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DOWNTOWN RETAILERS, ARTISANS LOOKING FOR GROWTH

Siler City's yellow flags signal 'open for business'



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Sue and Rich Szary pose in front of Twin Birch & Teasel, their business on N. Chatham Avenue in Siler City. When open, Twin Birch is one of a number of downtown businesses flying yellow flags.

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Make your way through downtown Siler City and you'll see a recurring sight: triangle-shaped yellow flags placed in front of a variety of businesses up and down North Chatham Avenue.

For the retailers who fly them, the yellow flags are a simple message to passersby: we're open. And in a downtown where vacant buildings and retail shops doubling as working art studios are in about equal supply, the flags are designed to alert visitors and shoppers that if you look closely enough, you'll find something unique and special.

"You can look up and down the street," says Sue Szary, who owns and operates Twin Birch and Teasel with her husband Rich, "and see who's open at a glance."

Szary describes those who participate in the initiative as a subgroup of the Siler City Merchants Association, mostly those in the arts community or those who sell hand-crafted items.

"In Siler City, we're makers,"

Szary said. "We have studios attached — we're not solely retail. We're a community of makers. We have open studios at any time, full of potters, painters and guitar makers."

It's not a new "thing" for downtown. The yellow flags, made by local artist Linda Person, started showing up about a decade ago. Szary said that the program was a way for the arts community to try to draw people downtown. Each artisan has a "focused clientele" and individual events will often bring folks from out of town to a specific shop. The idea, according to Szary, was to give those that come for one artist the opportunity to easily identify other similar shops that are in town.

But the yellow flags are no panacea.

While they may alert those who are in town about what's there, they don't necessarily draw people to downtown.

Chana Meeks, an owner of and artisan at Wild Women Chasing Periwinkle, notes that the participating merchants meet at least

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Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Owner Jackie Adams also flies a yellow flag outside Oasis Fresh Market in downtown Siler City. Adams, who serves as president of the town's merchant group, has worked with other downtown businesses to create more awareness of the unique shopping, food and drink choices for shoppers there.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Marine Corps veteran Sam Hummel wears his uniform with pride on Veterans Day in Siler City. Hummel went into the Corps just after the Korean conflict, with drill instructors who had been in that theater of war.

Uniform still fits decades after Marine service

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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PITTSBORO — For the past 60 years, through various moves, the uniform Sam Hummel wore as a young Marine hung in a closet, an untouched and mostly forgotten relic of the two years he spent in the Corps.

A whim Monday morning — Veterans Day — found the 83-year-old wearing it again.

"I just thought 'Why don't I do that?'" said the Ferrington Village resident.

So first thing Monday, Hummel donned the old wool suit — it's complete with pants, shirt, jacket, tie and cap, though he admits he lost track of

the Marine-issue shoes at some point over the past decades — and played the "Marine Corps Hymn" on his harmonica before deciding to venture from home in military dress.

Hummel stepped outside in full uniform — though it bears no insignia save for the corporal stripes on each arm and the Marine Corps emblem on his cap and lapel — and the response from the folks he encountered on the street began immediately.

"I got such a warm, positive reaction," he said.

"And I was amazed," he observed, "how broad the veteran impact is on all the people

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HEARING ON WEDNESDAY Statue case update

CN+R Staff Reports

PITTSBORO — A hearing involving the fate of the Confederate statue on the grounds of the Historic Chatham County Courthouse was scheduled to have occurred on Wednesday, after the News + Record's press time for this week's edition.

For the latest updates, go to chathamnewsrecord.com.

The West Chatham Branch of the NAACP and the activist group "Chatham for All" together filed a motion last week requesting

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MID-ATLANTIC HEMP SHOW

Chatham hosting farmer-focused trade show

CN+R Staff Report

Editor's note: The first Mid-Atlantic Hemp Show & Conference, scheduled for Nov. 22-23 at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, will bring our region's top agriculture business leaders together to explore the latest in hemp growing, processing, harvest and supply chain. The News + Record spoke with show organizer Lucy Grist to find out how it came about, and what attendees can expect. Grist recently retired after an 11-year career as the development director for the Oconeechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America and launched Grist & Co. to produce the trade show.

Why do you think Chatham County is ready and poised for a major hemp-related trade show?

The central location of Chatham County to farmers in general and those already growing hemp, the perfect first-show size and well-appointed agricultural center, made Chatham the choice location for the first east coast, farmer-focused hemp trade show. The county is already a leader in hemp pro-

duction and several Industrial Hemp Workshops have been held at the Ag Center through the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Agency, creating a precedent for welcoming the hemp industry into the area.

What makes Chatham County the ideal place?

Chatham is a huge agriculture county with a diversity of the hemp industry currently thriving. Simply put, it is close to area farmers we want to reach and help. The Ag Center is a great facility and it was available at the best time for a Hemp Trade Show and Conference, after harvest and before buying decisions are being made for the 2020 crop!

Why hemp?

Growing up in eastern N.C., I don't remember a fall without 3A football and the smell of flue-cured tobacco from regional warehouses based in my hometown of Washington. My earliest memories include the tobacco barn

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News + Record, Our Chatham announce new podcast 'The Chatcast'

10-episode first season, 'The Age of Anxiety,' will focus on teen mental health in Chatham

CN+R STAFF REPORT

The Chatham News + Record and Our Chatham are entering the podcast game.

The pair of news organizations are collaborating on "The Chatcast," a new podcast series which will explore news-worthy topics over a season's worth of episodes. The first season, "The Age of Anxiety," will focus on teen mental health and will be available for free on December 13 on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and more.

"The Age of Anxiety" will explore the various pressures faced by teenagers in Chatham County today — particularly in academics, social media, peer relationships and an increasingly divided America — as well as highlighting the resources and people seeking to make a difference in their lives. One episode will focus on marginalized populations, such as Latinx and LGBTQ youth, who are at higher risk



Graphic by Zachary Horner

for suicidal ideation and depression. According to the 2017 Youth Risk

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

- The **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18 in the Town Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. Second Ave. in Siler City.
- The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will hold a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Projects plan at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18 at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro. A work session will be held on the same plan at 9 a.m. on Nov. 19 with a location to be determined.
- The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25 at the 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

- 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.
- **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.
- The **Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Seymore Center on Homestead 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.
- **Creating Connections Through Fellowship and Food - The Community 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.

- 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 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, johnreichorn72@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 Turkey Shoot** will be held Friday nights, thru Nov. 29 at Silk Hope Station #7, 8110 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, Siler City. Shoots run from 7 p.m. to 11. N.C. Certified Range Officers will be on hand to provide safe, clean, and alcohol-free fun for the whole family. Factory, unaltered shotguns only, with 410 Gauge Shotguns provided for the little ones, so this is a family event. \$3 and \$5 shots for a variety of meats and money prizes. All proceeds go to the Silk Hope Fire Department.

SATURDAY

- **Liberty Showcase Theater** announces that 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. Jerry Allison's Christmas Show is scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday, November 30. The theater is located at 101 S. Fayetteville St. in Liberty. Reservations can be made at 336-622-3844. www.thelibertyshowcase.com.
- The **League of Women Voters** of Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties invites the public to a complimentary, fun, family-oriented event from

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. 23) 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!

- **Bird Walk** with the NHAS is scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 17. Meet in front of the Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Crossing. All skill levels welcome. Contact Norm Budnitz at nbudnitz@gmail.com. Another Walk at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, same location. Questions, contact Kent Fiala at kent.fiala@gmail.com. All walks, wear long pants and closed toe shoes with socks. Bring snacks and water if you like.

SUNDAY

- **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.

MONDAY

- The **Triangle Jazz Orchestra** will dedicate their Nov. 18 show to Chatham Literacy, donating the money they make from the \$10 per person cover charge and tip jar. The show is from 7-9 p.m. at the Pittsboro Roadhouse. In addition, Pittsboro Roadhouse has offered to give 10 percent of all event sales to Chatham Literacy. To make a reservation, call the Pittsboro Roadhouse at 919-542-2432.
- The **Convention of States NC Team** will hold a Town Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday Nov. 18 in Raleigh, at the NC State McKimmon Center. The speakers will be COS Co-Founder and President Mark Meckler and retired U.S. Senator (OK) Tom Coburn. Learn more about Article V and the Founders tool for taking our power back as citizens. R.S.V.P. to joy.ruhman0402@gmail.com .

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

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

UPCOMING

- **Chatham County Partnership for Children Board of Directors** will hold an additional meeting for SPC from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 19, at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center.

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

- The **Chatham Historical Museum** is open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Adult and kid friendly; no admission fee. While the front entrance is blocked, please use the side entrances. Our special exhibit for Nov. - Jan. is Chatham's Deep River Coal History. There are lots of interesting artifacts to see, as well as our permanent exhibits on all aspects of Chatham's history. Please note that the Museum will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but open for Pittsboro's First Sunday, December 1, from noon until 4:30.

- **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! 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sunroom at SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro, 984-215-2675. For more information, contact Annie Ritter: 984-215-2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu.

- The **Circle of Support** for those who have lost a loved one to death meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the second Monday of each month at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. Come to one or come every month

to give and gain support from others who have lost a loved one. Volunteers will facilitate the circle of support. Participants can bring pictures and stories of their loved one as well as questions and concerns. No need to register! Just come! If you'd like further information, contact Ann Ritter, 984-215-2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu. If you need directions, call the Hospice Home at 984-215-2675.

ALSO HAPPENING

- **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>.

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

- **Adult Volunteers Needed at Chatham Hospital in Siler City**, a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Siler City and part of the UNC Health Care System. All prospective volunteers must complete an on-line application, a criminal background check, an orientation and have documentation of required immunizations. To learn more go to: www.chathamhospital.org/ch/about-us/volunteer.

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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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I talked to. So many people thanked me for my service and they told me about their families and how military service has touched their lives. So many people did what they felt it was their duty to do."

Hummel said he spoke with a lot of people on his Monday morning outing, which included a visit to the gym at Galloway Ridge near his Fearington home, meeting and talking with many people who have lost family in one conflict or other, even as far back as World War I.

"So many people have stood up when called," he said. "So many people had stories they shared about their families. It was impressive to hear their stories."

Hummel served in the Marines from 1956 to 1958, a period of calm between "the end of the Korean War and the beginning of the Vietnam War," he said. "Thankfully, nobody was shooting at me."

His duties landed the young Marine

in Washington, D.C., where he was part of the Marine Corps' Presidential Guard, protecting the perimeter around the places President Eisenhower visited.

"It was a good duty," Hummel said.

At the time of his service, Hummel weighed somewhere around 130 pounds and stood 6 feet tall.

Decades later, his weight hasn't fluctuated much, though age has shortened him to around 5'11", he said. But no matter. The uniform still fit as well as it did the day he last previous wore it, circa 1958.

"I hadn't put it on since then," he said.

Now, wearing the uniform may become a part of his annual Veterans Day observance, he said.

Hummel, a native of Wilmington and a longtime resident of Greensboro, and his wife moved to Chatham County nine months ago to be close to their family, including grandchildren ages 5 and 9, who live in Pittsboro.

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PODCAST: 'Creating awareness'

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Behavior Survey, 1 in 3 Chatham high schoolers have reported symptoms of depression, while 1 in 5 said they've seriously considered suicide and 1 in 9 report to have attempted suicide. Those numbers are reflective and even slightly higher than national statistics. For example, 7.4 percent of teens in America said in 2017 that they had attempted suicide, compared to 11.3 percent in Chatham County.

News + Record Reporter Zachary Horner and Our Chatham Reporter Adrienne Cleven have interviewed more than 30 people in and around Chatham County — including educators, mental health professionals, teenagers and parents — to provide insight on the topic. Horner and Cleven will write, edit and narrate the 10-episode first season.

Our Chatham is a project at the UNC-Chapel Hill's

Reese News Lab in the School of Media and Journalism. It's funded by the school's Center for Innovation and Sustainability in Local Media, which was created with a grant from the Knight Foundation. The News + Record has chosen Our Chatham as one of its strategic community partners in working to expand the newspaper's reach in the community. Bill Horner III, publisher/editor of the Chatham News + Record, and Eric Ferkenhoff, who oversees Our Chatham, serve as executive producers on "The Chatcast."

"We're incredibly excited about this project," Bill Horner III said. "This podcast is a natural offshoot of the work we've done with our 'One Chatham' events to spotlight community-wide issues and create public dialogue. Our coverage of teen mental health issues certainly made it clear that more attention was needed on this subject. Zach and Adrienne have

worked extremely hard to put this project together, and we think it will go a long way toward creating awareness and bringing about ideas for solutions to the problems of teen mental illness."

The podcast will be previewed the day before release date, Thursday, December 12, with the next One Chatham event which will explore the topic of the series. Panelists are still being confirmed, but the event is slated to take place from 7-8:30 p.m. at Northwood High School in Pittsboro.

Stay tuned to the News + Record at chathamnewsrecord.com and Our Chatham at ourchatham.com and on the organizations' respective social media platforms for more updates on featured subjects of the podcasts, announcement of panelists for the One Chatham event and more information about where you can download the project.

TRANSIT OF MERCURY



Staff photo by David Bradley

Terry McInturff, custom guitar maker for guitar legends, is also an amateur astronomer. He welcomed members of the public to view the transit of Mercury with him on Monday.

From guitars to astronomy, Terry McInturff shares his passions with Siler City

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — On Monday, Terry McInturff offered the public the chance to view the transit of Mercury, an occurrence so rare it only happens a dozen or so times a century.

McInturff, renowned custom guitar maker for guitar legends, is also an amateur astronomer. The craftsman, who loves to spend free time camping and watching the cosmos, has even gone so far as to hand-craft his own telescopes — six or seven of them.

A transit of Mercury is when the planet passes directly in front of the sun, allowing it to be visible against the sun's surface. The force of the sun is so powerful that you cannot look directly at it without special equipment.

"I intend to project an image of the sun on a white piece of paper," McInturff said to the dozen or so people who gathered at the courtyard at the Rotary Stage in Siler City. "Let's keep our fingers crossed this works at all."

He warned the onlookers to not look directly into the telescope as that, too, would do significant damage to one's vision.

As he worked to adjust the telescope, paper and light, an image appeared.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Amateur astronomer Terry McInturff holds a card to allow Andy Constantino, Michael Feezor and Casey Mann to view the image of the planet Mercury traveling across the face of the sun. The intense rays of the sun are not safe for viewing through the telescope with the naked eye, so McInturff safely projected the image onto the white card.

A black dot on the "vastness of the sun" appeared on the page. The sun was still so bright on the projected page as to leave observers with mild sunspots on their eyes.

"Look at the relative size of the planet versus the sun," McInturff said as "oohs," "ahhs" and giggles came from the crowd.

McInturff first became interested in astronomy thanks to a neighbor during the "space race" to the moon. A self-described "science nerd," McInturff describes amateur telescope making and astronomy as a "very rewarding hobby" say-

ing that "being under the night sky is a form of meditation for me."

"I haven't a care in the world when looking at the stars," he said. "It really gives you perspective."

After about a hour, McInturff began to disassemble his telescope rig as onlookers began to make their way to their next destinations.

"I think that's about the end of this dog and pony show," McInturff said. "I've got guitars to make."

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

STATUE: Hearing to be held Nov. 12

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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. Attorneys for the Chatham County Board of Commissioners also requested an extension of 30 days, or until Dec. 23, in order to respond to the UDC's original complaint last week. The court date

scheduled for Nov. 8 was postponed until Wednesday.

Following an October vote by the board of commissioners to authorize county staff to safely remove and store the statue, the UDC filed a complaint and requested a temporary restraining order and injunction while the courts determine the ownership. Two weeks ago, the UDC was awarded a 10-day temporary restraining order, preventing the county from removing and storing the statue until a hearing on a re-

quest for an injunction — previously scheduled for last Friday — was held.

The original notice of hearing filed by the West Chatham Branch of the NAACP and Chatham for All indicated that a court hearing would be held on the matter on Nov. 12 in Superior Court in Orange County, which is in the same district as Chatham County. However, it looked likely that those motions, as well as the original request by the UDC, would be heard this week.

FLAGS: 'We are our own little market, that's what make us special'

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once a month to "brainstorm ideas" about bringing more people downtown to shop. They have tested Second Sundays and have coordinated events with other downtown associations such as the Siler City Merchants Association or the town's parks and recreation department. Meeks notes that while some of those events have been good, others have been "duds."

Oasis Fresh Market owner Jackie Adams said the same about the events, that maybe one a quarter is successful. For example, she said, the most successful events this year were the Chicken Festival, the Elderberry Festival and the Cycle NC event. She anticipates the next one will likely be the Christmas parade.

"Economically, it doesn't always make sense to be open," Adams said. "Sometimes it's busy and sometimes I'll lose money. I think we're all just making it. I think we're doing it because of our passions"

Brooke Simmons, owner of the Chatham Rabbit coffee shop, said the initiative has had its ebbs and flows in terms of effectiveness, but sees the collaboration as needed strategy. At the same time, she hopes the different downtown groups can come together under a single organization.

N.C. Arts Incubator

'In Siler City, we're makers. We have studios attached — we're not solely retail. We're a community of makers. We have open studios at any time, full of potters, painters and guitar makers.'

SUE SZARY, *Twin Birch and Teasel*

Executive Director April Weaver echoed that sentiment. Weaver said she would like to see an umbrella group, similar to the Main Street program, so that there's a "deliberate, focused marketing effort" that would possibly be town sanctioned.

"I look to Sanford's marketing approach as something to look forward to," said Weaver, whose office in the incubator is situated next to Chatham Rabbit on North Chatham.

Adams also spoke of a more coordinated approach.

"We are our own little market," Adams said. "That's what make us special. If we all took our passion and unified it — but again it has to be something that we decide — that we're going to take the plunge, all hold hands and jump in together."

Adams is also the president of the Siler City Merchants Association, which encompasses business throughout all of Siler City. She is also the chairman of the Siler City Downtown Advisory Committee, which has been working on what Szary calls "concrete suggestions for aesthetics

of downtown." Getting town support, she said, is a "real positive step."

Adams says the group is focusing on making downtown "more pedestrian-friendly" — a place where people can walk, stop, sit on a bench and spend time downtown. She notes the town's truck traffic, parking and general aesthetics are all areas of priority.

Store owners also believe that last week's passage of Siler City's beer and wine referenda may be a game-changer for downtown. As a result of the vote, businesses such as breweries, taprooms, wine tastings and craft beer suppliers can all view downtown Siler City as a viable location option. Adams hopes the town can build a destination, an event center or similar facility, to help create a draw.

"We are looking toward how to evolve and develop," Szary said. "Moving forward maybe think more creatively about downtown...and bring a diversity of business. If you build it, they will come"

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Staff photo by David Bradley

At Wild Women Chasing Periwinkle in downtown Siler City, the artisan-owners of that unique shop use the yellow flags to remind potential customers of the one-of-a-kind creations available inside.



Staff photo by David Bradley

The yellow flags serve as a reminder to shoppers and passers-by, saying, 'We're open for business!'

VIEWPOINTS

Day for heroes an opportunity to remember those we call 'vets'

I never served in the armed forces, but both of my parents did. My dad was an officer aboard the U.S.S. Forrestal, an aircraft carrier, and my mom was a Naval nurse. They met in the Navy, and even though neither saw

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active wartime duty, both took their service seriously. I think about their quiet commitment, and the commitment of others, every Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and thought about it particularly hard this past weekend after seeing the new movie "Midway" (which I recommend strongly). The unyielding, uncompromising placing of country ahead of self by so many servicemen and women is what has kept America's liberties — and greatness — intact for so long. Still, sometimes it's hard to focus on those sacrifices and find ways to honor them appropriately. After seeing "Midway," and having reinforced

how selfless our soldiers have been throughout history, I was also reminded of someone I met recently totally by chance who, in fact, did find an appropriate way to honor a veteran. It was Memorial Day's eve last year, a muggy Sunday evening, and I was driving alone to meet the rest of my family for dinner. Along the way, I passed a woman named Barbara Garcia. Barbara spent 30 years in the Army — six in active service and another 24 in the Army reserves — and never deployed. But on this night, she was on duty: carrying a large U.S. flag along Pendergrass Road in rural Lee County during a six-mile run in memory of a fallen soldier she never met — Army Pfc. Jason Dore, who was killed while on patrol in a roadside bombing in Iraq 12 years ago. After seeing her, I did a U-turn while calling my son Addison to say I'd be a tad late for supper. I pulled up beside Barbara to see if she needed some water. I regularly ride my bike on that road and in the heat, so I knew she was exerting herself; I wanted to see if she needed a drink or anything else.

I remember her telling me that she wasn't looking for publicity and didn't want her name in any newspaper, despite my pleas to her that her effort — a woman of a certain age running on an oppressively sultry night, carrying a large flag in the very best recognition of Memorial Day I could imagine — was certainly story-worthy. "This isn't about me," she said. "It's about our fallen servicemen and women." Barbara was running as part of "Wear Blue - Run to Remember," a non-profit organization founded by two Army wives, Lisa Hallett and Erin O'Connor. The pair were avid runners; Lisa's husband, Capt. John Hallett, was killed on Aug. 25, 2009, while returning from a goodwill mission in Southern Afghanistan. Lisa's and Erin's vision afterward was to create a "Wear Blue" running community to honor the service and sacrifice of the American military. According to its website, the organization "creates a support network for military members and their families; it bridges the gap between military and civilian communities and it creates a living memorial

for our country's fallen military members." Each year some 10,000 "Wear Blue" runners run 40,000 miles, each runner bearing the name of a soldier killed in battle. It exists, the website says, "For the fallen. For the fighting. For the families." Barbara has been running for Wear Blue - Run to Remember for a few years now. She downplayed her six-mile run that night, saying she'd done a 13-mile run the year before. She wore a vest with Jason's name and date and place of death written under large "I RUN FOR" lettering, and she told me she hadn't known him, but was honoring him, and remembering and thinking about him, this night. Jason was just 25 when he fell eight months into his first tour of duty in Iraq, killed by a suicide bomber in Baghdad on July 8, 2007. Just two weeks prior to his death, Jason had re-enlisted for a second three-year stint in the Army. The guest book on the condolence page from his obituary on the funeral home's website continued to be active three years after his death. Those who knew Jason wrote moving tributes; many who didn't know

him wrote to offer their thanks for his service. Barbara was making sure he was being remembered. I read over the weekend that North Carolina has the fourth-largest active-duty military population in the United States. A 2015 report by the N.C. Dept. of Commerce says the defense industry accounts for 10 percent of N.C.'s economic activity — the state's second-largest sector, behind agriculture. All told, the military in North Carolina alone supports 540,000 jobs and contributes more than \$30 billion in personal income to residents. But you can't put a measure, or a dollar value, on the service so many have contributed. Veterans Day is over. Memorial Day is six months away. I'm writing this in hopes that, in between times, we never forget Jason's sacrifice, nor those of the other American soldiers who have served and died in military service. A friend remarked in church this weekend that Veterans Day isn't a holiday. It's a day of remembrance. Remember Jason today, or honor someone served with your attention. Their sacrifices are worthy of our focus this and every day.

So much black ink to discuss gray hair

In the 1970s, when my older brother and I were kids, we got a lot of amusement from television advertisements for Grecian Formula. Those commercials for men's hair coloring ran frequently during the shows we liked and every time we caught one we mercilessly mocked the product and the people who'd use it.

RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

To us kids, the notion that anyone would be vain enough to color their gray hair was endlessly hilarious. So it was with no shortage of irony that a few years later, when I was in my mid-20s and noticed my beard beginning to gray — a small patch, at first, on my chin — I attempted corrective action. It wasn't Grecian Formula, but some comparable product designed for facial hair I purchased, somewhat self-consciously, at the drug store to remedy matters. Returning with my illicit purchase to the privacy of home, I unpacked the contents of the box — two tubes of product, a plastic tray to mix them, a tool to mix them, and a small brush for application — and followed the instructions, mixing the thick, dark dye with the goeey clear "activator" before brushing the youth-reclaiming product to the hairs on my chin. I left the dark goo on my gray patch for the full prescribed amount of time, aiming to the maximize its effectiveness, before I rinsed and stood before the bathroom mirror waiting for the magic to happen.

What happened instead was an allergic reaction. Where the dye had contacted skin, I had an angry red rash that lasted about a week, drawing more attention — and more discomfort — to my chin than the gray hairs ever would.

No doubt the blistering experience — my only close encounter with hair coloring — was penance for being an insensitive youth taking amusement at the foibles of the vain.

In the time that passed since my attempt to turn back the clock, my beard continued to turn gray and by the time I was in my mid-30s, save for some odd colors in the mix, my facial hair had turned completely gray.

The hair atop my head has been slower to turn, but it's also happening.

To both — chin and head turning gray — I've long returned to the original attitude of my youth. While I don't mock anyone for their choices, of gray hair I believe it's No Big Deal.

Or is it? I've been impressed — or maybe nonplussed — with the amount of black ink (virtual, at least) given to the topic of gray hair over the last week or so.

Creating the stir is, of all things, Keanu Reeves' girlfriend.

If you somehow missed the pressing news, I'll recap: 55-year-old Reeves — an actor whom, judging by the positive press he frequently receives, we all collectively adore — was photographed at a Hollywood red carpet event hand-in-hand with artist Alexandra Grant, 46, who was mistaken by some observers for Dame Helen Mirren, 74, because of their similarly-colored hair.

"The mix-up left people wanting to know more about the silver-haired woman who captured Reeves' heart," wrote pagesix.com.

The bloggers and the tweeters and the journalists — or whatever you call people who write about things such as the color of Keanu Reeves' girlfriend's hair — didn't stop there, seizing the opportunity to pontificate not just on hair and hair color but also on aging, ageism and age-appropriate dating.

I don't get the fuss. These days, I see people with hair of all sorts of colors — even purple sometimes, which I'd be tempted to try myself if it weren't for the allergic reaction — and none of it raises a single one of my brown eyebrows.



Cold weather beckons desire to make bacon

The recent downturn in the temperature tells us that summer has spent its last days, but you didn't really need me to inform you of that.

Add in the recent "fall back" of the clock and you've got days that get dark much earlier than they did just a few days ago.

All of that, plus the falling leaves that go along with the falling temps, tells us autumn is and has been in full bloom and pretty soon Ol' Man Winter will be around for his annual visit.

Such things are unavoidable, these comings and goings of days and weeks and months as they morph into the changing of the seasons. Since we can't avoid it, we can do one of two things: dread it and moan and groan about it or anticipate and prepare and enjoy.

The changing of the seasons is, to me, one of the special things about living in North Carolina. In addition to the old line that we're near the mountains and the beach, things that people in Colorado or Kansas or other places can't say, we're also blessed to usually notice when one season changes into another. Now it does get hot and humid around here but I'll put up with that to get the rest of the stuff.

Occasionally we miss one and go from winter to summer or summer to winter or whatever but most of the time we can tell the differences. It's not like it is in, say Chicago. The late great Southern wise man Lewis Grizzard referred more than once to the time when he was a sportswriter for a Chi-

cago newspaper as a period in which he "was held prisoner in Chicago."

"In Chicago," he said, "they have two seasons - winter and the Fourth of July."

Although it's been in the 60s and even a few 70-degree days recently, we've had some cool ones. That, combined with the coloring of the hardwoods, tends to put me into a mellow mood. Sometimes "mellow" can be dangerous because it's only a short progression between ripe and mellow and rotten and I want to avoid the latter.

Lately, as I see the golds and yellows and reds in the trees and feel the 40s on my tender cheeks and smell the hickory in the wood heater, my mind wanders back to the annual swine harvest that our family did when I was a little fellow.

My father, not the best of agrarian practitioners, nonetheless was determined that we would have pork for the winter each time it came around. All throughout the summer of many of my growing up years I was a victim of the lack of child labor laws, as it was my lot to haul water in giant (to me then) 5-gallon buckets to our group of two or three hogs. Dad always told me at least several times a day that two or three of those critters would do better (that is, eat and gain weight) than one by himself...kind of like me and my brothers.

So, I carried ("toted," we'd say) the water to mix with the dry mash and turn it into liquid meals, complete with table scraps. Nothing was wasted: the pigs got the tomato peelings, the okra tops, the corn shucks, the stale bologna, whatever there was that wasn't in store for human consumption was, in my daddy's eyes, fit for them.

All summer and fall I labored much

as an indentured servant would. My pleas for a hose to run from the house to the pig lot went unanswered. My father said something about I was building character as well as muscle.

As soon as the thermometer hit the temperatures we're starting to have, it was time to move the herd from the ground to the freezer. I was allowed to do some things; your services aren't all that much in demand when you're 7. Mostly it was done by my folks and Sol and Juanita Miliken, who doubled as the custodian and cook at my little school. It was, shall we say, an all-day-and-into-the-night event.

But also, shall we say, it was worth it. That first night the table was covered with eggs, biscuits and tenderloin. The only bad thing about tenderloin is that there's not 600 pounds of it per pig.

We ate well all winter, needless to say. And sometimes today I wonder if there'll come a time when more folks will be going back to living off the land. I don't think I could be trusted to harvest two or three swine without making a mess but I think I could learn if I had to... ditto with poultry and so forth. And the gardens and farmers' markets provide their own bounty.

Sometimes I wonder, if all that becomes absolutely necessary, what folks who live in the high rises and condos will do. They can't grow their own and if they get hungry and desperate enough, will we see thievery increase?

All I know for sure is that the temperatures lately make me want some of my mama's fried tenderloin with biscuits and gravy and a platter of eggs and some coffee.

Forget the diet...

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VIEWPOINTS

Must test scores be political weapons?

I know the following plea is probably futile. But I'm going to offer it anyway.



JOHN HOOD
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Can we please stop making every event into a partisan slugfest? Case in point would be the recent release of test scores from the National

Assessment of Educational Progress. In North Carolina's case, Republicans highlighted an uptick in a test score from 2017 to 2019. Democrats pointed to stagnation in average scores since 2011. Advocates and critics of various reforms, from teacher-pay hikes to Read to Achieve, cited the new NAEP results as they restated their preexisting talking points.

The result was a confusing mess. To the extent they were exposed to it, average North Carolinians were poorly served. The cause of educational prog-

ress was poorly served, too.

In reality, the 2019 NAEP scores in reading and math weren't revelatory. They largely reinforced two facts that fair-minded analysts have recognized for many years. First, North Carolina's schools are more effective than those of most other states. Second, student achievement has shown little improvement in the past decade — indeed, when it comes to reading, there's been no improvement so far this century.

While information about schools comes in a variety of forms, NAEP results attract — and deserve — special attention because they employ the same tests given across the country in the same grades and subjects. States have few means of manipulating the scores to make themselves look better. And because NAEP and others collect information about the test-taking population in each state, there is less of a chance of drawing false positives or negatives about school performance.

That's a critical point.

Surely we all recognize that simply eyeballing test scores, graduation rates, and other outcome statistics cannot tell us whether a given school is effective. Many factors heavily influence student performance, such as household income and family structure. Schooling matters, of course, but children spend much more time outside classrooms than they do inside them.

When educators and scholars try to figure out which schools, teachers, or practices confer the greatest benefit on student success, they control for these background characteristics. I've written before about the Urban Institute's handy "America's Gradebook" tool that adjusts the NAEP data automatically. It's now been updated with the 2019 scores.

Adjusting for student background, North Carolina's 8th-graders rank third in the nation in mathematics performance. Our 4th-graders rank seventh. In reading, North Carolina's 8th-graders rank 11th

and our 4th-graders rank sixth.

Should North Carolinians be satisfied with these rankings? Of course not. We should aspire to the highest level of school effectiveness, currently occupied by the likes of Florida, Massachusetts and New Jersey. And the real world of employment and citizenship doesn't adjust for family background.

Nevertheless, the fact that North Carolina is significantly above average when it comes to the estimated effectiveness of schools — as distinguished from the average performance of students — ought to serve as a helpful corrective to the hyperbole that so often pervades political debates about education policy.

On the other hand, it should comfort no one that North Carolina has seen no lasting improvement in 8th-grade math proficiency since 2011 or in 8th-grade reading proficiency since 2000, despite multiple attempts at education reform. Oh, the scores have ticked up or down a point or two, but keep in mind that NAEP is based on samples

of students in each state. Such changes have generally not been statistically significant (although that hasn't kept headline writers and politicians from treating them as meaningful). And even after adjusting for the composition of North Carolina's student population, we ranked roughly the same in 2019 as we did in the early 2000s.

To the extent education reforms succeed, they usually do so in a gradual way. Even positive changes in school setting, curriculum, teaching practices, or other policies can take many years to produce measurable effects.

I began this column with a politically unpopular request, so I suppose I might as well end with two more: don't oversimplify and don't jump to conclusions.

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Moonshine to the rescue

Moonshine has come to my rescue.

I am always trying to find ways to make North Carolina Number One in something important.



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Thanks to UNC-Asheville Professor Daniel Pierce, we have a substantial claim to be No. 1. In his new book, "Tar Heel Lightning: How Secret Stills and Fast Cars Made North Carolina the Moonshine Capital of the World," he asserts that our state is tops in moonshine. He writes, "Indeed, if North Carolina

has ever held the distinction of being number one nationally in anything, it is in moonshine production."

Then, in about 275 pages, showing the long and rich history of the making, sale, and consumption of illegal liquor, he shows why and how North Carolina developed its number one connection with what we call moonshine, also known by other names, such as corn liquor, white lightning, blockade, home brew, and a host of other terms.

"From the earliest colonial times, farmers, using techniques their families had learned in the British Isles, distilled their corn and fruit into whisky and brandy."

Until Civil War times, no government restrictions prevented them from making alcoholic beverages to trade or sell. In 1862 the national government passed an excise tax on liquor. After the Civil War most farmers and other small producers ignored the tax, continued their production, and made themselves petty criminals. Federal tax collectors tried to catch these moonshiners and put them out of business and into jail.

The high cost of tax-paid liquor made the production of untaxed moonshine more profitable and more prevalent in every part of North Carolina.

The prohibition movement was growing. In 1909 the state implemented statewide prohibition. Then in 1920 national prohibition went into effect.

Pierce says, "Prohibition only increased the market for moonshine in the state and kept the state in the forefront of illegal liquor production nationally through the 1960s."

As legal liquor became more available, this shine on moonshine dimmed.

Pierce's great storytelling gifts make his thorough study of moonshine a fun read. For instance, he gathers short articles on legendary personalities into a hypothetical "North Carolina Moonshine Hall of Fame (and Shame)."

My favorite of Pierce's Hall of Famers is Percy Flowers. He was born in 1903 and grew up in Johnston County on a farm near the community of Archer Lodge. He left home at 16 to get away from an abusive father. He learned the liquor making craft from an African American expert and parlayed that expertise into a multi-million dollar enterprise. He was an organizer, hiring others to make the moonshine while he managed the distribution.

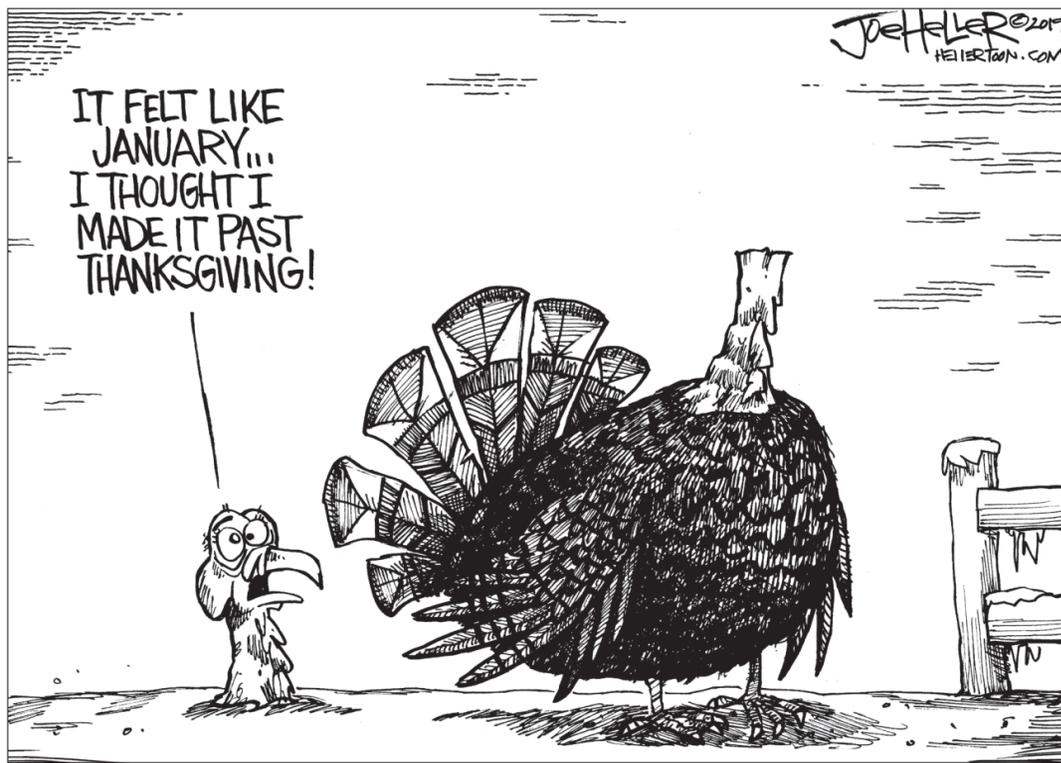
I first heard of Flowers from Lynwood Parker, owner of the White Swan Bar-B-Que near Smithfield. Flowers once owned the building where White Swan is today. Ever since, I have been eager to learn more about Flowers. Pierce has obliged.

Flowers entered the business about the time the 18th Amendment's national prohibition began in 1920. He told people he made more money during those prohibition years than any other period of his life.

Pierce writes, "He was successful not only in making a fortune, producing and selling illegal liquor but also, especially given his high profile, in evading law enforcement."

Flowers is joined in the Hall by famous figures such as Junior Johnson, the legendary race car driver who learned his trade driving moonshine in cars fast enough to evade the revenuers. Others include Rhoda Lowry, the widow of Lumbee hero Henry Berry Lowry and modern media figures Popcorn Sutton and Jim Tom Hedrick, who had brands of "legal moonshine" named after them.

There is more, so much more. So if you are looking for a Christmas present for a hard-to-give friend or family member, "Tar Heel Lightning" could be a good option.



Common cents for better retirements

What is your vision for retirement? Sunny beaches, romantic travels or idyllic sunsets at your ivy covered home?



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

Sadly, a secure retirement is out of reach for millions. Forbes says that 55 percent of us retire with less than \$10,000 in savings and 42 percent retire dead broke. The Federal Reserve reports

that 40 percent cannot afford a \$400 car repair bill without borrowing money. The North Carolina chapter of AARP conducted a summit in Raleigh on Oct. 24 to examine why we aren't preparing for retirement, the public costs and how we can ensure richer (financially and otherwise) retirement years. The event was both alarming for what it revealed and encouraging as to what we can do.

North Carolina is getting older. In 1960 the median age in our state was 25.5 years. By 2018 it was almost 39 years of age; 20 percent of our population is projected to be over 65 by 2025. More than a third of North Carolinians surveyed by AARP say they feel anxious about having enough money to live comfortably after they retire; 80 percent worry that cost of living expenses will eat up what savings they have accumulated.

A perfect storm is brewing. More of us are getting older, fewer have sufficient funds for a comfortable retirement and Medicaid and other public assistance programs will increasingly be required, costing

The obvious solution is that we need to save more for retirement, but why don't we? Saving hasn't been a part of our culture. We want instant gratification and easy credit allows us to buy what we want. Generations before us saved for what they wanted before purchasing it. Further, the income gap puts increased pressure on middle to lower income families just to get by. But the biggest reason people don't save is because it isn't convenient or easy.

more taxpayer dollars. Without accompanying tax increases, less money will be available for roads, education and other public infrastructure.

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Plans sponsored by employers make it easy and painless to have savings deducted from paychecks. We don't miss it, and there's added incentive if an employer has some sort of match to contributions. However, 1.6 million North Carolinians — about 50 percent of the 18 to 64-year-old population — don't have access to a savings plan where they work. Small businesses lack the funding or the administrative ability to offer retirement plans.

AARP is sponsoring an effort to get more state-sponsored retirement

plans, where employees of small businesses can begin saving. Already, 10 states have initiated these plans because they benefit both the employee and the state. Craig Galbraith, from UNC-Wilmington, estimates that if low-to-moderate-income North Carolinians just saved 3 percent of their incomes, our state would save \$450 million on Medicaid and nearly \$20 million on Special Assistance for Adults between 2017 and 2030.

Our state House has passed a measure to study the best ways to make it easier for our citizens to save for retirement. The Senate has yet to pass the measure, but all of us should encourage our Senators to pass this study bill. Not only does it make good cents (spelling is intentional) but it will make retirement years more enjoyable for millions of us.

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GUEST COLUMN | ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

God is definitely capable of laughing

Meister Eckhart, the 13th-century mystic, said that God laughs and plays. I don't think he meant basketball or baseball, but that the Creator takes delight in the creation. Do we do the same when we worship God?

"God laughs and plays" is also the title of a collection of essays by modern writer David James Duncan. This book is subtitled "churchless sermons." Growing up in the church, Duncan was subjected to heavily-agenda-ed, fear-based lectures shoved at him from the pulpit by men on the church payroll. When he chose to leave that church, those men

described Duncan as "leaving the faith." But Duncan believes that, in doing so, he increased his faith! As the rapid decline in church membership shows, the sad joke is on such preachers and congregations who take the joy out of life of faith.

I think laughter should be as much a part of a worship service as the hymns. A true laugh is the music of holiness. A laugh makes someone feel welcomed and included, which forms community. We often feel that there is nothing we can say to someone who is struggling or grieving. A gentle laugh may be a healing balm, a drop of medicine for an aching soul. Your

laughter may be your most generous gift.

But it is no laughing matter that there is pain in the world. It's no joke how a few privileged people exploit others to maintain their power. We read the headlines and consider the injustice in the world. What are you and I to do about it? How can an individual make a difference?

Will Campbell was a Baptist minister who was heavily involved in the Civil Rights movement. You've probably seen this pastor as one of the few white guys marching alongside the likes of Martin Luther King Jr. But before he became a nation-

al figure, Campbell was a young campus minister at Ole Miss in the mid-1950s.

There was a ping-pong table in the ministry house that was supposed to be for white students only, yet Campbell would invite local black ministers to play with him. When the dean of the university threatened to fire Campbell for violating the laws of segregation, the white minister protested that he and his black colleagues were using paddles that were "separate but equal."

Campbell's playful line might cause us to chuckle, but it was also subversive. Laughter may be the sign of holy mischief. He was undermining the very laws

designed to keep people apart and to keep certain people in power. Those in power use people to love things. Holy laughter helps us to reconsider our priorities that we might use our things to love all people.

God laughs and plays. Not ping-pong, specifically, but through us. As a hymn of the Presbyterian hymnal has it, "God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy."

Let's not forget to keep our holy sense of humor. *Andrew Taylor-Troutman is the poet pastor of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church and the author of the book "Gently Between the Words."*

GUEST COLUMN | MIRIAM POLLARD

How about a Confederate compromise? Here are two ideas to consider ..

I am heartbroken by the direction of how emotions have flared regarding the Confederate Effigy. Being a native of Chatham County, I have friends and loved ones on both sides of the issue concerning the presence of the Confederate Representation. Feelings people have must be valued, heard and respected. It behooves us to know that we are on one side and that is the side of the citizenry of Chatham County.

I am not religious. I do come from a family that reads the Bible. One verse I recall from I Corinthians 8:13 say, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest make my brother offend." We want to live, work and play peacefully in the county we love; we always have. We strive to make this place our home

of love and warmth. The symbol of the Confederacy is not kind and welcoming, yet it is a part of America's history. Our emotions, actions and policy must be reconciled to reflect all of us.

What can we do as a county to press forward after such raw emotions have emerged? We must bring our ideas together to express the love we have for the county. I would like to have two ideas developed and voted on by those who are in positions to execute these thoughts of unity for the Chatham County citizenry:

Notion 1

Place the statue at Hanks Chapel United Church of Christ, because it is the United Church of Christ and because there may already be Confederate Soldiers in the graveyard there.

Assign a place of memorial for Confederate Soldiers on private land. Offer a stipend to help relocate Confederate Soldiers to the assigned non-governmental location for the Confederate Graveyard.

Have a loving, supportive, informative, racially diverse forum on the Confederacy and the Civil War on an annual day of festive celebration.

Have activities to commemorate the Confederacy in ways that denounce violence and do not allow permit to carry angry people to come to intimidate the event. As for others who may want to intimidate do not allow them either.

Designate a day for this forum. Keep this event educational, joyful peaceful and most of all fun.

Notion 2

Place the statue in front of Horton

School, on private property, opposing a statue of George Moses Horton.

Have forums to discuss various components of social, political, economic and family implications of the Civil War and specific ideations of the future.

Highlight individual agency as it relates to escaping oppression. Discuss every aspect of slavery and implications of unconscious bias and structural racism.

Evolve. Evolve, dare to be great! Dare to be a race free society!

Miriam Pollard is a legacy graduate of North Carolina Central University with a bachelor of science degree in Public Health and a master's degree in Public Administration.

LETTER

Jobs, jobs, jobs

TO THE EDITOR:

Today, there is more opportunity for the working American to earn an honorable days wage and then some. Since the 2016 election, the initiation of economic stimulus programs by President Trump has stimulated an amazing improvement of the U.S. economy which has resulted in an abundance of jobs and an abundance of opportunity for the working American.

How were jobs created? Relaxed business regulations created jobs, since more investors are investing and more businesses are expanding. Oil production has skyrocketed enabling energy independence. Alone, this is a stellar achievement which should be shouted from the rooftops. The oil producers should be awarded the medal of freedom. Relaxed business regulations has stimulated investment in the U.S.A. Tariffs against China are intended to protect U.S. jobs (industrial workers, electronics, farmers). The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was rejected because it caused job loss to Mexico. The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) replaced NAFTA to bring jobs back to the U.S.A. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) was rejected because following its rules, American farmers lose. The US-Japan Trade Agreement replaced TPP because it enables American farmers to win.

The USMCA was ratified by Mexico, but inexplicably, the U.S. Congress has failed to vote approval or disapproval. The present unemployment rate in the U.S. is the lowest it has been in 50 years at 3.6 percent, according to the October 4, 2019, report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. This means that anyone who is able and wants to work, can find work. Full employment is defined as a natural rate of unemployment at between (4.1-4.7 percent) because about 4.5 percent of the population will never seek work or are incapable of work. The present incredibly low unemployment rate is a badge of honor; it reflects an economy so hot that sparks are flying. Employers are searching for workers, there are an abundance of jobs.

This is a good problem which creates opportunity for the working American. There are more construction sites, more food service workers, more health care workers, more retail expansion, and more truck drivers transporting. Good and honorable jobs are created for everyone; all ethnic groups; skilled and unskilled workers; people in the city and people in the countryside. Jobs were created due to economic expansion since President Trump's 2016 election.

Frank Dunphy
Pittsboro

I have a friend whose son — we'll call him Steve — is unhappy with the economy.

Steve went to a well-respected college, earned a degree in accounting and accumulated several tens of thousands of dollars in debt doing so. The borrowing was expected, and based on the average salary earned by accountants, Steve's student debt could be repaid in under a decade. Using projections of the lifetime earnings of accountants, borrowing to earn the degree made perfect financial sense.

So what's the problem? The problem is Steve now doesn't want to be an accountant. After practicing accounting for a year, he finds it boring and unfulfilling. Instead, Steve now wants to earn a living using his hobby — playing the guitar. He says his passion is music.

Yet, he's not that good of a guitar player. Based on what he can earn from mainly weekend gigs at not top-of-the-line establishments, he'll be lucky to earn 10 percent of his accounting salary.

Steve says this isn't fair and considers his situation an example of a broken economic system. He recognizes he needs to practice to get better at the guitar. But ultimately he thinks if he wants to play the guitar as a career, he should be able to earn decent money doing it.

I went through a version of this when I was in college. I started out to be an architect. My dad was a carpenter, so



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

For worker pay, there are three main determinants. First, for the worker to be paid at all, she or he has to be doing something people value having done. Second, a worker will be paid more if they're very good at doing a job that people want done. And third, workers will be paid more if there are few others who can do what they can do.

I guess building was in my blood. Yet after a year I found I was a lousy architect. I had little design skill, and my grades reflected it. I still had a keen interest in architecture — which continues today — but even if I could have gotten a degree, it was clear I wouldn't earn good money.

Should I have thought the economic world was unfair to me? At the time I probably did. But later, as I gravitated to economics, received three degrees in it, and have taught the subject for 42 years, I now know I would have been wrong.

The major economic problem all societies face is using limited resources in a way that best satisfies our wants and needs. In the old, old, old days, wants and needs were based on survival. To survive, we wanted and needed food, shelter, clothing and sometimes medical care.

Fortunately, for our country and for an increasing portion of the world, our wants and needs have expanded beyond those required simply to stay alive. They now include transportation, education, entertainment, personal services, leisure activities like vacations and many others.

This is good in two ways. First it means our lives are more multi-faceted. We have more products, services and activities available to us.

Second, it means the range of possible occupations is

wider. Today people have more money and time to devote to activities outside of food, clothing and shelter. Fifty years ago I likely would have had a different career than college teaching — maybe hammering nails like my late father and taking pride in what I built.

The big question still bothering my friend's son Steve is this. What determines the kinds of jobs available and what they pay? And, specific to that music-loving young man, why can't playing a guitar pay as much as crunching numbers as an accountant?

Collectively, people control what is produced through their spending. Products and services people like will have more spent on them. Further, for products and services people really like, they'll be willing to spend more per unit (such as per ticket, per ounce, per computer, etc.)

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I think these simple rules explain a lot. Let's go back to Steve. Clearly, listening to a guitar melody is something

many people enjoy. So that's a positive check for Steve. But most people want to hear good guitar-playing. Since Steve's guitar skills are not good, that's a negative for him. Last, since Steve is a mediocre player, there are many other mediocre guitar players to choose from.

Steve may find work, but it won't pay well.

If Steve is mad, he shouldn't be mad at the "system." There are many people who like listening to guitar playing, but most want it to be good playing. Even more, to make a decent living playing the guitar, you have to be very, very, very good. This takes time — lots of time. It's estimated a minimum of 10,000 hours of practice is needed to be proficient in most skills or tasks.

So the question for Steve is, are you willing to put in the time to be very good? And if the answer is yes, do you have the talent to be very good? Practice doesn't always pay off. Last, if you become very good, how many other guitar players are as good as you or better?

I understand young people's dreams, and I never want to discourage them from following those dreams. But since I've lived almost seven decades, I also understand something about reality — in particular — economic reality. To be happy and successful, dreams and economic reality have to be combined. At least that's my experience, but you decide.

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OBITUARIES

PEGGY JOYCE PORTER TRAVIS

Peggy Joyce Porter Travis, 77, of Sanford passed away on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at her home.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 9, 2019 in the Bridges-Cameron Chapel with Pastor Mark Whitfield and Pastor Paul Backlund officiating. Burial followed in Buffalo Cemetery.

She was born in Harnett County on June 25, 1942 to the late James Titus Porter and Alice Thomas Porter. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers, Ronald Porter and James Ray "Pete" Porter. Peggy worked in their family owned and operated business, Travis Flag Car Service.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Ken Travis; son, Kenneth Knight of Sanford; daughters, Pam Mahaffey of West End and Diane Travis of Sanford; step-son, Rick Travis of Michigan; brothers, Richard Porter of Sanford, Vernon Porter of Southport and Jerry Porter of Sneads Ferry; sister, Alice Faye Winterbottom of Vermont; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Amedys Hospice, 220 New Fidelity Court, Garner, NC 27529 and/or Alzheimer's Association 5171 Glenwood Ave. Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27612 and/or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

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

HUBERT WADE "SANTA CLAUS" GAINES



Hubert Wade "Santa Claus" Gaines, 84, of Pinehurst, formerly of Carthage, died Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at The Green's Of Pinehurst.

Mr. Gaines was born in Chatham County on July 2, 1935 the son of Carl R. Gaines, Sr. and Laura (Stinson) Gaines. Hubert attended Antioch Baptist Church and had worked for Boling Chair in assembly. He had also worked at Pomona Pipe, enjoyed NASCAR, Johnny Cash and Charlie Daniels. Hubert will be fondly remembered for his appearances as Santa Claus to the delight of both young and the young at heart.

Hubert was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Gaines; his parents; brothers, George Gaines, Victor Gaines, David Gaines, Carl Gaines, Jr.; sisters, Ruth Carty, Cora Tillman, Josephine Brewer, Kate Wilkie, Gola Crawford Hunter; and grandchildren, James and Cody Teeling.

He is survived by daughters, Renee Binkley of Carthage, Michelle Bolton (James) of Asheboro, Deanna Zagada of Siler City; step-daughters, Erica Ammens of Nevada and Cindy Burton of Moncure; sisters: Myrtle Wilkie of Goldston, Iola Phillips (Bruce) of Lexington and Joyce Wicker (Jack) of Sanford; brothers, Homer Gaines (Toni) of Atlanta, GA, Eddie Gaines (Elaine) of Siler City; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Friday, November 8, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. The funeral was held Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, 3825 Bonlee-Carbonton Road, Goldston with Rev. Keith Miller and Rev. Darrell Garner officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association-Raleigh Office, 2418 Blue Ridge Road, Suite 206, Raleigh, NC 27607.

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

MARTHA JANE WILLETT-CROMER



Martha Jane (Jane) Cheek Willett-Cromer, 89, formerly of Gulf, N.C., passed away on Saturday, November 9, surrounded by family.

Jane was born November 14, 1929, the daughter of John Kilmer Cheek, Sr. and Flossie Hilliard Cheek. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband of 47 years, Howard H. Willett, Sr., her husband of 12 years, Paul E. Cromer, and a brother, John Kilmer Cheek, Jr. She is survived by three sons, Howard H. Willett, Jr. (Rita) of Goldston, Robert K. Willett (Lois) of Sanford, and John Cheek Willett of Sanford; step-daughter, Lana Cromer of Wilmington; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Sims Cheek Poindexter (Bill) of Pittsboro and sister-in-law, Barbara Nell Cheek of Goldston.

Jane was born and raised in Goldston. She graduated as salutatorian in 1947 from Goldston High School where she was a member of the Beta Club, a cheerleader, first editor of the school yearbook, and a member of the first graduating class to attend twelve years of school. After graduation, she married her high school sweetheart, Howard H. Willett, Sr. and raised a family of three boys. She later graduated from Sanford Business College with honors. Jane worked as a bookkeeper, and as an office manager at Townsends, Inc. in Siler City and served as Vice President of H. H. Willett, Inc. in Sanford for 50 years. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church for 62 years where she served her Lord as Deacon, Adult Sunday School teacher, Young People Sunday School Teacher, and Girls Auxiliary leader. She had a flair for decorating and was an excellent cook and seamstress. Jane and her siblings co-authored The Family of Ezekiel Hilliard 1801-1922, which was researched and compiled by their mother Flossie. It won the 1993 Family Book of the Year Award from the N.C. Historical Society. She and her husband, Howard, were instrumental in the establishment of Willett Ministries in Sanford which includes the Mercer Home and the Lanier Home, both of which are ministries of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Jane also served for many years on the board of directors of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

A celebration of life was held Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Bethany Baptist Church in Gulf, at 11:00 a.m. preceded by visitation at 10:00 a.m. Burial followed the service at the Goldston Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, DDM Ministry, Box 338, Thomasville, N.C. 27360. Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

CLARENCE EDWARD (EDDIE) CLARK, JR.



Clarence Edward (Eddie) Clark, Jr. age 64, of Pittsboro, died Thursday, November 7, 2019 at UNC Hospitals.

Eddie was born in Chatham County on August 24, 1955 to the late Clarence Edward Clark, Sr. and Frances Sanders Clark.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Mary H. Clark of Pittsboro; son, Kurt Clark of Charlotte; two sisters, Sharon Wilson and husband Jack of Hickory, Lisa Deutsch and husband Paul of Jefferson City, Missouri; six nieces, two nephews, five great-nieces and five great-nephews.

The funeral service was held Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Hanks Chapel Church with Rev. Paul Haywood and Lisa Deutsch presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends immediately following in the church fellowship hall.

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

VANCE B. DUNN



Vance B. Dunn, 88, died Saturday, November 9, 2019 on the family farm in Bear Creek, NC. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Myra Taylor Dunn; daughter Denise Dunn (Don Davis) and son Drew Dunn (Diane); several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Vance served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War and worked in the aerospace industry. One of his favorite projects was working on the Apollo space missions. He loved music and was a very talented guitarist, he also was an artist and a potter. He loved riding motorcycles and took several wonderful trips.

We would like to thank Community Hospice and the Council of Aging for making the last few years of his life comfortable. There will be no services at this time.

Please direct any memorials to Friends of the Goldston Library or to the Chatham County Council of Aging.

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

MARY VAUGHN RUSSELL MOORE

Mary Vaughn Russell Moore, 87 of Snow Camp, North Carolina passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Twin Lakes Healthcare.

Mary was a lifelong resident of Snow Camp and a member of Rock Creek United Methodist Church. She was most proud of her service to her community as a nurse at Chatham Hospital. Most of all she was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister.

A Graveside service will be held Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Rock Creek United Methodist Church Cemetery in Snow Camp, NC, with Rev. Tyler Moore and Rev. Jim Folks officiating. The family will receive friends Friday, November 8, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Loflin Funeral Home in Liberty, N.C.

Mary was the daughter of the late Leonard Smith and Nellie DeVaughn Spoon Russell.

She is survived by her daughters, Ellen Ludington (Mike), Mary Annette Petty (Charlie), Susan Wills (Doug); granddaughters, Alyson Gay (Brandon), Rachel Petty; grandson, Aaron Wills (Megan); great grandchildren, Rylie Wills, Holton Wills; sisters, Hilda Glosson (Tommy), Grace Cheek, Kay Hargis (Cecil), Helen Stovall; brothers, Earl Russell and Ray Russell.

The family would like to express their thanks to Twin Lakes Healthcare for their loving care and support, especially to the Arbor staff.

In lieu of flowers please make a memorial contribution to Hospice and Palliative Care of Alamance-Caswell, 914 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, NC 27215

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at www.LoflinFH.com.

Loflin Funeral Home of Liberty is honored to serve the Moore Family.

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Tribute To A Good Man Rufus Johnson

It was a privilege to have Rufus Johnson as my friend. A friendship that became stronger as we grew older. He will be kindly remembered because of the many lives he touched.

There were occasions when individuals he knew had come on hard times and Rufus would press a \$20 bill or more in that person's palm, while saying "I hope things turn up for you." He never expected thanks or anything in return.

Every year when The Girl Scouts sold cookies, Rufus would buy a large number of boxes saying "those little girls work hard and I want them to be successful." He was a very generous man.

Rufus was highly respected by his fellow professional surveyors. His work was often described with the statement "when Rufus Johnson signs off on a project you can take it to the bank."

He was the most outstanding and devoted family man I have ever known. He would often say to me how proud he was of his children and grandchildren and their achievements.

Rufus stayed in touch with me over the years regardless of where we lived. Being a true and dear friend, he phoned to check on my health and recovery from heart surgery on the Saturday afternoon before his death on Sunday. I cherish this last long phone conversation and will never forget my good friend.

Lee Fox
Mount Pleasant, SC

NEWS BRIEFS

Siler City P&R seeks input in Bray Park Master Plan

SILER CITY — The Town of Siler City Parks & Recreation Department is seeking input on the Bray Park Master Plan.

The plan will explore opportunities to expand amenities for the entire park including 50 acres of undeveloped land. The town will host three public input meetings to help create a vision for the park, gather input and comments on the different conceptual plans, and to present the final master plan. Anyone who is unable to attend the meetings are welcome to contact Siler City Parks and Recreation at (919) 742-2699 or email recreation@silercity.org with any questions or comments.

Meeting dates:
• 6-8 p.m., Thursday, November 21
• 6-8 p.m., Monday, December 2
• 6-8 p.m., Monday, February 3

Meetings will be held at the Earl B. Fitts Community Center at 111 South Third Ave., Siler City.

"We are excited for the upcoming Master Plan project and look forward to hearing public input and ideas to help shape the vision of Bray Park," said parks Administrative Support Specialist

GTOC 2020 nature calendar now available

Grand Trees of Chatham (GTOC) has completed work on its 2020 nature calendar and is making it available at several retailers throughout Chatham County. This marks the fifth consecutive year that GTOC has produced a professionally printed full-size calendar with nature photographs that highlight Chatham County's natural beauty.

As in prior editions, local photographer Gary Simpson took all of the photos on a volunteer basis. This year's nature shots include a cover photo of the iconic belted cows at Fearington Village, as well as a spooky full moon on a cloudy night, a longleaf pine seedling, an Eastern box turtle, a field of Daffodils, and raging flood waters on Robeson Creek.

Included as a special feature of the 2020 calendar are photos of Chatham County's State Champion White Oak tree, along with a detailed explanation of how GTOC goes about measuring the trees that are nominated by local property owners for special recognition. Remarkably, the Champi-

on White Oak measures out at 112 feet tall, with a trunk that is over 23 feet in circumference.

The support of the following local sponsors made this year's calendar possible: Hobbs Architects, Jamie and Heather Buster at Rosemary House B&B, Katy McReynolds and Lonnie West at Chatham Homes Realty, Louise Barnum at Weaver Street Realty, Pittsboro Parks, Rocky River Heritage Foundation, Sara Donaldson at State Farm Insurance, Sue and Rouse Wilson, Ann and Dean Westman, and Amanda Robertson at The Farthest Pixel Educational Media Design. Jones Printing of Sanford and the Chatham County Cooperative Extension also assisted with the project.

This year's GTOC calendar can be obtained for a \$20 donation at the following retailers: Chatham Marketplace, Liquidambar Gallery and Gifts, New Horizons West, The Joyful Jewel, and Southern Supreme.

GTOC is a local, non-profit, volunteer organization with the mission of increasing public understanding and appreciation of Chatham County's valuable and irreplaceable trees.

—CN+R Staff Reports

MOUNTAIRE PETITIONING SILER CITY

Dialogue on Third Street closure continues

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Town officials continue to review proposals from Mountaire, the Delaware-based company with a large poultry processing plant near downtown, on its request for permanent closure of E. Third Street. Mountaire originally requested a permanent closure of the road last year. At the time, the road had already been closed an extensive period of time for the plant's construction. Last November, residents and businesses on Third Street began asking the town when the street would be reopened,

only to learn that Mountaire had requested a permanent closure of the road, noting concerns about safety and traffic flow. Business owners by and large raised concerns about closing a street that serves as a major artery into downtown. While E. Third Street is under the authority of the N.C. Dept. of Transportation, the department would be unlikely to approve closing the road permanently without the support of the town. Siler City's board of commissioners decided late last year to wait to consider Mountaire's request until the plant was operational. The board determined that it felt it best to study the traffic patterns

and impacts over a period of several months once the plant was operating at full steam. As the company continues to press for the closure, the town board of commissioners has appeared disinclined to agree. For nearly a year, the company and town staff have been reviewing plans and exchanging concerns. The most recent iteration of the closure plan includes closing portions of East Third to North Avenue, then extend Fifth Street down from North Avenue to create a new connection to East Third so that the road will still have access to U.S. Hwy. 64. Last month, the town's review committee —

which includes the town manager, planning director, public works director and the chiefs of both the police and fire departments — sent additional comments and requested clarification on the most recent proposal. Initial concerns were delays to emergency response times as well as more details images and graphics of the specific design. A letter to Mountaire, dated Oct. 24, notes that all staff concerns would need to be addressed before it would ever be ready to be proposed to Siler City's board of commissioners. According to Siler City Planning Director Jack Meadows, once there are no further questions or

comments from town or NCDOT staff, then the town staff will submit the request to Town Manager Roy Lynch to be placed on the agenda for the board of commissioners to review. The board would then "consider adopting of a resolution declaring the town's intent to close the subject street which would trigger a public hearing. Notice of that hearing would be published for four consecutive weeks prior and letters will be sent via certified mail to all property owners "adjoining the street." In addition, Meadows notes the town would "prominently post a notice of closing and public hearing in at least two places." After the public hear-

ing, the board will consider whether the road closure is "not contrary to the public interest or to the rights of individuals owning property abutting or in the vicinity of the closure" and whether it will interfere with ingress and egress. If the proposal eventually makes it to the board, it is still uncertain as to how the commissioners will decide to vote. However, Meadows notes that "persons aggrieved by the closing may appeal the order to the General Court of Justice within 30 days after its adoption."

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HEMP: There are more than 1,300 licensed growers in North Carolina

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shelter where the easy conversations and security nurtured me from a very early age. But that's all gone now. The tobacco warehouses closed, the smaller family farms were absorbed into large production tracts and those barns with peeled back tin roofs were ruined once rain got inside. So why hemp? Hemp is an opportunity for farming to be rejuvenated with a profitable crop. I want to help our famers in a small way to make that possibility a reality. In 1988 I took a Strong Interest Inventory at UNC-Chapel Hill and discovered that overwhelmingly, I like what farmers like! I launched the North Carolina "Farmers Fastlane" buyers guide for farm equipment and knew the lay of the land and the needs of the business regarding farm equipment. Upon my BSA retirement this past summer, I knew I wanted to produce a trade show after the now almost forgotten Mid-Atlantic Farm Show and I am privileged to bring this farmer-focused show to those

within the hemp space on the east coast.

You've recently left a career with the Boy Scouts of America to make this show happen. Can you walk us through your thought process?

For more than a decade I was privileged to work with volunteers growing young boys into men. It was an honor and forever a part of who I am. And yet, I made the decision to go out on my own to practice skill sets honed through extensive training and experience. I learned soup-to-nuts planning of events and how to add the extra sizzle that caused attendees to feel their time was well spent. The big difference now from the non-profit world is I have no volunteers! Scouting volunteers are the best. Think about it, a person who will commit to take 1 to 30 boys camping monthly is a person you can depend to show up and help.

Producing a trade show is lonely!

Putting this show together while the state legislature is still somewhat involved in deciding some legal issues

must have been a challenge. Can you talk about that?

In the stormy times of hemp politics and pending legislation, I focus on my mission for the Mid-Atlantic Hemp Trade Show. For farmers, by farmers, what do they need, who do they need to connect with to produce a viable crop? How can they grow, harvest, process and market or sell their crops? I have sought out trustworthy people from seed to shelf. I am apolitical but totally believe that our farmers have a chance to come out on top of this. The USDA just issued regulations that our state legislature will respond to and our farmers are planning for success.

What have YOU learned about hemp since you began this journey?

I've learned that hemp is an ancient crop that got caught in political crossfire and was taxed then outlawed with generations of farmers not passing down how to grow this magnificent crop. Farmers are gaining so much first-hand knowledge but it starts with supposition! Farmers have left N.C.

for immersion experiences in states like Oregon, Washington and Colorado to come back home and grow the most excellent crops. Hemp that will be ingested should not be grown with the types of chemicals our farmers are used to and there are many risks involved with the seeds, plants, harvest and storage. The Mid-Atlantic Hemp Trade Show is geared to offer a time and space for professional knowledge share.

The stigma of hemp being marijuana coming out of the closet is dissipating and the excitement and honor of producing a cash crop that benefits industry and entire people groups is something all North Carolinians can take pride in. Our farmers are the nation's best.

How are local hemp growers, dealers and others assisting you in developing and producing the show?

N.C. State and the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture have responded overwhelmingly with their willingness to provide answers and

contacts for me throughout the planning of the trade show. Because the crop is emerging and the number of producers and acreages are increasing exponentially, it's an "all hands" call for everyone to join in the knowledge share. Literally being in the fields has enabled me to connect with some of the state's most prolific growers who have a clear vision for a future where the hemp plant is used in its entirety for the betterment of us all.

What else do we need to know?

Our exhibitors are coming from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, California and as far away as Canada! There will be booths for business to include farm management and consulting, insurance, legal advice and marketing. Others will exhibit clones, debunking equipment, drones, planters, plows, extraction equipment, grow lights, harvesting equipment, nutrients, organic plants, and CBD processors and retail.

The show is from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 23. The run of show was curated from the results of a survey that asked more than 100 individuals in the hemp industry how a trade show and conference would best benefit their business. From "Knowledge Share" panel discussions and Equipment Demonstrations, to the business "Hemp Hub," the event is so full that we added an additional day to ensure ample opportunities for networking.

General admission tickets are \$5 per day; conference admission, which includes lunch, is \$35 per day. We also have a VIP reception on Friday; details are on our website.

There are more than 1,300 licensed growers in North Carolina right now, growing on more than 16,000 acres and in more than 6 million feet of greenhouse space. Come to the show and find out why hemp is part of the future of North Carolina!



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CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Two Chatham companies win state manufacturing awards, Taco Bell under construction and teacher pay

In the newspaper business, we call this column and things of its ilk “standing features” — items that run every week, usually in the same place, both to fill space and to appeal to certain audiences.



ZACHARY HORNER
Corner Store

When I started this, I didn't think I'd be able to sustain it this long nor did I expect the response I've gotten. I'm grateful for everyone who's emailed me or told me in person that they enjoy the Corner Store and what I'm sharing. So with that, here we go on this week's three things we're talking about at Zach's Corner Store.

Alotech, 3M win manufacturing awards

The Goldston-based Alotech and 3M, which has a plant in Pittsboro, have won 2019 Man-

ufacturing Leadership Awards from the North Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership, or NCMEP, for being “outstanding leaders” in the fields of innovation and workforce development, respectively.

Alotech, which provides re-manufacturing prototyping and product development services, was honored particularly for its work in helping companies improve processes. The NCMEP press release on the awards cited a re-manufacturing customer whose riveting removal process led to 15 reportable injuries every year as well as “intensive” labor. Alotech was able to automate the process, which reduced labor time by 80 hours a week and dropped reportable injuries to 0.

3M was awarded for its employee outreach in several areas, particularly technical, strategic and cultural. The NCMEP press release said the company offers maintenance apprenticeships which combine teaching and working as well as

hiring college students with the possibility of longer-term jobs after graduation.

In a statement, the Chatham Economic Development Corporation said it was “proud to work with companies like Alotech and 3M, and we are grateful for the recognition of their efforts here in Chatham County.”

Taco Bell under construction in Siler City

But wait, doesn't Siler City already have a Taco Bell? Yes and no.

The current Taco Bell is located in the same building as a Kentucky Fried Chicken but will soon get its own standalone spot next to the Smithfield's in the Walmart parking lot off of U.S. Hwy. 64. You'll see construction under way when you drive by. We reported on the restaurant's relocation in September and said the Taco Bell was expected to be complete by December. The KFC will stay in its current building and take

over the whole space. The same group owns both restaurants and lots.

Earlier this month, the Siler City Board of Commissioners approved annexing the land on which the Taco Bell sits into the town, part of the requirements in the Siler City Unified Development Ordinance.

Teachers or tax cuts?

I've been doing news journalism in North Carolina for more than three years now, and the dichotomy in the subhead above this has been on politicians' lips and minds ever since I started.

According to the Raleigh News & Observer, N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper talked to a group of business leaders at the North Carolina CEO Forum recently. Cooper has been at the center of a state budget battle this year, with one of his primary complaints being that the GOP-led General Assembly didn't raise teacher salaries enough for his liking. The GOP has

pushed for and gotten corporate tax cuts over the last few years.

“When business has a choice between further cuts in corporate taxes or investments in our teachers, I hope you will say investments in our teachers,” Cooper said, according to the N&O, “because the CEOs I talk to aren't complaining to me about our corporate tax structure. What they are complaining about is filling the jobs that they have with talented workers.”

Whether or not this is a true this-or-that situation is up for debate, but I doubt we've heard the last of this. Maybe it will go on for another three years. If you're a corporate taxpayer in Chatham County and want to weigh in on this for me, I'd love to hear from you at zhorner@chathamnr.com.

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This ‘moose’ is actually a delicious dip

Working retail is really, really, hard. And not only that, it's hard.



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook

Did I mention it's hard? When I was in my 20s, I spent five years in the retail trenches. It aged my body at least 15 years. It gave me varicose veins and a permanent stoop. Toward the end, I wasn't dead inside, but I was definitely semi-comatose.

You have to deal with every single soul that walks through the door. Every. Single. One.

In a clothing store, I had a woman bring back a dress that was dirty, smelly, and so old it was out of style. Then said she bought it, “last weekend, I swear!”

In the bookstore, we learned how to research old, obscure, and out-of-print titles; as long as we had a little bit to go on. I literally had someone come in and ask for “The yellow book.”

Parents and caregivers who somehow had the impression that we were free babysitters. People who walked through the door looking for a fight so they could relieve themselves of all of their anger and crazy. And, nobody who works retail gets any-

thing resembling a holiday season.

As a manager, on Black Friday I had to be at the store before daylight. Then 14 hours or so, after which stay a few more hours to clean up and restock. So, when Petey wanted to go home to Elizabeth City, I bowed out.

I felt pretty sorry for myself, so on Thanksgiving Day, I went to the only open supermarket, Kroger, and bought the ingredients for Knorr's spinach dip. I think it's fallen out of style, but so good it should have a comeback.

During that horrendous holiday season, there's no time to run to the food court, stand in line, order, get your meal, eat and return in the thirty minutes allotted. So, most weekends we did a potluck thing. And my favorite dish ever was this Secret Tuna Mousse.

A little eating tip: you can use any kind of vessel; bread, pita, crackers, but both are really delicious on Fritos Scoops (and the dollar store version of the scoops is just as good).

Retail is hard. So if you have a store that you shop often, where you like the crew, bring them some homemade cookies, or a gift card for a restaurant that delivers, or just say thank you. I promise, you will make their day.

Thanks for your time.

Knorr's Spinach Dip

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| 1-10 oz. box frozen chopped spinach, cooked, cooled and squeezed dry | 1 cup Mayonnaise | chestnuts, drained and chopped |
| 1-16 oz. container | 1 package Knorr® Vegetable soup mix | 3 green onions, chopped (optional) |
| | 1-8 oz. can water | |
- Combine all ingredients and chill about 2 hours.

Secret Tuna Mousse

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| 2-6.4 ounce albacore tuna pouches (I like Starkist) | 1 large and 1 small block cream cheese | 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin |
| 2-2.6 ounce albacore tuna pouches | 1 can tomato soup | 1/4 cup cold water |
| | 1 cup mayo | salt and pepper |
| | 1/2 small white onion | |

Put drained tuna and onion into food processor. Run until tuna and onion are finely chopped and thoroughly mixed. Add mayo and pulse until combined.

Meanwhile, mix water with gelatin and allow to bloom, or gel a bit (it will get stiff, but that's okay).

In a saucepan, warm soup, and melt cream cheese into it. Just warm it, don't let it boil, or even simmer. When the cheese has all melted, add gelatin and allow to melt.

Mix tuna and soup mixtures together. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour into lightly greased mold, and refrigerate for at least four hours to set.

Unmold, and serve.

N.C. sexual assault, child abuse laws updated in General Assembly

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

The North Carolina government has passed a series of laws that officials say will update and modernize the state's statutes on sexual assault and child abuse.

Senate Bill 199, titled “An Act to Protect Children from Sexual

Abuse and to Strengthen and Modernize Sexual Assault Laws,” expands the requirements for mandatory reporting of violent and sexual crimes and misdemeanor child abuse and adds North Carolina to the list of states that give the “right to revoke consent.” The bill was passed unanimously by the state House and state

Senate on Halloween and signed by Gov. Roy Cooper on Nov. 7.

“This bill significantly reforms existing laws by closing loopholes and enhancing protections for victims and children,” said Kit Stanley, director of Chatham County Family Violence Prevention Services. “This opens the door for easier prosecution of cases, and it is important that people understand that they can withdraw consent at any time during sexual activity.”

According to the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 10.9 percent of Chatham high schoolers said they have ever been “physically forced to have sexual intercourse,” compared to 8.4 percent in the state and 7.4 percent in the country. But those who work in the field say that number could be higher.

Additionally, 13 percent said they had “experienced sexual violence,” meaning they had been “forced by anyone to do sexual things,” in the 12 months before the survey. That's compared to 11.9 percent in North Carolina and 9.7 percent across America.

More general statistics about domestic violence and sexual assault in Chatham are a little harder to come by. The 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment stated the latest available data is from 2015. In that year, according to the report, 427 domestic violence clients and 45 sexual violence clients received services in the county, and the shelter that served clients was full 317 days, or about 87 percent of

the year.

North Carolina was the last state in America to pass a “right to revoke consent” law, which means that individuals who previously consented to a sexual encounter can then revoke consent, at which point the activity, if continued, would be considered rape. The statute of limitations on civil cases related to sexual abuse committed against an individual under 18 years old has been extended to the plaintiff's 28th birthday, and a survivor of sexual abuse can now file a civil action within two years of the date of a criminal conviction for a related felony sexual offense against an individual under 18 years old.

Additionally, all school-based personnel will now be required to receive training in spotting the signs of sexual child abuse and human trafficking.

“This training of all school personnel to recognize and understand the prevalence of these issues is crucial to protecting children and putting a stop to these crimes,” Stanley said. “Raising awareness among professionals who work with children is a great first step to better protecting our children from these crimes which continue to happen and go undetected.”

Anne Chapman, the director of Child Victim Services in Chatham, said the laws give “an added level of protection” to child victims.

Any adult can be charged with a misdemeanor for failing to report a child abuse if the incident should have been reasonably known,

Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Resources

If you are a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault and are looking for help, you can call these numbers.

- Chatham Family Violence Prevention Services: 919-545-STOP (7867)
- Second Bloom of Chatham: 919-545-0055
- National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline: 800- 656-HOPE (4673)
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233

- News + Record Staff

and the person who makes the report would be immune for any civil or criminal liabilities that otherwise might be imposed “provided that person was acting in good faith.” The bill also expands the statute of limitations for misdemeanor crimes involving abuse against children.

“This new legislation gives survivors a chance to hold the perpetrator accountable for lesser crimes in addition to any felony crimes where there is not a statute of limitations,” Chapman said. “This also gives law enforcement and prosecutors more flexibility since they can charge all the crimes that are disclosed in these cases rather than just the felony crimes.”

The law also provides additional protections for children online from high-risk sex offenders, clarifies the definition of “schools” in residential restrictions for sex offenders and expands a sex offender victim's right to know any court proceedings related to the termination of said sex offender's registration.

Both Chapman and Stanley said the laws will be of benefit to Chatham

residents who are victims of these crimes and take advantage of new protections.

“These are new statutes that will allow perpetrators of abuse to be charged and also to hold people accountable who do not live up to their legal responsibility to report abuse of children to the authorities,” Chapman said. “For agencies that provide support and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault it is important that they educate survivors about the statutes in a way that makes it possible for them aware of their options to hold their abusers accountable.”

Stanley added, “This bill better defines what is abuse and what is criminal behavior, and what protection victims can expect from their community. Advocacy agencies will be better able to support clients, educate the public about these issues, and collaborate with law enforcement and the court system.”

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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

For a complete list of items visit www.chathamnc.org/hhw

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office will provide a free take back of unwanted medicines during this HHW event. No needles, sharps, or liquids will be accepted.

No trash or empty containers.
No business waste.
No decal required.
Must show NC Drivers License.



Questions?
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HHW events will resume in March 2020.

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Fall Bazaar for the First United Methodist Church will begin promptly at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, Nov. 23 with sales Coffee and ham biscuits will be available prior to the Bazaar.

Among the items for sale will be chicken pies and other casseroles as well as Carl's Brunswick stew and vegetable beef soup. Cakes, pies and persimmon pudding will also be available.

Payment will be accepted in cash or by personal checks. Proceeds will go to fund various church projects. The church is located at 1101 West Raleigh St., Siler City.

PARKS CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

There will be a gospel concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 with Brad Strider and Mercey's Well singing at Parks Crossroads Christian Church. Come enjoy this service with us.

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. 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.

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.

FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

Firechosen Ministries invites you to join us for our "In His Presence" revival at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday Nov. 13. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Tristan Spencer, or come worship with us at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 for our Survivor Sunday. The guest preacher will be Pastor Amy Artis.

The location for these events will be 190 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

CAMERON GROVE AME ZION CHURCH

The Woman's Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by Evangelist Veronica Ingram-Williams, will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. Guests will include Pastor Shelia Kimbrough, Evangelist Danita Graham, Minister Shantasia Reaves and Psalmist Tierra Martin. Vendors will be on site. The church is located at 309 Vernon St., Broadway.

OAK GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual Thanksgiving Rotation service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the host church, Oak Grove Missionary Baptist. Springdale AME Church will be in charge of the service and Rev. Bridgette Gloster will preach. Join us if you can.

The church is located at 8043 Oak Grove Church Rd., Liberty.

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 18

BREAKFAST: Mini Waffles, Peaches (**Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Toast, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges (**Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Croissant, Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, November 19
BREAKFAST: Scrambled Eggs Bacon & Croissant, Mandarin Oranges (**Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Croissant, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit, Mini Waffles w/Cheese Stick, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Cup, Chilled Pears (**Sausage Biscuit

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

Wednesday, November 20

BREAKFAST: Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Chicken Tenders w/Roll, Beef Volcano Sub, Build a Pizza Combo, Celery & Cucumbers w/Dip, Ranchero Pinto Beans, Chilled Applesauce (**Chicken Tenders w/Roll, Beef Volcano Sub, Mozzarella Sticks Combo, Cucumbers & Celery w/Dip, Ranchero Pinto Beans, Chilled Applesauce, Fresh Fruit)

Thursday, November 21

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce (**Same)

LUNCH: Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, Thanksgiving Feast: Turkey w/Dressing & Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Apple Crunch (**Add Fresh Fruit)

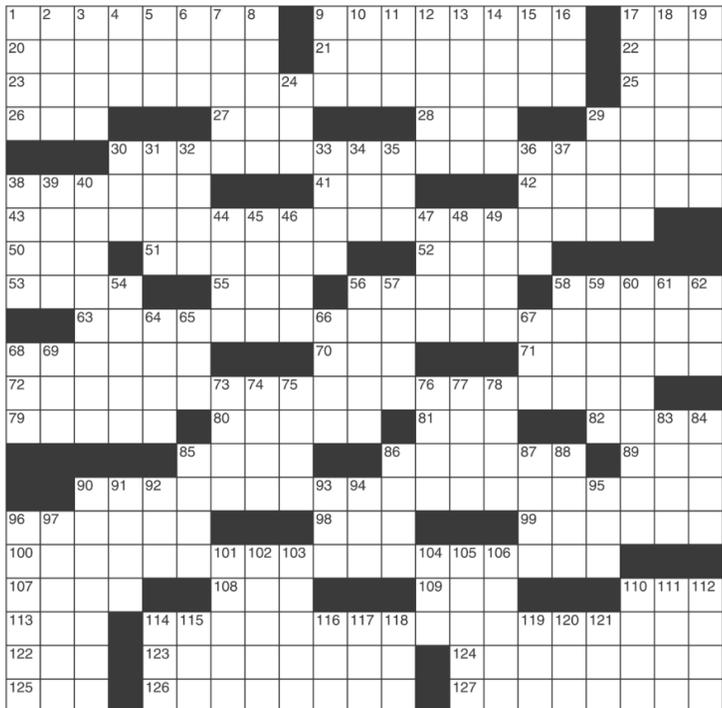
Friday, November 22
BREAKFAST: Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Same)

LUNCH: Chicken Pot Pie w/Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Corn, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Fresh Apple (**Chicken Pot Pie w/Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Apple)

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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A gesture of thanks

A boot, lost by its owner, has been sitting on the Piney Grove Church Road bridge in Siler City for more than a year. Passers-by have been decorating it seasonally to reflect the nearest holiday. The small monument to the veterans of the armed forces is a 'thank you' to vets as it sits night and day at its post.

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ELECTION RECAP

A look back at this month's general election

BY CASEY MANN & ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

With another Election Day having come and gone, here's a recap of the voting results in Chatham's municipal races and other ballot measures from Nov. 5.

Pittsboro

The Town of Pittsboro has a new mayor and new town commissioner.

Jim Nass and Kyle Shipp, respectively, join the town's government as winners last week. Incumbent Commissioners John Bonitz and Jay Farrell re-joined the board, as seven candidates vied for the three seats available. Nass was unopposed.

Shipp told the News + Record he was "incredibly humbled" by being the top vote-getter among commissioner candidates — he earned 623 votes, a little more than 20 percent of the vote total — and ready to get to work.

"I'm going to dive in because that's all I know how to do," he said. "I'd like to build upon the work I'm doing on the Planning Board by leaning into and getting up to speed on the responsibilities of the Town Board, such as budget, water treatment, and sewer capacity."

Nass said on his Facebook page that he was grateful for the work of all the commissioner candidates.

"The Town owes you all a big thank you for putting yourselves out there to work for the benefit of the whole Town," he wrote. "I look forward to working with the new Board on all of the complex and critical issues facing our wonderful Town."

Siler City

Siler City voters decided on two competitive races last week, while Commissioners Larry Cheek (District 2), Bill Haiges (District 4) and Chip Price (at-large) ran unopposed.

Siler City Mayor John Grimes was re-elected to his position as the head of the Siler City Board of Commissioners after facing two challengers — Albert Reddick and Jackie Adams. Grimes says he is "happy to have another opportunity to serve and grateful to all who supported me." He says he wants to continue to improve the town's infrastructure — water and wastewater delivery systems and capacity at the plants. He notes the town and its staff are "constantly seeking grant monies" for the improvements while currently managing eight community projects for

water and wastewater infrastructure.

He also is working toward airport improvement and expansion as an important goal noting the town was awarded over a quarter of a million dollars in 2019 for improvements to the airport. Grimes is also very focused on improvements to the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site located on U.S. Hwy-64 just west of town. He believes the infrastructure being installed to provide water to the site is a "game-changer" for the project.

Grimes wants to continue to maintain a "strong financial position, address street improvements, engage our community in litter awareness so as to improve our Town's appearance, and build on past successes in the Town's various departments." He believes that this will help for his long-term goals of continuing "to recruit industry, address affordable housing, and manage our considerable portfolio of grant monies."

Curtis Brown ousted incumbent Mike Constantino and Timothy "Cookie" Brown to be the next District 3 Commissioner on the town's board. Brown said he was "grateful for the opportunity to try and make Siler City a better place."

Brown's priorities revolve around the town's water and wastewater systems, a department he retired from prior to seeking the role as commissioner.

"It is inevitable that we will experience another drought and the system is not ready," he said.

He also wants to add an "auxiliary flow to slow down the Water Plant so the filters can be replaced and upgrade some aging equipment" as well as moving forward with the wastewater permit process.

"For Siler City to be a major player in economic development, access to water sources will serve to compete for new businesses with other communities," Brown said.

He wants his legacy in office to be that he "helped secure ample water and wastewater" as it's the "life blood of industry and business. He would also like to help the town move forward with replacing or rehabilitating water and sewer lines.

"It's going to take a long time," he said. "We are dealing with an 80- to 90-year-old system."

Goldston

Both the mayor of Goldston, Tim Cunnup, and the incumbent town council members, Steve Cunnup (Ward 2) and Charles Fields III (Ward 4), ran unopposed again this year. Mayor Cunnup and Commissioner Cunnup have indicated to the News + Record that they

are hoping this will be their last term on the board.

"I am hoping that there will be a qualified candidate to take my place at that time," Tim Cunnup said.

Each of the incumbent representatives on the Goldston-Gulf Sanitary District Board — Ricky Beal, Henry Kitchings and Danny Scott — were unopposed and re-elected.

Alcohol

On Election Day, voters in Siler City chose to approve fewer restrictions on beer and unfortified wine sales in the town limits. Mayor candidate Jackie Adams, owner of Oasis Fresh Market and Deli and the Chairman of Siler City's Downtown Advisory Committee, worked for about a year with the town staff and then with another grassroots committee and the Downtown Advisory Committee for another four to six months to get the referendum on the ballot. Following the vote, Adams said she believed that the impact to Siler City will be positive and significant.

"I see many of the shops and event venues opening to get permits from ABC to start having wedding and more formal events," she said. "I have already heard of two microbreweries wanting to invest downtown and set up tasting areas and or craft shops. I also understand a wine shop is a thought with a potential investor."

Adams believes this will bring business and tax income to Siler City as well as more foot traffic downtown.

"This must be addressed responsibly, and we know, some can not be responsible when it comes to consuming beer or wine," Adams said. "That is why permit owners have to go through education and will have a responsibility to be vigilant in controlling service and what venues and establishments arise and who they serve."

Voter Turnout

In-depth voter turnout numbers are not yet available, but this year's municipal elections brought out a higher percentage of voters than two years ago.

In 2017, with competitive Siler City mayor and Pittsboro commissioner races, 1,524 voters out of the 7,095 registered in the municipalities went to the polls, a rate of 21.5 percent. This year, more than 1,800 people voted, putting voter turnout at 26.2 percent.

Even with one additional candidate on the ballot, the Siler City mayoral race attracted fewer voters this year than two years ago — 754 residents this

year, 867 two years ago.

Voting Equipment

The Chatham County Board of Elections tested voting equipment in the East and West Siler City precincts during the municipal election. The equipment, produced by Hart InterCivic, is a "ballot on demand" system, which means that each individual's ballot is printed just after they check-in at the polls.

The two Siler City precincts were chosen for several reasons, according to the board of elections. First, as a "ballot on demand" system, the board wanted to choose a precinct which included multiple ballot styles. As Siler City residents vote for the town board of commissioners by district, there were three different ballot styles in each of the precincts. In addition, the competition of two contested races, each with three candidates, increased the potential for an increased turn-out, which would provide a greater opportunity for poll workers to use the equipment.

Throughout the day, poll workers noted that the equipment ran smoothly and did not appear to have any problems. One challenge came at the end of the day — an unfamiliarity with the equipment delayed the printing tape results. The tape also broke down the results by ballot type which was a new format for the workers. The tape was then taken to the board of elections office in Pittsboro, where the information had to be hand entered into the state's system, causing another delay in results.

Each election, the state board of elections assigns random results for each county's board to audit. Since this year also included testing of new equipment, results in both the East and West Siler City precincts were audited as well. According to the Chatham County Board of Elections Executive Director Pandora Paschal, a board member representing each political parties was on site throughout the audit which was completed last Friday. Paschal noted that the results from the hand count matched that of the machine count.

The only other challenge Paschal noted was that some voters had failed to completely fill in the squares on the ballot for their choices, but she said that it would not have affected the result of any race. Prior to the 2020 primary elections, a representative from Hart InterCivic will be working with the Chatham County Board of Elections; if the commissioners choose to invest in that company's equipment, Hart InterCivic will produce a voter education campaign to teach the public about the new equipment and the voting process.

Pinehurst Medical Clinic Gastroenterology Opens in Pittsboro Community

Pittsboro, NC – November 11, 2019 – Pinehurst Medical Clinic is pleased to announce the opening of a new Gastroenterology location at 120 Lowes Drive, Suite 105, Pittsboro, NC. The team of highly – skilled physicians is available to meet the area's growing need for convenient access to digestive healthcare.

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Dr. Brondon, a resident of Chatham County, received his medical degree from State University of New York at Buffalo and completed an Internal Medicine residency at Harvard Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital. Dr. Brondon completed a gastroenterology fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Varanasi resides in Chapel Hill, NC and has been in clinical practice for over 20 years. Dr. Varanasi received his medical degree from the 6-year accelerated B.A.-M.D. program at Lehigh University and Medical College of Pennsylvania. He completed Internal Medicine residency at the University of Massachusetts and received his gastroenterology training at the University of Maryland.

Specializing in diagnosing, treating, and preventing diseases affecting the digestive tract (esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, liver, pancreas, and gallbladder), Drs. Brondon and Varanasi provide patients with expert care and compassion.

Dr. Brondon and Dr. Varanasi are now accepting new patients by appointment at the new Pinehurst Medical Clinic Gastroenterology - Pittsboro location. For more information visit www.pinehurstmedical.com/gastroenterology. To schedule an appointment, please call (919)292-6110.

About Pinehurst Medical Clinic

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Pinehurst Medical Clinic consists of over 100 providers, approximately 650 employees and 18 locations.



Pet of the Week: Tom



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Tom, a 2-year-old male shorthair who loves chair lounging and head rubs. Tom was brought to the Animal Resource Center as a stray, but quickly revealed his inner housecat to staff members. He is a creature of comfort and frequently transforms his bed into a blanket fort, burrowing inside for long, lazy cat naps. He is a big boy, too — weighing more than 13 pounds! Tom isn't much of a cuddler, but he is a quiet, low-maintenance house partner who would be happy to keep you company or lend a listening ear after a long, hard day. For more information on how to meet or adopt Tom during our ongoing \$20 Cat Adoption Special, swing by the ARC at 725 Renaissance Dr. in Pittsboro, or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an Animal Resource Officer.



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UPLIFT POVERTY AWARENESS DAY

Workshop makes experience of poverty real

BY BOB WACHS
News + Record
Correspondent

Poverty hurts. Maybe not physically, although that can happen sometimes, too — and that doesn't take into account the mental, emotional, social, and even spiritual aspect of that complex problem.

Fortunately for Chatham County residents, the grassroots organization UPLIFT (an acronym for Understanding Poverty: Lifting Individuals and Families Together) Chatham is hard at work trying to bring both awareness of and solutions to local poverty.

While definitions and descriptions of poverty vary depending on the agency talking about it, most often it centers around family income and the ability to acquire basic needs. Saturday's UPLIFT "Poverty Awareness Day" workshop brought that point and more into sharp focus for the diverse motivated people attending it at Chatham United Methodist Church.

John Moore, founder and executive director of UPLIFT, which began in 2012 and was formerly known as Circles Chatham, pointed out at the workshop that while there are several goals, the overarching intent of the work is to break the cycle of generational poverty and "to help people build themselves up."

"That takes relationships," he says, "with people and with coordinating with agencies. We're working now on a pilot program for 2020 to do that."

Moore reaffirmed the organization's goal was to break the cycles of poverty by identifying and targeting problems and finding solutions that promote a better way of life for county residents.

Attendees at the event learned that poverty is also complex. There are different kinds, different reasons, different responses. And the overall question, when people think about it, is "What do we do about it?" or sometimes "Is there even anything we can do to combat it?" A sad reality, attendees learned, is often there are fewer people who think about poverty than those who do — but if you're living in it, it's a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week situation.

And it's more than just a thought; it's a way of life.

Joelle Brummitt-Yale has conducted research with UPLIFT and similar agencies for 15 years and said to attendees that the event would not be comprehensive but "to help you start or continue your journey...to evaluate your views, to understand the complexity of poverty, to see the challenges, and how families function."

She went on to ask for perspectives on families living in poverty and got a wide range of answers — lack of basic resources, depression, multiple part-time jobs, few options, uncertainty, limited food and less access to health care, among others. While all those factors are present in poverty, she said, "poverty is hard to define but income is almost always the main factor."

"Basically," she said, "it means making less money than it takes to live on."

Several government agencies deal with poverty in the U.S. and locally, including the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Each of those three has its own income-based definition of poverty, Brummitt-Yale said, "so you see some of the complexity of dealing with the situation; even the government can't agree."

But the bottom line is that of the current pre-census population of Chatham County — 73,139 persons — a total of 13.3 percent fall below income levels defining poverty, a figure that is slightly better than the state average of 16.1 percent.

"Of those numbers," she said, "the highest con-



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COPE (Cost of Poverty Exercise) participants Danny Berrier, Cierra McEachern and James Andre take part in a family financial planning simulation at UPLIFT Chatham's poverty workshop last Saturday.



Submitted photo

UPLIFT Chatham poverty workshop participants Richard Poole, Jane Stolper and Barbara LaDew take part in a Cost of Poverty Exercise, working together as members of a simulated homeless family deciding about moving to a shelter.

centration of individuals in poverty is found among children under 5 — at 24 percent. The smallest are individuals over 55, at 7.2 percent."

Those three federal agencies break down their data this way: Health & Human Services says annual income for a family of three (one adult, two children) to be considered in poverty is \$21,330 while for a family of four (two adults, two children) the income is \$25,570. The Census Bureau puts those same two categories at \$19,749 and \$24,858, respectively, while USDA figures show \$27,014 and \$32,630.

Chatham County has two primary locales identified as poverty areas, based on federal income guidelines — the southwestern corner and central Siler City.

"The huge gaps in deficiencies leads to families living in poverty, becoming generational poverty and receiving services to help make ends meet," Brummitt-Yale says. "What we've found out is that 40 per cent of Chatham County residents are not fully self-sufficient."

Complicating the issue, she says, is that poverty levels don't come close to reflecting the actual costs of living families face, typically about two times the poverty rate for just a basic budget. A Massachusetts Institute of Technology study revealed that a living wage in Chatham County for a family of three (one adult, two children) needs to be \$59,942 while for a family of four with one adult working the figure is \$53,560; with two adults working the amount is \$65,520. A United Way study shows a family of three needs \$53,394 and a family of four, \$60,757.

"You can see there's a gap," Brummitt-Yale said. "The system was set up to support people in crisis but today it's locked up in generational situations."

She added that there are barriers within the system, such as one called the "Cliff Effect." That refers to the way assistance benefits — such as food stamps, child care, children's health care insurance, and others — are calculated. As people improve their incomes, benefits will decrease and usually at a higher rate. The net effect is a lower effective income, which doesn't provide incentive to do better.

"The system is not matched with reality," she said. "People wonder why should they keep doing this when they're getting further behind."

As a part of the Poverty Awareness Day workshop,

attendees were given an opportunity to participate in a mock exercise by forming families and trying to exist for a month on poverty level incomes, providing a "hands-on" component to the earlier presentation and discussion.

Both Moore and Brummitt-Yale encouraged attendees to further their personal understanding, to improve their relationships with people in poverty and to become more involved in supporting basic needs. One obvious way, Brummitt-Yale said in her closing remarks, is to "work with UPLIFT Chatham as we work on an integrated service model to connect people

to resources.

"We encourage you to find your passion and get involved."

For more information, visit www.UPLIFTChatham.org.

A note from UPLIFT's founder

The Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) poverty simulation was a real eye-opening experience for me. Each participant takes on a role within a family in crisis. The COPE stands out in that the families profiled in the simulation are based on real people — folks who were willing to capture their family situations for the creation of this simulation. That helped bring the simulation to life. We were each asked to navigate as that family member for a simulated one month, doing all the things you can imagine in real life.

If you have a job, you need to go to work. If you're an adult without a job, you probably need to find a job. If you have children, how will you care for them? There's school for school-age kids, yet what about younger children and what about after school care?

In my simulation, I was fortunate to start out with a job. But I had no car. I had to figure out a way to get from place to place. Transportation is real problem for many in Chatham County. COPE creatively simulates various

methods of travel such as buying gas if you own a car, getting a bus pass, and even walking through town.

Then there are bills to pay (e.g. rent, food, utilities) requiring money, of course, yet also the time to shop and to make the payments. After working all day, there's not much time for such things. And there seems to lines of people everywhere.

All in all it was powerful since I got to experience poverty from the standpoint of a real person with the stresses, chaos, lack of planning time and sense of hopelessness which seems ever present. After the workshop, I was able to go home to my usual life. Yet I now have a much better understanding and empathy for what some of our Chatham neighbors experience every single day. I think everyone who works with families with low income or who hasn't personally experienced poverty would benefit from this workshop offered by UPLIFT Chatham.

— John Moore



COPE (Cost of Poverty Exercise) participants Greg Burritt (sitting), Anne Cantor (left) and Elizabeth Fridley negotiate a purchase at a simulated pawn shop during UPLIFT Chatham's poverty workshop last Saturday.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Council on Aging now has incontinence supplies

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

"Incontinence supplies can be vital to helping persons remain active in the community and live with dignity at home," noted Wynne Fields, the Council's program specialist who coordinates this service.

Incontinence supplies can be a major expense for seniors and their families. "We are glad that we can offer this service to help our growing older population in Chatham," Fields said.

While donations are always welcomed, these supplies are provided at no expense to the consumer.

For more information, contact the Council's Eastern Center at 919-542-4512 or its Western Center at 919-742-3975.

committee members and their alternates will take office January 1, 2020.

Close to 7,700 FSA county committee members serve in the 2,124 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Chatham County's Committee has 3 members since the county is not combined with any adjoining county. Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. More information on county committees, such as the 2019 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/county-committee-elections/index> or at the Chatham County FSA Office, 1192 Us 64W Business, Pittsboro/919-542-2244 ext 2.

County government receives award for excellence in financial reporting

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Commissioners recognized the County's Finance Department in October for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association

of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report.

Vicki McConnell, Chatham County deputy county manager and finance director, received the Certificate of Achievement, which is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. According to GFOA, its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

"This is Chatham County's 29th consecutive year to receive this notable recognition, and I couldn't be more proud of the integrity demonstrated by Vicki and her staff," said Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne. "We hope that our Finance team's example will encourage other governments in their efforts to achieve and maintain a high standard of excellence in financial reporting."

According to GFOA, the CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

—CN+R Staff Reports

OBITUARIES

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DON (DONOVAN) FLOYD DIEHL

Don (Donovan) Floyd Diehl passed away on October 30, 2019 at his home in Chapel Hill, NC after a brief but intense battle with brain cancer at the age of 82.

Don was born on July 3, 1937 in Waterloo, Iowa. He graduated from Ames High in Ames, Iowa in 1955. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1957 to 1961 including time on the USS Intrepid in 1959. After leaving the Navy he decided to relocate to California where he began a career in sales.

In 1966 Don married Joan Houske Besner and became an instant father to three children. He jumped right in and enjoyed coaching little league and playing any and all sports as much as possible with the kids, reflective of the big kid he was at heart. In 1969 the family moved to Torrance, CA where he lived until 1992. During this time many long lasting friendships were made that remained until his passing. Don was known around the Redbeam Avenue neighborhood for his jokes and laughter by adults and kids alike and for his annual appearance as Santa on Christmas Eve.

After leaving Torrance, Don briefly resided in Placentia, Murrieta and Canyon Lake, CA and Houston, TX. In 2002 Don reunited with Ames High school classmate Cheryl Webb Junkmann and moved to Chapel Hill, NC. They enjoyed many years of golfing, RV'ing and traveling the world while living on the picturesque golf course in Governors Club. Of course, Don made several friends there and was known for his sense of humor and as a regular in the fitness center.

Don is survived by his three children, Don Besner (Eileen) of Mission Viejo, CA, Dale Besner of Redondo Beach, CA, and Erin Besner Tuccinardi (Steve) of Dove Canyon, CA; five grandchildren, Kirstin Tuccinardi Heben, Cameron Tuccinardi, Erik Besner, Jack Besner and Cathryn Tuccinardi; his beloved partner Cheryl Webb Junkmann of Chapel Hill, NC, Cheryl's son, Brian Junkmann (Martha) and their daughters Emily and Erin of Midlothian, VA; and his sister LaVaun Whitnah of Maplewood, Minnesota.

Don was preceded in death by his mother Mildred Diehl and father Ernest Diehl of Ames, IA and brother Douglas Diehl of Nevada, IA.

Don will be cremated and buried at Ames Municipal Cemetery in Ames, IA. No services are being held by his request; however, tributes and fond memories of Don can be left at www.walkersfuneralservice.com and would be greatly appreciated. Donations in Don's memory can be made to Beyond our Borders, c/o Christ United Methodist Church, 800 Market Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 www.christmethodist.org or www.KeysofChangeUSA.org.

Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill is honored to assist the Diehl family.

VELERIA HOUGH ELKINS

Veleria Hough Elkins, 92, of Sanford died Sunday, November 10, 2019 at Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center, Sanford.

Mrs. Elkins was born in Chatham County on December 23, 1926, the daughter of Jesse W. and Donie (Stutts) Hough. She was a member of Horseshoe Presbyterian Church, owned and operated Veleria's Grill in Goldston for over 40 years. Veleria was a sports enthusiast, especially Carolina basketball and Atlanta Braves baseball.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Elkins; her parents; sister, Ronie H. Nall; brother, Carvel Hough; and son-in-law, Wayne Keck.

She is survived by daughter, Ann E. Keck of Bear Creek; son, Stephen Elkins of Cameron; granddaughters, Crystal Denise Elkins of Sanford, Paula K. Barrows and husband Chris of Bear Creek; great-grandchildren, Reagan Barrows, Kaitlyn Barrows, Kenley Barrows; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. The funeral will be Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Horseshoe Presbyterian Church with Rev. David Hicks officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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

USDA Farm Service Agency urges Chatham County farmers to vote in county committee elections

The 2019 FSA County Committee Elections began Nov. 4, with the mailing of ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to the Chatham County FSA office is Dec. 2.

FSA County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and producers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs to their respective counties, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs; conservation programs; incentive indemnity and disaster programs for some commodities; emergency programs and eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, Chatham County farmers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote. Agricultural producers submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended on Aug. 1.

For 2019, Chatham County will hold the election in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2. This area includes Center, Gulf, Hadley, and Hickory Mountain townships, roughly the middle part of the county. Eligible voters in this LAA who have not received ballots can obtain ballots from the Chatham County FSA Office. December 2 is the last day for voters to submit ballots in person to the county office. Ballots returned by mail must also be postmarked no later than December 2. Newly elected

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Bray Park Master Plan

PUBLIC MEETING

The Town of Siler City Parks & Recreation is seeking input on the Bray Park Master Plan. The plan will explore opportunities to expand amenities for the entire park including 50 acres of undeveloped land. The Town of Siler City will host 3 public input meetings to help create a vision for the park, gather input and comments on the different conceptual plans, and to present the final master plan. Anyone who is unable to attend the meetings are welcome to contact Siler City Parks and Recreation at (919) 742-2699 or email recreation@silercity.org with any questions or comments.

MEETING DATES:

Thursday, November 21st 6-8pm

Monday, December 2nd 6-8pm

Monday, February 3rd 6-8pm

MEETING LOCATION:

Fitts Community Center
 111 S 3rd Ave, Siler City

7 projects in Chatham County's CIP you need to know about

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

Chatham County's governing body, including its board of commissioners, annually approve what's called a Capital Improvements Plan, or CIP, featuring all projects, planned and potential, that would cost more than \$100,000.

CIPs are usually a good look into a county's thoughts and plans for the future and also shows where improvements need to be made in facilities and valuable resources. They're also places to get a first glimpse of important projects yet to come.

For example, Chatham Grove Elementary School, which is scheduled for completion before the next school year, first appeared in the FY 2013-2019 CIP as "New Northeast Elementary School." The plan said the site should be made up of 15-20 acres of land along with U.S. Hwy. 15-501 corridor between Pittsboro and Fearington. The site moved a bit — it's across the street from Briar Chapel, just beyond Fearington — but the need was seen and the conversation began.

This year's CIP states clearly that it is "a plan which is updated annually during the budget process and may be modified at any time to reflect changing conditions" and "a systematic way of anticipating, planning and budgeting for major projects." The plan also reflects some of the county's

major capital expense focuses, specifically schools, public safety and parks.

Ahead of the November 18 public hearing in front of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, we're looking at seven projects you need to know about that will shape the county's immediate and long-term future. We're sharing them in chronological order of projected completion date. Some dates are specific, while others are only slated for a certain fiscal year.

Central Carolina Community College Health Sciences Building (Projected Completion: November 2019) — Chapel Hill

CCCC is expanding its footprint in Chatham County with the completion of this project, which will house several health-related curriculums for community college students as well as a voting site for northeast Chatham and, potentially, a 10,000-square-foot library. Construction is nearly done on the \$13,052,677 project with opening slated for January 2020. Operating costs are projected for \$2,283,270 over the next seven years.

Chatham Grove Elementary School (Summer 2020) — Chapel Hill

With a growing population particularly in the northeastern part of Chatham County, the

county's elementary schools in the area will soon be over-stuffed, so Chatham Grove was approved. It's nearing completion in the aforementioned location across from Briar Chapel on Andrews Store Road. The projected cost for construction is \$33,109,621, with an estimated operating cost (also included in the CIP) of \$10,579,526 over the seven-year span of the CIP.

Emergency Communications Radio System Upgrade (FY 2021)

The county has already received more than \$2 million in grant money from the state for this project, which will improve an aging radio system for county public safety agencies. The county already owns property for three tower sites. Over this year and next year, the county is projecting spending \$18,247,811 on implementation and equipment purchasing with \$2.4 million in operating costs over the next seven years.

Briar Chapel Park Improvements (FY 2021) — Chapel Hill

Chatham County continues its investments in the fastest-growing portion of the county with improvements at Briar Chapel Park. The development was required to build a park as part of its conditional use permit. A new playground, picnic shelter, trail and side-

walk are currently under construction at the park, while lighting for the soccer field and a restroom with parking and storage are projected to be built in the next fiscal year. These improvements join prior work to cost the county \$2,125,500, with a \$994,891 operating cost over the next seven years.

Seaforth High School (Summer 2021) — Pittsboro

Also currently under construction, Seaforth is planned to help alleviate future overcrowding at Northwood High School and, like Chatham Grove, house students from Chatham Park and the surrounding areas that don't go to Northwood. The Chatham County Board of Education is currently in the beginning stages of determining attendance zones. The projected construction cost for the school is \$74,831,148 with \$14,963,822 of operating costs over the next seven years.

New Sheriff's Office (Unscheduled/Future)

The CIP states that the current building, located at 295 West St. in Pittsboro, is "no longer an adequate space for Sheriff's Office employees." The recommended solution proposed is a new building in the space in front of the county's Detention Facility on Renaissance Drive off of U.S. Hwy. 64 to the west of Pittsboro. As this project is

just an idea at this point, there is no cost estimate. But the CIP states this new building would "provide room for future growth and consolidate the office in a single location."

CCCC Career & Technical Education Building (Unscheduled/Future)

Another future project is a new building for the Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro designed to, according to the CIP, "meet needs for skilled trade fields in the service area." Specifically, the plan says CCCC's new Electrical Systems Technology program is housed in the Sustainable Building, "which was not designed to meet the needs of this program." The CIP adds that college staff is doing "additional research to determine the programming mix for this building." Fortunately for everyone, land is available on CCCC's Pittsboro campus to accommodate the project.

A full copy of the CIP is available at all three branches of the Chatham County Public Library system as well as online at <https://www.chathamnc.org/government/county-budget/capital-improvement-budgets-cip>.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Triangle Jazz Orchestra hosting show to benefit Chatham Literacy

A local jazz group is donating proceeds from a performance to a local nonprofit.

The Triangle Jazz Orchestra's Nov. 18 performance at Pittsboro Roadhouse will be dedicated to Chatham Literacy, according to a press notice. Proceeds from attendees' \$10 per person cover charge and the group's tip jar will be

donated to the nonprofit, and Pittsboro Roadhouse will give 10 percent of all sales that night.

The show will go from 7-9 p.m. at Pittsboro Roadhouse. There are no ticket pre-sales, but reservations are recommended to ensure seats. Call the Roadhouse at (919) 542-2432 to secure a spot.

For more information or to volunteer for the group, which is dedicated to helping adults acquire the literacy skills to reach their goals, call (919) 930-7284 or email travis@chathamliteracy.org.

Pittsboro Youth Theater hosting performances of 'Spellbound'

Performances of the show "Spellbound," described as "a spin on the classic tale of Snow White," begin this weekend at the Pittsboro Youth Theater in downtown Pittsboro.

Pittsboro's Chanah Silver serves as an assistant director and researcher on the project, and Silver's writing partner Ari Ben-Gideon is credited as the show's writer.

Tammy Matthews will be the play's director. "Spellbound" premieres on Saturday at 4 and 6 p.m., with additional shows at 2 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Another cast of actors will perform the show the following weekend — 4 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, and 2 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24.

Tickets are available online at pittsboryouththeater.com and at the Center for the Arts, Pittsboro at 18A East Salisbury St. in Pittsboro.

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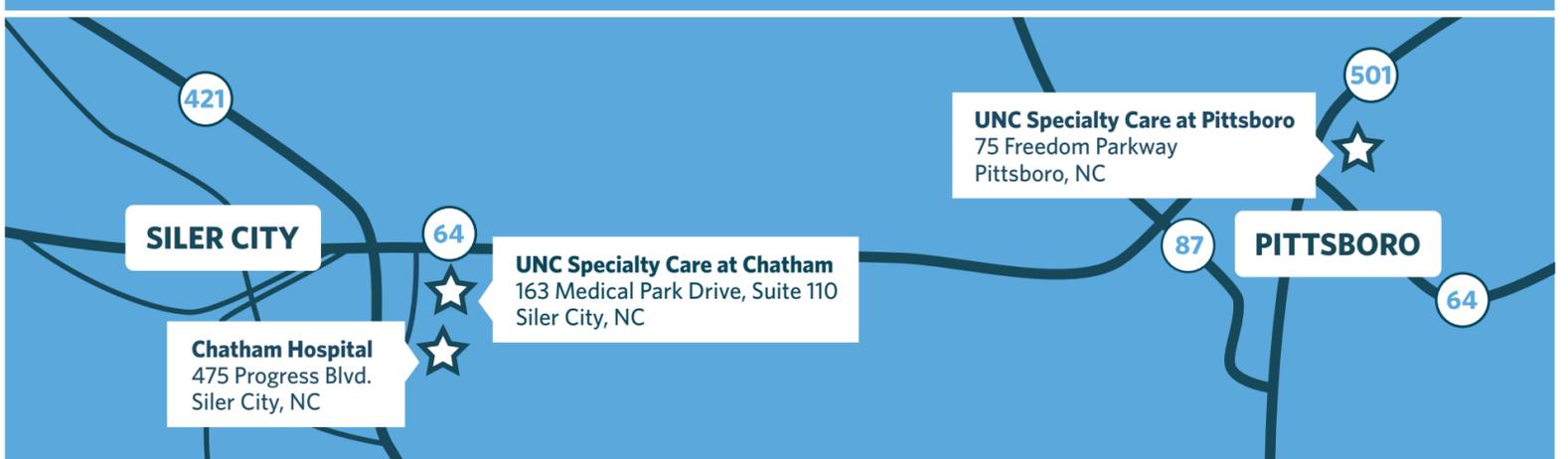
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Title trifecta turned in by county youth gridiron squads

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

LINEBERRY — The definition of trifecta in the dictionary reads as follows: “a run of three wins or grand events.”

It certainly was a grand time with three wins for Chatham County youth football teams on Saturday afternoon at the 2019 Quad County Football League championships up at Providence Grove High School in Lineberry.

Chatham County saw East Chatham take titles in the 5/6 Flag contest as well as the 11/12 Tackle Division to cap the day while Siler City staked claim to the 9/10 Tackle Division crown. Even more impressive was the fact that two local teams finished runner-up including East Chatham in the 9/10 Division and Siler City in the 11/12 Division.

In the big boy game at 11/12, it was Joshua Brown rushing for 145 yards and three touchdowns on 19 carries to spark the East Chatham Chargers to a 22-12 victory over the Siler City Jets.

It was a physical contest highlighted by tenacious ground games and aggressive defense by both sides.

Needless to say East Chatham head coach J. Bryce Smith was more than proud of his team which began the play-offs as the fourth seed before stunning regular season champion Chapel Hill in the semi-finals before downing its rival Jets in the finals.

“We are proud of these young men, their commitment, heart and determination to play winning football!” Smith said. “To rise from the 4th seed to win the title demonstrates the players’ intensity, focus and desire to win.”

Smith continued to say how big an honor it was to coach this team.

“As coaches, we are honored to have an opportunity to work with them, imagine together and experience their dedication to bring the QCFL 12U title back to East Chatham. We love and honor each one!”

Brown added the only completion for the Chargers in the contest, a nine-yard pass to Ty Willoughby while Robert Tripp, a pint size ball of energy, chipped in 46 yards rushing on 10 attempts while picking off a pass on the defensive side of the ball.

East Chatham closed with 209 yards of offense including 200 rushing on 30 attempts in a Notre Dame Box offense featuring a ground control style.

That was evident from the start as the Chargers began the contest on its own 24 yard line and embarked on a grinding 13-play, 76-yard drive that was ultimately capped on a two-yard blast by Brown up the gut to send East Chatham in front for good at 6-0. A bad snap on the PAT kick attempt kept the score at 6-0, but the Chargers had taken the league and set the tone for the contest while chewing up 5:03 of the opening quarter.

Brown had key runs of 17 and 22 yards on the drive as well as a nine-yard completion to Willoughby on a 1st-and-11 play to set up the score. Tripp added pivotal runs of eight, five, and seven yards in the march while Brown pounded for four yards on a key 4th-and-2 from the Chargers’ own 32 early in the drive.



Submitted photo

East Chatham Chargers 11-12 QCFL Champions



Submitted photo

Siler City Jets 9/10 Quad County Football League champions

After Siler City would go three-and-out on its opening possession due to a false start penalty, East Chatham took on its own 20 and used 10 plays to advance to midfield behind runs of eight, four and five by Tripp, and a nine-yard run from Nicholas Gregory.

The Jets held, however, and took over for only its second possession of the contest late in the second quarter at its own 45. After Willoughby, Tripp and Brown threw Siler City quarterback Nic Glover for a five-yard loss on first down, Glover found Antwone Brewington for a three-yard gain, and Gabe Brewer ripped off a gain of 16 yards and appeared to break into daylight before a diving tackle from McKay Smith prevented a SC touchdown.

With time winding down in the half and the ball at the 33 of East Chatham after runs of five and three yards by Glover, the Chargers halted the Jets threat when Tripp leaped up and picked

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East Chatham Chargers 5/6 Flag QCFL Champions

Submitted photo



Woods Charter pair lead the way at NCHSAA Cross Country State Championships

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

KERNERSVILLE — Maddie Sparrow of Woods Charter turned in a 21:21.59 on Saturday morning at Beeson Park in Kernersville to capture 21st overall in the NCHSAA 1A Cross Country State Championships.

Sparrow, just a freshman, was the top finisher from Chatham County on the day which featured state titles in four different classifications for the girls and boys.

Also from Woods Charter and a freshman, Wiley Sykes closed with a 17:57.41 to take 27th overall in the 1A boys race.

Caroline Murrell posted a sharp 19:07.39 to grab 25th overall for Northwood in the 3A girls 5K event while fellow Charger Malachi Levy notched 31st overall in the boys contest with a time of 16:40.47.

NCHSAA 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Woods Charter Boys Results

- 17:57.41 Wiley Sykes 27th
- 19:26.84 Primo Costa 99th
- 19:43.23 Samuel Drummer 111th
- 20:03.45 Nichols Vallant 116th
- 20:13.18 Frank Wagoner 122nd

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Cold weather in Kernersville didn't stop Woods Charter's Maddie Sparrow, left, in green, at last Saturday morning's 1A Girls State Championship. Sparrow finished 21st in a field of 135 athletes. Sparrow, one of four individuals invited to the match to compete with 16 teams, punched a time of 21:21.59 for the 5,000 meter event.

James Kenan gives JM the boot from 2A soccer playoffs

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

WARSAW — Duplin County's James Kenan High erupted for four goals in the second half Thursday night in Warsaw to cruise to a 5-1 victory over Jordan-Matthews in opening round action of the NCHSAA 2A State Playoffs.

With the win, James Kenan improved to 18-4 overall and advances to take on First Flight (15-3) in second round action while Jordan-Matthews closes the season at 10-10.

The contest was back and forth in the opening half with the Jets dodging several close range bullets from the host Tigers to keep the game scoreless.

But with just 8:57 to go until the half, James Kenan finally broke through when Adrian Capistran netted the initial goal of the contest to send the Tigers into the intermission with a precarious 1-0 cushion.

After the intermission, it took just :12 seconds for James Kenan to deliver a shocking and fatal blow when Luis Osorio hauled in a fast break pass off the foot of Lexy Herrera and deposited the ball into the corner of the net for a lightning-quick goal to send the Tigers up 2-0 in stunning fashion.

With the momentum, James Kenan would score again seven minutes later when Maken Augustine slammed in a rebound shot before Capistran scored again with 14 minutes to play, and Herrera late in the game to seal the 5-1 triumph.

Jordan-Matthews avoided a shut out when Cristian Esquivel tallied a nice goal late in the contest for the Jets.

Bears swamp Mustangs 38-20 to close gridiron campaign

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — Chatham Central head football coach Sherman Howze had a simple message for his Bears club entering the game with rival North Moore on Friday night. "Play like your life depended on it."

The Chatham Central players certainly seemed to take it to heart.

On a bone-chilling Senior Night in Bear Creek, Chatham Central overwhelmed North Moore 38-20 to capture its first win of the season on the final contest of the 2019 campaign.

The Bears, 19 point underdogs entering the contest according to the Simmons Ratings, closed the season at 1-5 in the 1A Yadkin Valley Conference and at 1-10 overall.

North Moore, meanwhile, ended the year at 1-5 in the league and 3-7 overall.

"We finally put four quarters together," said Howze after the big win. "I think we showed what kind of team we really had when we were healthy. These guys suffered through so many injuries that we never could get on track. Tonight we showed what kind of team we really had."

The Mustangs certainly found out the hard way as the Bears dominated from start to finish in a game that wasn't

even close as the eleven CC seniors went out in style.

Nick Wilson, Aba de la Sancha, Zach Ritter, Caleb Lytton, Riley Lagenor, Noah Rinell, Shyheed Williams and Taevon Clay all had big games defensively in their career finale for the red and black while Lagenor, Micah Gurley, and Hunter Strickland all played well offensively.

Sancha rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries while also booting a 39-yard field goal, connecting on all five PAT kicks, punting for a 44.6 yard average, and collecting 12 tackles on defense.

"Abad is just a football player, I say it all the time, he's not just a kicker," Howze exclaimed on Sancha who appears to be headed to Elizabeth City State University to continue his football career at the collegiate level. "He can do it all, he has all season, and what a game to end his career here at Chatham Central."

Lytton added 13 tackles, Ritter 11, Wilson eight, Rinell six, Strickland four, and Clay and Williams three apiece. Collin Lagenor, a junior, also had a big game with an interception of North Moore quarterback Gage Pennington while also adding 11 tackles, and Clay and Hasten Paige both recovered a fumble.

"Those guys got after it tonight; they were relentless and refused to be denied this win," added Howze. "They were

aggressive and played with an edge, and I think just had fun."

Michael Moore had a strong night offensively as the CC junior quarterback went 9-of-12 for 127 yards and three touchdowns, finding three different receivers in Gurley, Strickland and Tyler Oldham for scoring connections. Moore also had key runs of 14 and seven yards to extend drives which resulted in touchdowns later in a pair of Bears offensive marches.

Strickland closed the evening with four catches for 40 yards including a nifty catch in the right corner of the end zone for a score. Gurley caught two passes for 40 yards including a 30 yard touchdown while Oldham hauled in two passes for 12 yards including an eight yard TD reception in the left corner of the end zone. Riley Lagenor added a pair of receptions for 37 yards with one coming on an important third down and resulted in a 22-yard gain.

North Moore, meanwhile, was led by Pennington who did his best Doug Flutie impersonation the entire night. The Mustang senior displayed some nifty footwork in scrambling for 146 yards and two touchdowns on the ground on 23 carries while also completing 7-of-13 passes for 62 yards.

Jaleak Horne added 92 yards on 13 carries while also hauling in four passes for 33 yards.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Central's Hunter Strickland catches a long bomb deep in North Moore territory as cornerback CJ Matthews defends for the Mustangs. In the Bears' first win of the season, the pass, delivered by Michael Moore under pressure, set up the team for its first touchdown of the game last Friday in Bear Creek.

Cody Patterson added two catches for 21 yards while Juan Hernandez scored the final touchdown for the Mustangs in the loss with a short rush of four yards.

Defensively, Chris Sheffield had a pick for the Mustangs while Logan Pennington added a fumble recovery, and Hernan-

dez and Trace Wilson chipped in three tackles including one for a loss apiece.

Jatorious Brower was all over the field from his defensive end spot for North Moore as the junior recorded six tackles including three for losses while freshman Nathan Upchurch added a sack.

Patriots march past Jets in regular season finale

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Caleb Rogers and Drew Needham combined to rush for 132 yards and five touchdowns, while Luke Thomas connected on six-of-10 passes for 127 yards and a score, as playoff-bound Providence Grove tallied on all six of its first-half possessions to spoil Jordan-Matthews' Senior Night by coasting to a 47-8 PAC 7 2A Conference victory Friday evening at Phil E. Senter Stadium in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Tying the school record for most wins in a season, the Patriots won their fourth straight outing, climbing to 8-3 overall and finishing 4-2 in the league standings to secure third place, while J-M ended up in sixth place after concluding 1-5 in the conference and 2-9 for the year.

With their sixth consecutive triumph over the Jets, the winners improved to 8-3 all-time against Jordan-Matthews in a series that began in 2009.

Rogers collected 73 yards on a dozen carries and registered TD runs of nine, two and 18 yards, while Needham picked up 59 yards on seven totes, including scoring dashes of two and one yards, as Providence Grove out-gained its host 359-101 in total yardage.

Jacquez Thompson led J-M ground gainers with 41 yards on 16 lugs, whereas Jerrell Brooks carried six times for 35 yards and recorded the Jets' lone touchdown.

Thompson failed to complete any of his five

pass attempts and was intercepted once, while Calvin Schwartz was three-of-five throwing the ball for 27 yards.

Afterwards Patriots' coach Calvin Brown related he was proud of his team's effort coming off a bye week before its final regular-season contest.

"We challenged our players to get off to a good start and they responded by executing in the first half to put the game out of reach early like we needed to do," said Brown. "The offensive line dominated up front and opened holes for the running backs, our quarterback did a good job finding his receivers and the defense played lights-out. While some people looked at us as being the surprise team in the conference this year, our guys knew at the start of the season just how good we could be and then went out and proved it."

Jordan-Matthews coach Sam Spencer stated while he wished his seniors could have ended their high school career with a victory, he acknowledged Providence Grove was as good a team as his squad faced all season. "They're big, strong, physical and extremely well-coached," related Spencer.

"I think we were outmanned between the tackles every game we played this year, including the two we won, he said. "We've been an edge team all season, and our opponents did a good job each week adjusting to that. Despite our record, I still view this as being a suc-



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Jacquez Thompson scrambles for yardage as he takes the ball around the Providence Grove defensive secondary in their final game of the season last Friday in Siler City. The Jets got in one touchdown against the Patriots before wrapping up the 2-9 season in a loss, 47-8.

cessful season, as we accomplished all three goals we set for ourselves at the outset. We beat Chatham Central, we re-established a JV program to put down a foundation for next year, and we finally won a conference game."

After holding J-M to a three-and-out series on the Jets' initial possession of the night, the Patriots marched 77 yards in five plays to seize a 7-0 advantage when Rogers capped the drive with a nine-yard burst up the middle before Bryan Villagomez kicked the point-after with 9:21 left in the opening quarter.

Three-and-a-half minutes later Providence Grove defensive back Cam Way intercepted a Thompson pass at his own 15 and streaked 85 yards down the far sideline to elevate the Patriots' lead to 13-0.

Following another three-and-out Jets' possession, Rogers' 53-yard punt return to the Jordan-Matthews' 13 set up a three-play scoring drive climaxed by Rogers darting the last two yards off left tackle prior to Villagomez adding the extra point to boost Providence

Grove's advantage to 20-0 with 3:30 remaining in the first period.

Starting their next series from their own 19, the Patriots traveled 81 yards in nine plays to increase their lead to 27-0 when Needham culminated the march with a two-yard dash up the middle before Villagomez split the uprights with 11:18 to go in the second stanza.

After Providence Grove's Ronin Strucinski recovered the Patriots' ensuing inside kickoff at the J-M 41, the visitors covered the distance to the end zone in eight plays, with the payoff coming on an 18-yard touchdown toss from Thomas to tight end Mason Collins to widen the spread to 33-0 with 8:33 left in the quarter.

Following Brooks Freeman's recovery of another successful inside kickoff at the Jets' 38, Providence Grove scored again six plays later on Needham's one-yard plunge up the middle prior to Villagomez booting the point-after to extend the margin to 40-0 with 6:14 remaining until halftime.

Regaining possession of the pigskin at the Jordan-Matthews' 39 with just over three-and-a-half minutes to go until the break, the Patriots struck pay dirt three plays later when Rogers sprinted the final 18 yards up the middle before Villagomez's extra point with 2:44 left on the clock sent Providence Grove into intermission with a 47-0 advantage.

The only score of the second half came with just under six minutes to play as J-M moved 54 yards in nine plays against Patriot reserves to avoid a shutout when Jerrell Brooks finished off the drive by running wide left the last yard to the goal line prior to Schwartz completing a

two-point conversion pass to wide receiver Stashad Newby.

Providence Grove will now travel to Ramseur next Friday night to face a familiar foe in PAC 7 2A runner-up Eastern Randolph (9-2), marking the third time the two schools will have been paired together in the opening round of the state playoffs. The Wildcats won both previous contests, in 2009 and 2012, and captured this year's regular-season meeting 47-0.

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20:55.71 Ian Stone 130th
20:56.52 Carter Thompson 131st

Chatham Charter Boys Results
18:19.49 Brandon McKoy 41st

Woods Charter Girls Results
21:21.59 Maddie Sparrow 21st

NCHSAA 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jordan-Matthews Boys Results
18:28.46 Jacorey Coats 94th

NCHSAA 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Northwood Boys Results
16:40.47 Malachi Levy 31st
16:43.20 Colin Henry 34th
17:13.72 Christian Glick 62nd
17:25.16 Carter Pappin 73rd
17:39.85 Mason Bae 93rd
18:16.15 Glenn Porter 137th
18:56.49 Andrew Kimbrel 74th

Northwood Girls Results
19:07.39 Caroline Murrell 25th



Staff photo by David Bradley

Woods Charter's Wiley Sykes runs early Saturday morning in the Boys 1A State Championship in Kernersville. The 5,000-meter course in Beeson Park in Forsyth County followed a path through the trees and back country. Sykes came in 27th out of a total of 147 boys with a time of 17:57.41.

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off an aerial at the Siler City 12 to preserve the 6-0 advantage at the break.

Despite having the ball less than seven minutes of the opening half, Siler City was still right in the hunt for the title.

But disaster struck the Jets to open the second half as the East Chatham kickoff hit the turf down the right sidelines and spun away from a Siler City returner. A hustling Willoughby dove onto the bounding pigskin and gave East Chatham possession at the Siler City 33 and all the momentum.

Brown would rip off a 32-yard run on the ensuing play before pounding in from a yard out to extend the Chargers lead to 12-0 just like that. Travis Mann booted through the PAT kick and with just :36 seconds gone in the third period East Chatham had stunned their rivals and taken a 14-0 lead.

Siler City would show some real grit, however, taking over on its own 47 following the kickoff and proceeding to pick up a first down on the EC 43 after consecutive carries of 2, 2 and 6 by Brewer.

As well as East Chatham had played up to that point defensively, the next play showed just how dangerous the Jets were as talented Glover took a quarterback sweep to the left side, dodged a few Chargers tacklers, and then round an opening down the left sidelines, gliding into the end zone from 43 yards out to close the gap quickly at 14-6 at the 4:47 mark.

Brown would bring down Glover on the PAT run, however, to keep the score at 14-6.

But just as Siler City appeared to take all the momentum, things changed rapidly.

East Chatham took over on its own 42 after recovering the bounding kickoff by the Jets, and Tripp scooted around left end for seven yards on first down. Brown would get the ensuing carry and pounded off left tackle behind some great blocking up front and suddenly found himself in the clear before outracing the Siler City defense 51 yards down the left sidelines into the corner of the end zone. And just like that, with Mann adding another

perfect PAT kick, the Chargers were back in front 22-6 in the span of :26 seconds.

"Our offensive line deserves a lot of recognition, because their tough play gave our running backs scoring opportunities," noted Smith. "James Flanagan, Luke Marshall, Duffy Palmer, Grayson Cox, Stephen Silhan, Alex Hinchman, McKay Smith, Erik Diaz, Elijah Farrow, Conner Roland, Ryan Powell, and Ben Porter all had great games blocking for us. These boys were the backbone of our offense and Taylor Green was a work horse for us and clear a lot of running lanes as well."

The action packed third quarter continued as Siler City refused to quit, and facing a 3rd-and-13 in its next possession from its own 48, saw Brewer rip off a run of 37 yards to get the Jets down to the EC 14.

Brewer would tear off five more yards before Glover pounded for nine more to set up a 1st and goal at the 2. Brewer did the rest but the PAT run was stopped by Smith to keep the score at 22-12 with :18.9 seconds left in the third.

Down by two scores, things continued to be interesting when Siler City recovered the ensuing kickoff the EC 48. Three runs netted zero yards, however, and a 4th-and-10 pass by Glover fell incomplete for the Jets.

East Chatham would chew on the clock with a first down behind runs of six and seven yards before the Siler City defense stiffened on the next four plays and forced a turnover on downs.

The Jets took over at their own 29 with 2:25 remaining and advanced to its own 45 on a 16-yard pass hook up down the right hash from Glover to Cam Spruiell.

Another five-yard pass between the two moved Siler City to midfield with just over a minute to play but Willoughby and Tripp threw Brewer for a three yard loss and the clock ran out on the Jets.

Siler City, which had 146 yards of total offense, including 129 on the ground on 19 attempts, was led by Glover who had 60 yards rushing and a score on seven carries while also completing 5-of-8 passes for 17 yards.

Brewer chipped in 67 yards rushing on 10 carries for the

Jets.

In the 9/10 Division, Siler City and East Chatham met for the Quad County Football League title as well.

The two rivals went at it all day in what was a physical affair by both clubs.

In the end it was a tough Siler City defense and a pair of big plays by the Jets that proved to be the difference in a 15-0 victory that was in doubt until a huge change of events midway through the fourth. With Siler City leading 8-0, East Chatham had taken over midway through the third period on its own 23 and embarked on an 18-play, 72-yard drive highlighted by runs of eight, seven, and 20 yards by Duncan Parker, and a run of six and eight yards from Farrell Blackburn to set the Chargers up with a 1st-and-goal at the SC 9.

A run of four yards by Eli Johnson moved EC to the 5 but a rush resulting in no gain along with an incomplete pass set up a 4th and goal. Parker swept the right side on the ensuing play in an attempt to reach the end zone but was gang tackled at the 5-yard line by Namir Wiley, Darion Johnson and Lee to stop the Chargers threat.

Then came the play of the game with 4:37 remaining when Omar Sanford took a fullback dive up the middle, bounced it to the outside and shook lose a few East Chatham tacklers, and rambled up the right sidelines 95 yards to paydirt to set off a wild celebration for Jets faithful. Johnson would scamper in with the PAT attempt to give the Jets a 15-0 lead with just 4:24 remaining in the contest.

On its next two possessions East Chatham would manage just seven total yards as the Siler City defense, led by a 5-yard sack by Breland Harris, would hold stiff for the shut-out and 15-0 win to claim the crown.

Earlier in the contest East Chatham started the game by using a 21-yard pass from Parker to Johnson on the second play from scrimmage to set up a 1st- and-10 at the 46.

After a gain of three by Parker and two by Nicholas Armstrong, Parker was thrown for a two-yard loss by to force an punt by the Chargers.

Siler City took over at its own 37 but after runs of five and one by Nolan Mitchell, and of three yards by Sanford, the Jets were held on 4th-and-2 when Blackburn stopped Mitchell for a one-yard gain.

East Chatham took possession at the Siler City 46 but

"We know it takes the whole community to make a team great. Our coaching staff is grateful for the support of our parents, league and community; their support was vital in earning us the championship title for the second year in a row."

LEE FLOWERS, East Chatham coach

a stingy Jets defense limited Parker to one yard on three carries to force a 4th-and-9 at the 45 of Siler City. The Chargers opted to go for it on the first play of the second quarter and were stopped six yards short of the yard stick to turn the ball over on downs.

Siler City made the failed attempt by East Chatham hurt as the Jets proceeded to move from its own 42 all the way into the end zone on a five-play, 58-yard drive sparked by Lee who opened the march with a 27-yard jaunt on a QB sweep to the right before connecting with on a 29-yard touchdown pass to Johnson on 4th-and-8 with 4:19 left in the half. Sanford booted through the PAT kick to send Siler City up 8-0.

East Chatham responded with a 25-yard jaunt from Parker off the right side on its next play from scrimmage to set the Chargers up with a 1st-and-10 from the 44 of the Jets.

Three plays netted just three yards and an incomplete 4th-and-7 pass ended the drive with 1:26 remaining in the half.

After a five-yard gain by Breland Harris, Siler City would lose five yards on second down when Mitchell was tackled for a loss by Parker before Lee was sacked by Joshua Johnson for a four-yard loss to force the Jets to just run out the clock in the first half.

The second half would be a battle before Siler City dug in and held East Chatham at the 5-yard line to set up the 95-yard touchdown heroics of Sanford to cap the 15-0 victory by the Jets and the 9/10 Division Quad County Football League title.

Sanford led Siler City with 111 yards and a touchdown rushing on just four carries while Lee ran for 10 yards on six attempts while also completing 1-of-1 passes for 29 yards and a score.

The Jets amassed 133 yards on 18 carries on the ground and 162 yards of total offense, gaining three first downs on the day.

Parker led the East Chatham effort with 97 yards on 19 carries while also completing 3-for-6 passes for 25 yards.

The Chargers had 106 yards rushing on 28 attempts while closing with 138 yards of total

offense, gaining seven first downs in the contest.

"We knew going in it would be a dog fight and I was pleased with the way we played on both sides of the ball," said Siler City coach Sam Glover. "The defense did a great job like they had all year, only allowing 13 points all year. Offensively, we made the big plays including the 4th and long."

Glover couldn't have been happier for his team and the coaching staff.

"I'm just so proud of all these kids and the coaches. Like our motto says, it's a great day to be a Jet."

While the later tackle games were tight contests, the opening game of the day between East Chatham and Asheboro for the Quad County Football League 5/6 year old Flag Title was not.

East Chatham simply man-handled Asheboro to the tune of 34-12 in a game that wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

The little Chargers dominated the Lions from start to finish in closing out with the championship.

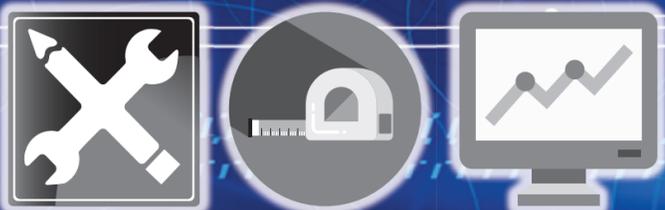
Braylin Alston, Carter Alston, Jalen Barbee, Ca'Mari Benjamin, Everett Eberle, Jayden Fairey, Mavrex Flowers, Wyatt Flowers, Jackson Flynn, Lucca Grubb, Levi Hasseman, Jacob Jones, Henry Krohn, and Davis Parker were all instrumental in the lopsided victory for East Chatham.

"Our boys fought together all year and they stuck to our number one rule of 'take care of your brothers,' which is why we are champions today," East Chatham coach Lee Flowers said. "I couldn't be prouder of our team and the hard work and dedication of our coaches that made this season a success."

Flowers closed noting the great support his players and coaches received throughout the season.

"We know it takes the whole community to make a team great. Our coaching staff is grateful for the support of our parents, league and community; their support was vital in earning us the championship title for the second year in a row."

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The Siler City Jets 9/10 year old defense was stout again on Saturday in the QCFL title contest. Gang-tackling for Siler City led to a shutout of rival East Chatham as the Jets went on to claim the title and allow just 13 points all season defensively.



Submitted photo

Darian Johnson (22) blasts up the middle for a big gain for the Siler City Jets 9/10 football team while East Chatham's Gus Dillon (4) and Duncan Parker (2) give pursuit. Johnson and the Jets won the contest 15-0 on Saturday up in Lineberry to stake claim to the QCFL championship.

Title time in Chatham County



Staff photo by Don Beane

Siler City running back Gabe Brewer (12) prepares to make a move on East Chatham defensive back Duffy Palmer (14) on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Providence Grove High School. Brewer closed with 67 yards rushing and a touchdown for the Jets but Duffy and the Chargers won the 11/12 year old title QCFL title contest 22-12.



Submitted photo

The East Chatham Chargers 9/10 year old football team tears through the banner before the QCFL championship game versus the Siler City Jets on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Providence Grove High School.



Submitted photo

East Chatham's Duncan Parker (2) scoots around the right end for a big gain as a slew of Siler City Jets give chase on Saturday afternoon at Providence Grove High School at the 2019 QCFL 9/10 title game.



Submitted photo

Captains for the Siler City Jets and the East Chatham Chargers shake hands before the 9/10 Quad County Football League championship game on Saturday, November 9 at Providence Grove High School in Lineberry.



Submitted photo

East Chatham's Farrell Blackburn (center) tracks down a pass on Saturday afternoon at Providence Grove High School. Blackburn made the catch for a 21-yard gain but the Chargers fell to the Siler City Jets 15-0 in the 9/10 title contest.



Staff photo by Don Beane

East Chatham Johsua Brown (22) breaks into the clear as Siler City's Kamarie Hadley (17) gives chase on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Providence Grove High School in Lineberry. Brown had 145 yards and three touchdowns rushing to lead the Chargers to a 22-12 victory over the Jets in the 11/12-year-old Quad County Football League title game.



Staff photo by Don Beane

East Chatham running back Robert Tripp (26) weaves through traffic on a nice gain on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Providence Grove High School in Lineberry. Tripp rushed for 46 yards and picked off a pass to help the Chargers to a 22-12 victory over the Siler City Jets in the QCFL 11/12-year-old championship game.

POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Samuel White, 81, of Pittsboro, was charged November 4 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$50,000 bond with a December 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Tommy East Jr., 48, of Goldston, was taken into custody November 4 on a true bill of indictment. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a December 16 court date in Pittsboro.

Samuel Baggett, 28, of Pittsboro, was charged November 4 with stalking with a court order in place and violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a November 6 court date in Pittsboro.

Yusuf Kimes, 34, of Siler City, was charged November 4 with failure to appear on child support. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a November 15 court date in Pittsboro.

Dakota Cordaro, 26, of Siler City, was taken into custody November 4 on a true bill of indictment. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a December 16 court date in Pittsboro.

Horace Hefner Jr., 43, of Bear Creek, was charged November 4 for failure to appear on child support. He was held under a

\$20,000 bond with a November 15 court date in Pittsboro.

Theresa Dolard, 35, of Pittsboro, was charged November 4 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a November 27 court date in Raleigh.

Maya Aizhuloya, 19, of Cary, was charged November 5 with simple possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance. She was released under a written promise with a December 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Nelik Hansley, 21, of Wilmington, was charged November 5 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$100 bond with a December 6 court date in Wilmington.

Odalys Sanchez, 30, of Siler City, was charged November 5 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. She was released under a written promise with a November 26 court date in Chatham County.

Clement Wiley, 52, of Siler City, was charged November 5 with failure to appear on child support. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a November 15 court date in Pittsboro.

Elizabeth Dowdy, 34, of Chapel Hill, was charged November 5 with assault by pointing a gun. She was released under a written promise with a November

12 court date in Sanford.

Adam Holmes, 34, of Sanford, was charged November 6 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour domestic violence hold with a November 6 court date in Chatham County.

Cierra Alston, 25, of Pittsboro, was charged November 6 with interfering with emergency communications. She was released under a written promise with a November 27 court date in Pittsboro.

Edward Berry, 24, of Durham, was charged November 6 with failure to appear on a misdemeanor. He was held under a \$300 bond with a November 27 court date in Pittsboro.

Lawrence March, 56, of Siler City, was charged November 6 with failure to appear on child support. He was assigned a \$20,000 bond and released the same day.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Del Reyna of Sanford was cited November 5 for failure to reduce speed on East Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Suzette Garrett, 72, of Siler City, was charged November 6 with driving while intoxicated by al-

cohol. She was released under a written promise with a January 7, 2020, court date in Siler City.

Alex Garcia of Siler City was cited November 7 for failure to stop at a duly-elected stop sign on East Third Street in Siler City.

Reyna Lovera of Siler City was cited November 8 for no operator's license on South Third Avenue in Siler City.

Daniela Moreno, 25, of Siler City, was summoned November 9 on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. She has a November 19 court date in Siler City.

Daniel Zagada, 21, of Siler City, was charged November 9 with violation of a domestic violence protection order. He was held with a November 26 court date in Siler City.

Orlanda Hernandez of Apex was cited for no operator's license and failure to maintain lane control on West Eleventh Street in Siler City.

Alex Sierra, 18, of Siler City, was taken into custody November 10 on a charge of failure to appear. He was held under a \$300 bond with a December 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Brandon Eubanks, 36, of Asheville, was charged November 10 with shoplifting and possession

of Xanax. He was released with a December 17 court date in Siler City. Eubanks was then charged with felony assault inflicting serious bodily injury and felony robbery with a dangerous weapon, charges from Randolph County, and held under a \$500,000 bond with a November 18 court date in Asheville.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Onica Eaves of Pittsboro was cited November 5 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Tara Gross of Mebane was cited November 5 for driving while intoxicated and careless and reckless driving on Andrews Store Road in Pittsboro.

Bonnie Costa of Apex was cited November 6 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 64 Business in Pittsboro.

Paul Pope of Sanford was cited November 7 for failure to reduce speed on Farrington Road in Pittsboro.

John Wolfe of Raleigh was cited November 8 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 421 in Siler City.

Peggy Lecroy of Siler City was cited November 10 for failure to maintain lane control on U.S. Highway 421 in Siler City.

OUR CHATHAM LOOKS AT IMPACT OF STATUE PROTESTS

What are Pittsboro residents and businesses saying?

BY PAIGE MASTEN AND MOLLY WEISNER
Our Chatham

PITTSBORO — The future of the Confederate monument in downtown Pittsboro remains uncertain following months of protests, lawsuits and a temporary restraining order.

But it has also affected those who live and work in the area.

Since the Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted 4-1 in favor of the monument's removal in August, the statue, which has sat outside the Chatham County Historic Courthouse since 1907, has been the subject of heated debate.

Many have gathered downtown to protest both for and against the statue's removal. Social media has been a catalyst for these protests, with groups or-

ganizing via Facebook and Twitter. Some pro-Confederate groups have even posted clips of their demonstrations on TikTok.

News travels fast online — so some participants are outsiders who travel to Pittsboro on the weekends to protest. At the end of the day, however, they return to their homes outside the county and state.

For the town's roughly 4,000 residents, though, Pittsboro is home. It's

where they do their shopping, raise their families and go to work. But residents say there's an atmosphere of fear and tension in Pittsboro now, and they're feeling the effects in their daily lives.

'We want our town back'

One resident, who wished to remain anonymous, has lived in the town for nearly four years. Like many, she's relatively new to the area compared to those who have sat on the land for generations. That's part of what's fueling arguments on both sides.

"Some people have said, and continue to say, that if you aren't from Chatham or have a certain number of generations here, then you don't understand or it's not your place to talk about it," she said. "It's an outsider mentality. I was born and raised in North Carolina, but I'm not from Chatham. What does that say about me, or anyone else for that matter? When is someone 'Chatham' enough?"

Many outsiders have also attended protests as the monument has developed vested interests across the county, state and beyond. But those in the county who were part of the decision-making process say the issue has grown too large to ignore.

One resident said she's unsettled by the protests, which often happen on Saturdays, when people do their grocery shopping or enjoy the weekend downtown. She said people take different routes just to avoid the courthouse area.

"We just want to feel safe and enjoy our town, bring our children out for ice cream on a Saturday," she said. "People just want to move on. We want our town back."

Rev. Brent Levy of The Local Church in Pittsboro has lived in Pittsboro for about a year and a half. Levy said in the church's small group gatherings, the monument comes up often, but the sentiment shared is one of heartache due to a lack of unity. Levy said he's noticed it's been on residents' minds.

"I do think there will be significant healing and mending of the frayed edges of our community," Levy said.

Levy said substantive dialogue and bringing people together, as the church does in its Local Tables program, might help people overcome barriers between rural and urban or conservative and liberal.

Students have also been touched by the protests, especially as some have opted to participate themselves.

Last month, Confederate sympathizers repeat-

edly raised a Confederate flag across from Horton Middle School. Horton, once known as "Negro School," is named in honor of the formerly enslaved poet George Moses Horton. It served as an all-black school in the days of segregation.

Horton Middle School and Pittsboro Elementary School are within minutes of downtown where the courthouse stands. Northwood High School is just three miles north.

Mac Parker, a first-year at UNC-Chapel Hill and Pittsboro resident since 2017, said even though she's been away at school, she's felt the impact of the monument issue.

"It was really shocking to see because the whole time I've lived in Pittsboro and visited family there, it's been a quiet town that most people aren't familiar with," she said.

Though the protests don't stop Parker from visiting home, she said her family has been more vigilant about going downtown, especially where protestors have occupied the streets.

"If the statue is gone, the emotional toll that it's had on the people of color who have to witness it every time they've driven through town will hopefully decrease," Parker said. "Pittsboro itself is already a very progressive place, and I think that the white supremacists will have to accept that their actions have no place here."

'People don't want to come downtown'

As protests in downtown Pittsboro continue, local businesses, too, have been affected. Many have seen a noticeable decline in the number of customers who visit their stores.

George Alston, a Pittsboro resident and facilities services employee at UNC, said that he has adjusted his routine in response to the protests. "I really don't like to go downtown," Alston said. "I don't want to be near the monument. There's just too much going on."

Alston said that he thinks the protests are definitely hurting businesses, and will continue to have a negative impact if the monument stays.

"They should just remove the monument," Alston said. "Chatham Park is coming, and people moving in don't want all this stuff going on in Pittsboro. We want to grow, but we can't grow like that, with all that mess going on."

Alston isn't alone. Business owners say hostility from protesters and counterprotesters alike has deterred many people from coming to downtown Pittsboro. One business owner, who declined to be

named, said the monument controversy has definitely impacted business — and not in a good way.

Businesses closest to the monument seem to be affected the most. Pittsboro Roadhouse is located on West Street, just a stone's throw from the county's historic courthouse. Protests and local news coverage of the issue have caused sales to decline even as the holiday season approaches, said owner Greg Lewis.

"Businesses on Main Street have really been hurting," Lewis said. "This is supposed to be a really busy time of the year, where we can pocket a little bit of money to get us through the slower months, but we haven't been able to do that because people haven't wanted to come into town."

Cynthia Perry, whose son owns The Modern Life Deli & Drinks, said the presence of Confederate flags in Pittsboro has discouraged tourists, as well.

"I feel like it's affected everybody's business in town," said Perry. "I've had people come into my restaurant from out of town who noticed the Confederate flags. They said that they thought this was going to be a nice town to come to, but they realized that the flags were saying something different."

Mary DeMare, general manager of New Horizons Trading Company, said the general willingness of her regular customers to shop in town is lower.

"People don't want to come downtown," DeMare said.

What's next?

The monument's removal is delayed — for now. The original decision made by county commissioners gave the Winnie Davis chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy until Oct. 1 to present a plan for removal. If no resolution was found, a Nov. 1 deadline was set for the monument's removal, and the statue would have been considered public trespass.

On Oct. 28, however, a judge granted a temporary restraining order to the UDC, who filed a lawsuit against the county claiming the statue's removal would cause "irreparable harm."

A judge was expected to rule Friday on the future of the monument. But a court hearing was been delayed until Wednesday of this week. For updates on the results of that hearing, go to www.chathamnewsrecord.com.

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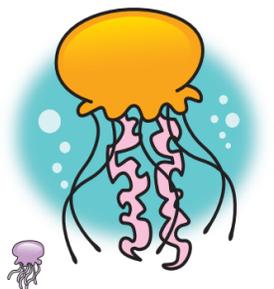
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This week's word: **VIRAL**

One meaning of the noun **viral** means an image, video or advertisement that is circulated rapidly on the internet.

The video of the piano playing cat went **viral** online last week.

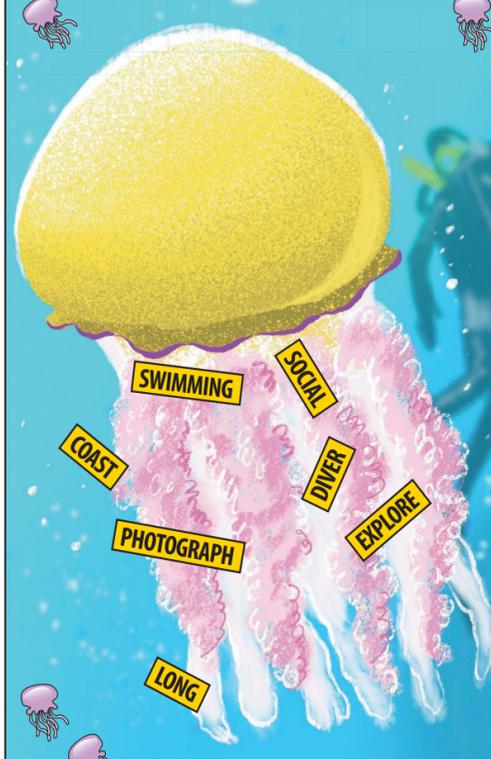
Try to use the word **viral** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

Write On!

Jellyfish Facts

Research a kind of jellyfish and write three or more facts about it. Don't forget to include the name of your jellyfish.

Jellyfish Giants



Some of the words in this article are tangled in the jellyfish tentacles. Can you replace the missing words?

ENGLAND – Lizzie Daly is a scuba _____, wildlife biologist and a reporter.

Last summer, she and photographer, Dan Abbott, went on a diving trip to _____ waters around the United Kingdom. Little did they know the excitement that lay ahead.

When they dove off the _____ of Cornwall, England, something very large suddenly appeared.

It was a barrel jellyfish. It was as _____ as Lizzie is tall.

Dan Abbott got a _____ and a video of Lizzie swimming with the huge jellyfish. Once it was posted online, it went *viral*—shared thousands of times on _____ media.

Lizzy and Dan spent an hour _____ with the jellyfish. Neither had ever seen a jellyfish this large before.

True or False?

When we at Kid Scoop come across stories such as this one about a jellyfish as large as a person, we wonder if it's true or not. Today, even photographs can be changed.

We checked this story out to make sure it was true. To do that, we checked three separate sources.

Sources for this report are Snopes.com (a fact-checking website), LiveScience.com and Smithsonian.com. All are respected sites that confirmed the story is true.

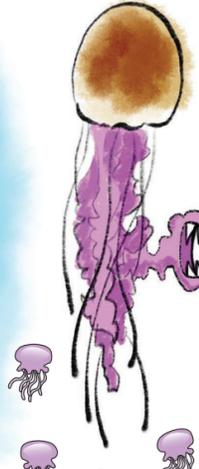
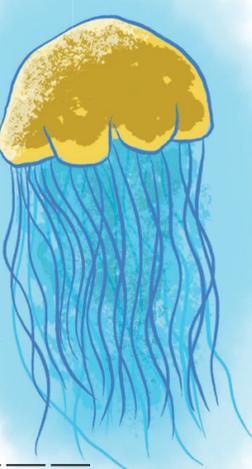
Anytime you read something that seems too wild to be true, check at least three respected sources to see if they are reporting the same information.

Largest Jellyfish

The barrel jellyfish Lizzie and Dan saw is larger than usual. Most barrel jellyfish are about 3 feet (1 meter) long. But it is not the largest jellyfish in the world. Circle every other letter below to learn the name of the world's largest jellyfish. Why do you think it's called this?

A B I T O M N J S T M V A W N K
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L _____



Does the barrel jelly really eat with its arms?

The barrel jellyfish has many tiny mouths on the poofy cauliflower-like parts of its arms.

They don't eat fish. They eat very small **zooplankton** (tiny animal plankton) that they catch on these arms. Like all jellies, the pulsing of their bells helps to swirl plankton into their arms where they will sting their prey and eat it through the tiny mouths.

Extra! Extra! Jellyfish Adjectives

The barrel jellyfish and lion's mane jellyfish on today's page got their names because of the way they look. Explore the newspaper for adjectives that can be used to describe jellyfish. Can you come up with some new jellyfish names?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify adjectives.

How big is it?

From the tips of its bell to the end of its tentacles, it can be over _____ feet long.

25 + 25 + 50

The largest one found to date was _____ feet long.

50 + 50 + 20

How many jellyfish can you find on this page?

Do barrel jellyfish sting?

They do sting their tiny prey. But, because their prey is so tiny, their sting is not very strong. A person who touches their arms would get a mild sting. The sting of the barrel jellyfish is not normally harmful to humans. If you find any jellyfish on a beach, it's best not to handle it as they can still sting when dead.

A special thank you to the Monterey Bay Aquarium for their help with this page!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Jellyfish is a **compound word** – a word made by combining two smaller words (jelly + fish). Draw a line between the words below to create compound words.

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 AIR PAPER BALL

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CHATHAM COUNTY EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Elizabeth Sturdivant | Pittsboro Elementary School

Grades/subjects you teach: Kindergarten

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

Date, place of birth: Oct. 9 in Sanford, but I grew up in Pittsboro.

Education: Graduated with Chatham County Schools at Northwood High School. Then went on to receive my bachelor of arts in Elementary Education.

Brief work history: I'm going into my 9th year working for Chatham County Schools as a kindergarten teacher.

Teaching honors/awards: Teacher of the Year for Pittsboro Elementary, 2019-20.

Hobbies/interests outside teaching: I've taught dance for the last 10 years.

Family: Married to Blaine; we have two children — son Colby and daughter Natalie, plus two dogs (Bammer & Bella).

What led you to a career as a teacher?: I knew that I always wanted to work with children and teaching seemed like the perfect career.

Has becoming a teacher been all you expected it would be?: Yes

How has teaching changed since you were a student?: Technology



Elizabeth Sturdivant, a kindergarten teacher at Pittsboro Elementary School, works with students in her classroom.



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'I knew that I always wanted to work with children,' Sturdivant says, 'and teaching seemed like the perfect career.'

plays a major part in the education world. Technology opens the door to many new things for education; however, you have to find an appropriate balance.

What "makes your day" as a teacher?: I always greet my students at the door. It always makes my day when they come down the hall excited and ready to learn. We always greet with a hug or high five.

What's working in schools today?: Building a classroom community. When you develop a strong classroom community, the students flourish. They feel at home, and become better listeners, learners, and friends.

What's not working?: Discipline, or lack of.

What's your favorite memory of your first year as a teacher?: My first year teaching was at Perry Harrison Elementary, and my favorite part was at the End of Year Celebration, where all the students received their certificate of completion. Their faces said it all.

How would your "teacher" persona handle you as a student?: I was a great student that always wanted to help. So, as a teacher today, I would give me lots of jobs to help out with around the classroom.

Best piece of advice for other teachers?: I feel that if you believe a child can... then they will. To always set your bar high, and to never give up. These qualities are what I try to

instill in all children that I teach. It is important for them to know it's OK to fail, because then you learn from your mistakes. It is what you take from those mistakes that help you succeed.

For students?: Same as above.

For parents?: To stay involved in your child's education, and to give them the support and guidance they need.

If you were superintendent for a day, you'd: I have to say that I would want to give all staff a raise and hopefully the state would follow!

What about your job would surprise your non-teaching friends the most?: It would probably be the difference in what

children are expected to learn now from what it used to be.

If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be?: I would love for them to be kind to others. We need more love and kindness in our world.

When you think about today's kids, you: I see all the possibilities that our future holds.

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?: Fun

Favorite movie about school or teaching: "Remember the Titans" or "Kindergarten Cop."

How would you summarize your teaching philosophy?: I get to be

the teacher who makes learning fun and exciting while also holding a high standard.

What five things must every teacher know?

1. Expect the unexpected
2. Be flexible
3. Teach love and kindness.
4. Be prepared.
5. Have fun!

What's special about your classroom?: It's a place where kids can feel at home, and learn LOTS at the same time!

What's special about your school?: It has a great hometown feel. I went to school at Pittsboro Elementary, and now I've come full circle to begin teaching there.

The most unusual question you've ever gotten from a student?: "Do you sleep at school?"

NEWS BRIEFS

Sign-up ending soon for 2019 Market Facilitation Program

Sign-up ends Dec. 6 for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), a U.S.

Department of Agriculture program administered by FSA to assist farmers who continue to suffer from damages because of unjustified trade retaliation from foreign nations.

MFP payments will be made to producers of certain non-specialty and specialty crops as well as dairy and hog producers. MFP assistance for 2019 crops is based on a single county payment rate multiplied by a farm's total plantings to the MFP-eligible crops in aggregate in 2019. Those per acre payments are not dependent on which of those crops are planted in 2019. Producers must have reported their crop acreage timely by July 15.

If crops are reported late after July 15: a \$46/farm late fee must be paid; a field must be conducted by the county office; and there must be physical evidence of the crop still available during the field visit.

A producer's total payment-eligible plantings cannot exceed total 2018 plantings. The per acre rate for Chatham County is \$33.

Non-Specialty Crops

MFP payments will be made to producers of alfalfa hay, barley, canola, corn, crambe, dried beans, dry peas, extra-long staple cotton, flaxseed, lentils, long grain and medium grain rice, millet, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, rapeseed, rye, safflower, sesame seed, small and large chickpeas, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower seed, temperate japonica rice, triticale, upland cotton and wheat.

Dairy and Hogs

Dairy producers who were in business as of June 1, 2019, will receive a per hundredweight payment on production history, and hog producers will receive a payment based on the number of live hogs owned on a day selected by the producer between April 1 and May 15, 2019.

Specialty Crops

MFP payments will also be made to producers of almonds, cranberries, cultivated ginseng, fresh grapes, fresh sweet cherries, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, and walnuts. Each specialty crop will receive a payment based on 2019 acres of fruit or nut bearing plants, or in the case of ginseng, based on harvested acres in 2019.

More Information

MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for non-specialty crops per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for specialty crop producers. However, no applicant can receive more than \$500,000. Eligible applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax years 2015, 2016, and 2017 of less than \$900,000, or 75 percent of the person's or legal entity's average AGI for those tax years must have been derived from farming and ranching. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

More information can be found on farmers.gov/mfp-<https://www.farmers.gov/manage/mfp>. If you would like to apply for the 2019 Market Facilitation Program, please call the Chatham County FSA Office at 919-542-2244 ext.2 to make an appointment.

Alotech wins state manufacturing award for innovation

GOLDSTON — Alotech Inc., a contract manufacturer that provides U.S.

inventors, entrepreneurs and product marketers the ability to create unique, innovative processes and designs with a laser focus on the customer's return on investment, received the NCMEP 2019 Manufacturing Leadership Award for Innovation on Nov. 6 at mfgCON 2019 in Winston-Salem.

The North Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership awards program recognizes manufacturers for their commitment to the North Carolina manufacturing sector, as proven by outstanding performance in the areas of manufacturing excellence, sustainable manufacturing, innovation, workforce development, economic development/developing markets and continuous improvement.

"We are extremely pleased to achieve this recognition from such an esteemed industry organization as NCMEP," said Tommy Kirk, COO at Alotech. "I want to thank the entire Alotech team for their continued hard work and dedication to innovation as we tackle each engineering and manufacturing challenge that comes our way. Advancements in our technology and our unique Creative Investments platform have brought more and more inventors and product designers to work alongside Alotech Inc. as their contract manufacturer of choice. We are excited for what the future holds for our team and stakeholders."

Conservation group announces plans to sue city of Burlington for water contamination in Pittsboro, other areas

CHAPEL HILL — The Southern Environmental Law Center announced last week that it would sue the city of Burlington for what the group says is undisclosed and illegal pollution of the Haw River and its tributaries and Jordan Lake.

The river and lake serve as sources of drinking water for Pittsboro and north Chatham County along with Cary and Apex. Testing of the water, the SELC's press release stated, has shown discharges of chemicals that "can cause serious harm to people's health."

"Families in Pittsboro and other downstream communities deserve to know that the water that comes out of their taps is safe," said Geoff Gisler, senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center. "The Haw River is an incredible resource; stopping this preventable pollution will take us one step closer to making it as clean as it is beautiful."

The release states that the SELC will officially sue Burlington on behalf of the Haw River Assembly if the city "does not stop its illegal pollution within 60 days."

"These compounds are known to be harmful to human health," said Emily Sutton, the Haw Riverkeeper. "Downstream drinking water users have been exposed to contaminated drinking water for years. It's time to stop the pollution at the source and protect all downstream users and the ecological integrity of the Haw River basin."

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THE UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM COUNTY AGENCY PROFILE

The Learning Trail

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: Nurturing Youth and Families (Education)
Name of United Way Supported Program: Early Child Program

How will The Learning Trail use United Way donor dollars?: The Learning Trail will use United Way funds to support our Early Childhood Specialist who administrates our Pre-K to Grade 2 Early Childhood Programs, directs and leads the Preschool Program for 3- and 4-year-olds, and leads a Parent Support Program. The program takes place at the Nature Trail Mobile Home Park.

Why is this program essential to Chatham County?: The Early Childhood Program provides academic support for preschool and early elementary school students living in the Nature Trail Mobile Home Park in northern Chatham County. Coming from low-income Latino families, Spanish is the primary language spoken at home. Without the preschool program, which meets four mornings a week, these children would start Kindergarten academically behind their peers. The N.C. Pathway to Grade-Level Reading created a

multi-disciplinary framework to help children achieve grade-level reading by 3rd grade. Research has shown that improving 3rd grade reading takes a coordinated birth-to-age-8 approach that focuses on learning environments, families and child development. The Learning Trail Early Childhood Program addresses the following parts of the framework: high quality early education, a positive school climate, support for families, knowledgeable parents, and reading with children. Language-based skills have been developed in a continuum for pre-kindergarten to 2nd grade in alignment with the public school's reading curriculum. Learning to read is essential to functioning as a productive citizen in Chatham County or wherever they will live. The Early Childhood Program is designed to help children avoid academic gaps or close gaps early enough to foster success in school. Without this support, these children would have little access to the benefits of education in a democratic society.

How does the program make a difference in the community?: While there is a N.C. Pre-K Program for at risk 4 year olds at North Chatham Elementary School, transportation is not provided. This makes the program inaccessible for most of these children and their families who have limited flexibility providing transportation. The pre-K program at The Learning Trail provides a four-day-a-week learning environment that they otherwise would not have. Furthermore, with these funds, the Early Childhood Specialist can continue to develop the curriculum and acquire the associated educational



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Meghan Friday, preschool director at The Learning Trail, helps her preschool students pronounce the word 'cat' during a recent class session.

materials to enhance the program. Advanced learning tools and leveled reading resources will be acquired for the K-2 children. The early evening parent program has been possible due to the efforts of the Spanish-speaking Early Childhood Specialist who develops discussion topics to support the social, emotional, and academic development of their children in the program, a critical component of the Pathways to Grade Level Reading. The impact of this funding is life-changing.

Please share a story about a Chatham resident this program helped and the impact it made: As part of the curriculum and program for the preschool children, the preschool director organized field trips once a month in which the

parents participated. Many if not all of the parents of the preschoolers last year had never been farther from their homes than the grocery store down the street. Their knowledge of Chatham County and other local resources was that limited. Field trips to the Chatham County Public Library, Jordan Lake, and the N.C. Botanical Garden were just a few of the experiences the parents, usually mothers, enjoyed with their children. Broadening the horizons of these children's families serves to enhance the lives of everyone in the family. Many of the families did not even know each other until their children entered the preschool program. A shared connectedness developed with the families from the impact of these experiences.

'Celebrating American Heroes' observed at CCCC's Siler City Center



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The Jordan-Matthews High School Band, under the direction of Justin Harper, provided music for the Veterans Day program held Nov. 5 at the Central Carolina Community College Siler City Center.

From CCCC

SILER CITY — "Celebrating American Heroes" was the theme of the Veterans Day program on Nov. 5 at Central Carolina Community College's Siler City

Center. This event began at 10 a.m. and included student presentations.

Ceremony leader was Jay Stobbs, retired Army veteran from Chatham County. Stobbs, a West Point graduate, served

as a commander in the Army Corps of Engineers and as a Physics teacher at the U.S. Military Academy.

Also providing remarks were three veterans — Thomas Glendinning (who served



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Thomas Glendinning, a Marines veteran, was among the speakers at the 2019 Veterans Day observance at the Central Carolina Community College Siler City Center.

in the Marines and is a seven-combat veteran), Dennis Lewis (who was an Army Colonel — a 28-year veteran including 11 years at Fort Bragg with several overseas assignments), and Andy Wilkie (who served in the Army and his experience has included U.S. Army Reserves, Fort Bragg paratrooper, and parachute packing instructor).

The event included patriotic music by the Jordan-Matthews High School Band under



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Andy Wilkie, an Army veteran and Chatham County commissioner, was among the speakers at the 2019 Veterans Day observance at the Central Carolina Community College Siler City Center.

the direction of Justin Harper.

Della Newkirk, CCCC Lead Instructor, BELL Academy, gave the welcome and sang a Faculty/Staff Tribute.

The observance was intended to offer gratitude for deserving men and women who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and for the year-round sacrifices of service members and their families.



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Della Newkirk, CCCC Lead Instructor, BELL Academy, gave the welcome and sang a faculty/staff tribute.



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Jay Stobbs, retired Army veteran from Chatham County, was ceremony leader for the 2019 Veterans Day observance at CCCC.

It's a very special day!



Staff photo by David Bradley

Friends and family joined Siler City Police Chief Michael Wagner and Mayor John Grimes to cut the ribbon on Nerriccio's, a new business in town, in Siler City Oct. 29. 'The opening shows confidence in investing money in Siler City,' Grimes said. 'The enterprise has a good chance of succeeding because of Mountaire and the growing economy. Because of new management and money moving around, more independent small businesses now have a very good chance of being successful.' The restaurant is located in the former home of 'The Copper Penny,' and offers a variety of Italian foods for patrons.



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CHATHAM@WORK | SHANNON BUEKER

ABOUT SHANNON: Shannon Bueker has been a Pittsboro resident for 28 years, but she was born in Spain in 1963. Her father was stationed at the Seville AFB, and she and her family lived there and other places — Massachusetts, Hawaii and Texas — before coming to Pittsboro. She went to high school in San Antonio and has a college degree from the University of Texas in Austin. She studied art (sculpture, painting and drawing) and has been working as a full-time artist since moving to Chatham County in 1992. She makes paintings she sells from her studio, on-line, and through galleries. Cards from photographs of her paintings are available at her studio, at the Joyful Jewel in Pittsboro, at Womancraft Handmade Gifts in Carrboro, at Quail Ridge Books in Raleigh and at the Hillsborough Arts Council Gallery. She participates in the annual Open Studio Tour, now in its 27th year, organized by the Chatham Artists Guild.



Staff photo by David Bradley

A selection of prints of the artistic work of Shannon Bueker decorates the wall at the Joyful Jewel in Pittsboro. Bueker, who studied sculpture in school, has recently returned to the form in clay pieces that are available at the store, along with a selection of artist's prints available for sale at the Joyful Jewel. Her work in a variety of mediums such as clay, watercolor and acrylics reveals her love of the abstract and animal life. Her artistic influences include Mexican surrealist Frida Kahlo and Franz Marc, a Fauvist and German Expressionist.

"I also have open studio events of my own in the spring and fall," Bueker said. "Another self-employed artist friend and I joke that we are Employee of the Month every month at our businesses because we do everything! Other self-employed folks know what I'm talking about, I'm sure." Bueker is also a part-time yoga teacher through the YMCA in Pittsboro and the Chatham County Council on Aging. She has been married to her "computer guy," Rick, for 32 years.

What was your first paying job, and what did it teach you?

My first paying job was waitressing. I learned about food service and how to be an efficient server. It taught me a lot about staying ahead on tasks (refilling the coffee machine, etc, prepping ahead of time) so things are done before it gets hectic. I also learned how good it is to get paid for work and have

my own money.

What's the most difficult job you've ever had?

The most difficult job I've ever had was working as an editor, right out of college. I worked for a contractor in the NASA community, so the work was editing technical documents. I had the writing and English background, but I had never worked an 8-to-5 job, with the hours requirements and the limits on personal/vacation/sick time. I had to adjust to the structure and learn the skills for the job at the same time. I also had to adjust to being with the same group of people day in and day out

What advice would you give someone considering doing the same line of work as you?

I tell other self-employed artists what I learned from other artists and from my own experience and that is to be very patient with the process of building your career, work habits, audience and income. I was told

10-15 years before really getting all those elements growing well. Some artists find it sooner, but for me, it was goo to have that advice early on. It helped me adjust my expectations. Oh, and it's not real money until it's in your bank account!

What's your work superpower?

I think of the most important, useful (and apparently surprising) skills I learned in my job as an editor was creating a production calendar. I still use a paper calendar, notebook style, and if I have a show coming up or have to produce an announcement card, I turn to the page in the calendar and mark the deadline — for example, the day the I hang the show or the day I want the announcement card in my hand. From there I fill in the calendar "backwards." Using the announcement card example — that is, when does the information need to be at the printers, then back from that is the date for the photograph/er, back

from that is finishing the art, back from that is starting it, etc. It's surprising how quickly it structures the days and weeks.

Who is your personal hero?

I have some artist heroes — Frida Kahlo, Franz Marc, Susan Rothenberg, Mary Oliver, Joan Mitchell — just a few people whose work I admire and who I continue to learn from. I have some personal heroes who acted as "trail guides" for me at some health crisis points in my life. They gave me info that I didn't even know I needed, which helped me get through some difficult passages.

Which do you like better: starting or finishing?

I like elements of both starting and finishing. Starting because there's all that white space (in terms of painting or drawing) and all that possibility. I like finishing because often it's like a very satisfying puzzle has been solved with that last stroke, the last piece is placed. Sometimes, thought, finishing a painting can be slow, unclear and far less obvious. Sometimes the solution shows up months or years after starting a piece.

Dogs or cats?

We've shared our home with several dogs over the years. If it were up to me, there would have been cats, too. My husband is very allergic to cats, though. I get my dog-time in on the weekends, walking with my neighbors and their dogs.

Favorite N.C. celebrity?

I don't think I have a favorite, but there are plenty I admire. I love Tift Merritt's music. I'm a fan of Clyde Edgerton's writing. Reynolds Price's book, "A Whole New Life," has been a good friend. David Sedaris is hilarious. I've been lucky enough to cross paths with potter Mark Hewitt often and have learned a lot from seeing his work over the years. I could spend a lot of time with this question!

What makes your home special?

Our home is filled with color. There are some white or cream walls, but most of our walls are different colors. A fun tidbit we were told about the house when we first were looking at buying it was that it was built on the floor plan of the Ponderosa from the TV show "Bonanza." That isn't what sold us on the house but close.

Who was the best teacher (in school or at work) you ever had and why?

Oh, there are many, many teachers that I still look back to with gratitude. I don't have just one. From 5th grade all the way up to the present, there are people whose lives taught me things or whose teachings deeply affected me. I have favorite elementary school teachers who I appreciate more now, at 55, from this vantage point in my life than I had a clue about as a kid. I am amazed at what they managed to accomplish with our young, wild minds. There are teachers in middle school and high school whose lessons or life stories have stuck with me. I have lots of art teachers along the way who helped me see things or develop my skills. Now I find that all around me, the teachers show up, often in people just talking about their lives or going through something hard. Their stories end up being lessons.

What was the last thing you did that really made you boss proud of you?

Ha! Well, I'm my own boss as a self-employed person. This summer, we had to move all my paintings out of my Basement Gallery space at my house so that new flooring could go down. In that process, I looked at, rediscovered, saw again, almost every painting I have created in the past 20-plus years. It made me so happy to see each and every one of them! I feel proud of the work I've done and how my painting and drawing has grown and changed over the years.

The book you're currently reading:

I am part of a book club. We have been reading and meeting together since 2001, I think! The book we just met about but I am still finishing is "Overstory" by Richard Powers. It's about the wonder of trees, how they are intertwined with each other and our lives with their lives. It's a novel following several different people who come together to save a stand of old growth trees in Oregon. It's way more complicated than that simple description and a really good read

The credo or motto you like to try to live by:

Be useful, be kind, do no harm

What was your dream job when you were a child?

Many visitors to my studio have heard this answer before, but looking at my childhood sketchbooks, it's pretty clear that I was dreaming about being zookeeper or an artist who paints animals. I guess I am doing what I love.

If you were given \$5,000 to donate to a non-profit organization, which would you pick — and why?

I would split the money between Doctors Without Borders and an organization fighting for the Earth. I think humans hurt each other in enormous ways. We hurt the Earth and out fellow creatures, too.

What's your cell phone ringtone?

Kung Fu Fighting

Favorite dessert?

Tiramisu

Do you have bumper stickers of any kind on your car?

My truck cap is covered with stickers! I love stickers! Lots are images or souvenirs from places I've visited, but a few are stickers with statements. I have two more sides of empty truck cap to fill, so I'm always on the lookout for cool stickers. I can even get my own paintings printed onto stickers, so that may be my next thing.

What's the most important thing your job has taught you?

Both of my jobs, artist and yoga teacher, have taught me that me that everyone has a story. I have learned (try to) to watch my assumptions of people based on their appearance or car or stuff, because it's often wrong or just one tiny layer of that person's life and history. Most everyone has lots of life experiences, often tragic or sad, so I try to listen.

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School board finalizes new Central Services building location

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Education last Monday formally authorized the location for its new Central Services administrative building, which will be constructed on Renaissance Drive on the western edge of Pittsboro.

The location, which sits off of U.S. Hwy. 64, was offered by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners last month after the county bought the tract of land on which the building will sit.

The school board approved the change 4-1 over the objections of board member David Hamm, who raised a couple of concerns during the discussion.

The final motion, made by board chairman Gary Leonard, was for a conditional agreement to the site, pending the county government authorizing funds for a warehouse on the premises to store child nutrition and other items. The district currently utilizes a warehouse on the grounds of the current administrative building, located at 369 West St. in Pittsboro.

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

Hamm raised concerns was about the nature of the transaction between the district and the county government.

"We're kind of being added into this process maybe as a reason why some land was bought, and get the building out there and we can add other government buildings out there," he said. "Our school logo and motto has always been ours and theirs has always been theirs. I can't ever say we've been a part of Chatham County government in that sense. But now we're good to be part of the complex out there."

Superintendent Derrick Jordan agreed with Hamm's assessment, but added that his view was the county attempting to "pool together the most common services" — including the Animal Control and Solid Waste & Recycling facilities on the site currently — in the same place. The Chatham County Detention Center is also on Renaissance Drive.

"But I agree that the school district is separate and apart," Jordan said. "They are a funder, and aren't we happy that they are? Unless there were some change by the General Assembly, we are not a Chatham County government agency."

Additionally, Hamm followed up on a concern he raised at the October meeting. The current Central Services building used to house a high school, and he said the citizens he's talked to don't want to see it go unused and become, as he called it, an "eyesore."

"I'm stepping up to the plate for people talking to me," Hamm said. "The business people, the Realtors I've talked to, Joe Citizen, they really don't want to see the central office moved out of town. They see this as another hit on Pittsboro. I feel like I'm representing their sentiments."

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

CHATHAM CH@T | DR. LISA CHAPMAN

CCCC's president on her return 'home' and its future

Dr. Lisa Chapman became President of Central Carolina Community College on April 1. This week, we speak with Dr. Chapman about her ascent to the position, CCCC's academic achievements and her goals for the college.

Prior to becoming president, Dr. Chapman was the Senior Vice President/Chief Academic Officer at the North Carolina Community College System Office in Raleigh for five years. Before going to the state level in 2014, Dr. Chapman was at CCCC for 27 years. At the college, she previously held the positions of instructor, chair of the Math and Science Department, academic dean, vice president of Academic Affairs/chief academic officer, and executive vice president of instruction/chief academic officer.

While at CCCC, Dr. Chapman was instrumental in the establishment of Lee Early College, a partnership between Lee County Schools and CCCC. She was a leader in developing the college's bioprocess technology program, the first in North Carolina, and the barbering program, the first at a community college. She also developed the college's Division of Student Learning, whose purpose is to increase student success.

Dr. Chapman has worked to promote excellence in higher education through organizations such as the NCCCS Curriculum Review Committee and the North Carolina Community College and University of North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement Joint Review Steering Committee.

In 1995, her peers at the college named her CCCC's Instructor of the Year. In 2012, the North Carolina College Personnel Association recognized her for Outstanding Service in Support of the Profession for her continuing efforts to improve instruction at the college level.

Dr. Chapman holds a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Master of Science in Physiology from East Tennessee State University; and Bachelor of Science in Zoology from UNC-Chapel Hill. She and her husband Jeff have two children and two grandchildren.

What do you remember about your early days at CCCC, as you came to the college after being a biologist with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park?

I very quickly learned that the college culture centered around meeting our students' needs and supporting each other as colleagues and friends. The college was very proud to serve its communities.

During your first tenure at the college, you were instrumental in the establishment of Lee Early College, a partnership between



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CCCC President Dr. Lisa Chapman

Lee County Schools and CCCC. You were a leader in developing the college's bioprocess technology program, the first in North Carolina, and the barbering program, the first at a community college. And you developed the college's Division of Student Learning, whose purpose is to increase student success. Those accomplishments alone must make you proud...

The college has always had a strong relationship with our K-12 partners in Chatham, Harnett and Lee. Lee Early College and our subsequent early college partnerships in Chatham and Harnett are great examples of how we work together to ensure there are accessible, outstanding educational opportunities in the communities we serve. And you are correct, I am incredibly proud of the successes each of the early colleges consistently support. Innovative program offering is another hallmark of the college's tradition. Barbering and Bioprocessing are just a few of the many firsts in North Carolina for CCCC.

They are good examples of the importance of listening to the community and providing what the employers request, including delivering the instruction where and when it meets the greatest need. The college has always done this, and we continue to strive to improve our response to the rapidly changing workforce demands. While the Division of Student Learning was a natural development as we transitioned from primarily focusing on access to targeting successful progression and completion as well as access, our funding model does not directly support this type of student engagement. Many college employees stepped up to sustain a division whose primary responsibility is student learning and coordination of all the student experiences that impact learning. And once again, you are correct. I am incredibly proud the college has sustained and strengthened the work of this division for over nine years.

What was it like serving as Senior Vice President/Chief Academic Officer for the N.C. Community

College System?

Serving as the SR VP/CAO of the System was a tremendous learning opportunity. While my role involved providing leadership for the innovative student success work in which the North Carolina Community College System was engaged, I was afforded a statewide and national view of the increasing importance of community colleges in the economic progress and success of local communities, the state of North Carolina and the nation. As you can imagine, state-level partnerships were critical to our work. The relationships developed during my service at the System Office were not only essential to the system's successes, but continue to be important as CCCC works to support our local/regional economic development.

How difficult was the decision to return to CCCC from the N.C. Community College System office?

Central Carolina is a phenomenal college and we have great support throughout the communities we serve. I have repeatedly said that not many individuals have the opportunity afforded me. I am overjoyed to be working back home where I learned all about community colleges and the significance of their service and leadership in their communities. While I thoroughly enjoyed my time working and learning with great colleagues at the System Office, "coming home" was an easy choice.

Upon your return home to CCCC, what have been your early observations about the state of the college?

CCCC is an exceptional college. While continuous improvement should be embedded in the culture of any institution (as it is at CCCC), the college prioritizes student success and service to its communities. We are striving to most effectively use our available resources to meet the needs of those priorities and to consistently work with our local partners to secure additional resources to strengthen our current efforts and to meet future needs. The

college's accomplishments have led to several recently received accolades, including the No. 1 ranking in the Niche 2020 Best Community Colleges in North Carolina. These accomplishments can be attributed to outstanding employees and students. The college family is taking care of business!

How do you see the mission of CCCC?

Our mission statement indicates that we serve as a catalyst for individual, community, and economic development by empowerment through accessible lifelong learning. That is exactly what we should be doing.

Can you speak to the mission of the college, in particular to the topic of workforce development as well as our Career and Technical Programs?

Economic progress is critical for the survival of our communities and that progress requires a skilled workforce. Businesses and Industries come to our communities and stay and grow in our communities only if they have the talent needed to do so. The preparation for the essential skills required for these careers is available at CCCC, particularly in our Career and Technical Program offerings. We work closely with our secondary partners and their Career and Technical Education leaders, but much of the advanced skill development is our responsibility. We have highly qualified faculty who often come to us after spending time working in industry and who continue to work closely with their industry counterparts to ensure we are targeting current and future talent needs. Our leadership works closely with our local and regional economic developers to understand changing economic needs and to communicate how CCCC is prepared to address those needs.

How do you think CCCC...and our state's community college system ... is set in regards to our students being able to move forward to achieving a four-year degree and beyond through our various articulation agreements?

Our System has made substantial progress with our continued work on our statewide comprehensive articulation agreements with our public and independent universities and colleges. In addition, we have added several program-specific agreements and a number of our senior partners have added co-admission agreements with several colleges (including CCCC). The design we have allows students to move forward successfully, as long as they have early and sustained engagement with their academic advisors and as long as our senior institutions accurately and effectively communicate the baccalaureate pathway completions.

CCCC has targeted more effective advising for the last few

years. This has allowed more and more of our students to successfully transition from us, through a baccalaureate, and on to a career, along a cost-effective and efficient educational pathway. We have very strong relationships with the senior institutions where the majority of our students transfer and while there are still improvements to be made, we are very pleased with the streamlined opportunities afforded CCCC students.

What are the immediate challenges that you see facing CCCC and our state community college system?

Our community colleges have never received sufficient funding to address the community needs most effectively — that is certainly true for CCCC and always presents us with challenges in meeting our students' needs. It is more apparent every day as we engage in a more holistic student support approach. In addition, funding challenges can be compounded at multi-campus colleges like Central Carolina as we strive for excellence at all sites serving students.

Funding isn't the only challenge, though. In addition, we consistently struggle with raising awareness of the excellent careers available in our local communities. We have industry partners offering employment opportunities that afford family-sustaining wages. We need a trained workforce to fill these positions and the college provides quality education that prepares students for them. We simply need more people taking advantage of these career pathways.

What are your dreams and aspirations for the future of Central Carolina Community College?

When I first had the opportunity to speak with the college family, I shared with them that CCCC takes care of family, takes care of students, and takes care of its communities. If we consistently do these well, in consideration of our changing demographics and evolving workforce needs, we will have happy, valued employees who engage daily in education and partnerships that change families' lives...and we will continue to be a top-ranked college, not only in North Carolina but across the nation.

What message would you like to send to the citizens of the Central Carolina Community College service area?

I was a part of the CCCC family for 27 years and continued to keep a close eye on its progress while I was serving at the System Office. We are a great college committed to supporting the economic mobility that is essential to ensure the continued economic success of our communities and I look forward to working together to continue the successful support of our students and the communities we serve.

Recycling changes coming at Chatham County collection centers

From Chatham County

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling (SW&R) is making several changes to recycling programs at its collection centers.

Recycling markets have changed dramatically in the past two years, making it harder to recycle certain items. In addition, recycling in the U.S. continues to be contaminated. Contamination occurs when items that are not recyclable end up in the recycling bin.

All mixed recyclables go to a material recovery facility (MRF) to be sorted, through a series of machines and manual labor, and then the items are sent to a processor for recycling. MRFs have had to slow down their lines and add more people to try and reduce contamination and ensure the truly recyclable items are being sorted correctly. Individuals can help prevent contamination by making sure the correct recyclables are going in their bin.

"All recycling programs need to clean up their recycling stream, including Chatham County," said Kevin Lindley, Chatham's environmental

quality director. "We are making these changes to our program so our residents know that if they are putting the item in the recycling bin, it will be recycled."

SW&R conducted a recycling characterization study in September to learn what is in the mixed recycling at its collection centers. The study found that across the 12 collection centers, there is an average contamination rate of 8 percent. But the study also showed that a lot of contamination comes from materials that are look-a-likes: items that look similar to items that are recyclable, but are not. There also seems to be confusion on what is recyclable in general.

Recycling Changes
Based on the current markets and the results of the study, SW&R will remove several items from the mixed recycling. Plastic clamshells, other to-go containers, rigid plastics, and aerosol cans will no longer be accepted in mixed recycling at its collection centers.

Clamshells are containers that have a hinged lid, like a berry container. Plastic clamshells and other to-go containers

have a very small chance of being recycled as there are very few markets for them. There are also few recycling markets for rigid plastics, like toys and buckets. Additionally, plastic to-go containers and rigid plastics can easily end up being sorted with the wrong material, which leads to contamination. Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars are more easily recycled because they have established recycling markets and will continue to be accepted in the mixed recycling.

Empty aerosol cans are recyclable, but will no longer be accepted in the mixed recycling. Aerosol cans can be put in the scrap metal bin to be recycled, and they must be empty.

Free Recycling Classes for the Public

In order to help educate the public SW&R is offering a week of recycling-related classes, Nov. 12-16. Classes will cover what can and cannot be recycled, why recycling is so confusing, tours of the MRF in Raleigh, and composting. All classes are free and open to any age, but pre-registration is required. Visit the SW&R website at www.chathamnc.org/recycle and

click on the "America Recycles Day" link at the top. Individuals can also call the main office at 919-542-5516 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Construction and Demolition Pilot Program

While some items are being removed from mixed recycling, SW&R received a grant to conduct a pilot program to collect construction and demolition (C&D) debris separately for recycling. The last Waste Characterization Study completed in 2017 found that more than 25 percent of the material that ended up in the landfill was C&D. The C&D collected will go to a C&D facility where the items will be sorted; many C&D materials can be recycled or reused.

The pilot program will start Nov. 15 and run through May 15, 2020. C&D collection will be available at the Hadley and Goldston Collection Centers only. Hadley is located at 65 East Perry Rd., Pittsboro, and Goldston is located at 7285 Pittsboro-Goldston Rd., Bear Creek. The centers will accept C&D materials from residents with a current decal who are doing the work themselves. Contractors and business-

es are not allowed to use the centers.

The centers will accept the following C&D materials: cabinets, carpet and padding, countertops, doors, flooring, gypsum/drywall, insulation, plumbing fixtures, shingles, siding, tile, windows and wood/lumber. Please visit www.chathamnc.org/recycle for more details on what can and cannot be accepted

along with any special instructions. The large load policy still applies, so residents are able to bring one pickup truck-size load in a seven-day period.

Once the pilot is complete SW&R will determine if it will continue and/or expand to other centers.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Jordan appointed to leadership role with national accreditation organization

PITTSBORO — The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) has appointed Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Derrick D. Jordan to its Accreditation Council through June 30, 2022.

CAEP is the oldest accrediting body for educator preparation, and Jordan in his role with the organization's Accreditation Council will help fellow councilors determine the accreditation status of institutions that train educators.

"Quality assurance and continuous improvement are critically important, and I look forward to serving the education community in this way," said Jordan, also a part-time clinical associate professor in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) School of Education. "I'll be able to draw upon my experience as a P-12 practitioner and couple that with my work in the academy developing educators."

That is key — Jordan's simultaneous roles leading a school district and teaching at the university level, according to Dr. Diana B. Lys, an assistant dean in the UNC School of Education.

"The accreditation of educator preparation relies upon input from P-12 practitioners, higher education faculty and researchers," Lys said. "Through his school leadership and higher-education experience, Dr. Jordan is uniquely positioned to identify the strengths and needs of programs he will review as a member of the Accreditation Council for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation."

Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement, according to CAEP. The organization was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. It is a uniform accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all providers focused on educator preparation. At least 850 providers of educator preparation participate in the CAEP accreditation system. That number includes providers grandfathered into accreditation under former standards.

Jordan has been superin-

tendent of Chatham County Schools since September 2013. He taught both middle and high school after earning his bachelor's degree in English from North Carolina Central University. His master's degree in school administration from East Carolina University positioned him as a high school principal. UNC School of Education faculty distinguished Jordan as a Jackson Scholar while he was there earning a doctoral degree in educational leadership. Prior to being appointed superintendent, he oversaw curriculum and instruction at the district level and was an executive director for secondary education before that.

"It's important that we have as many voices as possible involved in the accreditation process for preparing our P-12 teachers," CAEP President Dr. Christopher A. Koch said. "Dr. Jordan brings a unique perspective to the council as someone who not only is involved in preparing teachers but also in hiring teachers to serve P-12 students."

Galloway Ridge wins Beacon Award for 'Best in Wellness'

PITTSBORO — Galloway Ridge has won the 2019 ICAA NuStep Beacon Award, which recognizes and honors the Top 25 "Best in Wellness" senior living communities in North America.

Galloway Ridge is among those recognized as best-in-class for successfully fostering a wellness-centered environment to benefit all who live and work in their community. The award was created as a joint effort between International Council on Active Aging (ICAA) and NuStep, LLC, a major manufacturer of recumbent cross-trainers used in healthcare, senior living and fitness, already mentioned above. The ICAA is responsible for leading, connecting and defining the active-aging industry. CEO and founder Colin Milner says, "Senior living communities have long been aware of how important wellness is for the health and well-being of their residents, but in recent years, wellness has evolved from being a programming option to becoming a way of life." This evolution, says Milner, is also reflected in a survey recently conducted by the ICAA. The survey found that 59 percent of senior living communities state their business model will be wellness-centered with care services by 2023.

Chatham Central's Fields discovering voice in state honors chorus

BEAR CREEK — The musical footprint of Chatham County Schools expands with Chatham Central High School senior Addie Fields earning a spot in the North Carolina High School Honors Chorus. She'll lift her voice with the group when it performs Nov. 10 at the North Carolina Music Educators Conference in Winston-Salem.

"It's been a very long time since Chatham County Schools had representation in this event," CCS lead arts teacher Sharon Allen said.

"It's so hard to get in. It's really hard to get in," Fields said.

"Not only was Addie selected but her audition score was one of the highest in the state," Allen said.

"She was the fourth-highest score in the Soprano 2 section," Chatham Central choral director Megan Clark said. "This is a huge deal."

It further establishes CCS as a school system where the arts are thriving. During the 2018-19 school year, CCS received a Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation, a nonprofit organization supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants. The foundation advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public-service programs. The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to school districts demonstrating outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. CCS measured up in



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Chatham Central High School senior Addie Fields has earned a spot in the North Carolina High School Honors Chorus.

terms of funding, graduation requirements, participation in music classes, instructional time, facilities and support for music programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

Fields recalled singing with the chorus club at Bonlee School and growing musically in the band there under the direction of David Clark, who oversees music education at the school.

At Chatham Central, Fields said she sang the national anthem during a pep rally, and that led to her singing it before baseball games at the school, then football games, basketball games.

"It helped me a lot," said Fields, who shared her plan to study music education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in order to become a high school chorus teacher.

Galloway Ridge has successively partnered with its residents and staff to create relevant, meaningful opportunities and inspire participants to improve their quality of life. Wellness is typically defined by seven key dimensions: emotional, physical, intellectual, social, spiritual, vocational and environmental. When each of these dimensions is equally nurtured and prioritized, it can enhance a sense of well-being among residents. It is this commitment and acknowledgement of how important wellness is for older adults that elevates resident health to new heights.

"At Galloway Ridge we believe that there is wellness in everything that we do," said Bob Zimmer, Executive Director at Galloway Ridge. "Through the relationships built between residents and staff, the services and programs offered, and the environment in and around our community, it is clear that wellness is at our very core. Our goal is to provide opportunities for each resident and

staff member of our community to live their best life and to continue thriving as the unique individual that they are."

Applications available for Innovative Young Farmer Award

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

Eligible nominees must be between the ages of 18 and 40 as of January 1, 2020. Nominees are to either be in school for agriculture/agribusiness or have worked in the agriculture industry for less than ten years. The application process, open until December 6, 2019, enables nominees to discuss means by which they are positively impacting their operation, as well as the greater agricul-

tural community in North Carolina.

The Innovative Young Farmer of the Year Award is presented annually at the Breakfast with the Commissioner held in conjunction with the Southern Farm Show at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Visit the Tobacco Farm Life Museum website at tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org/innovative-young-farmer-of-the-year to apply for this award. Applications must be submitted electronically through the link above.

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

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Award recipients, from left, honorable mention Diana Ocampo, second-place Rilee Rains and first-place Tiana Brooks celebrate with art teacher Rahma Mateen-Mason after the Path to the Woods art show. Madelyn Eubanks also received an honorable mention.

Brooks, Rains take top honors at Path to the Woods art show

From Jordan-Matthews

SILER CITY — Tiana Brooks and Rilee Rains received top honors at Path to the Woods, a juried art exhibition held on Nov. 4 at Jordan-Matthews High School.

Brooks was awarded first place and the \$100 prize for her mixed media work, "Flower for your thoughts."

Rains received second place and a \$50 prize for "Through the Trees," an acrylic painting on canvas.

Local artists Barbara Hengstenberg and Bronwyn Watson, who served as judges for the show, also selected two works for honorable mention: Madelyn Eubanks's "Freedom" and Diana Ocampo's "Two Paths to the Woods" — both acrylic paintings on canvas.

Path to the Woods was inspired by "Into the Woods," the Broadway musical being performed at the high school from Nov. 14 to 16

by a large student cast.

Art teacher Rahma Mateen-Mason said students from beginners in Art I through advanced artists in Art IV chose how to interpret the "path to the woods" theme. Some chose a literal interpretation, while others focused their work on some other element of the musical, such as incorporating fairytale characters or landscapes.

The fall art show was presented with assistance from JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, 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 for "Into the Woods" are now on sale at JMArtsTickets.com.

Firsthand governing experience



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Members of Chatham County's 4-H clubs participated last month in a mock Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting. Prior to the exercise, Commissioner Clerk Lindsay Ray, Commissioner Karen Howard and Board Chairman Mike Dasher (left to right at front of room) spoke to the clubbers about local government and their respective roles. 4-H Program Assistant Liz Mauney called the experience a 'once-in-a-lifetime opportunity' for the youth. 'This opportunity will afford these youth experiences with governmental processes that will enable them to better engage with decision makers in their communities and allow them to have a voice in decisions and policy being implemented in the communities in which they live,' she said. 'Such experiences will help them to develop skillsets to become engaging leaders in their communities at school, home, church, and in the community at large.'



Chatham County 4-H club members participated in a mock Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting last month at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse. Pictured, left to right, are Kenia, Brilllet, County Commissioner Karen Howard, Celene, Commissioners Chair Mike Dasher, Briseydl, Avery, Santos and Commissioners Clerk Lindsay Ray.

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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 Meadowmont, 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 Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 O24,O31,N7,N14,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Barbara Ann Fahy NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of 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 O24,O31,N7,N14,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 514 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor 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 Ziemiacki, Executor 8 Plymouth Court Pittsboro, NC 27312 O24,O31,N7,N14,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 504 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **GLENDAN 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 persons, 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

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
031,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, 2019.
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
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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
031,N7,N14,N21,4tp

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 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 529
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
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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
031,N7,N14,N21,4tp

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19 E 498
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CHATHAM COUNTY
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Darryl Johnson, Executor
PO Box 126
90 Fields Country Rd
Goldston, NC 27252
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Darryl Johnson, Executor
PO Box 126
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Goldston, NC 27252
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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 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, Parcel 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 discussions. 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **MARIGOLD ANN ABRAHAMSON AKA MARIGOLD A. ABRAHAMSON** 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
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 corporations 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
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
N7,N14,N21,N28,4tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Board of Commissioners 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 as 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.
N7,N14,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator 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 undersigned 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
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PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312
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N7,N14,N21,N28,4tc

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
TOWN OF PITTSBORO
The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearings on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock in the Town Council Chambers of the Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina, to consider the following items:
1. Proposed Perimeter Boundary Transition, Thales Academy, SP-2016-06-A01 Site Plan proposal to construct a private school along Thompson Street. The subject parcel (7386) is located in the Chatham Park PDD within 500 feet of an exterior boundary, thereby requiring a public hearing on the proposed buffer.
2. Proposed Zoning Text Amendment, Lyle Estill, ZTA-2019-06 Text Amendment request for Hotels, Motels, and Bed and Breakfasts to be added to the list of uses permitted by right in the M-2 zoning district.
The purpose of the public hearings for the text amendment and perimeter boundary transition is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the requests. The complete records are on file at the office of the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection during regular business hours or by appointment. Substantial changes in the proposed text amendment or perimeter boundary transition may be made following the public hearing.
The public is invited to attend. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Alice Lloyd, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at alfloyd@pittsboronc.gov.
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Pursuant to NC Statute 44A, Apex Self Storage shall conduct a public sale of storage spaces 109, 113, office 3, 116 and 219. Located at 43 Jordan Lake Commons Drive, Apex NC 27523, Chatham County. Sale shall be conducted at 10:00 AM on the 23rd day of November, 2019. All successful bidders shall take possession and remove contents of the space immediately. For information on submitting a bid, call 919 303-2929. Apex reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any item from the sale.
N14, N21,2tc

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GUILFORD
D.H. GRIFFIN WRECKING COMPANY, INC. vs RODRIGUEZ-CARDONA PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC C/O MICHAEL ANTHONY WILLIAMS, REG. AGENT 1249 KILDAIRE FARM RD, UNIT 361 CARY, NC 27511 GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE 19 CVS 4476
NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
Under and by virtue of an execution directed in the above-captioned action to the undersigned Sheriff from the Clerk of Superior Court for Guilford County, North Carolina, issued 9/6/2019, in the amount of \$506,757.83, with the amount to be collected as \$519,439.27, docketed in the county of Chatham on 6/24/2019. I will be, **on the 2nd day of December, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Chatham County Justice Center** at 40 East Chatham Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312, and offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash all rights, titles or interest which Defendant Rodriguez-Cardona Property Holdings, LLC now or anytime at or after docketing of Plaintiff's judgment in Chatham County had in below listed property, in satisfaction of the execution. The real property being sold is more particularly described as follows: BEING all of Parcel A, containing 2.806 acres and Parcel B, containing 1.804 acres, as shown on a Plat dated February 16, 1989, drawn by James

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Estate of Cecil & Lila Brewer (Deceased) & Others.
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D. Hunter, RLS, recorded at Plat Slice 89-90, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina, entitled "Survey for Chatham Hospital, INC.". Reference is made to said Plat for more accuracy and certainty of description. There is also conveyed that portion of West Fourth Street as is shown on said Plat and which is described here as set out in the Order closing said street as: Being bounded on the West by North Ivy Avenue on the east by North

Holly Avenue and by Chatham Hospital, Inc. on the North and South. Said order is of closure is recorded in Book 560 at Page 543, Chatham County Registry. This sale shall be made subject to all prior recorded or perfected Liens, Mortgages, and Encumbrances that have attached to or been levied on the property prior to the date of levy or docketing of the judgment of this Execution under which this sale is being held. This is the 6th day of Novem-

ber, 2019.
Mike Roberson
Sheriff of Chatham County
A. Ellington,
Deputy Sheriff
N14,N21,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 549
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **EMMA DELL D. PERRY** 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 February 14, 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 14th day of November, 2019.
Co-Executors:
Herbert Thomas Perry
PO Box 374

Pittsboro, NC 27312
Kenneth Paige Perry
2314 Grassmere Ct
Sanford, NC 27333
N14,N21,N28,D5,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **CORA T. TOOMER** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corpora-

tions having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before February 14, 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 14th day of November, 2019.
Clarissa T. Neal, Administrator
209 Brown Hill Rd
New Hill, NC 27562
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Speed building sold



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An absolute auction was held last month at the old S&W Speed Shop on North Second Avenue in Siler City. Former owner Bobby Smith, an avid drag-racer, also offered car repairs at his shop. The building, parts and tools were all sold to the highest bidder.

Improving service and care for customers



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Caregivers at the Chatham Hospital gathered to reaffirm the statements in the Carolina Care plan. The plan offers specific expectations that are part of the UNC health care systems that are needed for excellent patient care.



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Kathy Brown reviews precepts spelled out by the signs about the goals and expectations of the UNC caregiving system Oct. 22. 'It's a reminder,' she said, 'about how we improve service excellence in the system, and a refresher course in customer care.'



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Tammy Needham, in white, speaks to the assembled caregivers at Chatham Hospital about the Carolina Care program. The event, Oct. 22, was a program to re-affirm the commitment of the hospital to the guide's specific steps to quality care for their patients.



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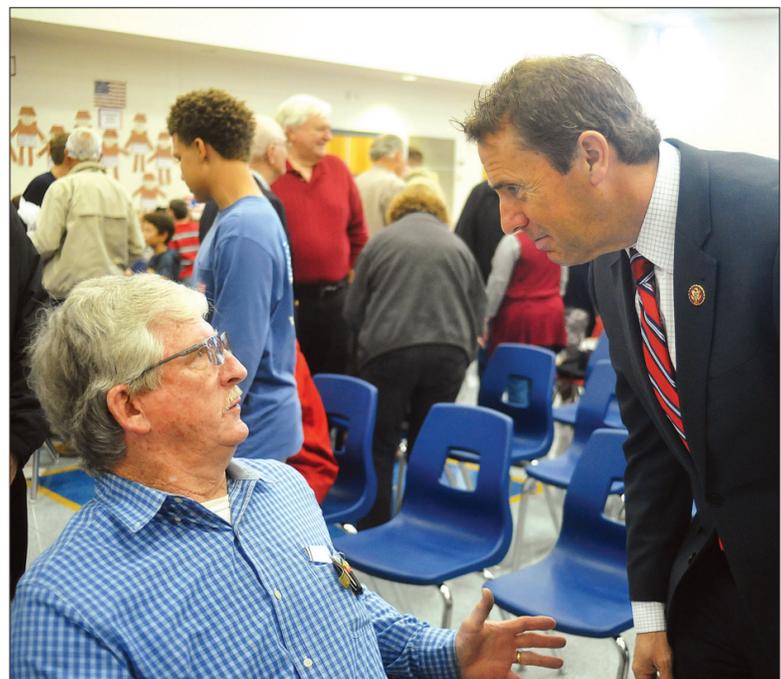
Chatham Hospital's Infection Control/Employee Health Director Johnsie Hubble adds her name to those who signed the re-affirmation statement at the hospital. 'It's a pledge to give equitable care to everyone,' she said. 'Give to all patients equally, no matter who they are.'

Sing a song of freedom



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Students at Bennett Elementary School sing for the Veterans Day program last Friday in Bennett. All grades participated in the program of patriotic songs and messages for the audience of veterans, friends and family members.



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Orville Teague, an Army veteran who served in Berlin in the early 1970s, gets an opportunity to talk with Congressman Mark Walter after the Veterans Day program at Bennett Elementary School last Friday.