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Southern Supreme prepares for the season



Staff photo by David Bradley

Shaped and formed cookie dough sits in a bakers rack, waiting for the oven at Southern Supreme. Fruitcake’s kitchens in Bear Creek. Behind them, staff members continue to knead and patty the dough by hand into their forms. See story, photos on page B9 for more about the company’s holiday offerings.

Protests, more arrests follow judge’s order on Confederate statue in Pittsboro

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Another Saturday of protests in Pittsboro regarding the planned removal of the Confederate statue from the grounds of the Historic Chatham County Courthouse resulted in 12 arrests. Though the crowds of protesters were smaller than in most past Saturdays, the tensions between opposing groups on the issue seem to be increasing since last Wednesday’s ruling by Superior Court Judge Susan Bray denying a request for the preliminary injunction filed by the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy — which was an effort to prevent the monument’s removal by Chatham County. Meanwhile, Chatham County officials are moving forward with plans to remove the “Our Confederate Heroes” monument from the center of Pittsboro. “We are currently working on a plan to safely and respectfully move the Confederate monument and securely preserve and store it until such time as the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) finds a more appropriate location to place it,” Kara Dudley, Chatham County’s public information officer, told

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NEWEST STATE CHAMPION CROWNED

Organization shines spotlight on Chatham’s grand trees

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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There was nothing noteworthy, as far as Judy Lessler could tell, about the old redbud tree growing near her home on her farm outside of Pittsboro. A big tree, it’s true, and with some age on it, the redbud had been on the property as long as Lessler had. “It’s at least 45 years old,” she said. “We’ve lived here since 1975, and we didn’t plant it. And, really, we had never paid much attention it.” Her late husband had tended to it, she recalled, pruning it as needed; and when they were young, her children had enjoyed climbing it. After she and her husband established Harland’s Creek Farm on the property in 1999, the tree continued to grow, quietly and without any fanfare inhabiting its humble spot on the farm. “I have to admit,” Lessler said, “it’s been ‘just a tree.’ That’s how I thought about it.” But that changed when Lessler, who still operates the organic Harland’s Creek Farm on which the tree grows, learned recently that the big redbud was something more: it’s a state champion. At the urging of a friend, a retired park ranger who’d taken notice of the redbud, Lessler contacted Grand Trees of Chatham about the large, unassuming tree. “They came and they measured it,” Lessler said, soon determining — just

weeks ago — the tree’s size made it the state’s largest redbud. Lessler’s newly-recognized champion redbud brings the tally of state champion trees in Chatham County to six; four of them (an American elder, a Carolina laurel cherry, a white oak and now Lessler’s eastern redbud) are located in the county’s eastern half, and two (a blackjack oak and a scarlet oak) are in the western part of the county. Of the 20 trees in North Carolina on the National Register of Champion Trees, two (the blackjack oak and the chalk maple) are in Chatham County. “Considering there are 100 counties in North Carolina, we’re doing pretty well,” said Sharon Garbutt, one of about a dozen Chatham County volunteers serving on the Grand Trees of Chatham board. Established in 2009 and funded for its first couple of years through a modest (around \$2,000) N.C. Urban and Community Forestry grant, Grand Trees of Chatham has a simple purpose, defined in the organization’s mission statement: “The mission of Grand Trees of Chatham is to increase public understanding and appreciation of Chatham County’s valuable and irreplaceable trees.” This is accomplished through two components: tree recognition, which seeks to identify and recognize notable trees — like Lessler’s redbud — throughout Chatham County; and public education,

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Jennifer Rall of the N.C. State Forest Service measures Chatham County’s newest state champion tree, a redbud at Harland’s Creek Farm about four miles from Pittsboro. Submitted photo

THE CN+R CHATCAST: A PREVIEW

Why teen mental health in Chatham is pertinent

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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One in nine. That’s how many Chatham County high schoolers have self-reported that they’ve attempted suicide. That’s how many Chatham adolescents say they’ve tried to end their own life. Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for Chatham and American youth, and those numbers have just gone up in recent years.

So teen mental health seemed to be a natural fit for the first season of “The Chatcast,” the new podcast series from the Chatham News + Record and Our Chatham, a project at the UNC-Chapel Hill’s Reese News Lab in the Hussman School of Journalism and Media. According to the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, one-third of Chatham high schoolers said they felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for more

than two weeks in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities. This was within the year prior to the survey being conducted. This lack of engagement in activity is one of the primary symptoms of depression. Additionally, nearly 1 in 5 said they had seriously considered attempting suicide and 1 in 9 said they had actually attempted suicide in the previous 12 months. See **CHATCAST**, page A11

National Adoption Day a time to learn, act in Chatham

Event on Saturday to feature two adoptions finalized, lots of education

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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Right now, there are 115 children in Chatham County living in foster care. That’s 115 children without a permanent home, away from their birth families and living in some level of uncertainty about their futures. “Foster care is designed to be temporary, and while we have wonderful foster families caring for our children, those kids know it’s not forever,” said Meagan

Faraone, the Chatham organizer for National Adoption Day, which takes place Saturday. “Most of those 115 children won’t need adoptive homes, but the ones that do have experienced a lot of loss, anger and disappointment in their young lives, and they deserve families who can support them as they deal with those experiences.” The Chatham County Department of Social Services is hosting an event from 10 a.m. to noon this

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• 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.

THURSDAY

• The **Southwest Chatham Community Watch Meeting** will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 at Edwards Hill Friends Church at 92 Edward Leonard Rd. Refreshments will be served. All area residents are invited.

• The **Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Seymour 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.

• **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 **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 St., Pittsboro.

FRIDAY

Liberty Showcase Theater announces that 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, Nov. 30. The theater is located at 101 S. Fayetteville St. in Liberty. Reservations can be made at 336-622-3844. www.the-libertyshowcase.com.

• **Santa is coming to Siler City!** Enjoy Supper with Santa, along with crafts. The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6 at the Earl B. Fitts Community Center. Tickets can be purchased at City Hall or online at www.silercity.org and must be presented upon arrival to the event. Children, 12 and under, tickets \$5 and adults are \$10. Tickets are limited.

• **Chatham County Partnership for Children** will host the viewing of the film NO SMALL MATTER from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4 in Holmes Meeting Room at the Pittsboro Library, located at 197 NC-87. Make plans to attend this film screening and discussion. Register with Lara Kehle or Genevieve Megginson at carsinitiative@gmail.com or 919-542-7449, ext. 124. The event is free and light snacks will be provided.

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

• **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

• 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. 24. Meet behind Bojangles at Oak Creek Village Shopping Center in Durham. For questions, contact Jim Capel at jim.capel@mindspring.com. - Another Walk at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 27, meet in front of the Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Crossing Shopping Center. For questions, contact Tom Driscoll at spt-rdshnk@yahoo.com. All walks, wear long pants and closed toe shoes with socks. Bring snacks and water if you like.

MONDAY

• Welcome to **Writing Toward Resilience**, a weekly opportunity for all those who are grieving or current caregivers. We meet Mondays at noon at SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC. Come and enjoy a respite from the demands of your day – to reflect and write. No writing experience necessary. Facilitated by Carol Henderson, a professional writer and workshop leader who has facilitated workshops all over the U.S. and in Europe. No registration

needed. The UNC Hospice Home is at 100 Roundtree Circle, behind Bojangles in Pittsboro. 919-984-2675. For further information email ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu.

• **Circle City Squares** is a square dance group in Pittsboro that usually dances 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.pittsbororoadhouse.com.

UPCOMING

• The **Town of Goldston's Annual Christmas Parade** will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 7. There is no entry fee and there will be first and second prizes for Best Entries.

• **Mark Hewitt Pottery's Holiday Kiln Opening** will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14, and noon until 5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 8 and 15. The opening will feature wood-fired, salt-glazed dinnerware, vases, and Mark's signature big pots from the 102nd firing! His facilities are located at 424 Johnny Burke Rd., Pittsboro, just 3 miles east of downtown.

• The Second Annual "Magical Lights of Christmas and Song," a luminary service sponsored by Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy will be conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at Siler City First United Methodist Church, 1101 West Raleigh St. Luminaries may be purchased in memory or in honor of a family member

or loved one for \$10 each and will be placed along the driveway in a display of light. The program will include a wide range of Christmas music by area groups and choirs, including the Dowdy Boys, Danny Spivey, Holy Trinity United Holy Church, McKinley and Sophie Loflin, St. Julia's English Choir, Autumn Davis, Sarah Southern and Samantha Zarate. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Luminaries can be purchased at Chatham Cares Community Pharmacy, 127 East Raleigh St. (across from the Siler City post office) during business hours: 10 to 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 9 to 1 on Wednesday. The deadline to purchase is Wed., Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. Tickets are also available from any board member or by contacting Lynn Glasser at (919) 542-9411, Patricia Dowdy at (919) 542-9300, Becky Loflin at (919) 548-6142 or by calling the Pharmacy at (919) 663-0177.

• **Sharing Our Stories**, a 8-week grief support group sponsored by UNC Hospice, is scheduled for Jan. 8 through Feb. 26 at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC in Pittsboro. This will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for eight consecutive Wednesdays in the sunroom of our facility. The group supplies educational resources and mutual support to help participants explore their grief in a non-pressured environment. This is open to hospice families and to the community. There is no fee but registration is required. Contact Annie Ritter at 984-215-2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu for further information. All who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome.

• 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. 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. through Jan. is Chatham's Deep River Coal History. There are lots of interesting artifacts to see, as well as 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.



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Timeline of events surrounding Pittsboro's Confederate monument

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PITTSBORO — Headlines in Pittsboro news have been dominated in the last several months by debate over and the fate of the “Our Confederate Heroes” monument located in downtown Pittsboro, on the lawn of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse.

Key players — the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy — have been involved the whole way, while other groups and individuals have made their presence known at different times. Here is a timeline of the key and relevant events in the monument's history and the surrounding debate.

October 1898: The Winnie Davis Chapter of the UDC is officially organized. At some point, the group lost its charter and was re-organized in May 2019.

Aug. 23, 1907: The monument was first erected in downtown Pittsboro. The total cost was \$1,700; it was made by C.J. Har-

lin of Durham Marble Works. He made the statue of stamped copper and the monument was constructed out of polished Mt. Airy granite.

June 23, 1988: The county commissioners agree to remove the statue from its pedestal for repairs and renovations. It was put back soon afterward.

July 23, 2015: N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory signs the Historic Artifact Management and Patriotism Act, mandated that any “monuments, memorials and works of art owned by the state may not be removed, relocated, or altered in any way without the approval of the North Carolina Historical Commission.”

Exceptions in the law carved out space for highway markers set up by the state Board of Transportation, objects that pose a threat to public safety “because of an unsafe or dangerous condition” or items owned by private parties located on public property. The statue at Chatham County's Historic Courthouse is privately owned on public property, meaning it could fill one of those exceptions.

April 15, 2019: Chatham County's board of commissioners vote 4-1 to instruct the county attorney to explore options for removing the Confederate monument from its place.

More than 40 citizens made comments on the monument and what the board should do. Earlier in the night, the advocacy group Chatham for All made a presentation to the commissioners on why the monument should be removed.

June 17, 2019: The commissioners approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the UDC to discuss options to “reimagine” the Confederate monument.

July 17, 2019: Representatives of the county and the UDC meet to discuss the MOU.

August 5, 2019: UDC President Barbara Pugh tells the News + Record in a statement that the monument “should not be illegally moved or altered” and that it would be “inappropriate that we re-imagine the statue in any way.” She cited the Historic Artifact Management and Patriotism Act as one of the defenses.

Aug. 19, 2019: The county

commissioners vote 4-1 to terminate the county's agreement with the UDC for the placement of the monument. Many in the board room expressed their anger, with a brief scuffle over a camera shot and one man calling Commissioner Karen Howard “island girl” and saying the four board members who voted yes should “rot in hell.” The board sets an Oct. 1 deadline for getting a plan from the UDC and said that after Nov. 1, if not removed, it would become a public trespass.

Sept. 28, 2019: The first in what will be a series of arrests — a Fuquay-Varina man and Chapel Hill man — are made at protests and counter protests surrounding the monument and the board's decision. Arrests were made in the ensuing weeks, mostly for fights and carrying concealed weapons illegally.

Oct. 1, 2019: The deadline set by the board of commissioners for the UDC to submit a removal plan came and went without any action.

Oct. 23, 2019: The UDC files a complaint seeking a temporary

restraining order and requesting an injunction against the county's future removal of the monument, saying the county had claimed ownership by repairing the statue in 1988 and the removal would be “unlawful” based on the 2015 North Carolina law protecting publicly owned monuments.

Oct. 28, 2019: Judge Charles M. Viser grants the temporary restraining order for a 10-day period. The period is later extended after a court date was pushed back.

Nov. 13, 2019: After a delay in the court's ruling, Superior Court Judge Susan Bray denied the request for an injunction, essentially saying the county was free to do what it wanted with the monument while the question of ownership was determined. Bray also allowed attorneys for Chatham for All and the West Chatham NAACP to participate in the case.

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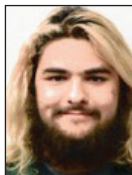
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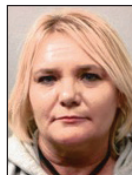
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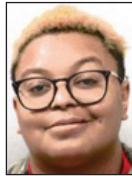
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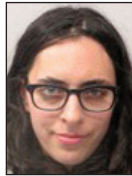
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the News + Record. “While we are working expeditiously to make this happen, we are not rushing the process. A project of this magnitude requires careful planning and preparation to ensure the safety of the public and property.”

During Saturday's protests, Allan Hall of Pittsboro was charged with inciting a riot and simple affray. According to the magistrate's order, police officers witnessed Hall crossing East Street toward a group of anti-Confederate protesters and “engaged in an altercation” with Calvin Megginson of Pittsboro, who was also arrested at that time for simple assault. It appears from incident reports that Robert Butler of Pittsboro was arrested at the same time for inciting a riot. The magistrate's order notes that an officer observed Butler “grabbing and pushing people and then gesturing to others to come over to the disturbance.”

A second incident occurred near the Neal's Gas and Convenience Store in Pittsboro. According to the magistrate's orders, Maya Little of Carrboro was arrested and charged with inciting a riot using a bull horn. Christina Gibson of Keeling, Virginia, was arrested and charged with simple assault against Little by “pushing a bullhorn

at her, causing it to hit her (Little) in the face.” A fight began during which officers observed Little and Russell Alphin of La Grange kicking and punching each other. Alphin and Little were each charged with simple affray. Little was also charged with felony malicious conduct by a prisoner for emitting bodily fluid — blood — at an officer.

During the same incident, Geraldine Hall of Denton was charged with simple affray against Thalia Considine of Durham by “chest bumping and punching,” according to the magistrate's order. Considine was also charged with simple affray for the incident. Esther Mack of Chapel Hill was arrested and charged with simple affray by “pushing, shoving and grabbing hair” of Geraldine Hall. Lindsay Ayling of Chapel Hill was arrested and charged with simple assault for “pulling [Hall's] hair.” And Megginson, who had been arrested earlier in the day — as well as in previous protests — was arrested a second time for assault on a female during the incident as well as resisting a public officer for “failing to obey verbal commands to not approach the officers” “where officers were arresting others.” Jonathan Canfield of Raleigh was also arrested and charged with simple assault.

In court

With the judge's decision last Wednesday, there appears to be nothing to prevent the county from removing and storing the confederate statue while the monument's ownership is determined in the courts. In addition, the judge also granted a motion by the West Chatham Branch of the NAACP and the local advocacy group Chatham for All to participate in the case.

The legal battle over the fate of the statue is rooted in a lengthy legislative process after the Chatham County Board of Commissioners ultimately voted 4-1 in August to request the UDC reclaim the statue, which the county argues the Daughters own. A subsequent vote by county commissioners in October, which fell along the same lines, ordering county staff to safely remove and store the statue triggered filings from three Chatham residents and the Winnie Davis Chapter requesting legal relief from the act with a temporary restraining order until today's occurred.

While the temporary restraining order was put in place by Judge Casey

Visor almost two weeks ago, Judge Bray determined last Wednesday that the lawyers for the UDC did not meet the legal burdens required for a preliminary injunction while the question of ownership of the statue is determined. Those requirements are three-fold — the likelihood that the Plaintiffs would be successful, irreparable harm and a balance of inequities.

Ownership

If the statue is deemed to be owned by the county, it would warrant protections under state law. But if it is owned by the UDC, that group would have no recourse to stop the county from removing it. This makes ownership a key element of the case.

The attorneys for the county, as well as those for the West Chatham Branch of the NAACP and Chatham for All, argued that a license — a document obtained from the N.C. Archives — indicates the statue is the property of the UDC. Nick Ellis, an attorney representing Chatham County, noted in court last Wednesday that the license between the county and the UDC uses the language “authorized and permitted to erect” as well as the phrase “care and keeping of the Daughters of the Confederacy.” Ellis also argued that there is no ordinance or resolution, a requirement by state statute, stating the county was taking possession of the statue.

Conversely, attorneys for the UDC argued during the hearing that the monument was a gift to Chatham County, stating that the inscription on the statue included the word “gift,” indicating the intention to give the monument to the county. However, county attorneys argued that the full inscription does not say that it is a gift from the UDC to the county, but rather a gift to the memory of the Confederate soldiers.

UDC attorney James Davis also argued that the county has asserted “dominion” over the statue, including footing the cost of repairs in the late 1980s. The county's attorneys, however, noted that Davis failed to cite a single case that supported that assertion. As such, the county's Ellis noted numerous cases and statutes that outlined the ways that a county government can obtain property.

Irreparable harm

Davis argued that the county had threatened “criminal trespass” if the UDC did not take the statue, which would cause an

irreparable harm. However, Ellis countered that at no point — based on the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meetings and its own resolutions — did the county threaten criminal charges.

Ellis also argued that the “criminal” charge premise, which the UDC used in part to secure the temporary restraining order, was one of several “material facts that have been misrepresented” by the UDC's attorneys.

Balance of inequities

Davis argued that the efforts by the commissioners were part of a “manufactured argument” of racism and part of a national movement by the “far left” to “whitewash history” and claim the “war between the states” was about slavery rather than states rights and economics. He also stated that the commissioners, who are elected by county-wide votes, do not represent a majority of county residents.

Conversely, attorney Phillip Harris, who represents the NAACP and Chatham for All, argued that the Civil War was fought over slavery, noting the cessation documents of each of the states, including North Carolina. At the same time, both Harris and Ellis noted that the intent of the UDC's case was to “infringe private speech” onto the government, an assertion that both attorneys produced numerous case law to support.

After all legal counsel was provided an opportunity to make their respective cases, Bray sat silently reviewing binders provided by both parties in the case. The courtroom, with a full audience in anticipation of an answer, hung on her every word.

She first asked about a “scheduling matter,” that of the several “motions to dismiss” filed, which was subsequently scheduled for Dec. 2.

“As far as the motion, preliminary injunction,” Bray began. “As has been stated by counsel, the issues for the court to consider — based on the arguments of counsel and the briefs that were presented and argued in court, including the exhibits and affidavits — the court finds that the plaintiffs have not met the burden.”

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On being allies, accomplices or adversaries

Let's face it: we're tribal. We like belonging. We like being "right." We like being a part of the *in* crowd, however we might define "in" — whether based on popularity, entitlement or something entirely different.



BILL HORNER III
From The Publisher's Desk

But I don't think too many of us are conditioned to look at our commitment level to our own tribes objectively enough. Case in point: I read a fascinating article about "allies" and "accomplices" recently. The author defined the stark differences between allies — those who open doors for us, who help us feel less alone, who don't get in our way — and accomplices. What accomplices do, when compared to allies, is, in the words of

author and marketer Seth Godin, an "extraordinary leap forward." "To become an accomplice," he writes, "...means that you've risked something, sacrificed something and put yourself on the hook as well." Allies support, but they don't really lean into the work at hand. And the work can be hard. Real *accomplices*, on the other hand, ultimately figure this out. They learn that "this work — the work of being an accomplice — might cost you something," writes Willie L. Jackson II, who teaches ally skills workshops. "Perhaps your comfort or social standing, or maybe even your safety. Real advocacy and comfort rarely go hand in hand." Disruption, he says, "isn't easy or polite." We've seen that for what seems like a year of Saturdays now in Pittsboro, with disruption and disruptors streaming in from near and far — protesting, flag-flying, sign-carrying,

baiting, taunting, and even getting arrested — in defense of their beliefs and convictions. But as the battle lines are drawn, the two "groups" seem to me to be two groups of allies. They're not true accomplices. Most think they're accomplices, because of their perceived risk and sacrifice, but they're not. They're not for a simple reason: they're not committed to a real solution. They only want to get their own way — everyone else be damned. Because of that, they're doomed to failure. It's plain to see: flags and fights and arrests ad nauseum, with no end in sight, and it's always "the other guy's" fault. Here's how Jackson sees it: "The physiological impact of conflict and stress prompts the brain to release cortisol and adrenaline into the bloodstream, putting the body into a fight, flight, or freeze response. In this state, we are biologically primed to respond to imminent danger — not to do complex

thinking or bring our social graces to bear." Taking a gun to a protest, spitting on someone, endless taunts and name-calling — that's definitely not "complex thinking." As a consequence, Jackson says: "Despite our best intentions, our liberal enclaves, our high-minded ideals, we all have more learning to do." But he adds this: "There's something comforting in this universal growth opportunity: None of us have it all figured out." None of us. Not just those on the other side of the road, but the rest of us as well. The opposite of an "ally" is defined in these terms: belittler, detractor, adversary, enemy, foe, opponent. These make up the bulk of the mess-makers in Pittsboro, the chatlisters, the Facebookers. Wouldn't it be something if more of them became accomplices? Accomplices "care more," Jackson says. And it ultimately

shows. "For some people, the growth opportunity might involve slowing down, taking up less space in conversations across difference, and becoming a more active listener," he writes. "For others, it might mean admitting when they've made a mistake and offering a genuine apology to the person harmed. For others still, growth might look like having the courage to speak up and communicate the impact of an unfortunate altercation." Our shared history, he says, is "more complicated and interdependent than we tend to discuss." But we don't think that deeply. We don't lean in. We forget we share a future as well. What we've seen is nuance being relegated to the shadows. Creating spaces where accomplices on all sides can discuss the problem more expansively, Jackson suggests, is what we should be passionate about. That's something we should raise a flag to.

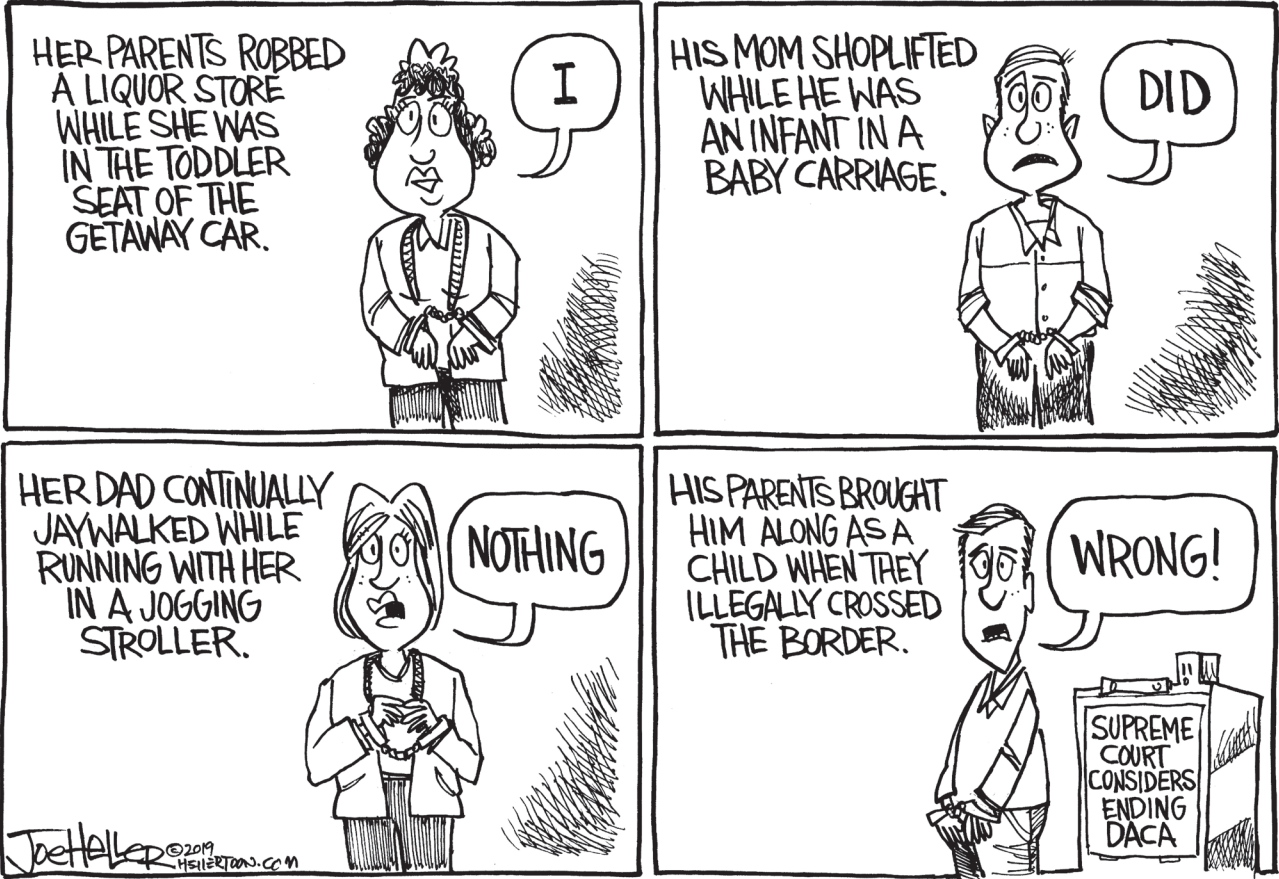
Throngs and slews and other holiday signposts

Despite formidable traffic, navigating our car into the busy parking lot of Southpoint Mall Saturday afternoon was a cinch; no more trouble than falling off a log. And once easily in, finding a parking space at the red-hot shopping spot in Durham was effortless, too. We didn't trouble ourselves looking for a space close to an entrance, choosing the sanity-saving option of sticking to the outer bands instead, where competition for parking wasn't fierce. Our car parked well away from the hustle — as well as the bustle — we had to brave a few extra paces on foot in the mid-November wind and chill to reach the mall's interior, but that was easy, too. This quick trip — in and out of Southpoint for a couple of quick errands — was going smoothly, so far.



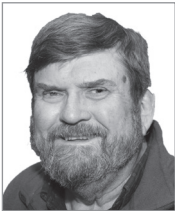
RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

Almost too smooth. But I could sense a disturbance in the Force. Scanning the horizon as we walked towards the mall entrance and spying, as we walked, long rows of cars aimed at the exits but stalled going nowhere, I knew that unless something dramatic happened in the moments while we shopped, leaving the mall would be a different experience than getting in. I thought about those old advertisements for the Roach Motel: "Roaches check in, but they don't check out." Last Saturday afternoon, Southpoint seemed to promise a bit of likewise, but for consumers. You could get to the mall — parked and situated — with little fuss. But leaving looked to pose a challenge. Like Scarlett O'Hara, however, I opted not to tax my mind with that concern, just yet. Fiddle-dee-dee! First, there were those errands. And that might have been my first mistake. To think that anytime during the sweet spot that is November and December you can just park, run in, then run out of a place like Southpoint is itself folly. I know better. One December, very close to Christmas Day — a decade or so ago, it was — I spent an hour at Raleigh's Crabtree Valley Mall and never got out of my car. I drove in, searched in vain for an empty parking space and, never finding one, spent the next 45 minutes in stalled, bumper-to-bumper traffic trying to leave. I swore after that I'd never make such a tactical error again. So I've done this before. More than a week before Thanksgiving, a holiday which I believe is also known these days as Black Friday, I didn't expect Southpoint in the waning afternoon to be such a hub of holiday activity; but it was. Santa was there, seated on his Santa throne and taking visitors. There were even folks, to my surprise, already lining up to plead their cases with him and have their pictures taken with the big man. At this early stage in the Christmas process, Santa looked well-rested, in spite of the aforementioned hustle and bustle, which surrounded his seat in its epicenter. Meanwhile, throngs of people — or perhaps it was a slew; it was hard to pinpoint in the midst of so many people — went about their mall business. But we did what we had set out to do, exiting the mall with a couple of bagfuls of the stuff we'd come for, retraced our steps back to our car parked in the periphery, turned on the ignition of the car and then turned our attention to driving home. For the next half hour, we did very little actual driving. Instead, we sat in our car in one of those long and winding strands of stalled traffic I'd noticed when we'd first arrived. Time had not resolved the earlier traffic problem; if anything, it was worse. But in situations like this, what can you do except deal with it? Getting upset doesn't hasten traffic flow, nor does Zen-like calm; but patience helps the nervous system so we patiently waited and eventually — it was dark when we cleared the final traffic hurdle — we were on the road home. It is, as the song says, beginning to look a lot like Christmas. And if I were judging by Southpoint on Saturday alone, I'd say it's beginning to look like Christmas is tomorrow.



Keep the right perspective as the year moves along

It's that time of the year again. Comes around often.



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

As in every year. It's sort of like my boyhood friend and idol Bobby Joe High's aged great-uncle Stuart ("Stu") Pendus used to tell us boys about his birthday: "You know, I've been noticing my birthday comes on August 14th every year." How do I know it's "that time of the year again?" Well, it's because Halloween and its 40 pounds of candy has passed and the masks are put away for another year. And later this week we'll have the Christmas buying emphasis known as "Black Friday" again, one more in what seems to be endless "Black Fridays" or "Pre-Black Friday" or "Leaking Black Friday" or whatever the advertising and marketing people want to call it. They invite us to rush out to spend a truckload of cash on Christmas gifts since there aren't many shopping days left until Christmas, your favorite item may be sold out if you don't hurry and saddle up and apparently there'll never be another Christmas, at least according to the 11 pounds of advertising circulars in my Sunday paper all urging me to buy now. Right now. It wasn't until just a few years ago I came to understand that "Black"

It wasn't until just a few years ago I came to understand that "Black" Friday wasn't a time of mourning but the day of the business year when many retailers turned the corner and went "into the black" on their business ventures.

Friday wasn't a time of mourning but the day of the business year when many retailers turned the corner and went "into the black" on their business ventures. So it's "that time of the year" again, time for Thanksgiving to get its 15 minutes of fame and then be put back onto the shelf again until next November Whatever. Permit me to make a statement here that encapsulates my feelings about the whole thing. I'm definitely not against the American free enterprise system. It may not be a perfect system but it's leaps and bounds ahead of whatever is in second place. Fundamentally, I believe if you've got the head and heart to work hard you deserve what you can earn. One of my favorite mantras for life is "Make all you can so you can give all you can." But by the same token it's hard on my gentle spirit to see Thanksgiving Day relegated to a parade and football game on TV. Maybe most folks do practice Thanksgiving as a way and not just a day. I hope so. But somehow it seems to me that when "count your blessings" comes to mind most of us think more about a song by that name than we do about what the

song means. Let me urge us (that would be you and me) to think on next Thursday for a moment about what and who we are thankful and grateful for... and then do the same thing on Friday, Black or otherwise. And then on Saturday and then on the next day and then...well, you get the idea. Even if it's that you're thankful you can get out in the herd of humanity on Black Friday, just don't lose Thanksgiving Day and the thanksgiving way along the way. Out in front of the church I serve is a lighted sign identifying who we are as a group and containing space for messages and announcements. The young man who keeps that updated for us has a keen wit and does a good job at it. I always look forward to seeing what he'll put up next. Sometimes it's strictly announcements, this or that event on this or that day at this or that time. At other times, it's food for thought, timeless even, as it is now. He changed the message the other day and put up a mouthful, no pun intended, that says: "Will you be thankful or just full?" Worth thinking about...and then doing something about.

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GUEST COLUMN | ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

The Ataraxy: Calmness in the midst of life’s battles

The first time I read the word “ataraxy” I thought of a “Star Wars” ship flying through space with its lasers blasting. There goes Luke Skywalker, piloting the Ataraxy! But the actual definition is quite different as if residing in a galaxy far, far away...

Ataraxy (ADD-uh-rack-see) refers to a state of calmness and tranquility. Ancient Greek philosophers, such as Epicurus, defined ataraxy as the highest ideal, as freedom from mental disturbance or anxiety. Etymologically, ataraxy is defined by what it is not — the prefix “a-” negating the Greek word for confusion and chaos (tarrsein). If we are in the midst of dark forces, one solution would be to remove ourselves from it — by spaceship or any means available!

With apologies to Yoda, I am more likely to follow the wisdom of farmer-poet Wendell Berry. As Berry walks in the woods, he prays with his head raised and his eyes open. Reflecting on such time in the temple of nature, he is inspired to write what he calls Sabbath poems. Sabbath refers to time out of regular time, such moments that have been set apart, as Berry writes, “not to go / toward any chosen aim.” He makes time for ataraxy — to rest in the grace of the world. In Sabbath time, Berry envisions how “his mind may move with leaves, / Wind-shaken, in and out of light.”

To be clear, Berry oversees a working farm. He certainly has “chosen aim” in his day-to-day efforts. I think a misinterpretation of ataraxy would result in idleness and apathy — neither doing nor caring. Cynicism is the weaker cousin of the dark force of despair.

But there is great wisdom in the notion that peace is not the absence of trouble or turmoil, but the ability to remain calm during such times. You don’t have to escape to the woods or anywhere else. Especially when the battles are mental and emotional, you can board the ship of ataraxy and travel to a new dimension at the speed of your thoughts.

My 7- and 4-year-old sons love Star Wars; or at least the LEGO version. Despite this shared interest, these boys are as different as, say, R2-D2 and C-3PO. Take their varied responses to the upsetting news that I, their father, was about to leave for an overnight trip.

The younger decided to make a Goodbye Picnic. He took it upon himself to spread out a blanket in the backyard grass, then set an apple and a carrot for each of us around a bowl of grapes in a middle. He was so proud of himself that he was jumping up and down!

My older son, however, quietly told his mother, “I just need to go and meditate for a bit.” I enjoyed the picnic with my younger son and gave my other amazing boy the space, as Wendell Berry would put it, “to sit and look at light-filled leaves.”

How do we remain calm though everything around us is changing and we cannot halt the march of time? Though it looks differently for different people, I think each of us must cultivate a sense of Sabbath — not necessarily in the formal religious sense but as a means of slowing down. Don’t just take it from me; listen to wise Yoda: “You will know the good from bad when you are calm, at peace.”

May the ataraxic force be with you.

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States should drive health reform

RALEIGH — When the Democratic Congress and the Obama administration enacted the Affordable Care Act a decade ago, the part that got the most attention was a set of insurance exchanges where Americans could enroll in private health plans with varying degrees of subsidy.



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It made headlines when most states chose to use the federal insurance exchange rather than setting up their own. It made more headlines when the federal-exchange website initially crashed.

Meanwhile, because the plans would be highly regulated, and thus highly expensive, the ACA’s framers believed it necessary to compel relatively young, relatively healthy people to buy the overpriced plans in order to keep the insurance pools from imploding. So despite candidate Barack Obama’s opposition to a federal insurance mandate, President Obama signed one into law.

Lawsuits ensued, producing still more headlines. A majority of justices of the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that the mandate was unconstitutional, but Chief Justice John Roberts preserved it by redefining it retroactively as a tax. Later, a Republican Congress rescinded the tax.

It’s not hard to see why many Americans still consider “Obamacare” to be primarily about government-subsidized private plans. But it never was. From the start, the Affordable Care Act was mostly about expanding Medicaid. That’s where most of the increase in health-plan enrollment was intended to occur.

For most progressives, the ACA is merely a waystation. They believe America ought to adopt a single-payer, government-run system. Some explicitly advocate Medicare for All. Others are pursuing a gradualist approach — get all states to Medicaid expansion, then expand Medicare to near-retirees, etc. — but with the same ultimate goal.

Most conservatives reject this goal, fully and fiercely. Most Americans do, too, when they come to understand the full implications of the idea. Rightly or wrongly, they think of Medicare as a retiree health benefit for which they pay throughout their working lives. They don’t see it as welfare. And during their working lives, most are satisfied with their private health-care arrangements.

They suspect that if the federal government had full control over the financing of medical services, the quality and availability of those services would suffer. They are right.

Among other worthy objections to a single-payer system, I am partial to the federalist one. Why should America have a single approach to financing health care? In addition to its dubious constitutionality, such a policy prevents different states from pursuing different strategies in response to different circumstances and the preferences of their citizens. After all, “Europe” has no single-payer plan. Separate European countries, most with populations comparable to American states, have adopted their own systems. Some have, indeed, set up government monopolies. Others use a mix of public and private providers.

As a conservative, I see a great deal of merit in letting states go their own way here, both with regard to financing care and to regulating providers. The problem has always been how to get from here to there. As the North Carolina General Assembly contends with yet another push to embrace Medicaid expansion, I think it wise not just to say what we are against — putting hundreds of thousands of additional North Carolinians on welfare — but to say what we are for.

A good place to start is a proposal from the Health Care Consensus Group, a network of market-oriented health reformers from across the country. It would convert federal funds for Medicaid, health exchanges, and other programs into consolidated grants. State governments could use the grant funds in multiple ways, including traditional Medicaid, premium support for private plans, insurance pools for high-need patients, health savings accounts, direct primary care, and public clinics. State legislators and governors who want to go all the way to single-payer could do so but they’d have to enact the additional taxes and expenditures required themselves — and defend their choices in state elections.

Democrats and Republicans have been debating health care reform for decades in Washington. It’s the wrong location. And which national plan to adopt is the wrong question.

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Why face oppression for being born in the South?

TO THE EDITOR:

A law that denies dignity and constitutional rights to someone is a “Master’s Right to Rape Law.”

Evidently, in the U.S. law books there’s a page and number for a “Master’s Right to Rape” law granting the right to deny those born in

the South freedom other Americans have to publicly display statues connected to their history.

America sends diplomats to foreign countries to give support to those who try to stop oppression of its citizens. Therefore, why aren’t our politicians concerned about the U.S. Citizens of the South who are facing oppression just for being born in the South? Those of us born in the South

LETTERS

Are we Virginia or West Virginia?

Are we, politically speaking, more like Virginia, or more like its sister state, West Virginia?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

As William Galston pointed out in the November 12 issue of the Wall Street Journal, it might depend on what time period we are talking about.

Both Virginia and West Virginia have transformed themselves politically in recent years, but have gone in opposite directions.

In the 1988 presidential election in Virginia, Republican George H.W. Bush beat Democrat Michael Dukakis 60 percent to 39 percent. In the same year in West Virginia, Dukakis beat Bush, 52 percent to 47 percent.

Skip ahead to the 2016 presidential elections. In Virginia Hillary Clinton beat Donald Trump 50 percent to 44 percent. In West Virginia, Trump prevailed 69 percent to 26 percent.

In both states, a complete turnaround.

Galston writes, “It is a tale of two Virginias — and a microcosm of America’s shifting political landscape.”

Earlier this month, Virginia solidified its move from a Republican red state into one that is solid blue. Democrats won control of both houses of the Virginia legislature, joining a Democratic governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and two U.S. senators.

Meanwhile West Virginia moved in the opposite direction, from solid Democratic to true red Republican

dominance, excepting only the special case of Democratic U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin.

Will this division hold in the 2020 elections?

Galston says that two overlapping trends, immigration and suburbanization, drove the Virginia transformation. “Many middle-class immigrants have settled in the suburbs, fueling Democratic gains, especially in Northern Virginia and the Richmond area.”

However, they are not automatic Democratic voters. They are moderates and still “would have been open to the kind of candidates Republicans once fielded,” he wrote.

Meanwhile, in West Virginia the Republicans’ appeal to working-class white voters bodes well for Trump in the 2020 contest. But, writes Galston, there is a price to pay in Virginia. “Republicans are learning that the populist takeover of their party, which began with the tea-party revolt and culminated in Mr. Trump’s nomination, is a double-edged sword. As the GOP’s appeal to working-class white voters intensifies, middle-class voters — native-born as well as immigrant — are backing away.”

Again, what does this mean for North Carolina? Are we like Virginia or West Virginia?

Arguably, our rural and small town areas compare to West Virginia, where Trump will be strong. Our large cities and their suburbs are more like Virginia, where Trump’s opponent will have an advantage. But that advantage does not automatically assure a Trump defeat in

Virginia or North Carolina.

As Roger Cohen points out in the November 15 issue of The New York Times, Democrats cannot win in places like North Carolina and Virginia without the help of former Republican voters who have soured on Trump, and are not frightened away by a too-liberal Democratic nominee.

He cites the example of former Republican officeholder and 78-year-old retired corporate executive Chuck Hardwick, who voted for Trump and still admires some of his qualities. But Hardwick told Cohen: “If I was on a board that had hired Trump as C.E.O., I’d have to say to him: ‘You’ve got good traits but you can’t manage people. You’re fired.’”

In the Virginia and North Carolina suburbs, Democrats cannot win the presidential contest without help from voters like Hardwick.

A recent poll of Democrats, conducted by The New York Times and Siena College in North Carolina and five other states where Trump won in 2016, reported that a “majority of those surveyed said they wanted a Democratic nominee who is more moderate than most Democrats.”

Therefore, the most critical election for those in North Carolina and Virginia who want to oust President Trump will come in the spring primaries when the Democratic nominee is selected.

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Miseducating our children, and a possible answer

“Insanity,” said Albert Einstein, “is doing the



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

same thing over and over and expecting different results.”

What we are doing in public education

isn’t working for many of North Carolina’s children. Our leaders and educators obviously didn’t get Einstein’s message.

If you want proof, read the National Assessment of Educational Progress, known as the “nation’s report card.” Our country spends more money on education than any in the world, yet after peaking in 2009, scores in reading and math have actually declined over the past eight years. North Carolina’s results mirror those of the nation. Since 2011, student scores among the 1.5 million K-12 public school students have declined.

This is not just discouraging, it is alarming. Our state spends \$9.5 billion on K-12 education, 40 cents

of every tax dollar. The response to these tepid scores is that the declines are statistically insignificant. What is significant is that we are not making gains.

Eva Moskowitz, founder of Success Academy Charter Schools, says education is the largest domestic crisis in our nation and these scores demonstrate we are miseducating too many students. The chances for future success, either economic or academic, pivot on whether a child can read at grade level by 3rd grade, yet North Carolina’s Read to Achieve initiative isn’t working.

These report cards always bring traditional responses. One group, usually Republicans, seems to have given up on traditional schools; their solution is for more school choice, like charter schools or vouchers. At the other end, largely educators and Democrats, is the chorus saying the problem is we just aren’t spending enough money, especially on teacher pay.

Both overlook the simple mandate that dramatic changes are needed.

Moskowitz says we

need to redesign our schools from top to bottom to make sure our children are guaranteed an excellent education. Money helps, but won’t guarantee excellence, she says, adding it isn’t fair to primarily blame teachers. Teacher training must change, however, for today’s environment. The curriculum needs improving, returning to the core of science, math and reading. Teaching phonics worked for generations and needs resurrecting, as does teaching multiplication and division tables. Remember the flash cards we all memorized? And does anyone know parts of speech well enough to diagram a sentence?

One of the foundation blocks at Success Academy charter schools is that education is not democratic. We are not demanding enough rigor and discipline, from parents, students, teachers, administrators or regulators. For a child to be a student in her school the parent must attend teacher conferences, ensure their child does homework and gets proper rest. Children can’t spend up to six hours a day on

electronic devices and excel in the classroom. Students need to learn there are consequences for not doing homework, for disruptive and disrespectful behavior and for not applying themselves. But lawmakers, regulators and administrators also need more discipline by not constantly changing education priorities, policies and frequent distractions.

This column isn’t intended to be an unqualified endorsement of Moskowitz’s methods, but her schools demonstrate diversity in race and sex, ethnic backgrounds, income ranges and geography; their results are impressive. They can be lifted up as examples where people were not satisfied with static to declining results.

The big question that North Carolina needs to answer is whether we have the political or collective will to do what is needed to make our schools excellent.

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‘Beads’ tells of rape victim’s assault, recovery

The book *Beads*, set for release on Nov. 26, is author Rachael Brooks’ memoir detailing her journey from rape victim to resilient survivor.

Brooks, whose first childhood home was in Pittsboro, lives in Raleigh with her husband and two children. She earned undergraduate and master’s degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill and has worked as a tax accountant. Today, though, she’s a stay-at-home mom who has had an active role in the Survivor Speaker’s Bureau at a local non-profit organization known as InterAct since 2013. After the growth of the #MeToo movement in 2017, Brooks set out on her own personal mission to make her story known and join the thousands of courageous women and men who have also come forward to share their stories of survival and hope. *Beads* speaks to the challenges that sexual assault victims face and the range of emotions they experience throughout the recovery process. Brooks’ story takes place immediately following her graduation from UNC-Chapel Hill and describes the many injustices she experienced within the justice system, which are still very pertinent today. It is being published by Koehler Books.

Brooks will be reading from her book at 2 p.m. on Jan. 18, at McIntyre’s Books in Fearington Village. Her goal with *Beads* is to connect with fellow survivors in the area and provide support for those who need it.

Your book *Beads* addresses your experience as both a victim and survivor of sexual assault. Obviously, it was a very personal and harrowing experience. What motivated you to share your story in the detailed way you have?

When the #MeToo movement went viral in 2017, it affected me in a heavy way. I was simply baffled by the number of women and men coming forward with their stories and speaking so publicly about it. This was something the world had never seen before. In my opinion, rape has always been a taboo topic; it creates a sense of discomfort, leaving people unsure how to react, therefore prompting victims to stay quiet.

I began thinking about my story and the ways it could make a difference in our everyday lives, aside from what the media was reporting. I wanted to share the raw feelings, the effects of PTSD, the horrifying way the justice system treated me, how I coped, and I how I brought myself to where I am today. There is so much more that happens after the attack itself, and I wanted to bring light to that. I talked myself out of the idea for several months, but when I actually sat down and began writing, I never looked back!

How did writing the book, and recounting your experience and struggle, affect you?

It has been a bit of a mental rollercoaster, to



Submitted photo

Author Rachael Brooks.

‘At the time, reporting was a no-brainer for me. But the further along I got, the more I realized the many reasons why victims do not report. The detectives on my case were nothing short of awful. I was interrogated and assumed to be lying from the moment I walked into the precinct. I fought, and I fought hard to make my voice and my truths heard. I can’t say that it all worked out in my favor, because it absolutely did not.’

RACHAEL BROOKS, author of ‘Beads’

‘Life is a funny thing. One day, it’s there. You are living. And the next, it is gone. I was brushing my teeth that morning, as usual, and then I was lying half-naked in the front seat of a stranger’s SUV with a knife to my neck. Not exactly how I thought that day would turn out.’

- FROM ‘BEADS’

be honest! Although I will say, overall it has been a therapeutic experience for me. I was surprised at how, despite the difficult content, I never experienced writer’s block. I was able to recount most everything that happened like it was yesterday. At times, I would have to stop for the day because the memories were just too much. But at those times during the writing process, my words were still my own and stored safely away on my computer. No one could see them yet.

However, when *Beads* became available for pre-order, as excited as I was, my anxiety skyrocketed. I have always struggled with anxiety and depression, and I take medication to help me manage it. This was certainly a triggering event, and thankfully I realized that, resulting in a slight medication adjustment. The world is going to know my truth, and that is a scary and invigorating reality. But it has not deterred me for a second from sharing my truth. Knowing how many potential victims and survivors of trauma it will reach makes it all worth it.

In this #MeToo age, we’re learning more and more about survivors and their stories, and how harsh the aftermath can be — not just recovery, which can take a lifetime, but also victims’ pursuit of justice. What hope do you think your story can offer to those who have had similar experiences?

The aftermath is where the unknown lies. I didn’t know how to act, what to say, where to go from that day. What I did know was that I wanted to report my rape, and I

wanted justice. Both of which turned out to be some of the most difficult processes of my life. At the time, reporting was a no-brainer for me. But the further along I got, the more I realized the many reasons why victims do not report. The detectives on my case were nothing short of awful. I was interrogated and assumed to be lying from the moment I walked into the precinct. I fought, and I fought hard to make my voice and my truths heard. I can’t say that it all worked out in my favor, because it absolutely did not.

My hope for those who have had similar experiences is that my book will allow them to know they are not alone. Whatever decisions victims make in their aftermath, I support. And most importantly, whatever someone’s story is, I believe them.

We’re also learning that sexual assault on college campuses is much more widespread than most of us probably realized, and that (I think this is correct?) one in five women experience assault. Why is it so prevalent, and what must be done to change those high numbers?

The prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses saddens me to no end. These days, it is something that is in the news every single day. In my opinion, there are many contributing factors surrounding this issue. One, there is a stigma around drinking and the Greek life that unfortunately promotes a rape culture that normalizes and excuses sexual violence. Victims may not be able to recall what happened to them at a party,

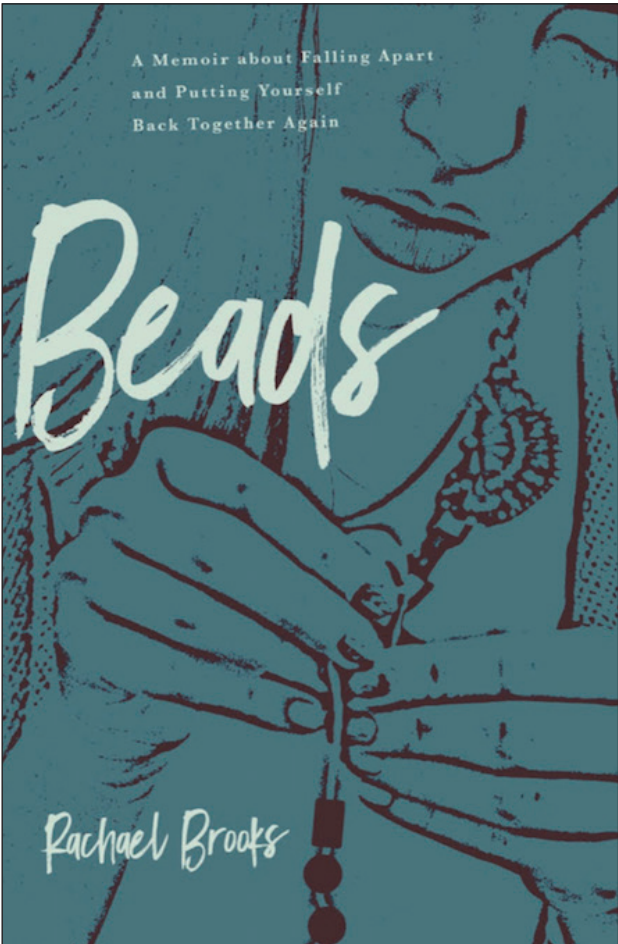
making them “the classic drunk girl” and allowing the attacker to move on scotch free. Alcohol is never the cause of a rape. The rapist is the cause of a rape. To quote Chanel Miller, author of *Know My Name*, “rape is not a punishment for getting drunk.” As someone who was also drinking the night of my attack, it took me years to come to this realization.

Another contributing factor revolves around the processes, or lack thereof, in place for sexual assault victims on college campuses. Whether the university is trying to protect someone or its reputation, more often than not, sexual assaults are brushed under the rug. This directly affects future victims from reporting, hence furthering the vicious cycle.

What must be done? So much. But I think it must start with the top. University officials must adjust their practices to better assist and support victims, starting with believing them in the first place. Without that initial element, I don’t believe anything can truly change.

What’s been your experience as you’ve spoken to and counseled other victims on campus and through InterAct?

InterAct has been pivotal in my recovery journey. Each time I have shared my story over the past seven years, another small part of me has healed. It brings me great joy to connect with others in our community, not only survivors but also those who are allies and supporters. Along the lines of my hopes for my book, when I speak about my story, I want to show



Submitted photo

others that you can still live a fulfilling and happy life, despite the trauma. My rape is certainly a part of me, but it does not define me. And speaking allows me to show proof of that. The work InterAct does for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault is incredible, and I am so honored to be a part of it.

What advice would you give to someone who’s been a victim, and doesn’t know what to do or where to turn?

First, I want all victims to know they are not alone. While we may not all know each other, we are all strong and fighting together. Second, I would advise seeking medical help to ensure there is nothing physically life-threatening. This does not necessarily mean you have to report. It is important to support victims who do not report for whatever their reasons may be; their attacker has made threats or is a family member or a friend/acquaintance/classmate or they simply do not want to. The most important thing is that a victim is safe. Third, always know there is someone you can talk to, anonymously or not. There are amazing resources, such as RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) on a national level and local non-profits that assist victims of sexual assault. These organizations have hotlines running 24/7 for victims to call and talk about anything they need to. And lastly, while a victim may not believe it now, you will get through this. You will make it the other side of the trauma to a place of peace of happiness. There is no timeline and there are no rules. You will go at your own pace, but you will make it.

You’ve called your book “Beads.” To what does the title refer?

I originally started off the book with a completely different title. I began writing Chapter 8, which is titled “Beads.” After my attack, my mom took me to the N.C. mountains to get away and begin my healing process. En route, she told me we could stop and get anything I wanted. Anything at all. Being an avid crafter, we landed on the store, Michaels. Four hundred dollars later, we left with every jewelry making item you could possibly think of: beads, necklaces, earring hooks, a jewelry-making book, a jewelry tray. Apparently, the beads really spoke to me that day. This chapter resonated with me so much, because it really symbolized a small mental shift in the right direction. I was excited and comforted by these beads.

As I progressed further along in writing the book, I developed a metaphor I found quite fitting for my story and many others in life. Imagine you’re wearing a beaded necklace and in an instant, someone forcibly pulls it from your neck. The

beads scatter everywhere. Some you pick up right away, nervously trying to put the necklace back together. Some are lost forever and some you just stop looking for but find many years later. My rapist ripped my “necklace” off, but throughout my journey, I put it back together. And that is how “*Beads*” was born.

***Beads* is a very honest, forthright, vivid, somewhat graphic and candid account of your experience. It is also concise, with short chapters. What made you choose this form of storytelling?**

I loved journaling as a kid and young adult. It was a fun outlet for me to get my thoughts down on paper. I never used fancy words or complex sentences. It was more a stream of consciousness. The day I sat down and began writing *Beads*, it was like my soul just poured into the keyboard. My editor told me I had a very unique writing style, to which I responded, “I have a writing style?” Being completely new to the writing world, I realized that my style is conversational and journalistic to a degree. I wrote *Beads* as if I were actually telling the story out loud. I’ve had a few advanced copy readers tell me that they can hear my voice as they read the book, and I truly love that! I chose to write in this way in order to directly relate to readers and allow them to feel like we are having a conversation at a coffee shop. While the content is tough, the read of the book is relatively quick. Readers will be able to feel my feelings, hear my thoughts, and really experience what I went through both mentally and physically.

You end the book with brief chapters on a series of “life lessons,” including one on forgiveness. Why was that important to you?

Forgiveness has been one of the most difficult aspects of my journey, but one of the most important by far. Not just forgiveness of my rapist and the justice system, but of myself. After the rape, I felt so guilty. How did I get myself into this situation? Why did I let him do that to me? Why didn’t I get out of the car and run? The guilt and the shame ate me alive. But over time, I became gentler with myself. I realized I didn’t get myself into the situation at all. My rapist got me into it. I didn’t let him rape me. He forced himself on me with a weapon. I didn’t get out of the car because he could have killed me.

In forgiving myself, I was able to start moving forward. And while it is a process, not a one-time event, every little step counted. I can’t say I will ever fully forgive my rapist or the justice system. This drives me to continue making a difference and working to end sexual violence. But I can say that I have forgiven myself. And that’s what mattered to me most.

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HILDA BURKE FERGUSON



It is with great sadness, but joy for a Christian life well-lived, that the family of Hilda Burke Ferguson share that she peacefully joined her beloved Gene in death on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

Hilda was born in Chatham County, NC on March 20, 1927 to Jasper and Mary Burke. She graduated from Bonlee High School. In 1949 she married the love of her life, Eugene “Gene” Ferguson, and they remained in Siler City most of their adult life. Hilda cherished her life’s work as a

homemaker, wife, and as a mother.

Hilda’s favorite pastime was crocheting. She crocheted over one thousand toboggans for Operation Christmas Child Boxes. She found huge satisfaction being involved in The Joy Class at Lindley Park Baptist Church prior to her illness.

A celebration of her life was held on Sunday, November 17, 2019 in Greensboro at Hanes-Lineberry Sedgefield Chapel. The service was officiated by Patrick Cardwell from Lindley Park Baptist Church. Burial followed at Guilford Memorial Park.

Survivors who cherish memories of her wonderful life are her only child, daughter, Jacqueline Ferguson Tanseer (Scott), granddaughter, Kimberly Poe Smith (Jay), two great-grandchildren, Trey Smith and Emma Smith, two step grandchildren, Chris Tanseer and Tracy Tanseer (Grace Fortune) and her brother, Joe Burke (Ann) of Pittsboro, NC.

Hilda is pre-deceased by her parents, her husband, Eugene Lee Ferguson, her sisters, Annie Alley and Sara Scott, and brothers, Tommy Bright, Charlie Bright, W.F. Burke, and Calvin Burke.

The family expresses their sincere and special gratitude to the faithful caregivers at Beacon Place and Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro for their compassionate and excellent service to Hilda. In addition, the years of love and tireless care from the staff and friends at the place Hilda called “Home”, Brookdale Lawndale Park, left Hilda’s loved ones the gift of an extended family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in loving memory of Hilda to Beacon Place/ Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, at 2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405.

Online shared memories and condolences may be made at www.HanesLineberryFHSedgefield.com.

DIANE DAURITY WALLACE



Diane Daurity Wallace, 79, of Longs, South Carolina formerly of the Goldston, area, died Friday, November 8, 2019.

Mrs. Wallace was born in Lee County, NC on August 29, 1940, the daughter of Hugh and Sabra (Elkins) Daurity. Diane was a clerical worker in a hospital. She was most comfortable on the beach with Elvis music playing. She also enjoyed time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan Moody of Longs, SC; sons, William “Bill” Wallace, Jr. and wife Julie of Mt. Olive, NC and Mark Wallace of New York; brothers, Grant and Jerome Daurity of Raleigh; grandchildren, James Wallace, William Wallace III, Michael Wallace, Lindsey Moody; great-grandchildren, William Wallace IV, Carson Wallace, and Harper Wallace.

The family received friends Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Goldston United Methodist Church, 185 Hillcrest Ave., Goldston, NC.

A graveside service will follow Saturday at 2 p.m. at Goldston United Methodist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Bob Wachs officiating.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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

REBECCA MAE SNOW CHAMBERS



Rebecca Mae Snow Chambers, age 87, of Chapel Hill, died Sunday, November 17, 2019 at UNC Hospitals.

Rebecca was born in Caswell County, NC on April 1, 1932 to the late Calvin Snow and Rebecca Weeden Snow. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Dillard Chambers, and step-granddaughter, Florence Edessa Freeman.

Surviving relatives include three sons, Bob Chambers of Chapel Hill, Donald Chambers of Chapel Hill, Royce Chambers of Chapel Hill; two brothers, Raymond Snow of Archdale, Sam Snow and wife Shirley of Archdale; three sisters, Rosa Lefler of Sweponsville, Robina Snow of Archdale, Ann Oakley of Hurdle Mills; and step-grandson, Timothy Scott Gil, Jr.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Merritt’s Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Denise Honeycutt presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends immediately following the services in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask for memorial contributions to be made in her memory to: Merritt’s Chapel United Methodist Church, 1090 Farrington Point Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 or Carolina Animal Rescue & Adoption, 42 Deep River Road, Sanford, NC 27330.

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

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

CLARA MAE MOFFITT LACKEY

Clara Mae Moffitt Lackey, 96, of Greensboro died Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Clapp’s Nursing Center, Pleasant Garden.

Mrs. Lackey was born in Randolph County on June 30, 1923, the daughter of Ernest and Dovie (Craven) Moffitt. Clara was a founding member of Badin Shores Chapel in Badin Lake and had been employed as a bookkeeper with Western Auto Stores and Lackey Court Reporting Services. She enjoyed quilting, square dancing and Carolina basketball.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Richard Lackey; her parents; brothers, Haywood, Samuel, and Charlie Moffitt.

Survivors include a daughter, Dovie L. Hanford and husband “Tick” Hanford of Greensboro; sister, Norvia Moffitt Fisher of Bear Creek; bonus daughter, Annette Jackson and husband Jerry of Fayetteville; granddaughters, Heather Oman and husband William of Greensboro, Haven Kennedy and husband Pete of Asheville; bonus grandchildren, Doris Munoz and husband Robert of Fayetteville, and Jerianne Stone and husband Royal of Hampstead.

The funeral was held Friday, November 15, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City with Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Jackson officiating. The family received friends after the service at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. Burial was in Chatham Memorial Park, Siler City.

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

MARY CATHARINE “MARY KATE” JOHNSON HARRIS



Mary Catharine “Mary Kate” Johnson Harris, 90, of McLaurin Road, Siler City died Monday, November 11, 2019 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Harris was born in Chatham County on January 21, 1929 the daughter of Willie Roberson and Mary Buckner Johnson. Mary Kate was an active member of Meroney United Methodist Church, a homemaker who enjoyed sewing and was a nurse and caregiver for family members, offering compassion and support to the family in a time of need.

Mary Kate was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Harris; brothers, Bill and Larry Johnson; sisters, Claudine Gates, and infant twins, May and Fay Johnson.

She is survived by daughter, Phyllis H. Wilkie (Robert) of Liberty; son, Larry Harris (Nancy) of Siler City; grandchildren, Brad Wilkie (Dana) of Benson, Larry Harris, Jr., Lee Harris, Jody Harris (Jessica) all of Siler City, Landon Hart and Craig Hart (Ann) of Gulf; great-grandchildren, Peyton and Blakeley Wilkie; and special caregiver, Sabrina Inman.

The family received friends Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Meroney United Methodist Church. The funeral followed at 2 p.m. at Meroney United Methodist Church with Rev. Jim Whittaker officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Meroney United Methodist Church, 10568 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek, NC 27207.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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

EDWARD LEWIS PERRY



Edward Lewis Perry, 93, of Liberty, departed this earth on November 16, 2019 at Wesley Long Hospital, surrounded by family.

The family received friends on Monday, November 18, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Loflin Funeral Home in Liberty.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Loflin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed the service at Fairview Cemetery in Liberty.

Edward was born on a farm in Siler City to Edward G. Perry and Vannie Stout Perry on July 22, 1926. Losing his father early on as an only child, he worked hard on the farm and shared a special relationship with his Uncle Wade Stout Sr. and his cousin, Wade Stout Jr. Despite having to work hard to keep the farm afloat, he never complained, but described a happy childhood of hunting, fishing and the love of his animals. Edward was employed with AT&T (Western Electric) for 41 years before retiring in 1988.

During his early adulthood he loved to go dove and rabbit hunting. He and his beloved wife, Rachel, enjoyed fishing together at the beach and local ponds. Holden Beach was a favorite family vacation spot with children and grandchildren. Dad’s green thumb yielded large quantities of vegetables which he always kindly shared with friends. Growing, canning, drying and juicing tomatoes was his passion. He even made some good Scuppernon wine from his grape wines. Deep fried turkey was his specialty on holidays – much anticipated by his family.

He is predeceased by his beloved wife of 66 years, Rachel Crutchfield Perry. Left to cherish his memories are children, Marsha Rosenthal (Gideon) of Greensboro, and Thomas E. Perry (Dannie) of Badin Lake; grandchildren, Dr. Martin G. Rosenthal (Bita) of Tampa, FL, Rachel R. Gell (Mike) of Charlotte; step-granddaughter Crystal Hudson and her son Parks Hughes; great-grandchildren, Caden Edward Gell and Niayesh Mitra Rosenthal. He is also survived by his special cousin, Wade Stout Jr. (Mary), sister-in-law, Peggy Smith and numerous nieces and nephews. Pete, his feline buddy also survives him and was kindly taken in by neighbor, Susie Kivett.

A special thanks to his neighbors and friends Kenneth and William Kivett and their spouses, who brought in meals and assisted him in numerous ways throughout the years.

“Papa” was a kind, gentle and giving person. He always put his family before himself and will be greatly missed, but always remembered in our hearts. To quote Dr. Suess, “Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.” Papa gave us much to smile about.

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

Loflin Funeral Home of Liberty was honored to serve the Perry family.

ROY MACK HOLT

Roy Mack Holt, 75, of Edwards Hill Church Road, Siler City died Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Mr. Holt was born in Chatham County on March 3, 1944, the son of Newby and Carrie Lee (Johnson) Holt. Mack was a hard-working man, the owner/operator of Mack Holt Concrete Works and a member of Rives Chapel Baptist Church. He loved the beach and had a unique sense of humor. A joke will never be told the same.

Mack was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jack Holt, Robert “Kitten” Holt, Larry “Pinto” Holt, David Holt, Lewis Holt and sister, Thelma Holt Pickard.

He is survived by son, Ritchie Mack Holt and wife Christy of Bear Creek; grandchildren, Abbie Holt and Andy Holt; step-son, Frankie Williamson; brothers and sisters, Eugenia Lanier, Margaret Dowd and husband Clyde, Carol Burke and husband Wilson, Eleanor Hawkins, Bryce Holt, Carl Holt and wife Rosemary; sisters-in-law, Charlotte Holt, Sandra Watkins, and Joretta Holt.

The family received friends Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Rives Chapel Baptist Church, 4338 Rives Chapel Church Road, Siler City and other times at the home of Charlotte Holt. The funeral followed Saturday at 11 a.m. at Rives Chapel Baptist Church with Dr. Tripp Foltz and Rev. Wesley Thomas officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rives Chapel Cemetery Fund.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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

JOSE ANTONIO SOTO DIAZ

José Antonio Soto Diaz, 60, passed away on Monday, November 11, 2019.

There was a Celebration of Life gathering at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Primera Iglesia Bautista.

Toño was born October 16th, 1959 in Durango, Mexico to José Soto and Teresa Diaz. He was a machinist at Magneti Marelli for 33 years and Edelbrock for five years. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jose, and his sister Rosa.

Surviving are his children, Isaac, Rocio, Anabel, Lupe, and nine grandchildren.

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

LYNN BALDWIN JR.

Mr. Lynn Baldwin Jr., 70 of Greensboro, formerly of Pittsboro, passed on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at First Health Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

The funeral service was held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church. Interment followed at Chatham Memorial Park.

He was the son of the late Mrs. Ethel Pugh Baldwin and the late Rev. Lynn Baldwin, Sr., born on November 21, 1948 in Chatham County.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Jean Baldwin; sons, Chadwick Baldwin, William Summerville; daughters, Beverly Middleton, and Paula Summerville; brothers, Herman L. Baldwin, Clifton Baldwin, Genis Baldwin, Vernon G. Baldwin, Dr. Phillip M. Baldwin, R. Samuel Baldwin; sister, Pamela Baldwin; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

RAYMOND LEWIS ALSTON

Mr. Raymond Lewis Alston, 75, passed on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at Chatham Hospital in Siler City.

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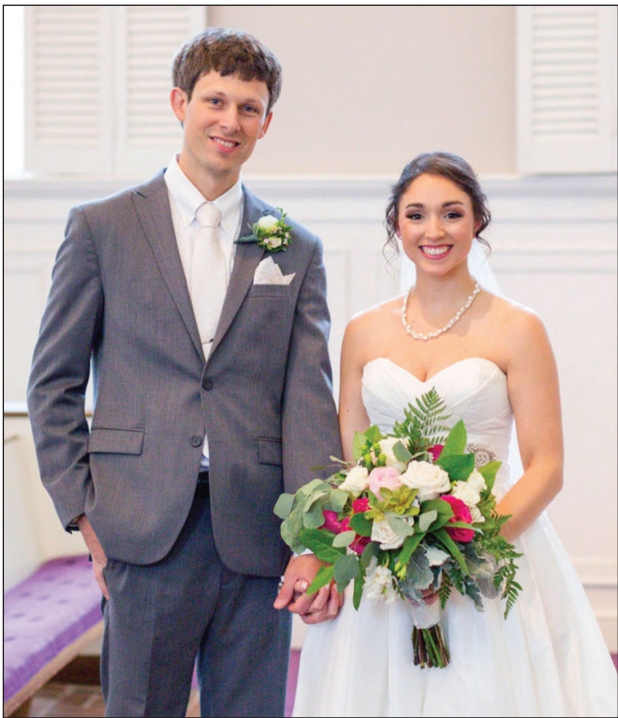
STEVENS - BRIGHT WEDDING

Mary Katherine Stevens of Sanford and Walter Anthony Bright II of Raleigh were united in marriage August 24, 2019 at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Wood officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Russell and Sheila Stevens of Sanford. A graduate of Southern Lee High School and Winthrop University with a BS in Chemistry, she is employed with KBI Bio-pharma Corp in Durham as a Senior Research Associate.

The bridegroom is the son of Anthony and Teresa Bright of Sanford. A graduate of Northwood High School and N.C. State University, he has a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering and is employed by Dewberry Engineering Consultants in Raleigh.

Elizabeth Stevens served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ashton Warlick, Jessie Bright, Tess Loughran, Holly Zoeller, and Catherine Murray were



Submitted photo

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony Bright II

bridesmaids.

The best man was Anthony Bright. Grooms-men were Nathan Bright, Erica Damler, Lewis Joyce, Ryan Brumfield

and Craig Allen.

A reception followed at the Sanford Elks Lodge. After a trip to Jamaica, the couple are at home in Raleigh.

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.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Gospel Choir of the First Missionary Baptist Church will continue the celebration of the 100th church anniversary with a reunion concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24.

The public is invited to attend. We are located at 914 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Siler City.

LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

A Thanksgiving service is planned at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 27 at Loves Creek Baptist Church. Join us for a time of giving thanks and fellowship. All are welcome.

We are 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 to 8 p.m. Nov. 18 - 22; from 10 a.m. to Noon and 2 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 23; from 2 to 4p.m. on Nov. 24; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 25.

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.

WORD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

You are invited to attend Word of Life Christian Outreach Center Pastor's Appreciation Service at 7 p.m. on Nov. 22. The guest speaker will be Apostle Robert Covington from Harvest Time Christian Center International in Wilmington. The service will include a brief ceremony in recognition of Pastor Carl Thompson having been awarded a Doctoral Degree.

We look forward to your presence. We are located at 8930 Silk Hope/Liberty Rd., Siler City.

CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Fall Festival will be held at Center United Methodist Church beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23. Plates of chicken pie, vegetables, barbeque, baked beans, slaw, desserts and drink available for purchase. Children's plates will be available to age 12. Drive through and take outs

will be available. Barbeque, (selling per pound) crafts and baked goods will be for sale. An auction will begin at 7 p.m.

Directions to the church: Take 87 South from Eli Whitney Crossroads, 2 miles to Green Hill Road, turn right on Green Hill Road and go 4 miles to Center Church on the left.

UNITY POWER HOUSE

There will be a Musicians' Appreciation Program at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, at Unity Power House Church. There will be various choirs/groups rendering the music.

All are welcome to come and help us celebrate our musicians.

FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

Join us for our "Chili and Cornbread" night at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 26 at Firechosen Ministries. This will be a good time of fellowship, food and fun.

The event is free and all are invited. The event will be held at 190 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro.

EVANS CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

Evans Chapel Youth and Young Adult Missionary Society along with SpeakLife Entertainment present "Sing, Shout and Be Thankful" at 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23 at Evans Chapel AME Zion Church. The program will feature Wendy Peterson and Unity of Fayetteville, The Loving Sisters, of Roxboro, and New Creation of Hillsborough. Advance tickets are on sale now. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Come out and be blessed!! The church is located at 241 Evans Chapel Rd., Siler City.

LUNCH: Breakfast for Lunch: Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon & Biscuit, French Toast Sticks w/Yogurt, Southwest Chicken Salad, Gold Rush 100% Juice Box, Hash Brown Rounds, Fresh Fruit (**Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon & Biscuit, Pancakes, Bacon & Eggs, Southwest Chicken Salad, Gold Rush 100% Juice Box, Hash Brown Rounds, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Peaches)

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Wednesday, November 27

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11 13-digit publishing ID	3 Financial adviser
15 Just barely	4 Fend (off)
19 Taking place in cyberspace	5 Listens to a broadcast
20 Give a very bad review of	6 Deposits
21 Piddling	7 "Slippery" tree
22 Papa's mate	8 Samoan island where Robert Louis Stevenson died
23 For a very long time	9 More lucid
25 Experts	10 Getting a regular paycheck
26 Body part over the eyes	11 Small demon
27 Bakery units	12 Tiny letter flourishes
28 Brand of fat replacer	13 Bucking ride
30 Arouse the interest of	14 People cuddling up
32 Auntie — (pretzel bakery chain)	15 Having mixed feelings
33 Good-fortune symbols	16 Place to set one's sights
35 Here, in Cannes	17 Illicit affair
37 Beards on barley	18 1920s U.S. veep Charles
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NEWS BRIEF

Samson and Delilah: From Pulpits to Pop Stars

PITTSBORO — The Chatham Community Library will host "Samson and Delilah: From Pulpits to Pop Stars," with North Carolina Humanities Council Road Scholar Billy Stevens, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Holmes Meeting Room on Dec. 7. This program will focus on the impact of Negro spirituals on American popular music

with a fascinating journey spanning a century of American history.

Using archival recordings of two songs based on the biblical story of Samson and Delilah, "My Soul is a Witness," and "If I Had My Way," Stevens describes how spiritual songs contributed to American popular music while transforming African American culture into the mainstream. In the process, audiences are introduced to some of the most influential musicians of the twentieth century: black

preachers and congregations, jubilee singers, itinerant bluesmen, folk musicians of the 1960s, and rock bands of the 1980s. Their shared vocabulary of religious symbolism, along with their message of freedom and equality, creates a common bond spanning genres and generations.

This event is free and open to the public and is made possible with funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council.

— CN+R staff reports

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 25

BREAKFAST: Pancakes, Pears (**Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza, Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Corn, Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Applesauce (**Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Corn, Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Applesauce, Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, November 26

BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Bun, Apple-sauce (**Cinnamon Bun, Fresh Fruit)

CHATHAM STUDENTS NAMED TO PHI KAPPA PHI

The following people were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, has been announced from their Baton Rouge, La. offices.

Dora Owens of Pittsboro at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and

Rebecca Riggs of Siler City, also at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Fall Bazaar

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November 23, at 10:00 am

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CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Talking small business, incoming growth and holiday shopping with Jon Spoon

I've written more than a few stories in my nearly a year here in Chatham County about Chatham Park and the growing development here.

ZACHARY HORNER
Corner Store

We've also looked into how that will affect what's already here. But what about the small businesses?

For some insight, I turned to Jon Spoon, the director of the Small Business Center on Central Carolina Community College's Pittsboro campus. Each of North Carolina's community colleges have SBCs, which provide free assistance and education for small business owners in their respective communities.

Spoon and I chatted at his office about what role he wants the SBC to play, how small businesses can stand out from incoming big box stores and retail outlets and what shoppers should look for out of Chatham's stores this holiday season. Here's an excerpt from that conversation:

What role do you want the Small Business Center to play in Chatham County?

I really do think more and more it's that local dot-connector role, whether it's if people need to know what Chatham County office they need to talk to, zoning or planning. A lot of folks are moving into Chatham County and this area that aren't from



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Jon Spoon is the director of the Small Business Center at Central Carolina Community College's Pittsboro campus. Spoon said he thinks Chatham's small businesses have opportunities to differentiate themselves from the big box and chain stores projected to come to the area.

here, and so they really don't know the landscape of how to get plugged in and who the right folks to talk to are. We bring a lot of experience — I'm from here and know it inside out. I like to think, if I don't have the answer I know the resources to get people plugged into to get into it. Chatham County, I think we work really well collaboratively across all the departments to try and provide as good a service as we can for small businesses. We want to be the leader in providing trainings.

Do you have any concern about local small businesses with big developments and retail coming? Why or why not?

I'm a little concerned

but not really all that much. That kind of small business apocalypse that happened in the 70s when, for the first time, they built bypasses and had a Walmart, that was when a lot of the downtown businesses were just generalist stores and people went there to get all their basic goods. All of a sudden, when they had to compete on price with Walmart, that put those businesses out. The businesses in Chatham County, they've been competing with the big box stores in Apex and online retailers for decades at this point. I do think that they understand they have to be different and offer some of those things that the big box stores don't.

What are two or three ways for these small businesses to differentiate themselves from major stores and developments?

One of the main things is to really build relationships with your patrons. One of the ways that a small business can really differentiate themselves is just the quality of the personal experience that people get when they come to the shop. You're not going to get the stories from the shopkeepers at a big box retail store. There's really no story behind mass-produced clothing. You can build those relationships with small businesses. Sometimes you buy something when you go in the shop, and sometimes you come

in and you just have a conversation with the shop owner and you don't purchase anything that time. Building those kind of continual relationships and making it something where people want to come back is one way they can differentiate.

Another way is to make the shopping more of an experience, where it's not just a purely transactional 'I came here to get this list of things and get out of here as quickly as possible.' You can make your shopping experience by hosting a local interest group that has something to do with what your business is doing or inviting a musician in on a Saturday afternoon to play in the background of shopping. Making your shopping experience much different than that big box retail store is a way to differentiate yourself as a small business.

What should Chatham residents know about local small businesses?

There's just an amazing diversity of businesses. Some of these gemstones, you wouldn't imagine finding them in Chatham County. You guys have written about Terry McInturff Guitars, where he's made guitars for Eric Clapton and he's right there in Siler City. There's a nursery [Oakmont Nursery] in between Pittsboro and Siler City that has a variety of gardenia that they ship to Japan that they developed themselves and they have the patent for that. If you eat fruitcake around the holidays, there's a good chance that it came from

right here in Chatham County. It really is worth the trip to come down and get to know these places.

It's holiday time: what can small businesses offer that big box stores and chains can't?

I think they can offer that little special present for the holidays, the present that has the story behind it. You can get sheets or you can get a paintbrush anywhere at a big box retail store. If you just need the good, that's great. But more and more, people want something that has some special sentimental value to it. They want something that's sourced locally. If you want to find something that's made by an artisan or a craftsperson in Chatham County, chances are you're not going to find it in a big box retail store. You're going to find it in a small shop in one of these downtowns run by a local business owner. The most special presents that I get in the holidays are the ones that I open and it's something beautiful, and then behind it, the cool part is learning the story behind that piece. And that's something you'll really only get from the small business experience.

Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR, where he'll be tweeting excitedly about his other big project, the new podcast "The Chatcast," with the first season about teen mental health in Chatham available for free on December 13.

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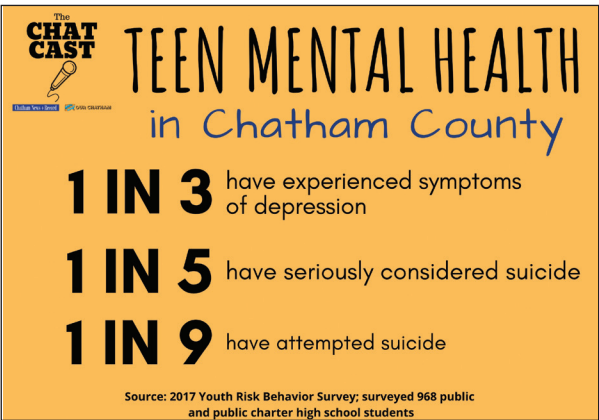
CHATCAST: ‘The Age of Anxiety’

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For most of the people interviewed for “The Age of Anxiety,” the title for season one, adolescent depression and anxiety is on the rise and even higher than at any other time in recent memory.

“I definitely think that the numbers seem appropriate to me — sadly, I guess,” said Wilder Horner, social work supervisor at the Chatham County Department of Social Services. “I think they’re in line with what we’re seeing trend-wise across the whole nation. So it’s one of those areas where I think if it’s not something that you do or pay attention to, look really out of the ordinary, and then when you really start really looking at states and nationwide data, it’s more common than you would think.”

As Horner stated, a decline in mental health among teens is a nationwide trend. According to a Pew Research Center survey from 2018, 70 percent of teens surveyed said that anxiety and depression are a quote “major problem among people their age in the community where they live” — a higher rate than bullying, drug addiction and alcohol use.



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 20 percent of American youth aged 13-18 live with a mental health condition, and half of all mental health disorders begin by age 14.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, 11 percent of youth have been diagnosed with a mental illness but two-thirds of adolescents who have a condition are not identified and do not receive mental health services.

Jennifer Brannon, the student support specialist at Chatham Charter School, said she sees anxiety, usually defined as high or extreme stress that inhibits or restricts normal everyday activities.

“Just in juggling everything — the social pressures, the family pressures, the societal pressures, the pressures they put on themselves as well as academic pressures,” she said.

Rob Schooley, the the School Health, Physical Education and Wellness Instructional Program Facilitator for Chatham County Schools, said that education professionals and others in the field of working with teens are more aware of issues than they have been in the past.

“So we can put a name with it,” Schooley said. “What does anxiety look like 20 years ago versus

now? It was the same, but we can put a name with it. This isn’t just the teenagers being teenagers. This is what anxiety looks like.”

And as statistics say, there’s no ethnicity, gender or socioeconomic class that is immune from struggling with mental health disorders. Renita Foxx, a licensed professional counselor and director of Chatham County Court Programs, said she sees it.

“People need to realize that mental health doesn’t just happen inside of one culture or one community,” Foxx said. “It doesn’t happen just inside of one socioeconomic background or one family. It happens worldwide. It happens right here in Chatham County, and if you don’t take the steps to correct or support your mental health at a young age, it will have devastating lifetime effects on you.”

“The Age of Anxiety,” season one of “The Chatcast,” will be available for free on December 13 on outlets such as Apple Podcasts and Spotify, as well as on chathamnewsrecord.com. For more information, visit chathamnewsrecord.com/chatcast.

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ADOPTION: ‘A safe place to grow’

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Saturday to mark National Adoption Day. More than 70,000 children have been adopted on National Adoption Day since the event’s institution in 2000. Saturday’s event, which will take place at the Chatham County Justice Center in Pittsboro, will be the location for two more of those adoptions.

That’s right: two families will complete the adoption process on Saturday in the eyes of the public. Faraone said the families “wanted their ceremonies to be open to the public as a way to include the community and raise awareness.”

Pittsboro will join 400 other cities in the United States in hosting similar events, and while it’s just one day a year, the effort to publicize and increase access to the adoption process has been going on for years.

According to the Adoption Network Law Center, a California-based group providing adoption services, around 428,000 children are currently in foster care in the United States and 135,000 children are adopted each year. The average child waits for an adoptive family for more than three years and the average age of a child waiting for adoption is 8 years old.

In light of the nationwide recognition of National Adoption Day, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners marked Saturday as National Adoption Day in Chatham County, saying in a resolution that it “urges all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption and giving every child a safe place to grow.”

Saturday’s event is a way to learn more about adoption, said Wilder



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

Horner, the social work supervisor with Chatham DSS.

“We hope you will join us to learn more about what foster care and adoption look like in our local community, while celebrating the local families who will be celebrating adoption milestones,” she said in a press release. “It also is a chance to find new ways to become involved through programs like Communities in Schools, Guardian Ad Litem and FACES of Chatham County.”

The day’s program will start at 10:30 a.m. where families and professionals who are involved in adoption will talk about what it means for them, Faraone said. That will be followed by the announced adoptions. Attendees will also be able to get information about “how to get involved and support the children of Chatham,” she added, along with baked goods from Willy’s Cinnamon Rolls and “interactive exhibits for people to share about the importance of family.”

The major theme of this year’s National Adoption Day is “Celebrating a Family for Every Child.”

“We are who we are because of family, for better or worse,” Faraone said. “Whether it’s the family we are born into, the family who commits to us, the family we choose or the family we grow for ourselves, these relationships are often how we define ourselves. Family helps us understand the world, decide who we want to be and figure out what we value and believe.”

It’s this role families play, she said, that’s part of why Saturday’s event will be held and why Chatham residents should play a role in the lives of children waiting to be adopted.

“Adoption offers an opportunity for healing to begin for those kids through a committed relationship of unconditional love,” she said. “Our hope is that by sharing the stories of some of our children and families, more people will want to be a part of helping the children of Chatham who need permanence through adoption.”

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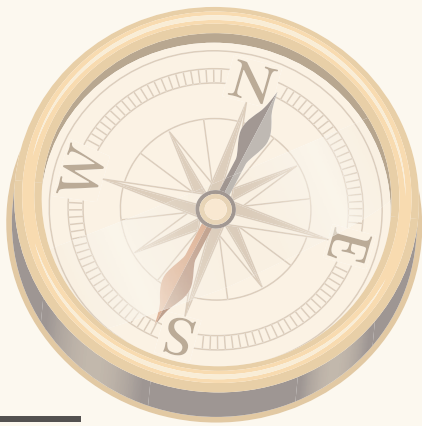
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2019: The State of Chatham County



New Beginnings: The Future Starts Now

In 2019, the state of Chatham County is strong, resilient and progressive. While the County continues to grow at a rapid pace, it also maintains focus on preserving the rich history and celebrating the diversity that make the community so unique.

Chatham County is making great strides through collaboration across its departments and programs. Implementation activities related to the Chatham Comprehensive Plan are well underway countywide. The plan, which focuses on the next 25 years, launched immediate short-term efforts as well as long-term planning initiatives around specific functional areas. As Chatham County embraces new beginnings through the Comp Plan, here is a look back at its many accomplishments – while staying focused on successes of the future.

Chatham Comprehensive Plan Activities Underway

- ♦ The **Chatham County Planning Department** is moving forward with a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in collaboration with CodeWright Planners LLC. This effort seeks to modernize the county’s land development regulations to address issues and recommendations identified in the Chatham Comprehensive Plan while also combining all of the existing land use and development regulations into a single document.
- ♦ **Chatham County Parks & Recreation** completed its Comprehensive Master Plan for parks, recreation programs and trails. Parks & Recreation also initiated specific Park Master Plans for Earl Thompson Park and Southwest Park.
- ♦ **Chatham County Public Utilities** partnered with the towns of Siler City, Pittsboro and Goldston to begin a Countywide Water and Wastewater Comprehensive Master Plan. It was completed in the summer of 2019.



Taking Action to Protect the Climate

In January 2019, Chatham County received a Gold designation from the SolSmart program. This program recognizes local governments that are friendly to solar development and have made focused efforts to simplify the process of installing solar panels. The Gold level designation is the highest the program offers. The County is receiving proposals to have solar panels installed on several of its buildings. This project could begin as early as summer 2020.



Chatham County ranks 37 of the 100 counties in North Carolina for solar energy generation. In addition, Chatham County’s per capita solar energy generation is greater than any other county directly adjacent to Chatham County, with exception to Lee County.

North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association

Education Highlights



Chatham County made significant progress on major school facility projects in FY 2018-19 in the county’s Capital Improvement Plan. The County retained its AAA rating from Standard and Poor’s and Aa1 bond rating from Moody’s Investors Service.

- Construction work continues at Seaforth High which remains on track to open for the 2021-22 school year.
- Construction is moving swiftly at the Chatham Health Sciences Center and is expected to be complete in late 2019. Health sciences programming should start January 2020 – specifically Medical Assisting Technologies and Certified Nursing Assistant training.
- Chatham Grove Elementary School is under construction and is expected to open to students in the fall of 2020. Chatham Grove will be Chatham County’s 17th school.

Chatham County Schools secured \$3.7 million dollars in federal and state eRate funding to build 88 miles of fiber optic connectivity between school campuses. The district is also participating in the \$1 Million Project Foundation’s cellular hotspot program which provides completely free devices and cellular data to interested high school students beginning in the fall of 2019.

Economic Development

New Jobs & Business Investment			
	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Estimated
Jobs created through expanding existing businesses	58	100	48
Jobs created by new businesses	60	400	87
Jobs created by entrepreneurs and startup businesses	82	50	26
Capital investment by expansion of existing businesses	\$9.68 million	\$10 million	\$24 million
Capital investment by new businesses	\$10.5 million	\$50 million	\$13.5 million

- Wilson Brothers Trucking in Bear Creek announced a \$4 million investment and 25 new jobs.
- Southern Veneer purchased Boise Cascade and is investing \$8 million in the Moncure facility.
- A.D. Tubi USA, an Italian welding company, announced 18 new jobs and \$6 million investment in Siler City. The company was approved for a \$235,000 building reuse grant.
- Capital Ready Mix Concrete announced a \$5 million investment and 60 jobs in Pittsboro, reusing a former poultry industry building.

See full report, including major awards, at www.chathamnc.org/StateoftheCounty

County Leadership News

County Manager – Dan LaMontagne, PE, was appointed as county manager in March 2019 after serving in the interim role since October 2018. LaMontagne previously served as assistant county manager from December 2015 to October 2018. He also served Chatham County in leadership roles with the Public Works, Environmental Quality and Solid Waste Departments.

Assistant County Manager – Bryan Thompson became assistant county manager in July 2019. Thompson previously served as town manager for the North Carolina communities of Mount Gilead (2006-2008), Erwin (2008-2013) and Siler City (2013-2019).

Other BIG News

Visitor Impact – Domestic visitors to and within Chatham County spent \$36.9 million in 2018, an increase of 5.4% from 2017. The County has a nine-year trend of consecutive increases in tourism economic impact.

Sheriff’s Office – In June 2019, Chatham County Animal Services transitioned from the Chatham County Health Department to the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office.

Planning – The Chatham County Planning Department is in the process of rezoning properties following a decision by the Board of Commissioners in the fall of 2016 to extend zoning to areas of the county that did not have zoning regulations in place. In June 2018 the first 49 business properties were rezoned, followed by an additional 12 properties in January 2019. The last round of rezoning cases began in the fall of 2019.

Family Violence & Prevention Programs – Chatham County Family Violence and Prevention Services developed a 24/7 crisis hotline to serve survivors in the community. Family Violence and Prevention Services developed a Hispanic Support Group to serve survivors in Siler City in collaboration with the Siler City Police Department.

Affordable Housing – The reimbursement fee policy was updated to include rental housing. The scoring criteria and application process for the Housing Trust Fund was developed. The Housing Trust Fund provided support to several initiatives including: \$120,000 low-interest loans for the development of 44 affordable housing units at the historic Henry Siler School, \$48,400 in reimbursement for the Henry Siler School development, \$9,000 on a critical assessment of fair housing needs in the county and \$13,000 for emergency hotel stays for homeless individuals and families.

Council on Aging – Participation in Senior Games/SilverArts increased by 28% over the previous year, ranking Chatham County 2nd among the state’s 52 local/regional games in percentage growth between 2016-2019. The Council’s volunteer corps assisted 46 senior households with installation of grab bars, ramps, and other important minor home repair and modification projects to help seniors remain living safely at home.



Amy, Burkhead win Circuit Championships in Raleigh

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Pittsboro’s Kayla Amy had an objectively good week earlier this month. First, the Northwood senior captured the 2019 Circuit Championship at the Triangle Horse Show in Raleigh on November 9. Competing in the Junior Amateur Equitation Division in the 15- to 17-year-old age division, Amy won the title with an impressive performance as the North Carolina State Fairgrounds Complex on her horse Honor.

“Kayla has worked very hard and today she rode very strong,” said Jason Amy, Kayla’s father and Northwood’s co-athletic director. “We are proud of all her dedication that she’s shown through the years. It’s taken a lot of time and effort to get to the point that she is at. And her mom Heather deserves a great deal of credit as well. She’s been behind Kayla every step of the way with support for anything she’s needed.”

If winning the championship



Submitted photo

Local Equestrian stars Sholl Burkhead (left) and Kayla Amy (right) celebrate championships in their respective divisions at the Triangle Horse Show at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh on Saturday, November 9.

wasn’t enough, Amy received something later in the week that just topped things off — a letter from the St. Andrews University Equestrian program officially offering the local rider.

“St. Andrews is where she had wanted to be,” Jason Amy

said of his daughter, who he said felt right at home at the small university in Laurinburg. “She really like the program, the coach, the facilities — it just always seemed to be ahead of the other schools she had spo-

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Kayla Amy of Pittsboro makes a jump on her horse Honor at the Triangle Horse Show in Raleigh. Amy captured the championship in the Junior Amateur Equitation Division for 15- to 17-year-olds. The Northwood senior will be attending St. Andrews University to continue her equestrian career.

Wildcats rally to win wild affair over rival Patriots in playoff opener

Bears hoop teams finish pre-season scrimmages

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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BEAR CREEK — Chatham Central hosted Harnett Central in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium last Tuesday night as both the women’s and men’s basketball teams engaged in a final pre-season scrimmage prior to the Bears and Trojans opening the regular season on the road next week.

The scrimmages were conducted in two phases; in phase one, teams played four quarters with a running clock, allowing liberal substitutions as coaches experimented with various lineups on the floor, while phase two consisted of one quarter played under normal game conditions.

Following the conclusion of their respective scrimmages, all four coaches provided an assessment on how their teams performed.

Lady Bears’ coach Lynda Burke indicated afterwards she was optimistic with respect to the upcoming season. “I was pleased overall with how well we played together,” noted Burke. “I thought we did a real good job boxing out and rebounding, something we worked on in practice Monday, then came out and executed.”

“Defensively we played a solid 2-3 zone, with Cami Hughes, Grace Joes and Olivia Hudson very active on the boards, and we also got a lot of help in the paint from Savannah Stilwell, Sophie Phillips and Tanner Little.

“Our offense is still a work in progress,” continued Burke. “We moved the ball well at times but we also tried to force some things that weren’t there, causing turnovers. Part of that is a result of players being very unselfish and wanting to pass instead of shoot.”

Lady Trojans’ coach Kathryn Griffith remarked her team looked good at times and sloppy on other occasions.

“We’re still learning the offense and how to play at game speed with six new girls on our roster,” said Griffith. “We got frustrated against Chatham Central’s zone and need to develop more patience moving the ball around. Our 6’3” center (junior Syniah McMiller) is not only a great shot-blocker, but with her soft touch around the rim she can put a lot of pressure on an opponent when she posts up in the paint, and we need to do a better job getting her the ball inside. While I thought our first-team defense played well, we need to improve our rebounding by not getting boxed out so easily on the boards.”

Bears’ coach Robert Burke related the scrimmage showed him his club still has work to do. “While I feel like we have



Staff photo by David Bradley

Eastern Randolph’s running back Tavis Mcadoo pushes past Providence Grove cornerback Caleb Rogers in the second quarter in Saturday’s game in Ramseur. The lead went back and forth between the two teams until the last minutes of the game, when the Wildcats came from behind to secure victory, 40-33. The Wildcats advance to play in King on Friday for the second round in the playoffs.

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RAMSEUR — Carter Moore’s point-after kick following Cade Snotherly’s third touchdown toss of the day with 1:12 to play gave Eastern Randolph the lead for good before Kaemen Marley’s interception return for a score less than 30 seconds later sealed the win as the Wildcats rallied late to overcome PAC 7 Conference rival Providence Grove 40-33 in first-round action of the NCHSAA 2A West Stokes (9-3) next Friday night, while the 12th-seed Patriots closed out their season with a final record of 8-4.

With its hard-earned victory fifth-seed Eastern Randolph climbed to 10-2 for the year and now travels to King for a second-round matchup against fourth-seed West Stokes (9-3) next Friday night, while the 12th-seed Patriots closed out their season with a final record of 8-4.

Defeating Providence Grove for the fifth straight time and for the tenth time in their last 11 meetings, the Wildcats improved to 11-3 in their series that began in 2009.

However, the Patriots entered the playoffs riding a four-game win streak and wanting to prove they were a different team than the one which lost 47-0 to Eastern Randolph during the regular season.

“I think we let ER know we were for real this afternoon and gave them everything they wanted,” remarked Providence Grove coach Calvin Brown following the outcome. “I’m very proud of our guys. They fought to the end and left it all on the field.”

Wildcats’ coach Burton Cates stated the Patriots’ effort was just what he expected from a big rival. “They weren’t about to give up,” said Cates. “They played hard for four quarters and competed to the final horn.”

“Momentum was a big factor today,” continued Cates. “We had it at the start and let it get away before we finally got it back with seven minutes to go.

“I thought our quarterback had a good game on a wet field and was able to see open receivers to complete some long passes,” Cates said, “while we made adjustments in our defensive alignment at halftime that allowed us to do a better job controlling the line of scrimmage in short-yardage situations.”

Brown commented Eastern Randolph managed to get behind Providence Grove defenders early to register three first-quarter touchdowns before his team battled back to pull even at intermission.

“We came out in the third quarter and wanted to attack them, and we had some

success until they made changes late in the game to shut us down,” related Brown. “If we could have picked up a few more first downs in the closing minutes we could have sealed it, but miscues down the stretch proved costly.”

The Wildcats received the opening kickoff and on the second play from scrimmage at the Patriots’ 45 Snotherly connected with Marley open in the right flat prior to the receiver eluding three tacklers on a sprint down the sideline to the end zone before Moore’s extra point gave the winners a 7-0 advantage just 29 seconds into the game.

Providence Grove answered with a seven-play, 61-yard scoring drive highlighted by a 47-yard hook-and-lateral play when Luke Thomas passed to Jacob Marcrum on the left side before the latter pitched the ball to a trailing Caleb Rogers, who carried it to the two.

One play later Drew Needham burst up the middle to the goal line prior to Bryan Villagomez splitting the uprights to tie the score at 7-all with 8:28 to go in the initial period.

Eastern Randolph came right back with a three-play scoring drive capped by Snotherly’s 47-yard touchdown strike

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Preparations must start now for middle school aged football in Chatham County next fall



DON BEANE
Sports Editor

The high school football season came to a season-ending thud recently with all three Chatham County squads failing to make the state playoffs after combining for a paltry 7-26 record in 2019, with one of those wins coming when Jordan-Matthews beat county-rival Chatham Central.

To say the failure of the Chatham County School System to produce a reasonable plan for middle school football in over four decades now has fully taken total affect would be an understatement. And I've blamed many in the school system and outside the school system in the past, including myself, who obviously didn't do enough to correct an injustice to our student-athletes, coaches and programs. I still firmly back those feelings.

But this editorial is not about those failures to our kids in our communities, but more about the realization that nothing is going to change. We will continue to hear the same blank and empty promises on a yearly basis only to be let down. Thus it's time for our communities to take action. And that's what I and others plan on doing, taking action.

It simply has to be done for our kids, and our high school

programs.

In the past year, I've done a lot of research, attending middle school games in surrounding counties, as well as AAU and USA Football type events which have started to take root in our state and nation, though admittedly still far behind the likes of basketball, baseball and softball. It's certainly been a great deal of fun as well as an eye-opening experience attending and watching these games throughout the state.

In the past there have been some attempts by those in our community, especially at the recreation level, to fill the void left by our schools. Most notably in recent years was the Chatham Prep League, which lasted eight seasons but eventually died out. Later I will address that history and its relevance as one of my two current proposals that I have come up with, though certainly others will bring additional and viable ideas to the table at our meetings.

The first proposal is an AAU team or USA Football team which mirrors what is being done in Lee County. In fact, I've heard East Chatham fielded an AAU team this summer, though I unfortunately have no specifics to add to the conversation at this time, only that I was told recently by one high school coach in the county that kids from his area asked for some equipment so they could play with the East Chatham squad. I know two years back Stratton Barwick of Silk Hope played for the Harnett County Hurricanes while Julian

Brooks of Siler City played for the 11-12 year old Lee County Panthers and just completed an outstanding season.

So an AAU program is certainly an option. But things get dicey when you begin to factor in that most 13- and 14-year-olds play middle school in their counties after 11-12 tackle football. Thus, how much certainty and guarantee would there be for games, and how much travel and expenses would be involved, are very pertinent questions. The same can be said for USA Football, which is similar in layout to the AAU organization.

Earlier I briefly discussed the Chatham Prep League, and this is certainly another viable option. When it was going in its opening years, our community couldn't have asked for more. The opening season games were played on Wednesday afternoons, attendance was high, and the cheerleaders and bands were also involved with certain teams.

But looking back, one fatal mistake, IMO, came after the first year when games were moved from Wednesday nights to Saturdays. Attendance immediately plummeted and never picked back up to anything close to the figures of the inaugural season. And slowly but surely the programs began eroding away until the league finally folded after basically becoming an AAU type travel team from Siler City just to find games.

So is the Prep League an

option again? I would think so, for sure, provided it's done in true middle school fashion with games played on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

Each high school should field a team made up of its feeder schools as before, with the exception now the addition of Seaforth, which is set to open in 2021.

Of course waiting on the attendance lines of Northwood and Seaforth will be a necessity but as of now a league of four teams with Northwood taking players from Horton and Moncure, Seaforth from Pollard and Woods Charter, Jordan-Matthews from Chatham Middle, Chatham Charter and Silk Hope, and Chatham Central from Bennett, Bonlee and J.S. Waters, would be the most reasonable option. You could call them the high school names, or go with NW, NE, SW and SE Chatham.

With four teams, there would be six games with a home and home series between all the teams. After the final week, a Military Appreciation All-Star Game could be held between seeds 1/4 (Stars) and 2/3 (Stripes), coinciding with the Veterans Day Parade held in Siler City, and honoring our service men at the game. It would be a win-win, and much more than just about football for our younger generation.

Another addition I would push to add would be the following week of an ACC/Big 10 Challenge type deal with the Blue Ridge Youth Football

League up in Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes and Surry counties.

The long time Sertoma League changed to the (Mountain Valley) Blue Ridge Youth Football League in 2013 and has blossomed.

Though not officially with the schools, the teams are comprised with the names of all the high schools being represented, seven all told, including Ashe County, Alleghany, West Wilkes, Wilkes Central, North Wilkes, East Wilkes, and Elkin. The teams in the BRFL play six games before the top four make the playoffs. Thus a perfect scenario would be the No. 4 seeds from both conferences meeting on a Saturday after the respective seasons end at 12:00 noon, with the No. 3's playing at 2 p.m., the No 2's playing at 4 p.m., and the top-seeds squaring off at 6 p.m. The Super Saturday could be held up in the mountains one year, and down in Chatham County the next. And by the way worth noting, six of those seven high schools made the state playoffs, further data of how important fielding a middle school aged team is.

So those are just two of the proposals, and I certainly welcome more. For any suggestions on leagues, teams, coaches, grants, donations, ideas, etc., email me any time at donbe51@yahoo.com. We, as a county, can resolve this decades old failure. It's much more than just football, it's about the experience and giving our kids the opportunities that they deserve, and that is done all over the state.

Knights remain unbeaten with trio of victories

BY DON BEANE
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SILER CITY — The Chatham Charter boys basketball team moved to 4-0 on the young season with a trio of victories last week.

On Tuesday, November 12, the Knights traveled to Kernersville to battle the North Carolina Leadership Academy and came home with a convincing 57-28 triumph.

Chatham Charter led from start to finish, erupting for a 16-4 run in the opening period before taking a commanding 28-11 lead at the break, and ripping off a 20-7 spurt in the third to seal the easy win.

Jordan Hamilton posted 18 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals to pace the Knights who shot 47 percent (24-of-51) from the field while out-rebounding the Falcons 23-15.

Chipping in 12 points, 8 boards, 2 assists and 4 steals for Chatham Charter was Connor Murphy while Cole Milholen added 8 points, 8 assists and 4 steals.

Dashon Sutton had the lone trey of the evening for the Knights who were just 1-of-7 from behind the arc.

NCLA was led by 7 points from Derek Shull.

Two nights later on Thursday, November 14, Chatham Charter hosted Vandalia Christian Academy in Siler City and cruised to an easy 72-33 win.

Hamilton simply destroyed the visiting Vikings inside as the Knights senior big man collected 30 points on 14-of-19 shooting from the field while yanking down 8 rebounds.

Milholen also reached



Jordan Hamilton goes high for 2 points over the defense of Vandalia Christian last Wednesday in Siler City. Hamilton scored the 1,000th point of his high school career during the game, a blowout for the Knights, 72-33.

Staff photo by David Bradley

double figures for the locals with 14 points while Trevor Golden chipped in 9 points, 3 boards, 3 steals and 3 assists, and Connor Murphy 8 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists and 4 steals, and Clay Griffin 6 points, 3 rebounds and two assists.

Chatham Charter bolted to a 19-10 lead after one before outscoring Vandalia 19-4 in the second to go up 38-14 at the half. A 24-12 surge in the third extended the lead to 62-36 entering the fourth before the locals took the 72-33 win.

On Friday, November 15, Chatham Charter played host to Triangle Science and Math Academy and posted a 63-41 victory.

The Knights jumped in front 18-10 after one before using a 16-3 spurt in the second to take a commanding 34-13 lead at the break.

TMASA never drew under 20 points in the second half as Chatham Charter eased to the



Vandalia Christian's Adam Ingle, left, and Ethan Caviness sandwich in Chatham Charter's Ryan White during basketball action last Wednesday night in Siler City.

Staff photo by David Bradley

lopsided triumph.

Hamilton again had a huge game in the paint for the Knights as the senior pumped in 20 points while notching six rebounds.

Milholen and Ryan White both added 11

points in the win while Murphy chipped in 7 and Golden 6 points and 7 boards.

Sekou Samoura led the Tigers with 18 points while Junaïd Abdul-Hakim added 15 the loss.

BEARS

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the potential to be better than last year, we have a lot of underclassmen this season, so we're looking at different personnel playing different spots, and that led to some turnovers tonight," commented Burke.

"We're having to replace three starters, including our number two scorer from last year, and this outing gave me an opportunity to see how everyone fits in as we'll likely go with a seven-man rotation," Burke said. "Two concerns I had this evening were our failure to get back on defense to slow down our opponent's transition game

and the fact we didn't do a good job crashing the boards."

Trojans' coach William Gage indicated one of the positive things he saw was the way his players fed off each other. "Offensively I thought we did a good job moving the ball and looking for the open man, especially when we had four guards on the court," said Gage.

"Although we need better production from our post players," he said, "we have some good outside shooters who aren't afraid to fire it up from the perimeter if they're open, while a lot of our defensive mistakes tonight came from being out of position as we need to do a better job moving our feet instead of picking up fouls by reaching."

CIRCUIT

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ken with."

The St. Andrews Equestrian team competes in the fall and spring and this past season traveled to schools such as East Carolina, Wake Forest, Utah State, Virginia, Ohio and others to face some of the top competition in the nation.

"As with any student-athlete at Northwood, it's a great thing when they get to continue their athletics in college," added Amy. "To have your daughter get the opportunity is a truly special."

Kayla Amy wasn't the only Chatham County rider to take home a title at the Triangle Horse Show as Chatham Central freshman Sholl Burkhead won the Circuit Championship for the Children's Hunter Division in the 12-14 year-old Equitation Division.

"We were so happy for Sholl as well — she's really a rising star," said Amy. "She's a name that

people in Chatham County will be hearing about. She also trains with Mary Jones at Cedar Hill Sport Horses, and we can't say enough about the job that Mary does."

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Muddogs announce youth tryouts for upcoming baseball season

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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RAMSEUR — Although Thanksgiving is just around the corner, it's never too early to think about preparing for spring-time sports.

Looking to get to the next level in baseball? The Deep River Muddogs recently announced they will be conducting tryouts for the 2020 Spring/Summer season for age

groups 8u-18u.

The 9u-11u tryouts will be held at Craven Stadium in Ramseur on November 24 at 2 PM (in case of bad weather, tryouts will be held at The Factory in Siler City). The 8u and 12u-18u are given private workouts, but space is limited.

According to Reggie Allred, Old North State League President and General Manger, all seniors who participated in this program last year received scholarships and will

be playing at the college level next season. The Director and Assistant Director of Baseball Operations, plus the speed/agility and strength instructor, are either current pro players or college coaches with tremendous contacts. Sponsors include New Balance, Max Bats and others.

Tryouts are free, but players must register online at www.muddogsbaseballclub@gmail.com. For more information, please call or text 336-465-6694.



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1A FIRST ROUND RESULTS

EAST
South Creek 56, Southside 28
Northside-Pinetown 42, KIPP
Pride 12
Gates County 53, North Duplin
22
Washington County 47,
Perquimans 22

WEST

Alleghany 60, Union 8
Winston-Salem Prep 56, West
Columbus 14
Albemarle 55, Hayesville 7
Andrews 63, Cherokee 34

1AA FIRST ROUND RESULTS

EAST
Hobbton 41, South Stokes 20
Princeton 62, East Carteret 7
Manteo 55, Riverside-Martin 26
North Stanly 50, South Stanly
20

WEST

Star Mount 41, Avery County 27
Mountain Island Charter 61,
Community School of Davidson
0
Swain County 47, Union
Academy 10
Polk County 41, East Wilkes 21

2A FIRST ROUND RESULTS

EAST
Clinton 35, Fairmont 6
Beddingfield 41, Bartlett Yancey
14
Red Springs 27, Midway 14
West Craven 31, Kinston 13
Northeastern 34, Goldsboro 14
Southwest Onslow 14, Ayden
Grifton 9
Whiteville 41, Wallace Rose
Hill 7
SouthWest Edgecombe 48,
East Bladen 13

WEST

Mountain Heritage 37, Bandys
14
CD Owen 27, West Stanly 7
Eastern Randolph 40,
Providence Grove 33
West Stokes 47, North Wilkes
0

Brevard 22, Hendersonville 21
Chase 41, Draughn 34
Newton Conover 28,
Thomasville 18
Reidsville 57, Forbush 0

2AA FIRST ROUND RESULTS

EAST
Randleman 42, Morehead 0
East Duplin 21, Croatan 13
Currituck 34, St. Pauls 27
South Granville 26, North
Lenoir 18
North Davidson 43, Oak Grove
7
Hertford County 28, Ledford 7
Salisbury 45, Mount Pleasant 7
Washington 35, Nash Central
20

WEST

Shelby 56, West Iredell 7
Maiden 56, North Surry 41
West Lincoln 48, Ashe County 6
South Point 42, Smoky
Mountain 35
Hibriten 45, Wilkes Central 26
Burns 42, East Lincoln 20
Pisgah 35, Bunker Hill 14
North Lincoln 54, R-S Central 19

3A FIRST ROUND RESULTS

EAST
Southern Nash 38, E.E. Smith 6
Northern Nash 54, Vance
County 30
Rocky Mount 40, Southern
Lee 14
Terry Sanford 49, Fike 20
Eastern Alamance 48, Hunt 14
Northside-Jacksonville 50, C.B.
Aycock 6
Western Alamance 34,
Jacksonville 13
Havelock 33, North Brunswick 0

WEST

Crest 42, Erwin 14
West Rowan 42, Freedom 32
Charlotte Catholic 39,
Forestview 14
Hunter Huss 28, Monroe 21
AC Reynolds 55, Hickory 6
Northeast Guilford 35,
Parkwood 23
Kings Mountain 56, West
Henderson 7
Statesville 49, North Buncombe
7

3AA FIRST ROUND RESULTS

EAST
Lee County 41, Eastern Guilford
7
Southern Alamance 35,
Northern Durham 0
Cleveland 34, Cape Fear 13
DH Conley 35, JH Rose 7
Grays Creek 27, Southern
Durham 26
Southeast Guilford 13, Clayton 6
West Brunswick 31, Union Pines
20
New Hanover 46, Topsail 7

WEST

Weddington 35, South Iredell 0
Parkland 38, Alexander Central
34
Northwest Cabarrus 31, Marvin
Ridge 30
Northern Guilford 39, Cox Mill
35
Dudley 29, Southwest Guilford
21
Mount Tabor 21, Central
Cabarrus 20
AL Brown 56, TC Roberson 50
Watauga 61, Cuthbertson 21

4A FFIRST ROUND RESULTS

EAST
Seventy-First 28, Riverside-
Durham 20
Heritage 35, Pine Forest 14
Scotland 56, South Central 13
Jack Britt 21, Knightdale 20

WEST

Porter Ridge 24, Lake Norman
14
Glenn 42, South Caldwell 0
Mooresville 27, Page 15
Davie 46, West Meck 14

4AA FIRST ROUND RESULTS

EAST
Rolesville 47, Panther Creek 7
Apex Friendship 9, Green Hope
6
Garner 20, Wakefield 12
Hoke County 20, Millbrook 10

WEST

Hough 28, Olympic 0
Ardrey Kell 25, Independence 17
Reagan 26, Pinecrest 9

Vance 21, Butler 0

2019 NCHSAA STATE

PLAYOFFS - ROUND 2

1A

EAST

#8 South Creek (6-6) at #1
Rosewood (10-1)
#5 Northside-Pinetown (8-4) at
#4 Northampton County (8-3)
#6 Gates County (8-4) at #3
Pamlico County (6-5)
#7 Washington County (7-5) at
#2 North Edgecombe (8-3)

WEST

#8 Alleghany (4-8) at #1
Robbinsville (11-0)
#5 Winston-Salem Prep (8-4)
at #4 Murphy (9-2)
#11 Albemarle (5-7) at #3
Thomas Jefferson (10-1)
#7 Andrews (6-6) at #2 Elkin
(9-2)

1AA

EAST

#9 Hobbton (8-4) at #1 Tarboro
(11-0)
#5 Princeton (10-1) at #4 North
Rowan (8-3)
#6 Manteo (10-2) at #3
Granville Central (7-4)
#7 North Stanly (7-5) at #2
John A. Holmes (10-0)

WEST

#9 Starmount (6-6) at #1 East
Surry (11-0)
#5 Mountain Island Charter (10-
2) at #4 Mount Airy (8-3)
#6 Swain County (10-2) at #3
Bessemer City (7-4)
#7 Polk County (9-3) at #2
Mitchell (10-1)

2A

EAST

#9 Beddingfield (9-3) at #1
Clinton (10-1)
#5 Red Springs (9-2) at #4
West Craven (9-3)
#6 Southwest Onslow (10-2) at
#3 Northeastern (9-3)
#7 Whiteville (9-2) at #2
SouthWest Edgecombe (11-1)

WEST

#9 CD Owen (7-4) at #1
Mountain Heritage (10-1)
#5 Eastern Randolph (10-2) at
#4 West Stokes (9-3)
#6 Chase (10-2) at #3 Brevard
(10-2)
#7 Newton-Conover (8-4) at #2
Reidsville (11-1)

2AA

EAST

#9 East Duplin (7-5) at #1
Randleman (11-0)
#5 Currituck County (9-3) at #4
South Granville (9-3)
#14 North Davidson (7-5) at #6
Hertford County (10-2)
#7 Salisbury (10-2) at #2
Washington (9-3)

WEST

#8 Maiden (9-3) at #1 Shelby
(10-1)
#13 South Point (6-6) at #12
West Lincoln (9-3)
#6 Burns (10-2) at #3 Hibriten
(11-1)
#7 Pisgah (9-2) at #2 North
Lincoln (11-1)

3A

EAST

#8 Northern Nash (8-4) at #1
Southern Nash (12-0)
#5 Rocky Mount (9-3) at #4
Terry Sanford (9-3)
#6 Northside-Jacksonville (7-5)
at #3 Eastern Alamance (12-0)
#10 Western Alamance (9-3) at
#2 Havelock (10-1)

WEST

#9 West Rowan (8-4) at #1
Crest (10-2)
#5 Charlotte Catholic (8-3) at
#4 Hunter Huss (9-2)
#6 Northeast Guilford (10-2) at
#3 A.C. Reynolds (10-2)
#10 Kings Mountain (10-2) at #2
Statesville (12-0)

3AA

EAST

#9 Southern Alamance (9-3) at
#1 Lee County (12-0)
#5 Cleveland (11-1) at #4 D.H.

Conley (9-3)
#14 Gray's Creek (8-4) at #6
Southeast Guilford (9-3)
#7 West Brunswick (10-1) at #2
New Hanover (11-1)

WEST

#8 Parkland (8-3) at #1
Weddington (12-0)
#13 Northern Guilford (8-4) at
#5 Northwest Cabarrus (11-1)
#6 Mount Tabor (8-4) at #3
Dudley (10-2)
#10 A.L. Brown (8-3) at #2
Watauga (11-1)

4A

EAST

#8 Seventy-First (7-5) at #1
New Bern (9-2)
#5 Heritage (8-4) at #4
Cardinal Gibbons (9-2)
#6 Scotland (10-2) at #3
Jordan (9-2)
#7 Jack Britt (8-4) at #2 South
View (10-2)

WEST

#9 Porter Ridge (7-5) at #1
Grimsley (10-1)
#5 Glenn (8-4) at #4 Hickory
Ridge (8-3)
#6 Mooresville (7-5) at #3
Ragsdale (5-6)
#7 Davie (7-5) at #2 East
Forsyth (9-2)

4AA

EAST

#8 Rolesville (10-2) at #1 Wake
Forest (10-1)
#12 Apex Friendship (8-4) at
#4 Hoggard (5-5)
Garner defeats Holly Springs
by forfeit
#7 Hoke County (8-4) at #2
Leesville Road (10-0)

WEST

#8 Hough (8-4) at #1 Richmond
County (11-0)
#5 Ardrey Kell (11-1) at #4 Myers
Park (11-0)
#11 Reagan (9-3) at #3 West
Forsyth (10-1)
#10 Vance (9-2) at #2 Mallard
Creek (10-0-1)

WIN

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to Osiris Ross, who made the catch at the 15 before dragging a defender across the goal line to put the Wildcats ahead 13-7 with exactly seven minutes left in the first quarter.

Jayln Patterson's recovery of a Rogers bobble at the Patriots' 27 with 1:05 remaining in the opening stanza set up another Eastern Randolph score nine seconds later when Ross took a pitch from Snotherly and fired a 27-yard pass to J.B. Farrish wide open in the end zone to increase the Wildcats' lead to 20-7 following Moore's PAT.

But Providence Grove dug into its bag of tricks again to close the gap to 20-13 three snaps later when Thomas hooked up once more with Marcum and Rogers on a hook-and-lateral that resulted in a 55-yard TD play with 11:49 to go in the second period.

Regaining possession of the pigskin at its own 25 with 8:29 left until halftime, the Patriots moved 75 yards in 11 plays to forge a 20-all stalemate when Rogers culminated the march with a four-yard dash over right tackle prior to Villagomez booting the point-after with 3:26 remaining before the break.

Providence Grove received the second-half kickoff and seized its first advantage of the afternoon

three plays later when Thomas completed a 60-yard scoring toss to Marcum prior to Villagomez's extra point that put the Patriots in front 27-20 with 10:30 left in the third quarter.

Cam Way's recovery of a Marley fumble at the Eastern Randolph 22 with just under five minutes to go in the third stanza set in motion a four-play scoring drive culminating in Needham's one-yard plunge over left guard that expanded Providence Grove's lead to 33-20 with 3:27 remaining in the period.

The Wildcats responded by marching 65 yards in four plays to trim the margin to 33-27 when Tavis McAdoo finished off the drive with an eight-yard run through a

gaping hole up the middle before Moore added the point-after with 2:06 to go in the quarter.

Eastern Randolph then got a huge break with under a minute-and-a-half to play when a Needham punt attempt glanced off the back of a Patriot lineman, allowing the Wildcats to gain possession at the Providence Grove 15.

On the next play from scrimmage Snotherly found Marley open in the left flat for a touchdown toss prior to Moore's all-important conversion that put the Wildcats up 34-33 with 1:12 showing on the clock.

Twenty-three seconds later Marley intercepted a Thomas aerial at the Patriots' 49 and returned his theft for a score to

account for the final spread.

The junior defensive back then managed to deflect a Thomas pass thrown to a waiting Questin Overman in the end zone in the closing seconds to rob Providence Grove of a potential game-tying touchdown.

Snotherly completed 10-of-16 passes for 202 yards and three touchdowns, while Ross connected on his only throw for 27 yards and a score, with Marley completing one-of-two aerials for 50 yards. McAdoo led Eastern Randolph ground gainers with 98 yards on 17 carries.

Thomas completed 14-of-21 passes for 175 yards and a touchdown with one interception, while Rogers rushed for a game-high 153 yards on 27 totes.

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Chatham Charter's Trevor Golden dishes the ball over the head of Vandalia Christian's Landon Brian in last Wednesday's game in Siler City. The Knights have won all four of their games this season, averaging 64.3 points per outing.



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On a first down play deep in his own territory, Eastern Randolph's Tavis McAdoo breaks from scrimmage with a handoff in the second quarter of play in Ramseur last Saturday. Providence Grove's Anthony Castagna pursued him for the tackle.

Football playoffs and basketball beginnings



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Eastern Randolph's Tavis McAdoo takes a handoff around the tackles of Providence Grove in last Saturday's game in Ramseur.



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Near midcourt, Chatham Charter's Darrius Taylor reads the defense of Vandalia Christian before passing the ball to a teammate last Wednesday in Siler City.

Eastern Randolph's J.B. Farrish trots behind the offensive line, reading the defense of the Providence Grove Patriots last Saturday afternoon in Ramseur.

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After the kickoff, Eastern Randolph's kickoff coach gives kicker and multi-sport athlete Carter Moore direction on placement of the ball. 'Kick it near number 11,' he said.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Charter's Clay Griffin took a long trip down the court for a lay-up in last Wednesday's non-conference match against Vandalia Christian in Siler City. The Knights have gotten off to a powerful start this season, with a 4-0 record overall.



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Eastern Randolph's Tavis McAdoo takes a quarterback handoff in the second quarter as Providence Grove's Drew Needham comes from behind for the takedown. Unable to make the yardage for the first down, the Wildcats had to punt on fourth down.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Charter's Jordan Hamilton makes a fast break up the court with teammate Jackson Brown as Vandalia Christian's Isaiah Hayes works to disrupt the play. One of the Knights' top scorers, Hamilton scored his 1,000th career point during the game.



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As time was running out in the first quarter, Eastern Randolph tried a 'flea-flicker' in the last minute of play by handing off the ball to running back Tavis McAdoo (1), before tossing it to Osiris Ross (7). As the Providence Grove Patriots followed the original path of the ball to the left, the players realized too late that the ball had gone the other way. The game was a nail-biter to the end, with Eastern Randolph winning 40-33.



Chatham Charter's Clay Griffin is on a fast break up the center court Nov. 14 in Siler City in the team's third game of the new season against Vandalia Christian from Greensboro. The final score was a blowout for the Knights, 72-33, who are undefeated this season.

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Message in a Bottle

Over time, people have tucked messages into bottles and thrown them out to sea. Sometimes these messages are found long after they were sent. They each have a special story to tell.



Oldest Message in a Bottle Found!

The world's oldest known message in a bottle was found half-buried at a West Australian beach almost 132 years after it was tossed into the Indian Ocean. It was part of an experiment by German mariners to discover faster shipping routes by seeing where the messages drifted. The message asked anyone finding it to contact German authorities telling where it was found. Thousands of these bottles were thrown overboard over a 69 year period.

The message was dated June 12, 1886. What year was it found if it was 132 years old when it was discovered?

Find the two identical bottles.



How many bottles can you find on this page?

Message Connects People

In 2011, Daniil Korotkikh was walking with his parents on a beach in Russia. He found a bottle with a message inside that had been tossed from a ship in 1987—twenty-four years earlier!

Put Frank's message back in the right order to read it.

My name is Frank, and I'm

ship to Denmark. If you

five years old. My dad

will write back to you.

and I are traveling on a

write back to me, and I

find this letter, please

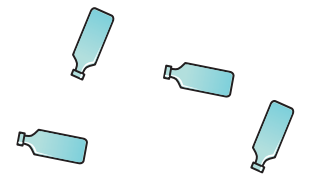
Message Mysteries

Daniil and his father wrote to Frank, who was now 29 years old. They were able to meet via an internet video link in March of 2011.

How old was Frank when he tossed the message in a bottle off of a ship?

Where was Frank going when he was on this ship?

Who was Frank traveling with?



10-Year-Old's Message Found

On September 12, 1990, a ten-year-old English girl named Zoe threw a bottle with a message overboard from a ferry. Twenty-three years later while walking along a dike, a Dutch couple found the bottle with her message. They sent a note to her childhood home and reached her!

Use the code to read Zoe's message:

DEAR FINDER,

MY NAME IS ZOE. 11 15 22 26 9 22 WOULD YOU

5 10 18 8 22 8 12 14 22 , I WOULD LIKE IT A

LOT. I AM 10 YEARS OLD AND I LIKE 25 26 15 15 22 8

PLAYING THE 21 15 7 8 22 AND THE PIANO. I HAVE A

19 26 14 9 8 22 10 CALLED SPARKLE AND A 21 18 9 19

CALLED 9 11 22 24 16 15 22

26 = A	20 = G	14 = M	8 = T
25 = B	19 = H	13 = N	7 = U
24 = C	18 = I	12 = O	6 = V
23 = D	17 = J	11 = P	5 = W
22 = E	16 = K	10 = R	4 = Y
21 = F	15 = L	9 = S	3 = Z

What would you write? Imagine you are going to toss a bottle with a message into the ocean. What would you write? Write it here!

Can you find the bottle's path from the island?

Extra! Extra!

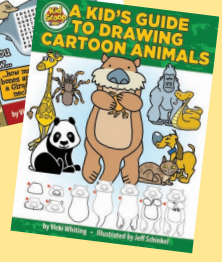

Bottled Words

Find five nouns and five adjectives in today's newspaper. Write a message to send in a bottle that contains these 10 words.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Students identify nouns and adjectives.



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Draw the bottle that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.







Standards Link: Comprehension: Students identify and extend simple patterns.

Double Double Word Search

AUSTRALIAN OVERBOARD MESSAGE BOTTLE TOSSED BALLET FINDER DUTCH OCEAN FOUND WRITE DIKE NOTE YEAR SEA

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

A	U	S	T	R	A	L	I	A	N
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R	E	R	O	I	A	O	T	V	U
E	Y	S	I	S	K	C	T	E	O
D	R	E	S	T	H	E	O	B	F
N	S	E	A	O	E	A	B	O	A
I	M	R	D	R	T	N	O	T	E
F	D	R	A	O	B	R	E	V	O

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: OVERBOARD

The adverb **overboard** means over the side of a ship and into water.

The fisherman fell **overboard** when trying to pull the fish into the boat.

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

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


How do you fit two elephants in a bottle without them touching each other?

ANSWER: Put a third one in between them.

Write On!

That's Strange

What was one of the strangest things you have ever read or heard about?



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Pittsboro aims to hire staff to meet challenges

CN+R Staff Reports

PITTSBORO — The town of Pittsboro is looking to fill several positions because of anticipated growth and staff losses. The town's long-time park's planner, Paul Horne, is leaving for a job in Washington state after 11 years with the town, including the co-production of the Pittsboro Parks and Recreation System Master Plan, which will guide the town's park's planning for years to come.

"I receive great satisfaction in watching people enjoy the park system that I've helped to design, develop and craft over the past 11 years," Horne wrote on a Facebook post announcing his move. "I love seeing children and parents playing in Kiwanis Park, soccer games at Mary Hayes Barber Holmes Park and disc golfers from all over the nation appreciating the nuances of Rock Ridge Park. I'm very proud of

this system that I believe reflects the essential values and aspirations of the Pittsboro community." Horne's last day on the job is Nov. 28, according to Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck. "Paul [Horne] did a great job with the parks we all enjoy," Gruesbeck said. "We appreciate his work." In the short-term, Horne's workload is being split between the utilities and planning departments while the position

is "evaluated," according to Gruesbeck. The town is also seeking a customer service specialist after Terry Buchanan decided to leave her position. That role serves multiple departments including planning, engineering, utilities and the parks departments. The town is also evaluating three candidates for a new planner position, according to Gruesbeck. That position will provide additional support to the

planning department in reviewing plans, performing inspections and researching zoning questions. The planning department currently has only two staff members — Jeff Jones, who is the planning director, and planner Victoria Bailiff. The town is also seeking an environmental specialist to work in the engineering department. The position requires someone who will assist with the "many environmental programs associat-

ed with water quality and development" including "stormwater management, riparian buffer protection, flood damage prevention and watershed management for the town." Gruesbeck noted that the town has received a "couple of resumes" for the position. Town staff is evaluating if they want to move forward with the position. The engineering department currently has one employee, Elizabeth Goodson, the town's engineer.

Utility Master Plan yields planning software, recommendations for Siler City

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Board of Commissioners received an overview Monday of the town's current and future water and wastewater needs, as well as recommendations for the future. The presentation during the board's Monday meeting was a result of the Chatham County Water and Wastewater Utility Master Plan, a collaborative effort between the county and the municipalities, to outline current and future needs as the county grows. The county entered into a contract with Hazen & Sawyer in April 2018 for the project, which included collection and analysis of data in collaboration with representatives from each governing body and staff. The consultants then used that information to determine the near- and long-term demands for water and wastewater, created water treatment and wastewater alternatives and subsequent recommendations from those alternatives. The company also created an

"update-able dashboard data management tool" that all the participants may use while considering how best to move forward with supplying water and wastewater needs for residents and businesses based on 50-year projections. According to the project summary, Siler City is nearing its capacity for its water and wastewater needs. The town's 4 million gallon per day (MGD) water plant and wastewater plant are operating at near capacity since the addition of Mountaire on the system. The consultants noted that adding a user at the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site would push the system beyond its current limits. The group offered several alternatives including transferring 1 MGD of water from Chatham County, a collaboration already in discussion between the two; purchase capacity from Sanford's water treatment plant; and/or expand the existing water treatment plant. When discussing the expansion of the current plant, the consultants noted that the water available to fill

the reservoirs may not be sufficient for long-term needs. One suggestion was to install a wastewater discharge, the processed wastewater that currently discharges into the Rocky River, above the reservoir in order to build supply. The group provided alternatives for expanding wastewater capacity as well. This included a land application facility near Mountaire or the CAM site, expanding and improving the existing wastewater treatment facility, a project the town is currently preparing to engage, and purchasing capacity from Sanford's Big Buffalo wastewater treatment plant. The group's final recommendations for water capacity includes the town finalizing its contract with Chatham County for the 1 MGD water connection, evaluate expansion of the existing water plant, evaluate the benefit of a wastewater discharge upstream of the reservoir, and work to reduce the per capita demand for water — noting that Siler City residents use an average of approximately 136 gallons of water per day per resident, while a reasonable average for

water use would be 100 gallons per day. The group recommended the town continue working on the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant and work on the current sewer lines to prevent infiltration and inflow. To assist the town in its deliberations on how to fulfill anticipated water and wastewater demands, the company created software that includes modeling to show, in real time, demand projections, all the alternatives provided, the estimated costs of each alternative, as well as the ability to see how different start dates would impact the ability for the town to meet demand. For example, if the town is able to have residents and businesses conserve water, staff can change that information in the system, instantly updating the modeling for demand. While Hazen & Sawyer only presented the information to Siler City officials Monday night, it will share similar information with Pittsboro and Chatham County at future dates.

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COA joins in effort to 'Share the Love'

CN+R Staff Report

The 12th annual Subaru Share the Love® Event will help deliver nutritious meals and compassion to Chatham's seniors. Pittsboro — The Council on Aging is proud to announce that it will be participating in the 2019 Subaru Share the Love Event as a member of Meals on Wheels America — one of four national Share the Love charitable partners supported through the campaign. Through January 2, Subaru of America will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle purchaser leased to the customer's choice of participating charities. "Now celebrating our 45th year of service to Chatham County seniors and their families, we want to thank Subaru of America and Meals on Wheels America for their support," said Dennis W. Streets, director of the Chatham County Council on Aging. "This Share the Love campaign is vital to our work in helping seniors live at home for as long as possible. Adequate nutrition is an essential factor in their physical and mental wellness." Participating Meals on Wheels America members, like the Council on Aging, will receive a share of the donation raised by Subaru in their state. The COA is again partnering with John-


son Subaru of Cary to raise awareness for the popular year-end sales and giving event, and drive support for Meals on Wheels by providing a brand new Subaru for the Pittsboro Christmas Parade scheduled Dec. 8th. Again, as a special gift to local Subaru owners, Subaru owners can get a free basic car wash at the Cruizers Convenience Marketplace located at Powell Place in Pittsboro from 2-4 p.m. on Dec. 14. "We are happy to partner and support the Council in their efforts to raise awareness for Meals on Wheels and the many programs and services offered by the Council," said Barber Holmes, vice president for Holmes Oil Company, parent company of Cruizers in Pittsboro. In addition, Cruizers will donate \$6 to the Council for every vehicle, Subaru or not, that uses their car wash on December 14th. Over the last 11 years, Subaru of America and its participating retailers have donated more than \$145 million to its charity partners. This year's Subaru Share the Love Event is on track to bring that total to over \$170 million, proving there's no limit to the amount of love we can all share. For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove.


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Getting yourself out of a Jam

Pizza, paper clips, Mason jars, and a '57 Fender Stratocaster (a guitar): these all come up when you ask Mr. Google to name the most versatile item ever made. Yeah...well, no. With all due respect, Mr. Google is wrong with a capital Wrong. The actual most versatile thing is a food. (Well, of course, it's food; you were expecting maybe sweatpants?) It's cheap, peasant food really, and super easy to make. It doesn't need a lot of finesse, just time and a bare minimum of attention. With ingredients bought on the right day, the whole thing can be made for \$5 or less.

So Gentle Reader, what is this inexpensive culinary game-changer? It's onion jam. For those of you who know, you know. For those of you unfamiliar with the concept, there are probably odd images in your head — peanut butter and onions? Allium jelly roll? Pop-tarts full of onions? It sounds like something out of the "Mr. Grinch" song. But hear me out. I mean, I guess you could do all of those things with onion jam...but there are so many other wonderful things that this uber-versatile condiment can do. Schmear it onto fresh sourdough, or a bagel, or a baguette with some brie — or serve with sliced roast beef, crispy sausages, cornbread, crostini with sundried tomatoes, black pepper biscuits, grilled chicken, and crackers along with



Photo by Debbie Matthews

The completed onion jam can be a culinary game-changer.

some farmer's cheese. Stir it into French onion soup, smothered pork chops, and Alfredo sauce. Stuff it under the skin of a chicken before roasting. Spread onto flatbread and add crispy bacon and goat cheese. Drop a couple big spoonful into a batch of buttermilk mashed potatoes. Elevate breakfast and lunch. Mix it into scrambled eggs or hash. Spoon some between cheddar slices and make an intensely delicious grilled cheese or patty melt. For the hooch portion of the program, I usually use dry sherry or marsala. But you can use bourbon, brandy, mead, or even some veggie stock. One note: The flavor is ridiculously intense and fairly sweet; so start with a little and add more as needed. Look, I know you can't play "Purple Haze" on this onion jam. But hey, if you try to use an electric guitar to make risotto, you'll just ruin a \$10,000 musical instrument. Thanks for your time. Contact debbie at dm@bullcity.mom.

ONION JAM

5 pounds yellow onions
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon salt + more to taste
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper + more to taste
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/3 cup wine, beer, or spirits
Peel onions, cut them in half and slice into 8-inch half-moons. Put them into large, heavy Dutch oven with tightly fitted lid. Pour in oil. Add salt, pepper, and thyme.
Stir together to coat. Place on stove and turn to 2-3 or medium-low. Cover and cook for about 20 minutes. You're looking to get all the water out of the onions. Uncover, give it a stir, and take a look. If it's not ready, recover and cook more, checking every 10 minutes or so.
When the onions are wilted-looking, and swimming in an inch or two of liquid, uncover.
Continue to cook, stirring every 15-20 minutes. Keep cooking until they're the color of an untoasted pecan, with flecks of caramel (2-3 hours). At this stage, onions will be cooked down to around two cups.
Turn burner up to just over medium (6-ish). Let the pan heat up, then pour in the Marsala. Scrape up browned bits on the pan bottom and cook wine is gone and the jam is a nice deep caramel color. Taste for seasoning.
Store onions in airtight container in the fridge for 1 week or freeze for 2 months.

THE UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM COUNTY AGENCY PROFILE

Communities In Schools of Chatham County

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

Focus Area: Nurturing Youth & Families (Education)
Name of United Way Supported Program: Communities In Schools of Chatham County: Youth FIRST (Mentoring)
How will Communities In Schools use United Way donor dollars?: United Way donor dollars supports the Youth First Program which provides mentoring for youth throughout Chatham



County. For more than 30 years CIS, has successfully matched trained, community volunteers with youth — leading to lifelong relationships that have produced many significant and meaningful outcomes. Funding is used to support program operation and coordination, and to ensure that the youth and volunteers receive the training and services they need to keep the program both operational and effective.
Why is this program essential to Chatham County?: The goal of youth mentoring programs is to improve the well-being of the child by providing

a role model that can support the child academically, socially and/or personally. Through this one-on-one relationship youth develop a critical network of support, enabling them to more fully pursue their own dreams and goals. The Youth FIRST program and mentors play a vital role in lifting up those in need to create a happier and healthier Chatham County community for all.
As the only mentoring program in the county, Youth FIRST plays a dynamic role and provides critical opportunities by opening doors for Chatham

County youth that would have otherwise remain closed. These one-on-one relationships have been proven to have life changing and long-lasting impacts on both the youth and volunteers fortunate enough to participate. Despite the overwhelming success of the program, the need for additional mentoring services continues to grow.
How does the program make a difference in the community?: The Youth FIRST mentoring program has made a significant impact on the Chatham County community for more than

30 years through over 800+ mentoring matches. Serving ages 6-18 with relationships lasting an average 5 years, the impact has been incalculable. Currently, Youth FIRST serves youth in nine different Chatham County schools by connecting children and their families to volunteers who have the capacity to provide this critical support. Youth FIRST helps build community through investment in our futures greatest hope: our children.
Please share a story about a Chatham resident this program helped and the impact it made...
Communities In Schools of Chatham County would like to congratulate Armani Baldwin, a 2018 graduate of Northwood High School, for being recognized on the Dean's List at Chowan University in Murfreesboro (Spring 2019). Students who receive this honor have successfully achieved a grade point average

between 3.25 and 3.79 for the semester. We celebrate Armani for his academic success and award of distinction.
Armani was in 2nd grade when he matched with his CISCC mentor, Megan Bolejack, on September 7, 2007. For more than six years their relationship blossomed. Even after officially ending the match, Megan and Armani managed to stay in touch.
In 2013, Armani's biggest advocate, his mother Theresa, requested a math tutor for Armani and Stephen Townsend stepped up to the plate. Steve had worked with other CISCC youth and had a proven track record of helping students increase their grades. Armani was no different. Through hard work and practice Armani achieved the Math grades he wanted.
Congratulations to Armani, and thank you Theresa, Megan and Stephen for the teamwork and support!

Giving thanks to veterans



Staff photo by David Bradley

Paul Berry, Siler City Mayor John Grimes, Chatham County Sheriff's Captain Charles Gardner and Senior Center Manager Liz Lahti came to the Western Senior Center in Siler City as part of the Center's Salute to Veterans. These were just a few of the many who had words of encouragement, praise, and thanks to veterans.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Raye Shoun, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, attended the Veterans Day event at the Western Chatham Senior Center Nov. 7. There's a history of service in her family: Her husband served in the Army, along with three sons and five grandsons in military service, and another ancestor served in the Spanish American War.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Army Veteran Ike Auston was in An Khe in Vietnam, and also in Cambodia in 1970 and 1971, working in aircraft repairs. He was honored along with other veterans at the Salute to Veterans at the Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City.



Katharine Doyle, an events manager with Bridge 2 Sports, spoke at the Western Senior Center in Siler City Nov. 7 as part of the Center's Salute to Veterans. Doyle spoke about the healing power of the Valor Games to bring assistance to disable vets in coming together to play sports again. The healing power of togetherness with other vets brings a new purpose to their lives, she said. It aids recovery from the wounds received in the service, and helps the process of blending back into family life.

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Chatham's affordable housing committee says work continues, progress coming

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee said this week that it has had “a really busy and very productive year,” with some positive steps taken to try to alleviate a problem present in the county and the towns of Pittsboro and Siler City.
Committee Chairman Susan Levy presented the AHAC's annual report to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Monday afternoon. Levy said that any changes that have taken place are minimal, whether up or down, but some more programs and ideas are set to be enacted over the coming year.
“The movement is fairly small and progress fairly small,” Levy said. “We're pretty much in the same place this year as we were last year, and some of the changes have to do with better data collection or different data collection. We were able to quantify the change better.”
The AHAC stated that the county is in need of 2,304 affordable rental units, citing the most recent number of low-income rental households defined as cost-burdened — meaning that those individuals or families are paying more than 30 percent of their income in housing.
To assist these households, the county has

introduced both a Housing Trust Fund and Emergency Housing Funds. Both will be used at least in part to support those low-income renters — the former by helping establish affordable housing developments and the latter by providing support in case of mass displacement, homelessness or for individuals or families in need of immediate shelter.
Levy said the AHAC is on the verge of picking recipients for Housing Trust Fund dollars, with recommendations to the county commissioners scheduled for December.
“They were some good applications to actually increase the supply of affordable housing in Chatham County and preserve some,” she said.
Statistically, the number of legally-binding affordable rental units went up by 8 percent between 2017 and 2019, a total of 42 units. On the other hand, there was a decrease in households which received assistance from organizations such as the Chatham County Housing Authority and Salvation Army.
“We don't really know why that is,” Levy said. “It's possible that there was less need. It's possible that there were fewer applicants. It's a big unknown, but it's also not a huge difference.”
The committee is planning to “move forward in a significant way,” Levy said, particularly in education and incentivizing

efforts.
Levy discussed a potential plan to provide funds to landlords who rent to low-income renters, saying there were “programs that other jurisdictions have tried that we have become aware of and we will be looking at them more closely.” She added that the committee wanted to create more awareness of what affordable housing really was and “debunk myths,” particularly about how more affordable housing stock would affect property values.
Levy described the year as one of “activities and action” and praised the committee for its work and goals.
“I feel like our committee is extremely strong right now,” she said. “We've filled out open positions and have a very committed and very engaged group of folks. I think you can feel very confident that you've got a great committee working on a very important and very tough issue.”
The county commissioners have made the efforts toward affordable housing one of the potential recipients of funds from a yet-to-be-approved local options sales tax extension, so there might be more funds coming in the future.
Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.



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It's fruitcake time at Bear Creek's Southern Supreme

BY DAVID BRADLEY
News + Record staff

BEAR CREEK — If it's November, and there's a nip in the air, then you know something else is happening as well: crowds are streaming to Bear Creek for a time-honored trek to Southern Supreme.

Southern Supreme Nutty Fruitcakes and Gourmet Confections is located at 1609 Hoyt Scott Rd. in Bear Creek, a small community of about 3,400 persons that serves as an unlikely hub for Christmas shoppers. But with the holidays fast approaching, Southern Supreme is at full tilt, making and baking an array of tasty treats for gift-givers far and wide.

Employing more than 100 seasonal workers, high school students and friends and family members in various parts of the kitchen, co-owner Berta Lou Scott and family start baking in August each year, making their signature products right up until Christmas. Southern Supreme sold 225,000 pounds of fruitcake in 2018, at one point baking 3,000 pounds each day — and keep in mind, that's just the fruitcakes.

It hasn't always been so busy.

After starting in 1990, baking small batches in a pizza oven for an enthusiastic audience in the area, the company began sharing its nut-based cakes at shows and fairs. Southern Supreme's secret recipe set it apart from other holiday cakes on the market.

They encountered some resistance at first. The common response was "I don't like fruitcake," because other fruitcake recipes are based on candied fruits. That was 30 years ago. This summer the company embarked on its 10th remodel and enlargement since they started the business.

On a tour of the facility last Wednesday, the kitchen staff were hard at work placing chocolate into molds with nuts, forming fruitcake dough into shape, weighing each



Staff photo by David Bradley

Southern Supreme Fruitcake is open year-round, but starts gearing up in August for the busy holiday season. Friends, family members and local high-school students assist the business in making Southern Supreme's signature fruitcake products.



Staff photo by David Bradley

In the kitchen area, workers stay busy with cookie creation. After mixing flour and other ingredients into the nut-heavy dough, the staff pull small portions for weighing to a precise amount before being formed into individual patties for baking.

individual cookie to specifications, and adding the cherry on top.

The tour, available to the public, offers a behind-the-scenes view of the workers and the creation process of the various products offered at Southern Supreme. Huge blocks of North Carolina cheese from Ashe County wait to be made into cheese florets with cayenne pepper. Large tubs of gingerbread dough were

waiting to be formed for baking, while other flavor cookies were individually hand-pulled, and weighed to specific dimensions, before being pressed onto the baking pans. Stacks of cookie loaded pans waited for baking, while the fruitcake dough was being pressed into the molds made by co-owner Randy Scott, Berta Lou's son, before going into the oven. At the end of the tour, customers have a wide range of

these and other products available for purchase inside the newly-built showroom, along with a choice of gift items they saw in creation — such as the chocolate-covered peanuts, cheese florets, and special relishes seen among the Christmas decorations in the room. The final touch is a tasting room that has been opened, to give customers a sample of the products available.

It's all part of the



Staff photo by David Bradley

James Gill looks at some of the vegetable products available in the Southern Supreme showroom. In operation year-round, the showroom offers a variety of relishes, jams, cheese florets and other products.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Kathy Gaines, a tour guide at Southern Supreme Fruitcake in Bear Creek and co-owner Berta Lou Scott's niece, takes Alyssa Byrd, Ann Fitts and Sam Rauf from the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation around the production kitchens in the building last Wednesday.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jackie Watson of Sanford looks over some of the chocolates available for purchase in the showroom at Southern Supreme Fruitcake in Bear Creek. She said she loves the new look. 'I come every year for goodies and Christmas decorations,' she said. 'It gets you in the Christmas spirit.'

Southern Supreme experience.

It's no surprise then that the amount of sales through the showroom is impressive.

"Forty-five percent of our annual sales went out the door," said Kathy Gaines, tour guide at Southern Supreme and niece of co-owner Berta Lou Scott. Patrons from inside and outside the state regularly converge on the showroom for products, and with Christmas just over a

month away, Randy Scott says that they get so busy at this time of year that the days run together. When they consider the many options for gifts each year, some of the customers consider this trip to be an annual event.

"I come every year, for goodies and the Christmas decor. I think it's beautiful," said Jackie Watson from Sanford as she shopped in the new showroom. "It gets you in the Christmas spirit."

Pet of the Week: Godiva



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Godiva, a 2-year-old tabby who is a natural when it comes to nurturing those around her. She has a big heart and once adopted a stray kitten to raise as her own! A true selfless servant, Godiva has proven herself to be the type of pet who is compassionate and adaptable in virtually any circumstance. She enjoys being scratched under the chin and cuddled and would do well in a home with or without other pets. Don't miss the chance to claim this deserving feline for your own! For more information on how to meet or adopt Godiva during our ongoing \$20 cat adoption special, swing by the office at 725 Renaissance Drive in Pittsboro or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an Animal Resource Officer.

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MORRISON BROTHERS. 1720 East 11th St, Siler City - Seeking Class A, Class B Drivers/Workers, 60 Hours weekly, Benefits, 401K, Vacation. Contact: Scott Andrews, 336-382-2976. N14,21,28,D5,4tp

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MISC

REID'S BARBERSHOP will be closed Thanksgiving Weekend, Thursday Nov. 28, Friday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Nov. 30. Will re-open regular hours until Christmas. N21,1tp

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified on the 25th day of October, 2019 as Administrator, CTA of the Estate of **HARRY B. GIBSON** a/k/a **Harry Burton Gibson**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make

immediate payment to the undersigned. This 29th day of October, 2019. Sheryl G. Montgomery, Administrator, CTA of the Estate of **Harry B. Gibson** a/k/a **Harry Burton Gibson** PO Box 51579 Durham, NC 27717-1579 Michael S. Munson, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 O31,N7,N14,N21,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIE RALPH WALDEN, II**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of January, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This 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 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 O31,N7,N14,N21,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 529 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **NANCY KAREN SCHEIN** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before 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 O31,N7,N14,N21,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 444 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **HERBERT C. HENLEY, JR.** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 31, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 31st day of October, 2019. Caroline K. Henley, Administrator 433 Henley Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517 O31,N7,N14,N21,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 498 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MILDRED YVONNE JOHNSON** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before January 24, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and

corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 31st day of October, 2019. Darryl Johnson, Executor PO Box 126 90 Fields Country Rd Goldston, NC 27252 O31,N7,N14,N21,4tp

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

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 ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 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

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Submissions should be made via email to
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November 30, 2019.

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The person will maintain athletics fields and school equipment. Applicants need to have basic painting skills, be able to strip & wax tile floors & also have advanced carpentry & plumbing skills. If you are interested in applying for this position, please email Head of School Dr. John Eldridge (jeldridge@chathamcharter.org) stating your interest and including the following information: Your name Email address Daytime phone number Brief description outlining your job experience relevant to the position and its requirements

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 COM-

PANY, INC.
vs
RODRIGUEZ-CARDONA PROP-
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C/O MICHAEL ANTHONY WIL-
LIAMS, 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 Rodrigues- 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 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 November, 2019.
Mike Roberson
Sheriff of Chatham County
A. Ellington,
Deputy Sheriff

N14,N21,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 551**

**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 2733

N14,N21,N28,D5,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 549**

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 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.
Clarissa T. Neal, Administrator
209 Brown Hill Rd
New Hill, NC 27562

N14,N21,N28,D5,4tp

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE BEFORE THE CLERK
18 SP 169**
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM
**NOTICE OF SECOND RE-SALE
IN THE MATTER OF THE
FORECLOSURE by Main Street
Trustees, LLC, Substitute Trust-
ee, of a Deed of Trust Executed
by Jason R. Nunnery, Manager
of Heartridge Builders, LLC,
Grantor/Mortgagor, dated June
09, 2016 and recorded on June
09, 2016 in Book No. 1862, Page
195, of the Chatham County
Public Registry.**
**UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the
Power of Sale contained in that
certain Deed of Trust execut-
ed and delivered by Jason R.
Nunnery, Manager of Heart-
ridge Builders, LLC to Donald
D. Sayers, Trustee for Farmers
& Merchants Bank, which
was dated June 9, 2016, and
recorded on June 9, 2016, in
Book 1862, Page 195, Chatham
County Registry, North Caroli-
na. Default having been made
of the note thereby secured by
the said Deed of Trust and the
undersigned Substitute Trust-
ee, and the holder of the note
evidencing said default, having
directed that the Deed of Trust
be foreclosed. The undersigned
Substitute Trustee will offer
for sale in the lobby of the
Chatham County Courthouse,
adjacent to the Clerk of Court,
**Pittsboro, North Carolina, or
the usual and customary loca-
tion at the County Courthouse
for conducting the sale, on
December 4, 2019 at 10:30 AM,**
and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the real property together with all buildings, improvements and fixtures of every kind and description erected or placed thereon, attached to or used in connection with the real property which will be sold pursuant to the Deed of Trust at the foreclosure sale, is located in Chatham County, North Carolina, being more particularly described as follows: BEING all of Lot 39, containing 1.03 acres, more or less, as shown on those plats entitled "The Hamptons - Phase 3 Lots 18-40", prepared by Withers & Ravenel, Engineers - Planners- Surveyors, dated May 22, 2007, and recorded in Plat Slides 2007-293, 2007-294, & 2007-295, Chatham County Registry, together with all appurtenant rights and privileges in the common areas and roads as shown on the Plats and described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions**

for The Hamptons Subdivision as recorded in Book 1329, Page 1117, Chatham County Registry, as amended. Said property is commonly known as: 42 Seneca Court, Pittsboro, NC 27312 A cash deposit or certified funds (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are **IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OW-
ING.** Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. **THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS
MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX
AND THE RECORDING COSTS
FOR THEIR DEED.** Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale in being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty related to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or related to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way and deeds of release. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the record owner(s) of the property according to the Chatham County Register of Deeds is Heartridge Builders, LLC. This Notice of Sale shall be posted and advertised as required by the said Deed of Trust and as required by law, and after the sale, a Report of Sale will be entered immediately following the conclusion of the sale, and such sale shall remain open for raised or upset bid as by law permitted and required. An Order for Possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupied the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a dated stated in the Notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the Notice of Sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the Notice of Termination [N.C.G.S. §45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated in to the effective date of the termination. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons for such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. This 5th day of November, 2019,
Main Street Trustees, LLC,
Substitute Trustee
By: Andrew J. Abramson,
Manager
PO Box 829
Salisbury, North Carolina
28145-0829
Telephone: 704-633-5000

N21,N28,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 566**

**NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **LUCILLE D. CURRIE** 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 21, 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 21th day of November, 2019.
Phil L. Scotton, Administrator
1198 Gees Grove Rd
Siler City, NC 27344

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **ROY VINCENT FAGERBERG**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, on the 12th day of November, 2019, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before the 23rd day of February, 2020, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 21st day of November 2019.
Stephanie Fagerberg Anderson,
Personal Representative
c/o Christina Goshaw Hinkle,
Attorney for the Estate
McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson, & Hinkle, PLLC
3211 Shannon Road, Suite 400
Durham, NC 27707

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19-E-56**

**NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
The undersigned, Rachel McDavid, having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **ROSE DENT MCDAVID**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of February, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 14th day of November, 2019.
Rachel McDavid,
Limited Personal Representative
C/O Marie H. Hopper
Attorney for the Estate
Hopper Cummings, PLLC
Post Office Box 1455
Pittsboro, NC 27312

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:
Yard Waste Debris Management**
for Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling Division
Chatham County is seeking proposals for yard waste debris management, not associated with FEMA occurrences. The County desires to enter an agreement with one firm to supply the identified services. A Contract will be awarded to the firm that best meets the needs of Chatham County. The contract is expected to be an initial three year term, with two optional one year each extensions. Services include (1) Provide mobile on-site yard waste grinding services annually within 30 days of request for grinding services made by the Chatham County Solid Waste and Recycling Division (Approximately 1,100 tons generated annually); (2) Remove non-organic material from brush pile as needed. Chatham County Solid Waste and Recycling Division will dispose of said non-organic material; (3) Grind yard waste to a final product of 2" - 3" or less; (4) Windrow all ground products on site at Chatham County Solid Waste and Recycling Division to approximately a height of 6 - 12 feet and width of 10 - 12 feet and move mulch to specified area by the County within the yard waste area. Any contractor that wishes to visit the site, may do so during regular operation hours of 7:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Proposals must be received by Chatham County no later than 4:00 PM EST on Thursday, December 19, 2019. Vendors must submit both an electronic PDF version of the Proposal (excluding any materials that are non-electronic) and three hard copies with all attachments. The submittals must be sent to one of the following delivery addresses: Postal Address: Robin James, Chatham County Finance Office, P.O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312; or Street Address: Robin James, County Finance Office, Courthouse Annex, 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312. All inquiries must be submitted in writing by 12:00 Noon on, Friday, December 13, 2019. It shall be the responsibility of each proposing organization or individual to verify that every addendum has been received prior to submitting Proposals. This proposal and all associated documents are posted on the County's Bids and Proposal Opportunities page at <https://www.chathamnc.org/business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities>. The County of Chatham is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, age or disability.

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Communities Served: Chatham County and Town of Siler, NC Effective on or after December 30, 2019, the following channels will no longer be available in Digi Tier 2/Spectrum TV Gold or Sports View. These networks are still available with subscription to Spectrum TV Sports Pack: MLB Strike Zone on channels 334 & 814; NFL RedZone on channels 324 & 824; Outdoor Channel on channels 314 & 832. For a complete channel lineup, visit Spectrum.com/Channels. To view this notice online, visit Spectrum.net/Programming-Notices.

N21,1tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY**
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JUDITH L. SMITH**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 21st day of February, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 21st day of November, 2019.
MICHELLE DEBORAH SMITH, EXECUTRIX
ESTATE OF JUDITH L. SMITH
Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC
501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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AUCTION

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Estate of Cecil & Lila Brewer (Deceased) & Others.

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in the second floor conference room at City Hall, at 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344, up to 2:00 PM Thursday, December 12, 2019, and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment for Landside Pavement Rehabilitation project. The project will include milling and asphalt overlay of the airport entrance road and parking lots. Also included is pavement marking and miscellaneous sign installation.

A Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM, local time at the Siler City Municipal Airport. Attendance at this Pre-Bid Conference is not mandatory for bidders intending to submit a bid on this project. All other interested parties including, but not limited to, subcontractors, suppliers, and vendors are welcome to attend. It is anticipated that the contract award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder if an award is made.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the Bidder's name, full mailing address, and General Contractor License Number shown as the return address. Sealed envelopes shall be addressed to: Town of Siler City, Roy Lynch, P O Box 769, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344. Proposals submitted without the prescribed information may be rejected.

All Bidders should be aware that the date, time, and location for Proposal Submittal and Opening may be modified by Addendum.

Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at: W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc., 720 Corporate Center Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607. Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available for purchase by going to Plan Room at www.wkdickson.com. Please note that only registered plan holders may bid as a General Contractor.

All Contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper licenses under the state law for their trades. General Contractors are notified that applicable statutes of North Carolina will be observed in

receiving and awarding general contracts.

The State Department of Transportation and the United States Government have agreed to reimburse the Owner for portions of the project costs. The Owner will not accept or consider proposals from any contractor whose name, at the time of opening of bids or award, appears on the current list of ineligible contractors published by the Comptroller General of the United States under Section 5.6 (b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (29) CFR nor a proposal from any firm, corporation, partnership, or proprietorship in which an ineligible contractor who, at the time of the opening of bids or the award, is removed from the North Carolina Department of Transportation's list of pre-qualified contractors.

Contractors desiring to perform work on NCDOT projects shall pre-qualify with the Department. Upon pre-qualification, Contractors will be placed on the Department's Prequalified Bidders List and/or the Approved Subcontractors List, depending on the application submitted. The requirements for pre-qualification are listed in section 102-2 of the Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures, January 2018. For more information please refer to the NCDOT website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Pages/default.aspx>.

Bidders must be prequalified by the NCDOT prior to submitting a bid. Subcontractors performing work on this project must be prequalified prior to performing any work on this project.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or a certified check drawn on a bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in an amount equal to not less than 5% of the proposal or a bid bond of 5% of the bid executed by a surety company licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds. The deposits shall be made payable to the Owner and shall be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages in the event of the successful bidder fails to properly execute the contract

within ten (10) days after award and to give satisfactory surety as required by law. By submitting a bid the Contractor certifies that he has under his direct control or at his disposal the men, equipment, and materials required to execute this work as specified. Lack of such control or availability of men, equipment or materials shall constitute failure to properly execute the Contract. Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds will be required for 100% of the Contract price, with a surety or sureties legally authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina. A bid may be withdrawn only as provided by the applicable statutes of North Carolina. If a bid is withdrawn within 90 days of the bid opening, the Bid Guarantee shall be forfeited; provided that, if the request to withdraw is made not later than 72 hours after the opening of bids, and if the withdrawal is allowed, the Owner may return the bid guarantee.

The project is conditioned upon the receipt of federal funding under provisions of the Airport and Airways Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1987 and most recently Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for 21st Century (AIR-21). Certain mandatory federal requirements apply to this solicitation and will be made part of any contract awarded.

1. Buy American Preference (Title 49 United States Code, Chap 501);

2. Foreign Trade Restriction (49 CFR Part 30);

3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (49 CFR Part 26);

4. Davis-Bacon Act (29 CFR Part 5);

5. Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246 and 41 CFR Part 60);

6. Goals for Minority and Female Participation (41 CFR Part 60-4.2);

7. Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities (41 CFR Part 60-1.8);

8. Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion (49 CFR Part 29).

9. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 USC 702-706).

NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE: The Special Provisions (SPIG61)

of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of the Town of Siler City to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned upon satisfying the requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offerors, including those who qualify as DBE. A DBE contract goal of zero (0%) percent has been established for this contract. The bidder/offeror shall make good faith efforts, as defined in SPIG61 to meet the contract goal by utilizing DBE's in the performance of this contract. The apparent successful bidder will be required to submit in the "Proposal" section of his bid the information concerning the DBE(s) that will participate in this contract. This information will include: (1) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of DBE firms that will participate in the contract, and the certifying agency documentation of current status as a bona fide DBE; (2) a description of the work that each DBE firm will perform; (3) the dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm participating (4) written documentation of the bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet the contract goal; and (5) written confirmation from the DBE that is participating in the contract as provided in the commitment made under (4). If the bidder fails to achieve the contract goal stated herein, he will be required to provide documentation demonstrating that he made a good faith effort. The bidder's documentation shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of SPIG61.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities and minor irregularities.

Town of Siler City
Roy Lynch
P O Box 769
311 North Second Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners, at the regular Board meeting on November 18, 2019, voted and approved the RESOLUTION: DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO CHATHAM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WHEREAS, on November 26, 2012 and March 7, 2018, Chatham County (the "County") was the highest and final bidder on two (2) parcels of foreclosed property being identified in Chatham County tax records as Parcel Numbers 9426 (11/26/12) and 61479 (03/07/18), (collectively the "Property"); and WHEREAS, the County no longer needs the Property; and WHEREAS, by authority of North Carolina General Statute 153A-378, and other relevant law, counties are authorized to convey real property by private sale to entities that provide affordable housing to persons of low or moderate income; and WHEREAS, Chatham Habitat for Humanity ("Habitat for Humanity") has agreed that the Property shall be used solely for the purpose of providing affordable housing to residents of Chatham County who are persons of low or moderate income. For purposes of this resolution, "affordable housing" shall mean housing available for occupancy or ownership by persons of low or moderate income at mortgage or rental payments not exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the base, unadjusted income of such persons; and "persons of low or moderate income" shall mean persons or households whose annual gross income does not exceed sixty percent (60%) of Area Median Income for Chatham County; and WHEREAS, covenants containing the foregoing restrictions shall be placed in the deed conveying the Property to Habitat for Humanity requiring that the Property to be used for affordable housing; and WHEREAS, in order to meet the County's goal of creating more affordable housing, the County has determined that the Property should be conveyed to Habitat for Humanity; and WHEREAS, the County Clerk shall publish notice of this

conveyance as required by the NCGS §160A-279, and the conveyance shall not be concluded until at least 10 days after the publication of the notice; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are adopted as part of this resolution;

Section 2: The Board declares the Property surplus;

Section 3: The Board hereby authorizes the conveyance of the Property to Habitat for Humanity by private sale;

Section 4: The County Manager is authorized to execute a Deed conveying the Property to Habitat for Humanity containing the affordable housing covenants required by this resolution.

Adopted, this 18th day of November, 2019.

Mike Dasher, Chairman,
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC,
Clerk to the Board Chatham County Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Pyramid Network Services, LLC proposes to build three self-support telecommunications towers.

A 310-foot-tall self-support telecommunications tower will be located at the approx. vicinity of 400 Progress Boulevard, Siler City, NC 27344.

A 360-foot-tall self-support telecommunications tower will be located at the approx. vicinity of 2389 Old U.S. Highway 1, Moncure, NC 27559.

A 335-foot-tall self-support telecommunications tower will be located at the approx. vicinity of 5226 Silk Hope Liberty Road, Siler City, NC 27344.

Public comments regarding potential effects from these sites on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Morgan Rasmussen, m.rasmussen@trileaf.com, 1395 South Marietta Pkwy, Building 400 Suite 209, Marietta, GA 30067, (678) 653-8673."

Chatham hosting farmer-focused trade show

PITTSBORO — The first Mid-Atlantic Hemp Show & Conference, which begins Friday 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.

Organizer Lucy Grist says 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," she said. "Others will exhibit clothes, 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 and Saturday. 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 trade show 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.

There are more than 1,300 licensed growers in North Carolina right now, growing on more than

Death and Cupcakes: Coffee, Cake, and Conversation

PITTSBORO — The Holmes Meeting room at the Chatham Community Library will be transformed into a safe space to share stories, and ask questions, of sorrow, grief and love around death, dying and beyond.

The "Death and Cupcakes" event, scheduled from 2:30-4 p.m. on Dec. 14, is not a grief support group, but a place to share stories and to be witnessed, a place to ask questions. It is a place to bring positive awareness around death and to be with community around living and dying.

This program will be facilitated by the clinical director of heart2heart, Cathy Brooksie Edwards, with music by Sheila Fleming. The mission of heart2heart is to support individuals, families and communities as they navigate the living path during the dying time and beyond.

Coffee, tea and cupcakes will be served.

This event is free and open to the public. Funding for this event is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library.Orenduciissit excesti aeedit officid magnimo int optibus nonsequist, alicate mporem. Uga. Site num illesse niscia quam et aut que nobis quid

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Film Screening: No Small Matter

PITTSBORO — The Chatham Community Library will host a screening of the documentary, "No Small Matter," at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 in the library's Holmes Meeting Room

Eleven million American children need childcare each week — and yet somehow, the U.S. lacks a comprehensive early care and education system. Who exactly is taking care of America's kids? While the vast majority of the childcare workforce is female, it is diverse in many other ways — from demographics to education level to the kind of "program" they offer, whether a preschool, a family childcare provider, or even relatives and friends.

"No Small Matter" is a feature length documentary film about early

childhood education in America co-produced by Chicago filmmakers Siskel/Jacobs Productions and Kindling Group.

DMV adding drivers license transactions to the myNC DMV platform

RALEIGH — The online driver license services available on the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles website moved into the myNC DMV section of the site, effective Nov. 17.

Drivers will now be able to renew their licenses through the application where vehicle owners now go to renew their registration and pay their property tax online.

Drivers will be able to skip traveling to a local license office by using the myNC DMV online service to renew their license, order a duplicate license or update their address. Unlike the current DMV online system where customers must complete transactions one by one, the myNC DMV

platform allows customers to complete multiple transactions at once even if they vary between vehicle and driver services.

Like the vehicle services procedures, there will be a \$3 transaction fee that the vendor, PayIt, collects to pay for its work to improve the DMV site and add services, such as the REAL ID Wizard and online renewal reminders. There is no upfront cost to the DMV for the work, as the company is paid through the transaction fee. The DMV does not collect or benefit from the transaction fee.

For more information including the list of online DMV services, visit myNC DMV.gov.

Frigid temperatures and holiday cooking create a recipe for home fires

RALEIGH — Combine the recent cold snap across North Carolina with that of fires that stem from holiday cooking and you have an

increased potential for home fires, warns Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey.

"The holidays are a dangerous time of the year for fires because of the use of space heaters as well as the increase in cooking and baking," said Commissioner Causey. "That's why it is important for family members to know the dangers space heaters present and to be careful while using the oven and stove, especially with children roaming around the house."

Each year during the winter months, there is an increase in the number of home fires related to the various forms of heating. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), heating is the leading cause of fires in U.S. homes. Nearly 90% of home heating fire deaths involve stationary or portable space heaters. The leading factor that contributes to home heating fire deaths was heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.

Home fires peak on major U.S. holidays that traditionally involve cooking with Thanksgiving listed as the holiday with the most reported cooking fires, according to the NFPA. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), there are approximately 2,000 home fires that occur each Thanksgiving that result in deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in property loss. Many of those fires are caused by turkey frying.

So far in 2019, 96 people have lost their lives in North Carolina because of fire.

The North Carolina Department of Insurance, Office of State Fire

Marshal and Safe Kids NC recommend the following NFPA safety tips to prevent fire, injury or poisonings:

Heating

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container, placed on a non-combustible area and stored a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Cooking

- Always stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling or broiling food. If you need to leave the kitchen, turn off the stove.
- Keep flammable items such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels and curtains away from the cooking area.
- Establish a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and other areas where hot food or drink is being prepared or carried.
- Be alert when cooking. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't cook.
- If your stove catches on fire, when in doubt, just get out! Call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

To learn more about fire and holiday safety, visit the OSFM website.

— CN+R staff reports



Winner of the quilt raffle

The Pittsboro Baptist Church Prayer Quilt Ministry (PQM) announced Sara Donaldson as the winner of its third annual quilt raffle drawing held Nov. 13. The quilt, hand-crafted over many months by PQM members, is valued at more than \$500. The raffle is the primary funding source for the ministry which provides prayer quilts to people in need of comfort.

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