### AMENDED NOTICE OF FORE-CLOSURE SALE 18 SP 65

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Alex Othsmaro Sibrian aka Alex Othsnaro Sidrian and Maribel Sibrian aka Maribel Sidrian (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Alex O. Sibrian and Maribel Sibrian) to Jennifer Andrews, Book 1350, Page 6, and Modifi-cation in Book 1856, Page 747, in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having direct-ed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on November 21, 2019 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: BEING all that 2.10 acres, parcel of land, more particularly described as all of Lot #9, as shown on the plat entitled, "Division of Beulah Bell Baldwin Lands" prepared December 1975, by William G. Joyner, R.L.S., and recorded in Plat

Trustee(s), dated the 23rd day

of July, 2007, and recorded in

Book 21, Page 21, Chatham County Registry, to which plat reference is hereby made for further description. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at **455 Moore Mountain** Road, Pittsboro, North Carolina Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be pur-chased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) re-quired by NCGS §7A-308(a)(1). The property to be offered pur suant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized represen-tative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applica-A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is re-quired and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Resi-dential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property. An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S.

§ 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a renta agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SER-VICES, INC. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE c/o Hutchens Law Firm LLP P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311 Phone No: (910) 864-3068 https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.

com Case No: 1240119 (FC.FAY) N7,N14,2tc

## Main Street Pittsboro working toward County Welcome Center

#### **BY CASEY MANN** News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — If and when it opens — possibly occupying the former site of Capital One Bank in downtown Pittsboro — a proposed Chatham County Welcome Center would collaborate, cross-promote and communicate all that the county has to offer.

That's the vision leaders of Main Street Pittsboro have had for about four years now, according to group President Maria Parker-Lewis, and it's getting closer to becoming a reality — and an important one for all of Chatham County.

"It's not enough anymore for towns to just promote themselves," Parker-Lewis said. "You create better downtowns, you create more, when you cross promote other areas and businesses."

Main Street Pittsboro has been gathering letters of support as well as financial commitments in an effort to transform the former Capital One Bank, located at 37 Hillsboro St., right on the circle, as the Science and Engineering and the Chatham County Historical Association to create a experiential devise to promote the county. While still in the developmental stage, the group is working on a virtual walking tour of sorts for the county. Visitors would be able to download the tour and information at either the new Welcome Center of the historical museum located in the courthouse.

"We want to give people the opportunity to get a taste of what the county has to offer rather than just picking up a brochure," Parker-Lewis said. "A Welcome Center can help communicate and promote a county identity or brand."

Parker-Lewis also hopes the facility will be a benefit not just for visitors, but for the community as well. The building in question is already often used as a downtown hub for volunteers during events. The group wants to make the facility "more inclusive than just Pittsboro." The building also houses three offices; Parker-Lewis wants other non-profits to be able to use the two other offices. We would like to partner with two other non-profits that have a similar vision, such as those that promote tourism, economic vitality. local businesses," she said The building itself would require an up-fit and renovations. The group would like to improve the facade of the building and include a mural on one side of the outer walls. Parker-Lewis said the goal of the design would be subject of the mural would be "something that will communicate community values." The creation of a Welcome Center will likely take community and financial support to make a reality. Parker-Lewis said the project is "going

to require additional partners" that "see the value" of a facility of this type. The group has gathered multiple letters of support for the project from individuals and organizations in the county including the Pittsboro Business Association, Abundance NC, Chatham Homes Realty, Éco CP Partners, LLC which is developing Mosaic and the town of Pittsboro. These letters are directed to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners requesting financial support for the endeavor.

"[A Welcome Center] fits with Main Street's mission of boosting economic resiliency and diversity as well as supporting downtown Pittsboro and further out across the county," wrote Abundance NC's Tami Schwerin in a letter of support.

"We join other community members, business owners and the Town of Pittsboro in asking for your support of Main Street Pittsboro's efforts to bring their vision of a Welcome Center to reality

## Students, get your applications in for the 2020 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour!

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site of the Welcome Center. "Where this is situated

yes it's the county seat
 but 15,000 cars a day
 go around that circle so it
 has a high level of visibili ty," Parker-Lewis said.

The vision for the Welcome Center, which hasn't been given an official name, is to use the visibility of the location, as well as the thousands of people that events draw into Pittsboro, to provide an opportunity for those visitors to be exposed to what other downtowns and other areas in the county have going on and to promote the different attractions in the county.

"We want to create something more than just an advertising space," Parker-Lewis said.

The group is collaborating with students from Chatham's School of in downtown Pittsboro," Kirk Bradley, manager of Eco CP Partners, LLC wrote in his letter to the county commissioners.

In addition to letters of support, three organizations have pledged funding toward the project. Lee-Moore Capital Company, of which Bradley is president, and Chatham Park Investors have each committed \$10,000 for the Welcome Center. In addition, the town of Pittsboro committed to appropriate \$8,000 of funds received from the town's ABC Board to the effort.

The group will likely officially submit a request for financial support from the Chatham County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on Nov. 18.

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

### CHATHAM COUNTY LIMITED EDITION RIFLE



Engraved on <u>affordable</u>, American-made, stock Henry rifles, this special limited edition combines meticulous research, original artwork, and finely detailed engraving to celebrate the history of Chatham County. Fantastic as a family heirloom and keepsake or community fundraiser. **Discount expires NOV. 10, 2019!** 

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