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## CODE ENFORCEMENT IN SILER CITY

# Addressing the town's 'nuisances,' one at a time

BY CASEY MANN  
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SILER CITY — Dennis Pinnix tells the story of communicating with a local resident about the number of ways that resident was violating city codes on his property.

The exchanges, by phone and by mail, seemed to fall on deaf ears.

Finally, Pinnix — who owns State Code Enforcement Inc., the company Siler City employs for its code enforcement work — decided to visit the man at his home.

The homeowner told Pinnix: "I own this. I want to do what I want to do with it."

No so fast, Pinnix told him. "And I told him I agree with him, except when it affects someone else's life or property values," he said.

Pinnix asked the man, "What if I purchased the land next to yours and opened a hog farm? Would that affect you?"

A point the man understood quickly.

"That's why we have ordinances," Pinnix said. "To protect everyone's way of life and property values."

Since last May, Siler City has contracted with State Code Enforcement Inc. to handle the sometimes dirty, sometimes difficult work of enforcing local ordinances — a job which entails, among many other things, making sure homeowners and business owners address high grass, weeds, junk piles and other nuisances on their property, as well as enforcing minimal housing codes for builders and landlords.

Siler City is one of 10 municipalities where SCEI works.

George McDuffie, the company's code enforcement officer handling Siler City, has an office adjacent to Siler City Town Planner Jack Meadow's office in town hall and has been hard at work since last May doing that work. In that time, he's logged 547 investigations, a "great volume of work," according to Meadows.

For decades, the town's inspections and code enforcement were all conducted in-house. Charlie McLaurin was the chief inspector and Sergio Borraro had split duties as an inspector and as a code enforcement officer. When McLaurin retired a year ago, the town contracted with Chatham County to perform its new inspections, while Borraro continued split duties handling inspections for permits that were already in process.



George McDuffie, who works with State Code Enforcement Inc., examines a list of recent code violations in Siler City. The town contracts with SCEI for its services.

Staff photo by David Bradley

But as those projects starting coming to a close, Borraro — who held numerous certifications for inspections — began to look elsewhere for a job because maintaining those certifications required actually conducting inspections. Early

last year, Borraro took a job with Chatham County, leaving a void in code enforcement in town.

Meadows, in conjunction with then-town manager Bryan

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# Local solid waste station's closure has impact on Siler City budget

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE  
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SILER CITY — "This location has closed! We apologize for any inconvenience!" declares a sign printed on an 8.5 x 11 piece of paper — the sign's black lettering a bit smudged from exposure to the elements despite a clear, plastic protective cover — and zip-tied to the chain link gate at Waste Management's solid waste transfer station in Siler City.

Located at the end of Waste Treatment Plant Road, which winds a short distance downhill from its point of origin on U.S. 64 just west of the nearby Walmart, the transfer station closed shop on New Year's eve, eliminating the closest option for waste disposal for some residents.

Another same-sized sign zip-tied next to the initial announcement offers more information: "Waste Management regrets to inform our customers that we will be closing the Siler City transfer station location on December 31, 2019. This was not an easy decision to come to and we greatly apologize for the inconvenience this will cause to our loyal customers."

Those customers include not only residential users of the facility but also the Town of Siler City and Chatham County, both governments routinely using



Staff photo by David Bradley

Waste Management has closed its solid waste transfer station on Waste Treatment Plant Road in Siler City, with New Year's Eve its last day of operation.

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# Chatham's Methodists face decision over LGBTQ plan

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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MONCURE — Pastor Danny Berrier sits in a multipurpose room at Chatham United Methodist Church, which itself sits on the outskirts of Pittsboro, across from a small lake.

Papers in front of him, he tries to put into words just how much the United Methodist Church has meant to him.

"It hurts me personally only because I love the United Methodist Church," Berrier said. "It's been my life. To see it not be the same, meaning that people are going to leave, is hurtful for me as an individual. And I expect that will impact my congregation."

What Berrier is speaking to is news that the world's third-largest Protestant group could potentially enter the summer with a plan in place for churches across the world to leave the denomination over questions of the place of LGBTQ individuals within congregational life. Berrier, a lifelong Methodist, said the discussion has been going on for a long time — and he's seen the pain it's caused.

"Hurt and injury is what's being felt by a lot of people," he said.

An official decision on this separation won't

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# Chatham BOE freezes teacher supplement pay

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Education voted Monday to freeze teaching supplement spending at its current rate because of a gap between what's available to spend and what would be required to meet the next increase.

The decision was made at the board's annual mid-year retreat, held at the Chatham Park Conference Center, after CCS Superintendent Derrick Jordan explained that the district did not have enough money to cover the \$850,000 extra needed for projected raises to the supplement in next year's budget.

Supplements are often used as tools to recruit teachers to districts. Chatham finds itself in a particularly difficult place in recruitment, at least when it comes to salary — despite ranking 6th out of 115 districts in supplement, it is 5th of the 11 counties in its region.

The district and county had agreed on a plan to increase the percentages in various categories of experience and additional education over the next few years. But the projected shortfall has led the school board to freeze spending. Teachers will not see a decrease in their annual supplement, but will be paid the same supplement amount next school year as they were this year.

"We have proactively touched this multiple times, and this transition to a percentage of salary was born out of years of conversation even before it was implemented," Jordan said.

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# 'They don't have another way'



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Gloria Maldonado, left, of the Siler City Police Department and Edna Villasnor of Chatham County Court Programs operate a support group for Latina survivors of domestic violence.

# Support group for Latina survivors of abuse established in Siler City

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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SILER CITY — When the Family Violence Rape Crisis Center closed in October 2018, Chatham County was without an organization or group specifically focused on serving survivors of domestic violence.

In the 15 months since, Second Bloom of Chatham has been birthed and a 24-7 crisis line has been established, with the people over at Chatham County Court Programs stepping in to provide assistance. While Second Bloom is still establishing itself and

trying to get programs up and running, there's one initiative that is already in full swing.

Starting in March 2019, a pair of domestic violence advocates — one working for Chatham County and another for the Siler City Police Department — put together a group designed to help a specific population of survivors: Latina women, who often find themselves in a bind when they suffer abuse.

These advocates say they want to provide a space for survivors to healing and maybe, eventually, trust a system

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

- The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will hold its monthly regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21 at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse Courtroom, 9 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro.
- The **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21 at the Town Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. Second Ave. in Siler City.
- The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27 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. at Edwards Hill Friends Church at 92 Ed Leonard Rd. on Thursday, Jan. 16. All area residents are invited. Refreshments will be served.
- The **Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** meet at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, Jan. 16 at the Seymore Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments welcome. For more information and/or directions, contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol.com or 919-929-5359.
- **St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church** - Our mission is simple: to provide a healthy, ap-petizing meal at no cost to those who come to us hungry at 12 noon on Thursdays. We provide a place of hospitality and fellowship for everyone. All are welcome, regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religious preference, handicap, or income.
- **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. to 3 p.m., and other days and times by appointment. Call 919-545-8086 to make an appointment.
- The **Pittsboro Farmers Market** is open with sea-sonable items year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. They are located at 287 East St., Pittsboro.

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FRIDAY

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

SUNDAY

- Meet for a **NHAS Bird Walk** at 8 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, behind Bojangles at Oak Creek Village Shopping Center in Durham for about a three walk. New birders and birders of all skill levels are welcome. Contact Jim Capel at jim.capel@mind-spring.com. Heavy rains will result in cancellation of individual walks. For walks, wear long pants and closed toe shoes with

socks. Bring snacks and water if you like.

MONDAY

- **Writing Toward Resilience** resumes Monday, Jan. 20 . Join us at the UNC Hospice Home Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a respite from your day – to reflect and write. Just drop in. No registration necessary. This weekly group is led by Carol Henderson, a professional writer and facilitator. There is no requirement to read any-thing you write, but you may if you wish.SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Healthcare is located at 100 Roundtree Way, Pitts-boro – behind Bojangles. Contact me with any questions, Ann Ritter, 984-215-2650.
- **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 Agricul-ture Building Auditorium, 65 East Chatham St., located downstairs in downtown Pittsboro. Cost is \$5 per person each week. For more informa-tion 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. For more infor-mation, see our website: www.pittsbororoadhouse.com.
- **Caregiver Support Group** sponsored by UNC Hos-pice - This group offers support for those cur-rently providing care to a loved one. Hear infor-mation about effective caregiving and share ex-periences in comfortable surroundings. No regis-tration necessary. Just Come! 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Mondays 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 . Group meets the third Monday of every month.

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UPCOMING

- The **Chatham County Partnership for Children** will hold its Regular Board Meeting (Audit Report and IRS I-990 Report) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center. All members attendance will be appreciated.
- The Science of Identi-fying **TREES MADE SIM-PLE** through upcoming workshops. Two identical sessions of the workshop are available: 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday, Jan. 21 and 6 p.m. to 8:30, on Wednesday, Jan. 22 , at the Chatham County Ag-riculture and Conference Center, 1192 US Hwy 64W Bus, Pittsboro. This will be lead by Matt Jones, Extension Horticulture Agent, and the Master Gardener volunteers of Chatham County. This is made possible by the Chatham County Center of the N.C. Cooperative Extension. For more information , including how to register, visit: https://go.ncsu.edu/win-terbotany or contact NC Cooperative Extension, Chatham County Center at 919-542-8202.
- The public is invited to a **Grand Opening Celebration for Realty World Carolina Properties - Siler City** on

Jan. 21. Sherry Allen is the Broker in Charge for the 1609 E. 11th St. (Hwy. 64) location in Siler City. There will be a Ribbon Cutting at 4:30 p.m. and an Open House with re-freshments to follow until 6 p.m.

- Meet for a **NHAS Bird Walk** at 8 a.m. Wednes-day, Jan. 22, in front of the Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Shopping Center in Chapel Hill. The bird walk will last about three hours at an area site. New birders and bird-ers of all skill levels are welcome. For questions, contact Fleeta Wilkinson at fleetalee@gmail.com. Heavy rains will result in cancellation of individual walks. For walks, wear long pants and closed toe shoes with socks. Bring snacks and water if you like.
- A **“Tribute to Elvis”** presented by the Bynum Front Porch will be held at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center on Jan. 25. Dinner and 2 show sets, \$40! with Stephen Freeman, an El-vis Tribute Artist ranked in the top ten in the world. All proceeds to benefit the Educational Grant Program for three Cha-tham High School AVID students. E-Tickets may be purchased at www.eventbrite.com/E/A-Trib-ute-To-Elvis-Starring-Step-phen-Freeman-With Din-ner-Tickets-76686303799 until Jan. 18. You may TEXT “Tickets” to 919-357-5830 or 704-519-9300 for a call back with infor-mation.

- Join the gathering for the **Bluegrass Jam Circle** at Bynum Front Porch Pickin’ and make music every 2nd and 4th Satur-day throughout the year, at 950 Bynum Rd. The cir-cle forms around 10 a.m. until 12ish. Singers, new pickers, (spoons, wash-boards) 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!
- Meet for a **NHAS Bird Walk** at 8 a.m. on Sun-day, Jan 26, meet behind Bojangles at Oak Creek Village Shopping Center in Durham for about a three walk. New birders and birders of all skill levels are welcome. Con-tact Kent Fiala at kent.fiala@gmail.com. Heavy rains will result in can-cellation of individual walks. For walks, wear long pants and closed toe shoes with socks. Bring snacks and water if you like.
- The **Circle of Support** for those who have lost a loved one to death meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the second Monday of each month at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. Come to one or come every month to give and gain support from others who have lost a loved one. Volunteers will facilitate the circle of support. Participants can bring pictures and stories of their loved one as well as questions and concerns. No need to reg-is-ter! Just come! If you’d like further information, contact Ann Ritter, 984-215-2650 or ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu. If you need directions, call the Hospice Home at 984-215-2675.

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- Registration is now open for **Sing and Play**

**’20**, the third-annual musical competition scheduled for February at Jordan-Matthews High School. Sing and Play highlights musical talent in separate competitions for elementary, middle and high school mu-sicians. Vocalists and instrumentalists who are students in a N.C. public, private or home school may register through Jan. 28 to receive an au-dition appointment and perform either as an indi-vidual or in an ensemble of up to four musicians. Acts selected during auditions on Feb. 4 will participate in the Sing and Play ’20 Showcase Competition on Feb. 20, where audience members will select the winner in each age-based competi-tion. General admission to the showcase is \$5 per person. Each of the three winning acts receives a \$50 cash prize. Rules and registration information are available online at JMarts.org/events/.

- Chatham Community Library is offering a series of **free computer classes** in January and February. You can find a description of each class, including topics covered and prerequisites for attending, by visiting www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses. Micro-soft PowerPoint Basics, Part 1: From 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29; Microsoft PowerPoint Basics, Part 2: From 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5; Drop-in Computer Assistance: From 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12; and Intro to Face-book: From 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20. The Drop-In Computer Assistance sessions (Jan. 8 and Feb. 12) do not require registration. For all other classes, space is limited and you must register in advance. 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, on the campus of Central Carolina Community College.

- Award winning author Mrs. Cassandra King Conroy to appear at a **Chatham Literacy Event**. Known for humor and honesty, Mrs. Conroy, wife of former southern literary icon Pat Conroy, will speak at the Governor’s Club April 29 for Chatham Literacy’s Fall for Literacy event. She will discuss her new

memoir about life with Pat Conroy. Go to www.chathamliteracy.org for tickets.

ALSO HAPPENING

- The **Chatham Historical Museum** is open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednes-day, Thursday, and Fri-day. Adult and kid friend-ly; no admission fee. January is the last month to see our special exhib-it on Chatham’s Deep River Coal History, which includes many interesting artifacts. Don’t miss it! Our permanent exhibits cover all aspects of Cha-tham’s unique history. The Museum is located in the historic Chatham County Courthouse in the circle. More info: https://chathamhistory.org
- The **Second Bloom of Cha-tham Thrift Shop’s** regular hours are now Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. We are in Pittsboro on the Court-house Circle beside the Roadhouse. All proceeds support domestic violence services and education in collaboration with Cha-tham County.
- **Chatham Habitat for Hu-manity** is seeking groups – corporate, school, neigh-borhood, etc. – to volun-teer on their Siler City build sites. Build days are on Wednesdays, Thurs-days, and Saturdays. For more information, visit chathamhabitat.org/vol-unteer, or email rachelh@chathamhabitat.org

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

volunteers to help with many projects. Teens can help at food pantries, in gardens, fundraising projects, office work, and care for animals. **Chatham Connecting** website lists many volunteer oppor-tunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community: www.chathamconnecting.org.

- **Meals on Wheels drivers are needed in Chatham County**. Regular and substitute drivers are needed. We are looking for individuals or teams to deliver meals as a regular driver for our routes. Meals are delivered between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Routes take about an hour. Substi-tutes will likely deliver 1 to 2 times per month. Contact Allison Andrews with Chatham Council on Aging, phone: 919-542-4512, ext. 226. Allison.andrews@chathamcoun-cilonaging.org.
- **Foster and/or adoptive information** — Give chil-dren a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent. Call 642-6956 to learn more.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** — North Carolina District 33, call the Help Line at 866-640-0180 for the meet-ing schedule for this area.

- **Motorcycle Association** — The Motorcycle Associa-tion for Chatham, West-ern Wake, Lee, Orange and Alamance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA.com.

- **Narcotics Anonymous** — For drug problems in the family, Narcotics Anonymous helps! Call 1-800-721-8225 for listing of local meetings!

- **Al-Anon Meeting** — Pitts-boro Serenity Seekers Al-Anon Family Group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, at Chatham Community Church, in the lower level of Chatham Mill, Pitts-boro.

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the local facility to meet their solid waste disposal needs since it opened approximately 20 years ago.

“As far as why they closed, I don’t know,” said Chris McCorkindale, Siler City’s public works director, who said in an interview on Monday that Waste Management notified the town by letter about a month before shutting down the facility at the end of 2019, though offering little explanation. The letter offered town officials similar language regarding the closure to that on the sign awaiting customers at the transfer station’s now-locked gate.

“For the time being,” McCorkindale said, “it’s put us in a little bit of a bind.”

In the wake of Waste Management’s decision, the town is now transferring those bulk items routinely collected on routes throughout town to either of the two

nearest alternatives, in Lee and Randolph counties: Waste Management’s Sanford transfer station, at 2720 Wilkins Dr.; and Great Oak Landfill, owned and operated by Waste Management, at 3597 Old Cedar Falls Rd., Randleman.

But the extra distance — Siler City Town Manager Roy Lynch told the News + Record on Monday that the additional travel for Siler City’s trucks is a minimum of 20 miles, one way — means more travel and vehicle maintenance costs the town now incurs.

The matter was reviewed briefly by Siler City officials, meeting on Saturday with the town board to begin preparing the town’s upcoming fiscal year 2020/21 budget.

While the town is still evaluating the impact of the facility’s closure, Lynch is preliminarily asking town commissioners to consider an increase in the town’s Sanitation Department budget by \$32,400. The

additional funds include vehicle repairs and increases in travel and tipping fees associated with the longer distances town trucks now must travel to deposit solid waste.

McCorkindale said the town, since the facility closed, has been alternating using both the Sanford and Randleman alternatives, evaluating which is most economical to the town.

“It’s going to have a significant impact on us as far as expenses go,” Lynch said. “That includes additional fuel, wear and tear on our vehicles and the additional miles that will now need to be driven. It’s going to take a couple of months to get an idea of what the long-term costs are.”

Lynch said the town utilized the now-shuttered facility “all the time,” often multiple trips in the same day.

A number of residents also utilized the local facility, said McCorkindale.

“Probably more people used it than I realized, based on the number of



Staff photo by David Bradley

The transfer station on Waste Treatment Plant Road took in a variety of materials for disposal over the past 20 years.

calls we’ve gotten about it,” he said.

McCorkindale said he can only refer those residents inquiring about the closure to the two alternative locations.

Lynch said, for now,

there are no other alternatives available to the town, other than hauling solid waste the additional miles to the two out-of-county locations; but he said it’s possible perhaps another

solid waste service provider could procure the closed facility and re-open it.

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

HOME:

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Thompson, suggested the town contract out ordinance enforcement services for a time to “test the waters.” That led the town to SCEI, a relationship which seems to be fruitful. For \$99,840 a year, the town gets a designated code enforcement professional from State Code Enforcement, but also benefits from the company’s experience, software and administration.

SCEI owner Pinnix is a retired Greensboro firefighter. Pinnix says he had a “passion for working with people” and felt that he could help “educate people on codes and ordinances.” In 2012, his company assisted Ed Brown with ordinance enforcement in Asheboro. Since that time, SCEI has expanded and

‘That’s why we have ordinances — to protect everyone’s way of life and property values.’

**DENNIS PINNIX, owner of State Code Enforcement Inc.**

serves the communities of Elon, Mooresville, Roxboro and others.

“[Pinnix] brings many years of experience and knowledge from working with other communities,” Meadows said. “We’ve gained all that.”

“With our certifications, knowledge, experience and approach to code enforcement we bring a great value to a town or city,” Pinnix said. “We save the towns and cities from having to go through the hiring process, training the new officer, purchasing a vehicle, maintenance for the vehicle, insurance, uniforms and benefits for the new employee.”

Often when a town

hires a code enforcement officer, they are “usually green and learn on the job,” Meadows said. But he notes that in this case Pinnix’s company had “educated” them on the best and latest industry practices, bringing code enforcement software that helps track complaints and creating reports and a mapping program that provides a geographical representation of the work that’s being done. Each week, McDuffie and Meadows review ongoing potential violations on a map to ensure that ordinance enforcement is occurring equitably throughout all of the town’s limits.

Pinnix says he tries to



One of the buildings in Siler City cited for recent code violations is at 206 Craven St. The side of the property has collapsing walls and roof.

Staff photo by David Bradley

work with each of the towns’ citizens to find out what it is they want to do and how it can be done within the town’s ordinances. Meadows notes that SCEI brought concerns about the town’s ordinance to him that were in turn brought to the town’s planning board, a group of town residents who review ordinances and possible recommendations for changes to the town’s board of commissioners.

“In the first months of this new relationship, we learned things and found a few hiccups,” Meadows said. “But with working with both the planning board and the board of commissioners and the contractor, we’ve been able to quickly do things to make it more efficient and economical.”

When the company started working with the town, Pinnix and Meadows worked together to create a priority list of what the town board was seeking from ordinance enforcement. The first priority was in health and safety and included addressing tall vegetation, breeding grounds for mosquitoes, rats, snakes and other vermin, junk piles and abandoned cars. The second priority was enforcing the town’s minimum housing code, so homes that are abandoned or are deemed unsafe for residents and

surrounding neighbors.

The investigations start one of two ways — by complaint or by something McDuffie notices while canvassing the town. A significant majority of the investigations, 411, were identified by McDuffie during his “proactive” canvasses. A majority of those violations were for high grass, junk piles or other “nuisances.” This winter, McDuffie moved his focus to identifying homes which violated the minimum housing code. To date, McDuffie has logged 92 investigations of properties based on those codes.

The town’s minimum housing code is based directly on state statute, according to Pinnix. Pinnix notes there are several classifications for “minimum housing.” For example, minimum housing requires a landlord supply heat for a rental which must be adequate based on the state standard. If there is not heat in every habitable room, the building is considered uninhabitable. In those cases, Pinnix’s company serves as a mediator between the property owners and the tenants to ensure the rental is safe and meets minimum housing standards.

Other classifications involve structural deficiencies such as those with

broken windows, bad roofs and collapsing walls, where the safety of residents of and around the building are in danger because of its condition. Pinnix notes this is especially of concern for abandoned and dilapidated homes where neighborhood children could get hurt.

The minimum housing code not only defines what minimum housing is, but also sets out a step-by-step procedure for how a municipality can address it — whether it’s repaired or eventually demolished. Pinnix says his company tries to work with landowners first. If progress on repairs are being made, he will work with the person, but if not, they follow those procedures.

Of the investigations initiated by McDuffie, 445 have been resolved, though most of those were for grass, debris and nuisance violations. McDuffie and Meadows have been working on the minimum housing violations list in order to work with the board of commissioners to determine the best way forward in those instances. The list of nearly 100 homes are rated based on severity of the violation and condition of the property. Resolving the violations on those buildings, many of which are abandoned, will likely take a greater investment by the town.

Previously, McLaurin and Borrayo were able to resolve two of these types of cases a year, typically resulting in demolition. The process to demolish personal property is a protracted one and comes with costs. The board will likely consider what type of investment it is willing to make during the upcoming budget development sessions.

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# VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

## There’s another way toward peace

The Gospel of Matthew paints a picture of King Herod as a lying, conniving, egomaniac (see Matthew, chapter 2). Other historical sources tell us this ancient king was even worse.

Herod was granted the official title “King of Judea” by the Roman Senate, although in the history books, he is often known as Herod the Great and you know he would have loved that. He owed his rise to power to his father who was buddies with J.C. — that is, Julius Caesar. When Herod became king, he executed his own sons because they posed a threat to his rule.

But in the time of Herod in Jerusalem there were also traveling star-gazers from modern-day Iran — yes, Iran. These wise men were warned to avoid Herod after visiting the Christ child; and so, they went home “by another way” (Matthew 2:12). As a Christian, I recall that a certain baby boy grew up to promise, “I am the way” (John 14:6). The

way of the Prince of Peace is against the cycle of retributive violence and for peacemaking — it is a way of diplomacy, not war. We, who choose to follow Jesus, are called to speak the truth of this “other way” to our elected officials and to all world leaders.

Leaders of many denominations, including the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have joined in signing a nonpartisan message to our elected officials: “A Faith Statement on Escalating Violence with Iran.” This statement includes the following: “We know that human flourishing entails breaking cycles of violence, being courageous peacemakers, and focusing on the root causes of violence.”

But in our world of maniacal modern Herods, is such a statement only a fantasy? To quote Joni Mitchell, is peace only a dream that some of us had?

Returning to those ancient Iranians, they were famously guided to the Christ child by a star in the heavens.

**As violence escalates between our country and Iran, now is a time for making the dream of peace a reality unless we wake up to discover we are living a nightmare. Instead of the usual drumbeat of war, let us ask our elected officials to go off script and seek an inspired vision. Instead of demonizing an entire people in a country, let us search for individual stories of grace under duress, which show us how other people are actually a lot like us.**

But they were prompted to avoid Herod and go “another way” by a dream (Matt 2:12). In January, we remember another man who also had a dream.

Addressing a quarter of a million people in 1963 from the steps of the Lincoln Monument, Martin Luther King Jr. had actually finished his prepared remarks and was preparing to leave the podium when Mahalia Jackson, legendary Gospel singer, called to him, “Martin, tell them about your dream.” And so, the famous “I Have a Dream” speech

was unscripted and, I believe, divinely inspired.

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are actually a lot like us. And, with a healthy dose of cheerful humility, let us ask of ourselves to go off the partisan script of pointing fingers at the other side. Let us lead our country walking back the bellicose rhetoric and walking in another way.

I am neither ignorant nor naïve about the challenges posed by hostile powers and principalities. But I still have hope that we can avoid further violence and the spiral into yet another war. As MLK preached, “Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends. Though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.” Following this dream, people of good faith from different religions and creeds can work together to seek another way — the holy way of peace.

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

## Sometimes the best path to coexistence is a quick exit

A popular bumper sticker implores us, with just one word and several symbols, to “coexist.”

It’s a noble and necessary aim — coexistence — but it isn’t always easy. This is true on a global scale and right here at home.

Sometimes things happen — especially on the open road where you’re apt to see such bumper sticker advice — that test our ability to just get along. Something along those lines happened to me Saturday morning driving along the two-lane stretch of Hwy.15-501 between Pittsboro and the Lee County line.

I was driving northbound at a comfortable 60 miles per hour — enough miles per hour over the speed limit, I believed, to keep everybody else (i.e. those drivers behind me) happy and the law from growing disagreeable.

But there are times you could be driving 120 mph and it wouldn’t be quite fast enough for the bloke behind the wheel of the car behind you; and that was the case Saturday morning, as I could infer from the way the driver of the van to my rear was tailgating me — never mind that I was technically speeding.

I was also planning to make a left hand turn off the well-traveled two-lane highway, which required me to alert, using my turn signal, the driver to my rear of my intent and to slow down as my turn approached; everything — I believed — I was supposed to do to execute an ordinary driving maneuver and, in turn, coexist.

But my Spidey senses began to tingle when, just as I was slowing and about to turn off the road, I noticed in the rear view mirror the van behind me begin to veer to the left, as if they were going to pass me on this straight stretch of road.

So to avoid a collision with the man of questionable motives driving behind me, I braked even more.

That’s when he suddenly jerked the van back to the right and, I think, went off the road a bit as he readjusted, stirring up gravel.

Baffled by this odd driving style, I continued to make the planned and telegraphed turn and as I did also looked back over my right shoulder to better determine what on earth was going on with the van. I looked just in time to see the young man driving it offer me a final critique with a single raised finger.

The incident left me, in modern parlance, SMH, which I think (and hope) means “shaking my head,” for that felt my only remaining response.

There’d been no contact between car and van, no property damage, and — of most importance to coexisting — no one had been hurt.

But the perplexing incident remained with me for a bit longer as I continued on my now-westward route. Somehow, in his alternative version of the events that had just occurred, the guy driving the van, by now I assumed continuing his northbound route at a much faster pace free of my irritating interference, must have felt — strongly enough to articulate it with the rude gesture — that I had erred in my signaling and slowing.

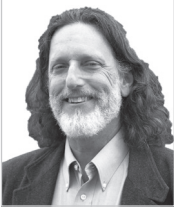
The only other thing I could have done to mitigate conflict in that driving situation, maybe, was extend my left arm out the window and use the archaic arm and hand manual turning signal that nobody much uses anymore and even fewer people, I think, still understand.

Or, given more time and a sunroof, I might have sent up smoke signals.

As it was, I felt I’d exhausted my real-world options.

I relate the incident here not to certify my innocence of any wrongdoing in this minor driving disagreement, but to remind myself, mainly, that coexistence isn’t a carefree highway. It requires something of us.

Sometimes it demands tolerance. Sometimes patience. Sometimes empathy. Sometimes forgiving, sometimes forgetting. And sometimes, just getting out of someone else’s way.



**RANDALL RIGSBEE**  
Randall Reflects



## It’s time to see what time it is

As the clock ticks on and the years go by and I have more birthdays, I seem to pay more attention to time.

I don’t think it’s an obsession and I don’t understand it any better than before; maybe it’s just an awareness of how fragile and passing time is. I often wonder about the things I do and don’t do and wonder “why” to both of them.

When I take the time to drop a note or make a call, after an internal nudging, I’m never unhappy about it. When I find I have some unexpected time and then don’t seem to get much done I wonder if that time was wasted. That, of course, gets into the meaning of what “wasted” is anyway.

Was it wasted time to read another chapter in a good book? Was it wasted time to watch a rerun of “The Andy Griffith Show” I had seen 10 times before? I guess all that is a personal decision.

I have, through the years, noticed a few things about time. One is that work usually expands to fit the time allotted for it. If, for instance, your task is to mow the front yard and realistically you can do it in two hours, if we’re not careful we’ll spend two-thirds of the day procrastinating, stalling, working slowly, taking breaks, whatever.



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin’ Around

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I’ve also noticed time has a way of changing. Years ago, for instance, when I still had the set of Compton’s Picture Encyclopedia that my mama and daddy bought for their boys, I could look up “Hippopotamus,” for instance, in a shade under eight or 10 seconds. Didn’t matter that the volume, dated somewhere around 1955, might be years out of date and the information not that current.

During the past decade or so, my better half did some shopping and introduced me to the world of computer information. So today, thanks to the hardware and the internet, if I want to know something about a hippopotamus I turn the thing on, wait for it to run through its various cycles and do all the things it has to do.

Then, when I go to whatever information site I want I can get all kinds of information. The fact it will take a minute or so will eventually irk me a great deal. So which is faster: the old way or the technological way? But even more important, I think, is which information source is the better one to have?

Years ago, when I was a cute little boy in short pants (which was, indeed, years ago) if someone had told

me that in this day and age I could communicate with almost anyone in the world almost instantly and get all kinds of information, I would have marveled and said, “Bring it on.” Now, the fact it takes what I often think is too long tells me mostly how my thought process about time has changed.

All that, of course, brings me/us back to the important question: how are we using the time we have? I don’t think I have one foot on the Social Security system and the other on a banana peel but sometimes I act like I’ve got some 60-plus more years to go. That’s why there are books and magazines and newspapers and old video cassettes all around my place. “I’ll save it for another day,” I reason and sometimes those days do come but most times they don’t.

I’m starting to realize more and more that every once in a while it’s a good idea to take the time to take stock of what we do and to make sure we make good use of our time.

That’s all for now...I just discovered under a pile of papers an old John Wayne western I haven’t seen in 30 years.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## LETTERS

### AOC says Trump is a fascist. Is it a factually true statement?

#### TO THE EDITOR:

On June 17, 2019, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) commenting about the U.S. southern border, said via Instagram live video, “A presidency that creates concentration camps is fascist.”

Which fascist is AOC comparing to Mr. Trump? Not all fascist governments were the same. They differed in degree of control and brutality. Fascism emerged circa 1919-1945: 1919, Italy, Mussolini; 1919, Germany, Hitler; 1933, Spain, Franco. All had similar ideology: Dictatorial central power, unquestioned obedience, destruction of opposition, individual rights subordinated to the State, imperialism, endorsed capitalism, hated communism/socialism. Franco’s Fascism endured from 1936-1975, initially savaged opposition, but then relaxed control over decades. Nazis believed in Aryan racial superiority. In contrast, Mussolini and Franco weren’t racial supremacists. To appease Hitler, the submissive Mussolini legislated Italian racial laws in 1938.

To what category of concentration camp is AOC referring? Franco’s camps primarily executed opposition combatants. Mussolini’s camps circa 1930s-1945 had fewer deaths (estimated 19,893).

Hitler’s “concentration camps” killed 6 million and were subcategorized: Detention Camps, Transit Camps, POW Camps, Labor Camps, Extermination (Killing) Camps. In labor camps, survival was months to years. In extermination camps, survival could be one day. The first Nazi camp (Dachau, built in 1933) confined Hitler’s political opponents. In Nazi labor camps, exhaustion, crowding, and starvation resulted in weakness and disease. Daily roll calls had “selections” of the sick, old, weak, and children for “extermination”.

AOC’s “hysteria of language” reveals a half-educated Congresswoman. She didn’t discriminate the variety of Fascism (German, Italian, or Spanish), or the category of concentration camp. If the German kind, racism is implied. If the Spanish kind, no racism was exemplified. Did AOC know that Mr. Trump didn’t create U.S. border detention facilities, and that they existed before his election, and that Mr. Trump has a Jewish son-in-law and daughter? Has AOC observed Mr. Trump destroying opposition political parties or suppressing opposition speech? Does AOC understand in 1940 no one was trying to enter Germany, but rather people were fleeing?! Even worse, no one in their sane mind would voluntarily surrender to the German “SS” Police for camp placement! In contrast,

masses of foreign Spanish Speakers are entering our southern border and voluntarily surrendering to U.S. Federal Border Police. These masses know that, in fact, U.S. border detention facilities are not concentration camps and that Mr. Trump is not a Fascist.

**Frank Dunphy**  
*Pittsboro*

### Cast your vote for Elizabeth Warren in the primary

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Like many folks in Chatham, I have my list of things that I hope happen here in 2020. There are things about the county that I want to stay the same, others that need to sorely change.

As someone in the northwest portion, I know the historical tensions among us. It seems the folks who made the new congressional districts know them too — they just cut us off from Chatham and placed us in the 13th District with our rural neighbors in Randolph and Alamance counties.

But we still all vote here in the county, and I ask my fellow Democrats and unaffiliateds to vote for Elizabeth Warren in the presidential primary this March. She’s the only candidate I know that grew up in a rural community to working class parents. Elizabeth grew up in

Oklahoma, eventually becoming a special needs public school teacher, raised two children, and, like many of us in life, had ups, downs, a divorce, but still fought to get ahead.

Like all of us in Chatham County who work hard every day but don’t always see how it’s getting us ahead, she’s tackling those big corporate interests that are standing in the way. Others talk about corruption, but she’s stood up to the lobbyists, big banks, drug companies, and billionaires. I support her because she has a plan for our rural communities: supporting rural hospitals through increasing Medicare reimbursements, increasing broadband internet access, and supporting working families with plans for universal child care, increased affordable housing, and a plan to pay for it with a wealth tax for those making over \$500 million (we don’t even have folks like that here, even in the northeast part!).

I know Elizabeth Warren would be a president who thinks about us everyday, who would fight Wall Street and those financial interests that make it hard for small businesses to get ahead, make trade policy to bring farmers and workers to the table, and we would all sleep easier at night. Please join me in supporting Elizabeth in the 2020 primary.

**Phillip Giffus**  
*Snow Camp*

## Arguing about assassinations with a Fort Bragg major

“I don’t think the U.S. should be in the business of assassinating foreign leaders.”



**D.G. MARTIN**  
One on One

This was not me talking about last week’s controversial take-out by the U.S. of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani.

But it was me talking to a U.S. Army intelligence officer back in 1964 when I was a green second lieutenant at Fort Bragg on a temporary assignment at the G-2 (intelligence) office at the Special Warfare Center.

A seasoned officer in our group, a major, had outlined the need and the appropriateness of plans to assassinate Fidel Castro.

I was still reeling from the assassination of John F. Kennedy and wondering if some foreign operative, Soviet or Cuban perhaps, had been behind Lee Harvey Oswald’s cowardly act. I argued that our government should have nothing to do with such corrupt activity.

“How naïve,” the major said. “It’s what we do.” He proudly outlined the training and capability of our fellow intelligence and special warfare soldiers to take on such assignments.

He explained that eliminating the enemy’s leadership is just as important as killing its soldiers on the battlefield, destroying its bases, crippling its supply lines, and diminishing its will to resist through psychological operations.

I did not give up and pointed out that we were not at war with Cuba. I asked him if we, the U.S., should be trying to kill a foreign leader we did not like even though we were not engaged in armed conflict.

He did not budge. “Cuba is our enemy. They are in an undeclared war with us, and Castro is making it happen.”

I was about to argue that efforts to assassinate leaders of other countries would likely have unintended consequences and set off activities that would be dangerous and counterproductive.

Then I remembered that this major would be evaluating me. If he thought I was not tough enough, he would give me a bad rating, something I did not need.

So I backed away and said something like, “You’re probably right. Thanks for setting me straight.”

Meanwhile, U.S. attempts on Castro’s life were continuing, using poisoned and exploding cigars, syringes with toxins concealed in ballpoint pens, and partnership with the Mafia. All were failures and embarrassments for the U.S. Ironically, President Kennedy had approved such attempts, leaving us always to wonder if Oswald’s actions were prompted somehow by a revenge-minded Castro.

Of course, there are successful and necessary assassinations, such as taking out Osama bin Laden in 2011 and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi last year. Because they were the leaders of terror networks that were declared enemies of the U.S., it would be hard to argue that their eliminations were not justified and necessary.

What, then, would my colleague, the Fort Bragg major, say about the U.S. killing of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani earlier this month? I have no doubt that he would have declared it an unambiguous success. He would point out that Soleimani was responsible for the deaths of many U.S. and allied troops. Although he was an official of a recognized nation, Iran, his work in terrorism put him in the category of bin Laden.

And what would the former lieutenant say? He would be careful, knowing that not only the major would grade him, but also you and his other readers, if he were not tough enough.

But I am still cautious about assassination warfare. There will always be unintended and unplanned consequences that may outweigh the gains from eliminating a very bad operator.

The loss of the Ukrainian airliner may be the first from the Soleimani operation.

Even with the major listening in, this former lieutenant would argue that an assassination of a foreign leader should be authorized only rarely, in exceptional circumstances, and after careful and deliberate consideration of the alternatives and the consequences.

## Prudence needed on voter ID

“Prudence,” wrote the British statesman Edmund Burke, “is not



**JOHN HOOD**  
John Locke Foundation

only the first in rank of the virtues political and moral, but she is the director, the regulator, the standard of them all.” Quite right. Unfortunately, prudence has been sadly lacking on the issue of voter identification. It’s roiled North Carolina politics

for years. It needn’t have.

Proponents of strict photo-ID requirements have imprudently exaggerated the risk of fraudulent votes tipping the outcome of elections. Photo-ID opponents have imprudently exaggerated the prospect of “voter suppression.”

Judges have imprudently divined a nefarious, racist intent behind the push for voter ID in North Carolina despite the lack of clear evidence and the fact that voter-ID requirements are common in other jurisdictions, foreign and domestic, where racist conspiracies would be a highly implausible explanation.

Back in 2017, newly-elected Gov. Roy Cooper and Attorney General Josh Stein imprudently sabotaged North Carolina’s appeal to the United States Supreme Court of a federal appeals-court ruling striking down the state’s initial voter-ID requirement, enacted in 2013 as part of an omnibus election-law bill. That 2016 appeals-court ruling was the one stating that the Republican-led General Assembly enacted voter ID for discriminatory reasons, that the legislation’s provisions “target Afri-

can-Americans with an almost-surgical precision.”

Legislative leaders strongly objected to this characterization of their bill, and to the legal reasoning of the appeals-court decision. They had every expectation that the U.S. Supreme Court would reverse it.

So did Cooper and Stein. They blocked the appeal. Legislative leaders tried to intervene. “Given the blizzard of filings over who is and who is not authorized to seek review in this court under North Carolina law,” Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in 2017, the U.S. Supreme Court chose not to accept the case. However, the high court did not rule on its merits.

Outraged that North Carolina’s law had not been properly defended in court, legislative leaders recalibrated. Lawmakers placed a photo-ID requirement on the 2018 statewide ballot as a constitutional amendment. Voters ratified it by a significant margin.

After the election, lawmakers returned to Raleigh and passed a bill to implement the constitutional provision. The new law was much less strict than the previous one. It allows more forms of identification to satisfy the requirement and included a “reasonable impediments” clause with broad latitude for voters showing up at the polls without IDs to cast ballots.

Inevitably, progressive activists filed lawsuits in state and federal court. The reason voter ID is in the news again is that in the federal case, District Court Judge Loretta Biggs has blocked the new law from taking effect for the March primaries, and potentially for the entire 2020 cycle. It was another imprudent

decision.

Voter fraud is rare. But it does happen. The kinds of misconduct voter ID may help to combat — impersonation fraud (casting a ballot in place of someone else, including a relative) and residency fraud (casting a ballot in a jurisdiction that is not your principal home) — are also rare. But they are not nonexistent.

If voter-ID requirements imposed a heavy barrier to exercising the franchise, it would be imprudent, and arguably illegal, to institute them. That’s not what the facts show, however. There is an emerging research consensus that voter ID laws, even ones more demanding than what North Carolina’s constitution now requires, do not significantly reduce voter turnout. (By the way, that means claims of rampant voter fraud combatable by ID requirements are also wildly askew.)

The vast majority of voters already possess photo IDs. Those who don’t can meet the “reasonable impediment” provision in the short run and then acquire a photo ID for free from the state. Such an ID will come in handy for many other everyday tasks, surely a welcome benefit for individuals currently lacking one.

Most North Carolinians believe voter ID is a reasonable precaution against a low-probability but catastrophic event. It would be prudent for politicians and judges to accept that and move on to more important matters.

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## The ‘Transformative Twenties’

The 1920s were known as the “Roaring Twen-



**TOM CAMPBELL**  
N.C. Spin

ties,” a decade when electric- ity, tele- phones and radios became com- mon- place in most homes

and automobiles were not just for the rich. Aside from the unfortunate (for some) introduction of prohibition and the disastrous (for most) Great Depression that closed the decade, the twenties was a decade of great innovation, growth and prosperity.

For what will the decade of the 2020s be known in North Carolina?

It’s one thing to predict the coming year, but altogether another to make forecasts for a decade. To do so I consulted with a number of futurists I respect. One, Mike Walden, the N.C. State Economist, said this will be known as a “transformative” decade. Individuals will be empowered through dramatic changes, a prospect both exciting and daunting. While improved technologies will increase information, products and services available, they will come with challenges

to our privacy. More information about you, your spending, preferences and location will be known by others.

Walden says our national economy has experienced the longest period of economic expansion in history — 11 years — and foresees steady, but not dramatic growth for the coming decade. He predicts an average 2 percent increase of the gross domestic product. North Carolina suffered more during the recession and was slow rebounding but has made a steady and strong recovery, notably growth in the number of jobs. Walden doesn’t foresee a recession in our state, adding there might be growth pauses, but not big downturns.

Urban and suburban areas will continue to attract new people but innovations, coupled with high costs of housing and office space will increase the number who telecommute from home, using virtualization to hold meetings, make presentations and conduct business. This should stimulate growth in exurban and some rural areas.

Healthcare will be a major topic of the 2020s. Families can’t afford the increasing healthcare costs; neither can businesses. Increased competition will result from healthcare cost

transparency, reformed insurance regulations that eliminate state barriers and redefine insurance groups, increased provider competition resulting from reductions in certificate of need regulations, expanded scope of practice approvals for nurse practitioners and physician assistants and changes that allow lower prescription prices while not stifling drug development. Telemedicine will become commonplace as providers use online technologies to monitor vital signs and make diagnoses. Patient outcomes and wellness will be major thrusts, as will more emphasis on primary healthcare providers. The current public-private system will remain. Obamacare will be restructured and, borrowing from education, patient vouchers may be issued. Hospital consolidations will begin unwinding, as they prove to neither significantly increase operating efficiency nor reduce costs.

Education will be forced to change. School choice has reduced traditional public-school populations and been part of a re-segregation of k-12 education. Unsatisfactory student achievement progress will force North Carolina to reform education. Every student will have a tablet,

Internet access, and instruction from master teachers online. Students will progress at their own pace as classrooms become online laboratories and teachers become mentors, enrichment providers and remediation coaches. Nationally recognized tests measure each student’s progress.

In higher education declining birth rates and high costs will result in continued declines in college and university enrollments. Our 58 community colleges will emerge in importance as more students stay home and save expenses for their first two years of college and as business demands more vocational skills training. Increasing layoffs, due to automation and technology, will result in large numbers of working age people needing retraining. Distance learning will become commonplace.

Next week in this space we will foresee the coming decade in politics, business, transportation and consumer spending. Buckle up, the Twenties promise to be transformative.

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happen until May. The new proposal, announced earlier this month, would offer churches who hold to a so-called “traditional” view of the role of members of the LGBTQ (an acronym for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) community in the denomination — namely, whether or not they would be allowed to serve as clergy and whether or not churches and pastors would be allowed to perform same-sex marriages — a way out.

It could fundamentally alter the UMC’s makeup, and that would reach right into Chatham County.

The root of the separation

In a post on the website UMC News, which covers the UMC, the breadth of the issue is put succinctly: “For the past 47 years, The United Methodist Church has struggled unsuccessfully to achieve consensus and compliance with regard to matters of human sexuality.”

Berrier, who’s been at Chatham UMC for about four years, said that conflict came to a head once again at last year’s Special Session of the General Conference, a gathering of Methodist leaders from all over the world. The denomination as currently constituted has more than 12 million members. But while the 2019 event was designed to try to find a way forward on the issue of LGBTQ persons in church life, the opposite happened.

Instead of a compromise plan between traditionalists, who oppose LGBTQ clergy and marriages in UMC churches, and progressives, who favor both, the global UMC approved The Traditional Plan by a 53 percent vote. The plan continued the UMC’s prior teaching, which fell in line with traditionalists’ perspective.

The vote led to many in the UMC, particularly in the U.S., decrying the decision and considering plans to leave the denomination.

“People get upset on both sides of this question about how we should treat our LGBTQ friends,” Berrier said.



### Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation

- Makes a pathway for 'traditionalist' Methodists to leave UMC
- Allows churches to keep assets, employees o retain pensions
- \$25 million over four years given to new 'traditionalist Methodist denomination'
- Local churches make decision on individual separation by Dec. 31, 2024
- Voted upon in May 2020 by UMC General Conference

Source: "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation," United Methodist News

Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

“In that regard, some are obviously hurt that we’re not doing more and some are hurt that we’re doing what we are. But it’s been very difficult.”

The traditional teaching of many Protestant denominations has been that homosexuality and homosexual acts are sins, acts against the Bible’s teaching. But within the last 20 years in particular, some groups have changed their stance, particularly the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ.

A new way forward

The plan currently before Methodists — scheduled to be voted on along with many other ideas in May at the next General Conference session — is called the “Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation.”

Deliberated on and designed by eight church leaders from the traditionalist, centrist and progressive wings of the UMC last year, the Protocol would allow for traditional churches to leave the denomination and retain use of their assets, including buildings and church grounds. A new “traditionalist Methodist denomination” would receive \$25 million from the UMC over the next four years. Various branches and groups within the denomination would hold their own votes on whether or not to separate from the UMC over the coming years, with individual churches having by Dec. 31, 2024, to make a decision.

Additionally, any church disciplinary actions restricting same-sex weddings of “self-avowed practicing homosexu-

als” were “held in abeyance” starting with the new year “as one expression of reconciliation and grace through separation.”

The Rev. Brent Levy, pastor of The Local Church in Pittsboro, said he hasn’t told his congregation “a whole lot” about the proposal, but noted that some of the public discussion hasn’t been entirely accurate about what the plan means.

“While you may hear the word ‘split’ thrown about, that seems to be a bit of an exaggeration,” Levy said. “I’ve said that yes, it will bring changes, but I do not believe it will change much, if anything, on the ground for us. God still has work for us to do.”

Berrier said he’s had a couple of conversations with attendees of Chatham UMC and Cedar Grove UMC in Pittsboro, which he also pastors.

Denominations and church groups have struggled for years with differences of opinion on doctrinal issues. For example, the Southern Baptist Convention has faced controversy in recent years over the topic of female clergy, a common debate among Protestant Christians. Because the issue of sexuality is deeply rooted in religious texts for many, Berrier said, and interpretations differ, it becomes a difficult conversation.

“I’ve seen the whole span of the people who are on both sides of this issue, and I think that’s why the hurt is so deep, because people feel passionately,” he said. “They’ve learned to read scripture and they see what they see as far as what God’s opened to them in scripture. I think that’s the fundamental problem.”

A ‘step forward’

With the vote on the Protocol coming in May, churches and Methodists have some time still to digest the proposal and make their decisions. But in the meantime, churches and individuals are wrestling with how to respond.

North Carolina is home to more than 511,000 Methodists split between the N.C. Conference and the Western N.C. Conference. Levy, one of those Methodists and a graduate of Duke Divinity School, said he is sorrowful over the separation, but finds the proposal as a “step forward” for the denomination.

“There has been much harm done as we have wrestled with questions of human sexuality,” he said, “and as we move forward, I pray for healing, mending and reconciliation in all the ways they’re needed, and that we might continue to be about the work of grace, belonging and love in our corner of the world.”

Something both Berrier and Levy said is that they believe Methodists are still loving and welcoming people, even though they may disagree on the issue of human sexuality. The Protocol reflects that — while it states that the UMC and its members “have fundamental differences regarding their understanding and interpretation of Scripture, theology and practice,” there is agreement among the Protocol’s authors that the denomination “is committed to recognizing, respecting and protecting the rights and personal dignity of every person, including people of all races, sexual orientations, genders, national origins, ages, and social classes.”

Hope Morgan Ward, the bishop and leader of the North Carolina Conference of the UMC, said in a statement after the Protocol’s release that it was “offered to the church in humility and hope” and that she wanted North Carolina Methodists to “share strong hope for ministry configurations of our shared life that offer space for all to worship, grow in grace and serve with faithfulness and joy.”

What about Chatham?

Each church in Chatham County would have the ability to make its own decision. Since the plan is not yet formalized, announcements have not been made, and two of the Chatham UMC pastors the News + Record contacted did not respond to inquiries.

Berrier said he leans “centrist,” but that the decisions at his churches would be left up to his congregants. Levy said he believes The Local Church appreciates and would stay faithful to the Methodist tradition of love and grace. But they both said this is a difficult time for the denomination they love. They hope the people of Chatham see a group of people that love and welcome.

Berrier referenced the mantra “do no harm,” one of church founder John Wesley’s “three simple rules” — along with “do good” and “attend upon all the ordinances of God,” such as attending church and prayer. He said he believes all the Methodist churches in Chatham — whether traditionalist, progressive or centrist — would seek to continue that approach.

“I think if someone is looking for a church home that says we’re going to love our neighbor, we’re going to reach out and try to help people in the community, I think the United Methodist Church and all of them in the county would be speaking to that approach, whether they’re traditional or centrist or progressive,” he said. “I still see that heart of mission at the bottom line of who we are the United Methodist Church.”

He added that it was probably a good thing that the denomination wouldn’t “have this in front of us constantly.”

Levy said he hoped Chatham residents would see that the UMC is more than disagreement about human sexuality.

“At its core, ours is a tradition rooted in God’s abundant grace and steadfast love for all people,” he said. “We are a people who, for hundreds of years, have sought to put our faith in action by seeking justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with our hands, feet, hearts and voices. By God’s grace, that work will continue.”

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“That has to be a loud clear message, that we are happy about what we’ve done and we want to do more, but we’re not going to do more at the detriment of being able to do business.”

Each of North Carolina’s 115 school districts provide some sort of teacher supplement, an additional amount of salary on top of state-funded base pay. Each teacher and staff member is paid based on a state salary schedule that takes into account years worked and, in some cases, extra education or certifications. Supplements can be in the form of flat amounts or differ based on percentages and certifications and years in the field.

Two years ago, Chatham County Schools switched from a flat supplement to a percentage model based on number of years teaching and education level. For example, for the fiscal year 2018-2019, a first-year teacher received a 12 percent supplement, meaning they were paid 12 percent of their state-determined salary on top of their normal paycheck. A teacher with 18 years of experience and a master’s degree would get an additional 13.25 percent.

The model planned to increase percentages for many of the levels over the following years, but multiple school districts like Chatham have run into problems with these percentage-based supplements because of increases to the base salary pay at the state level. Jordan said the district wanted to “continue to

remain competitive and continue have access to additional funding for things other than just the supplement,” but doing both would be difficult. The district has funds in its Fund Balance, a type of savings account, but the most recent audit report recommended that the district avoid using those funds.

Brief discussion was held Monday about asking the Chatham County government — which partially funds the school district, along with state and federal dollars — to use its Fund Balance to cover the gap and continue on with the predetermined supplement plan. But the board decided against that.

“We can always push forward, we know that,” said board Chairman Gary Leonard. “But do you push forward and hurt yourself for what we’re doing in the next few years? Our staff has been really pleased with the increase in supplement already. They also know that without a budget from the state it’s hard to budget anything right now. We need to be real careful in how we approach this.”

Local supplements are paid in two parts, one in November and one in June. Teachers received their supplements in November and will receive the second half, but next school year will see those supplement amounts remain the same, even if the state government increases teacher salaries.

“The hut’s not on fire,” Jordan said. “We’re not getting ready to be bankrupt or anywhere near. We are tasked with being proactively efficient.”

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CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

A burger shack, a new real estate office and all about the vinyl

Who likes burgers? Maybe the better question is, who doesn't like burgers? Vegetarians, I guess. Anyway, this week's business column features a good smattering of Chatham County-related business news — as it very well should — as we get deeper into the year that is 2020.

As always, if there's anything going on with your business or something you think I should know for the Corner Store, please let me know! My email and Twitter handle are at the end of this column.

Let's get into it.

**Popular local burger chain files for bankruptcy**

Al's Burger Shack, based out of Chapel Hill, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy a couple weeks ago for its three locations — on Franklin Street and in Southern Village and Governors Village. A re-

port in the January 7 News & Observer said the restaurants have fewer than \$50,000 in assets each but much higher liabilities. The restaurant told the newspaper that it "overextended during expansion," but it plans to stay open and keep "slinging burgers."

The restaurant gained notoriety in 2018 when Trip Advisor called Al's Bobo Chili Cheese burger the best burger in America. The Governors Village location is in northeast Chatham — that's why it's in this column. I went to the Southern Village location last week while on my Wednesday paper delivery route. That Bobo Chili Cheese burger — one patty stacked with chili, slaw, chopped onions, cheese and mustard — ain't half bad. I'm not a big slaw fan, so keep that in mind.

Also of note: restaurant owner Al Bowers has been accused publicly by several people, including the leaders of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, of sexual harrasment and intimidation and have cut ties with the restaurant. Something else to watch.

**Vinyl records projected to outsell CDs for first time in decades**

Billboard reported at the turn of the year that vinyl records are projected to outsell physical CDs over a 12-month span. Vinyls generated more than \$224 million in sales in 2019, spurred on by newer records like Harry Styles' "Fine Line," older favorites like The Beatles' "Abbey Road" and surprise hits like "Guardians of the Galaxy: Awesome Mix Volume 1," the soundtrack to the 2014 film "Guardians of the Galaxy."

I personally haven't gotten into the vinyl craze, but I've known people that have and they love the sound and the feel of it. They also serve as collector's items. Chain stores like Barnes & Noble have begun selling vinyl records in recent years, and you can get some yourself in Chatham County by visiting Circle City Books in downtown Pittsboro.

**Realty World Carolina expanding in Siler City**

A ribbon-cutting for a Siler



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

**Pictured is the Bobo Chili Cheese burger — one patty stacked with chili, slaw, chopped onions, cheese and mustard — at Al's Burger Shack, a local chain based out of Chapel Hill. The restaurant filed for bankruptcy for its three locations two weeks ago, but plans to continue to expand during its reorganization process.**

City location for Realty World Carolina Properties is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday. The Chatham Chamber of Commerce announced the event last week. The office, located at 1609 E. 11th Street or U.S. Hwy. 64, is the third location for Realty World Carolina in Chatham County — with the other offices located in down-

town Pittsboro and Chapel Ridge — and Sherry Allen and Michelle Jordan will be the brokers in charge. The business has been in operation since 1999.

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Pittsboro's 'Worst Cook in America' survives another week

BY CASEY MANN  
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PITTSBORO — Pittsboro's own Dr. Lulu Boykin has survived another week on The Food Network's "Worst Cooks in America." Boykin debuted on the show on Jan. 5 and in the second episode, she narrowly escaped elimination.

"Worst Cooks in America" is a show that pits two teams of the "worst cooks" against each other in challenges. The "red team," of which Boykin is a member, is lead by co-host and chef Anne Burrell, while the "blue team" is lead by co-host and chef Alton Brown.

In the second episode, entitled "Indulge Me," the "worst cooks" are given a quick lesson in cheese making before being given the task of creating a salad highlighting the mozzarella they were just taught to make. The "worst cooks" were asked to create their own recipe while "stretching" their

**The Food Network's 'Worst Cooks in America'**

**EPISODE 3:** Chinese New Year

**SUNDAY, JAN. 19 AT 9 P.M.**

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idea of what a salad can be. Once again, Brown referenced Boykin as she made her mozzarella saying, "Cyndi Lauper's making a booger." Boykin created a "Lulu-like Mediterranean" salad and while her mozzarella may have left something to be desired, Burrell noted her chickpea hummus was delicious.

The second challenge involved the cooks replicating a dish created by the team's chef. Boykin's team made a meatball

and homemade ricotta recipe created by Burrell. Boykin described her feelings about the challenge saying, "It was like crazy britches wagon train running off the track." And while Burrell noted her ricotta was good, she was concerned Boykin let the "clock get away" from her.

Though in the bottom two among the cooks remaining, Boykin will have the chance to redeem herself in next week's episode — which is entitled



**Pittsboro's Dr. Lulu Boykin is a contestant on The Food Network's 'Worst Cooks in America' which airs on Sunday nights. Boykin is also featured in a gallery of 'Craziest Moments' on the network's website. Here Boykin used a meat tenderizer to pound the back of a knife while cutting potatoes on the first episode.**

Photo courtesy The Food Network

"Chinese New Year." The recruits will have to navigate their way creating fried rice and dumplings.

In addition to performing on the show, Boykin is highlighted on The Food Network's "Craziest Moments in Boot Camp," a teaser gallery on the network's website, <https://www.foodnetwork.com/shows/worst-cooks-in-america>. The image shows Boykin using a meat tenderizer to pound on the back of a knife while cutting potatoes during the first baseline challenge in episode one.

The next episode of the Food Network's "Worst

Cooks in America" will air at 9 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19 on the network. If you missed episode 2, you can catch it at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16 or a 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19.

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A rendering of what the proposed Pittsboro Town Hall will look like from Salisbury Street created by Hobbs Architects. The nearly \$18 million project is anticipated to be complete in 2021.



Pittsboro's Town Hall project moves forward

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Pittsboro's proposed \$18 million town hall project received the green light to move into the "construction document" phase Monday night from the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners.

The board approved the initial designs, budget and proposed timeline presented

by Hobbs Architects of Pittsboro, the firm hired to design the 42,000-sq.-ft. facility which will be located on Salisbury Street where the former Piggly Wiggly stood before its demolition last February.

The building will have four floors with the first and fourth floor dedicated to town staff. The second floor will house the Chatham County Board of Elections, with the ability to be used as an early voting site. The third floor will house Chatham County Department of Health staff. In Chatham County's FY 2018-2019 budget, it appropriated \$450,000 help the town buy the land in for the future town hall complex with the expectation that it would engage in a 10-year lease.

A two-story parking deck will house 134 spaces with first floor access from Salisbury Street and second floor access from Hanks Street. Architect Taylor Hobbs, who discussed the design with the board on Monday, noted that the dual access with a ramp between floors wasn't possible because of space constraints at the property.

During the second phase of design, engineers working with Hobbs Architects noted there were several infrastructure concerns that would need to be addressed during the construction. They included a stormwater system along Salisbury Street, a water extension line and the burial of CenturyLink overhead cables. At the same time, engineers suggested replacing the nearly 100-year old terracotta sewer line and an additional water extension line.

The cost for the base bid for readying the site and construction of the parking deck and building is

estimated to be about \$15.8 million. During the board's discussion, items that were not required for construction but were items suggested by the board or staff were called "alternatives." Those alternatives included the cost for the building to be "solar-ready," an underground stormwater detention and treatment device and a full building generator. Those items would not be included in the base-bid for the project, but would be requested from the bidders as on-site bid alternatives. The estimated cost of all those alternatives brings the cost up to about \$16.5 million.

Off-site alternatives which were suggested by the engineers for infrastructure were placed separately on the budget and are estimated to cost just under \$1 million. Since they are infrastructure projects, the town may have different sources of revenue for those projects and were not included in the base bid estimates. This would bring the total cost of the project to nearly \$18 million.

The board decided to continue to the next phase of the project, which includes having Hobbs Architects create construction plans which will "firm up the numbers," according to Hobbs. Hobbs said he anticipates that process will be complete in June, at which time a request for bids will be sent out with the bidding process and decision to be complete by July. Hobbs said that if the "schedule holds," construction will begin in August and will last 15 months with a completion date estimated for November 2021.

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Chatham Charter School

Chatham Charter School is now accepting applications for openings in kindergarten and limited openings in first through twelfth grade for the 2020-2021 school year. Kindergarten applicants must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2020. The application period ends on January 31, 2020. Applications may be obtained online ([www.chathamcharter.org](http://www.chathamcharter.org)) under the "Admissions" link, at the school (2200 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City) or by calling (919) 742-4550.

*Chatham Charter School is a nonprofit, nondenominational public school providing quality education for children of all races, creeds, handicaps, and national origins.*

La Escuela de Chatham Charter

La Escuela de Chatham Charter ahora está tomando aplicaciones para espacios del primer grado hasta el grado doce para el año escolar 2020-2021. Los niños que asistan al kinder deben tener cinco años de edad antes del 31 de agosto, 2020. El periodo de aplicación termina el 31 de enero, 2020. Puede obtener una aplicación al Internet ([www.chathamcharter.org](http://www.chathamcharter.org)) al enlace admissions, a la escuela (2200 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City) o por una llamada (919.742.4550).

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OBITUARIES

NANCY MARGARET SPIVEY COX



Nancy Margaret Spivey Cox, age 84, of Pittsboro, died Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at UNC Hospital.

Nancy was born in Lee County, North Carolina on October 9, 1935 to the late James Curtis Spivey and Tannie Mae Hight Spivey. She was also preceded in death by her husband Joseph “Joe” Cox, sister Hilda Talley, brother Buddy Spivey, and grand-daughter Cassidy Raquel Cox.

Surviving relatives include daughter, Darlene Ryan and husband Mike of Pittsboro; son, Joey Cox and wife Donna of Pittsboro; four grandchildren, Carly Johnson and husband James, Katherine Meadows, Christopher Ryan and wife Amber, Dalton Cox, five great – grandchildren, Henry Johnson, Riley Meadows, Calvin Johnson, Jasper Johnson, Sarah Meadows; and one sister, Doris Ashburn of White Hill, NC.

The family received friends Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation Griffin Chapel. A graveside service was held Friday, January 10, 2020 at 3 p.m. at the Spivey Family Cemetery with Pastor Wesley Thomas presiding.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Nancy’s memory to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th Street, Suite 609, New York, NY 10036.

Condolences may be made at: [www.donaldsonfunerals.com](http://www.donaldsonfunerals.com).

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

SHIRLEY JEAN HARRISON PHILLIPS



Shirley Jean Harrison Phillips, 82, of Bear Creek died Sunday, January 12, 2020 at FirstHealth Hospice House in Pinehurst.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Lee County on September 20, 1937, the daughter of Alonzo and Thelma (Coley) Harrison. Shirley was a homemaker in every sense of the word, loving and nurturing her family and she was also a poultry farmer. She was a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray William Phillips,

her parents and a son, Bill Phillips.

Shirley is survived by daughters, Sylvia Phillips Sharpe and husband Johnny Ray, Ann Phillips Campbell and husband Greg, all of Bear Creek; son, Andy C. Phillips and wife Michelle of Sanford; sister, Becky Ennis and husband Steve of Carthage; grandchildren, Stacy Brafford, Tracy Weber, Matthew and Zach Campbell, Trevor, Austin, Raegan and Braden Phillips; great-grandchildren, Colton and Brooklyn Brafford.

The family received friends Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, from 6 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be held Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, 17721 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek with Rev. Darrell Garner officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to the staff at Westfield Health and Rehabilitation and Moore Regional Hospital for the support and kindnesses given to Shirley and them in their time of need.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

WILLIAM “BILL” POE

William “Bill” Poe, 82, of Siler City died Friday, January 10, 2020 at UNC Hospice, Pittsboro.

Mr. Poe was born in Randolph County on June 29, 1937 the son of William Clarence and Maude (Langley) Poe. Bill was the owner/operator of Bill Poe’s Custom Rods. He took great pride in his work and enjoyed the success stories that resulted from his work. He enjoyed all fishing, whether it was fresh or salt water. Bill had a gift of gab and once said “he enjoyed chatting with interesting people.” His priority was his family and times spent with them, but his greatest joy was his great-grandchildren. Bill will also be remembered for his special ability to relate to and connect with children of all ages. He was an avid fan of all sports for area high school and college teams. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Ruth (Andrews) Poe; son, Mike Poe and wife Rhonda of Siler City; granddaughter, Melissa Poe Parks and husband Preston of Pittsboro and great- grandchildren, Tommy and Ella Ruth Parks; a host of other close family and friends, too numerous to name.

The family received friends Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. A memorial service was held Monday, January 13, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Bennett Baptist Church, 68 E. Bonlee Street, Bennett with Rev. Dr. Dennis Boone and Pastor Parker Coppock officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to UNC Hospice Home, Pittsboro, Bennett Baptist Church or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Online condolences may be made at: [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

ETHEL MOON BUCKNER



Ethel Moon Buckner, 94, of Siler City died Monday, January 13, 2020.

Mrs. Buckner was born in Chatham County on April 8, 1925 the daughter of Al W. and Maude (Terry) Moon. Ethel was an active member of Rocky River Baptist Church where she was the first lady deacon, sang in the church choir, and served with numerous other church committees.

When her husband, Herbert died, Ethel started a Memorial Garden at the church which she has maintained since his passing, as her health permitted.

Ethel was an avid gardener and a member of the Dig-N-Dream Garden Club. She enjoyed sporting events and had played basketball and rode horses in earlier years. Ethel also enjoyed traveling and was a charter member of the Zooland Region Antique Automobile Club.

Ethel maintained the bookkeeping for her husband’s business, Buckner Iron and Metal and managed rental properties from the age of 19 until 92 years of age.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert H. Buckner; her parents; brothers, Marvin, Howard, Homard, A. W. Moon, Jr., and her sister Marcelle Moon.

She is survived by two sons: Ritchie Buckner and wife, Beverly of Siler City, and Jan Buckner and wife, Paula of Minneapolis, MN., grandchildren, Heidi Matthews and husband, Neil of Siler City, Ritchie (Ritch) Buckner, Jr. and wife, Tammy of Chapel Hill, NC, Shane Buckner and wife, Cheryl of Denver, NC, Kristin B. Jakubowski and husband, Luke of Deephaven, MN, Grace Buckner and husband, Zachary Lovig of Stewartville, MN; step-grandchildren, Mark Tinnin and wife, Jenny of Pinehurst, NC, Andrew Tinnin of Snow Camp, NC; great-grandchildren, Chase, Chandler, and Caroline Matthews of Siler City, Ritchie Buckner, III “Trace”, Anna Claire Buckner, both of Chapel Hill, NC, Ruby Ellen and Olivia Buckner of Denver, NC, Isaac, Claire and Caleb Jakubowski; step-great-grandchildren, Anniston, Alexis, Hunter and Houston Tinnin.

The family received friends Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. The funeral will be Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Rocky River Baptist Church, 4436 Siler City-Snow Camp Road, Siler City with Dr. Greg W. Burriess officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rocky River Baptist Church, 4436 Siler City-Snow Camp Road, Siler City, NC 27344.

Online condolences may be made at [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

VELINDA “GAIL” MCBANE BRANTLEY



Velinda “Gail” McBane Brantley passed away with peace and grace on Monday morning, January 13, 2020 after a 30-year battle with Breast Cancer.

Gail is survived by her daughter, Kristen Cortopassi and her husband, Matt; son Geoff and wife, Christy; and grandchildren Ava, Knox and Hunter. She is also survived by her brother, Marty; and several nieces and nephews. Gail was predeceased by her late parents, Allen Newlin and Hilda Mae; and brother Jesse.

Gail was born in Durham, graduated from Gardner-Webb College and served as Financial Services Director for the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy. Her loves were her family, the beach, and her dogs. Her passion was cooking, and it was cooking that brought those she loved together. Her friends were an extension of the family and their love was her fuel for life. Gail will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She leaves us rich in memories and great recipes.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2020 from the Chapel of Hall-Wynne Funeral Service. Friends will be received from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2020 in the funeral home.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Eric Winer of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Memorial gifts may be made to Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Pittsboro, NC or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Brantley family is under the care of Hall-Wynne Funeral Service in Durham, NC.

Please leave condolences at [www.hallwynne.com](http://www.hallwynne.com). See obituaries.

JOHNNY FRANKLIN BAKER

Johnny Franklin Baker, 61, of Sanford, passed away on Friday, January 10, 2020 at Hamlet House.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Lee Memory Gardens with Rev. Robert Davis officiating.

He was born in Lee County on September 22, 1958 to the late John Frank Baker and

Irene Pettus Baker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Timmy Baker and sister Cathy Cassidy. Johnny worked in home construction until a decline in his health.

He is survived by his sisters, Diane Maples and Teresa Taylor, both of Sanford and Patsy Davis of Harnett County.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com).

HILA JANE CUTTLER

Hila Jane Cuttler, 52, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Transitions Hospice Care in Raleigh.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home on Thursday, January 16, 2020. There will be no formal service.

She was born in Middletown, NY on April 18, 1967 to the late Charles A. Cuttler and Hilda Mary DiGuida Cuttler. She was a member of Holly Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by brothers Donald Cuttler of New York and Charles Cuttler of New Jersey.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made at: [www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com).

JOSEPH EDWARD GEOGHEGAN

Joseph Edward Geoghegan, 87, of Pittsboro, died Friday, January 10, 2020.

A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2020 at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery.

Joseph was born in Bronx County, New York on August 2, 1932 to the late Roderick Geoghegan and Florence Post Geoghegan. He was also preceded in death by his wife Kathleen Geoghegan, brother Roderick J. Geoghegan, and sister Cecilia Geoghegan.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions to be made in Joseph’s memory to DAV – Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Condolences may be made at: [www.donaldsonfunerals.com](http://www.donaldsonfunerals.com).

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

LEWIS J. THOMPSON

Lewis J. Thompson, 63 of Siler City, passed away Tuesday, January 07, 2020 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

The family is being served by Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

MRS. ELIZABETH MCCLAIN

Mrs. Elizabeth McClain, 95, of Siler City, passed away Thursday, January 09, 2020 at Genesis Center in Siler City.

The family is being served by Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

MRS. MARY FARRAR

Mrs. Mary Farrar, 86, of Pittsboro, passed on Monday, January 13, 2020 at UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

Thee family is being served by Knotts Funeral Home.

Pet of the week: HONEY



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff’s Office

The Chatham County Sheriff’s Office would like you to meet Honey, a 10-month-old feline who came to the ARC as a stray looking for a home. Honey earned her name due to her sweet personality. She loves being cuddled and held, especially if head or chin rubs are involved. Honey is also a skilled conversationalist who will ‘talk’ to visitors and respond enthusiastically when greeted by staff members. She would make an excellent brainstorming companion as she is always open to discussing important topics and ideas. Honey isn’t afraid to speak her mind! Don’t miss the chance to claim this adoring feline for your own. For more information on how to meet or adopt Honey during our ongoing \$20 Cat Adoption Special, swing by our office at 725 Renaissance Dr. in Pittsboro or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an Animal Resource Officer.

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CHATHAM CH@T | PEGGY TAPHORN, THEATER @ MOSAIC

# Theater vet Taphorn outlines plans for new live performance center at Mosaic



Taphorn

Chatham County has an active and vibrant arts community, but a planned performance arts center in Mosaic in Chatham Park will greatly expand the stage — literally and figuratively — for live shows. This week, we talk with Peggy Taphorn, who’s in her 12th season as the Producing Artistic Director of Temple Theatre in Sanford. Taphorn has been tabbed to serve as the Artistic Director and to help with design and fundraising for the nonprofit entity that will operate the as-yet-unnamed Mosaic theater.

An award-winning actress, director, and choreographer, Taphorn spent 22 years based in New York City and has six Broadway shows to her credit. Over the years, she’s worked with theatre luminaries like George Abbott, who cast her to star on Broadway in the revival of “Broadway!” Other Broadway shows followed, including the Tony Award winners “Me And My Girl,” directed by Mike Ockrent; “Showboat,” directed by Hal Prince and choreographed by Susan Stroman; “Smokey Joe’s Café,” directed by Jerry Zaks; and “Urinetown,” directed by John Rando. Taphorn was the dance captain of the first National tour of “Little Women — The Musical,” starring Maureen McGovern and directed by Michael Lichtefeld (who serve as the creative team for “Stardust Road” this season).

Taphorn has also appeared Off-Broadway, on London’s West End, and toured the U.S., Canada, South America, and the Far East, and left the National Tour of “Sweet Charity,” starring Molly Ringwald, in May 2007, to take the helm of Temple Theatre. During her tenure, she has earned many accolades, including the Kevin Kline Awards at Stages St. Louis for Charity in “Sweet Charity” and Lola in “Damn Yankees,” and for her production of Showboat at the MUNY; Drammy and Pamta Awards for “Hairspray,” “The Music Man,” “West Side Story” and “The

Addams Family” at The Broadway Rose Theatre in Portland. She was chosen to direct, choreograph and produce “The Music Man” and “Annie” selections with the North Carolina Symphony.

She has been named a North Carolina “Mainstreet Champion” for her work on, and dedication to, the revitalization of downtown Sanford. In 2016 she was honored with The Sanford Herald’s Lifetime Achievement Award for her work at Temple Theatre, where she has produced over 100 shows, providing Broadway-caliber shows to Central North Carolina at a fraction of the cost.

**Before we address the plans for the performance arts center in Mosaic in Pittsboro, let’s touch on what’s going on at Temple Theatre in Sanford. Aside from the track record of incredibly-high caliber performances (most of which you’ve produced and/or directed), can you address the impact Temple makes in Lee and surrounding counties, and what it adds to the quality of life there? And how is the business model working for you and your board?**

This season Temple Theatre is celebrating 36 years of bringing professional live theatre, quality children’s programs and world class special events to Historic Downtown Sanford since its resurrection as a live theatre venue in the mid 1980s!

Temple Theatre promotes the City of Sanford and Lee County as a cultural destination, last season bringing 40,000 people from 63 different counties as well as Virginia and South Carolina to downtown Sanford. It’s been proven again and again that Temple is good for local businesses. The local restaurants rely greatly on the influx of visitors and residents that eat in their establishments on Temple Theatre show days/nights.

Temple’s patrons spend \$30.66 per person, per event, beyond the cost of admission in Sanford and Lee County, invaluable revenue for local commerce and the community. Our economic impact to the local economy is over \$4 million annually. And, we also pay taxes so we contribute to the county and the state in that manner as well.

Temple Theatre greatly enhances the quality of life and makes Sanford

unique. Statistically, counties with higher proportions of workers in arts-related occupations are more likely to retain current residents and attract new ones (according to www.ncarts.org) The Temple Theatre also offers huge incentives for both homebuyers and sellers. Our business model of providing Broadway-caliber entertainment at a fraction of the cost is very successful. We are also firm believers in collaboration.

This season we have already, or will be, collaborating with Hoagy Bix Carmichael on his homage to his father, songwriter Hoagy Carmichael, which brought in Broadway alum Susan Schulman and Michael Lichtefeld as the creative team and a Broadway cast to do a pre-Broadway mounting of the show. In the remainder of the season, we have collaborations with Rhinoleap Productions, based in Asheboro, and with the Sunrise Theatre in Moore County. These collaborations allow us to produce at a higher level while sharing production costs.

**Mosaic is a part of Chatham Park, and it’s specifically being promoted as “an entertainment and lifestyle destination.” How did conversations about bringing you on board to help with the 350-seat performing arts theatre (and the black box theatre) come about?**

I met with Kirk Bradley and John Fugo, who are developing Mosaic, in the summer of 2017 to discuss the Temple business model, to offer insight into how theatre producing succeeds in this region and to give them a tour of the facilities.

Kirk’s mom is a season ticket holder and his company, Lee-Moore Capital, has been a production sponsor for many years, so we already had a connection. At that time they had a theatrical consultant/producer with whom they were planning the theatre. After our initial meeting, and walk through the Temple’s facilities, we met a few more times to discuss budgeting, and other matters. Soon thereafter they asked me to come on board officially as a consultant. I was thrilled because I would rather be a collaborator than have a competitor in the region and I have learned a lot



Photo courtesy of Temple Theatre

**During her long stage career, Peggy Taphorn has won awards for her work as an actress, as director and as choreographer. This promotional photo spotlighted her work in ‘Mama Mia.’**

in my 12 years producing at the Temple that I think will be very helpful.

[Bradley is part-owner of the News + Record.]

**At what stage — in terms of development — are those specific parts of Mosaic right now, and what’s the timeline from here?**

The capital campaign will kick off shortly as the theater will need funding not only for the physical plant and operating expenses, but also production expenses before we can launch a season. We are hoping to have programming in the outdoor amphitheater, which anchors the village green, in the fall of 2021. The mainstage 350-seat theatre and black box will begin producing in 2023!

**Share with us your vision for the performing arts in Chatham County — what do you see unfolding there in the years to come, and how will Chatham County benefit? What will the experience of those theatres be like for those who become a part of the audience?**

Our goal with Mosaic is to be a cultural center, collaborating with and enhancing the arts scene that already exists in Pittsboro and Chatham County while at the same time creating new oppor-

tunities and experiences! We hope to offer space not only for live theatre but concerts, civic and church meetings, dance classes, acting classes, private voice and piano lessons and whatever else the residents and citizens of Chatham County are interested in learning. I know that Chatham County will reap many rewards by having Mosaic in its midst.

The economic impact will be immediate as ticket sales are taxed and the state and county each get a percentage. The theatre will act as a magnet to get people to come and explore the restaurants, bars and shops before and after the performances. Our audience will be treated to a state-of-the-art theatrical experience beginning when you enter the lobby! There will be ample on-site parking and a safe environment for people of all ages. It will be another place in Pittsboro and Chatham County where everyone is welcome to be themselves and share their talents, as we are an inclusive organization and encourage individuality and self-expression while serving the needs and wants of the community.

**One area of major growth for Temple Theatre**

**is its work in creating and growing youth programs. With things like JMarts and Pittsboro’s Youth Theater at Sweet Bee, Chatham County has had a taste of that. What’s your vision for youth programs at Mosaic, and why is that so important to you?**

Again, we hope to collaborate, enhance and maybe offer a shared space to existing organizations that are already doing great work. My main passion has always been teaching and giving back to the community that we serve. I want to offer classes and opportunities for young people as well as the young at heart.

Growing up in a small town in Illinois these weren’t available to me as a kid, but as an adult who’s experienced some success in the business, I am ready, willing and able to share ideas, practices and resources to make Pittsboro and Chatham County an even greater arts destination than it already is!

When I started at Temple in 2007, there was one summer camp that served 23 area youth. Our youth programs now serve more than 10,000 kids annually with our combined programs. We enhance arts education and awareness through our summer conservatory programs, year-round Temple Academy classes, main stage student matinees and in school tours. Temple Theatre fills in the gaps that exist between government services, educational opportunities and community needs.

The personal growth kids experience by participating in theatre heartwarming and important in these days where personal connection and the ability to speak in public are becoming things of the past! The statistics prove that young people who participate in the arts for at least three hours on three days each week through at least one full year are:

- 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
- 4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair
- 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance
- 4 times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem
- 4 times more likely to perform community service

## NEWS BRIEF

### Chatham Community Library hosting month-long Black History Month celebration

The Chatham Community Library will host a month-long observance of Black History Month on

five consecutive Saturdays during February 2020.

The event will kick-off at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, with a screening of the documentary “February One: the Story of the Greensboro Four” (2003). This film includes first-hand accounts and rare footage of the volatile winter in Greens-

boro that challenged public accommodation laws in North Carolina and served as a blueprint for a wave of non-violent civil rights protests that swept across the nation during the 1960s.

At 2 p.m. on February 8, Dr. Charles Johnson, Associate Professor of History and Director of the Public

History Program at North Carolina Central University, will discuss “Black Chatham: Its People and Institutions.” Dr. Johnson was a guest speaker at the 2018 and 2019 Chatham County Juneteenth observances, where his engaging and informative discussions were always favorites with the audiences.

At 2 p.m. on February 15, Dr. Freddie Parker, Professor Emeritus and former chair of North Carolina Central University’s History Department, will give a lecture titled “Enslaved Runaways in North Carolina: 1775 – 1840” and will include information on Maroon societies of the Great Dismal Swamp and other communities of former slaves. Dr. Parker is a recipient of the UNC Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award, a member of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society and the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in the Social Sciences. He is also a member of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, the Organization of American Historians and the Southern Historical Association.

The Library will pull out the stops from 1-4 p.m. on February 22 with a jubilant celebration of Mardi Gras Nouvelle Orleans. Join us for classic Fat Tuesday music, food, and light hearted fun. Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, refers to events of the Carnival celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany (Three Kings Day) and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday (known as Shrove Tuesday). Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday”, reflecting the practice of the last night of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season.

The Black History Month observance will culminate at 2 p.m. on February 29 with a performance by the North Carolina Association of Black Storytellers. The organization promotes and perpetuates Black storytelling as an art form that embodies the histories and cultures of Africans and African-Americans, especially those in North Carolina. Enjoyed by audiences of all ages, these storytellers weave tales of humor, home and hearth in ways that transport and delight.

The library is located at 197 N.C. Highway 87 North in Pittsboro. All events take place in the Holmes Meeting Room and are free and open to the public.

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed unofficially in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.

For more information, call (919) 545-8084. Funding for this programming is made available through the support of the Friends of Chatham Community Library.

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KINGS CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Charles Conaway King and Betty Sizemore King of Siler City were honored on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019, at the Siler City Country Club. The couple was married at Tyson's Creek Baptist Church on Nov. 22, 1959.

They have one daughter, Dorlisa King Flur of Charlotte, her husband Peter Wade Flur, and one granddaughter, Arella Dawn Flur, currently a Freshman at Northwestern University near Chicago, Illinois, who greeted guests.

A light lunch of sandwiches, chicken nuggets, vegetable crudité, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit plus a tiered cake that replicated their 1959 wedding cake was served. There was a chocolate "groom's" cake in celebration of the 90th birthday of Charles (12-26-1929).

Reared in Bear Creek, Betty was the daughter of the late Floyd and Florence Sizemore. Charles, son of the late Kahle



Mr. and Mrs. King

and Hazel King was a native of Virginia who spent most of his career as an executive with Hadley-People's Manufacturing Company in Siler City.

CHURCH NEWS

PLEASANT GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Come be a part of the 10 a.m. worship services at Pleasant Grove Christian Church on Sunday, Jan. 19, when the Gospel Plowboys will present gospel music in song.

The church is located at 5946 Pleasant Grove Church Rd. in Bennett. Hope to see you then.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Usher Board of the First Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their 75th Usher Anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19. The Rev. Andre Lowery, Associate Minister of Burnett's Chapel Church, will be the speaker. He will be accompanied by the male chorus, ushers, and congregation.

All are invited. The church is located at 914 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Siler City.

THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Council of Churches of Siler City & Vicinity's 2020 Annual Celebration of Martin Luther King Birthday will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20, at Jordan-Matthews High School Auditorium in Siler City.

The speaker will be Mr. Jerry Smith of Radio Station 103.9 The Light. All are invited and welcome to attend.

CAMERON GROVE AME ZION CHURCH

The Town of Broadway's 5th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020. The keynote speaker will be Elder Devonte S. Wilson, the 75th President of the Young Democrats of North Carolina. Elected officials and community activists will bring greetings and music will be rendered by the Cameron Grove Church Mass Choir.

The church is located at 309 Vernon St., Broadway.

CENTENNIAL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020 at the Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church. The church is located at 67 Milton Marsh Rd., Bear Creek.

The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Derrick Gill of Derrick L. Gill Ministries, Greensboro.

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<b>Tuesday, January 21</b> <b>TEACHER WORKDAY</b>	Stick Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Fruit Cocktail (**Same, add)	
<b>Wednesday, January 22</b> <b>TEACHER WORKDAY</b>		
<b>Thursday, January 23</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Breakfast Round, Pineapples (**Chicken Biscuit, Fruit Choice)	<b>Friday, January 24</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Sausage Biscuit, Chilled Fruit Cocktail (**Sausage Biscuit, Fruit Choice)	
<b>LUNCH:</b> Crispy Big	<b>LUNCH:</b> Mozzarella	

Author scheduled to appear at Chatham Literacy event

Known for her humor and honesty, author Cassandra King Conroy, wife of former Southern literary icon Pat Conroy, will speak at the Governor's Club April 29 for Chatham Literacy's Fall for Literacy event.

Conroy's latest book, "Tell Me a Story," focuses on her relationship with her late husband. Her other works include "Making Waves," "The Sunday Wife" and "Moonrise." Conroy is a New York Times best-selling writer.

Conroy will discuss "Tell Me a Story" at the event, for which interested persons can get tickets at [chathamliteracy.org](http://chathamliteracy.org).

Triangle author, nonprofit speaker announces upcoming reading at McIntyre's Books

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NEWS BRIEFS

Rachael Brooks announced an upcoming reading and book signing at McIntyre's Books at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 18.

Brooks will be reading from her new memoir, "Beads: A Memoir About Falling Apart and Putting Yourself Back Together Again." Beads shares Brooks' journey from sexual assault victim to survivor, and was published by Koehler Books on November 26, 2019.

"It's seldom one has the opportunity to read a book with painfully raw details written with such candor and vulnerability," Dee Stribling, a writer and poet and Hillsborough's 2018-2020 Poet Laureate, said of the book. "Yet Rachael Brooks writes her memoir Beads in a way that makes this terrible trauma accessible, meaningful, and memorable. We hear and watch news accounts of #MeToo stories. But Brooks' book ensures you deeply feel what it's like to be a victim of sexual assault. There is much to learn from her story. I highly recommend this book, it will stay within

you as a stark reminder of the reality of these events, frustrating aftermath, and the bravery and perseverance involved in 'putting yourself back together again.'"

Brooks currently lives in Raleigh with her husband and two children. She has spoken on sexual assault panels for several universities statewide, including Campbell University and NC State University. She is on the Board of Directors for InterAct of Wake County, a nonprofit focused on giving survivors a voice.

Beads is available for purchase ahead of the event both online or in-store at McIntyre's Books. The event is free to attend.

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Jerry was born in Danbury, Connecticut. His hobbies are basketball, reading, landscape design and he loves to listen to music.



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# NC receives \$56 million from federal government for early childhood work

BY ZACHARY HORNER

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RALEIGH — The State of North Carolina was named the recipient last week of two grants totaling around \$56 million dedicated to early childhood education.

The N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services won two competitive federal grants — a \$40.2 million Preschool Development Grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and up to \$16 million from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Together, according to a press release from Gov. Roy Cooper's office, the grants mark "one of the state's largest infusions of new dollars in North Carolina's early childhood system."

The Preschool Development Grant will focus on providing professional development and coaching to teachers as well as expand access to Family Connects, a program that brings nurses into homes for parents of newborns, and "high-quality child care for infants and toddlers," according to the news release. The state received a \$4.48 million PDG grant in 2018.

The Family Connects program would work in partnership with Smart Start, a statewide initiative designed to provide quality and affordable childcare, health care and family support to children aged 0-5. The Chatham County Partnership for Children is part of the Smart Start network. According to CCPFC's website, 75 percent of parents of young children in Chatham County work full-time outside the home, and 30 percent of the county's Smart Start funding allocation goes to subsidizing child care for families

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that need it.

Genevieve Megginson, executive director of the Chatham County Partnership for Children, which administers the Smart Start program in Chatham, said the announcement was "big news."

"I am very pleased for N.C. children and families that we have received this new funding for our Early Childhood efforts," she said. "I have been working closely with our service agency partners here to keep aware of the rising needs and make plans for the best ways to support our families with young children."

How this money will impact Chatham is yet to be seen. Heather Strickland, the communications and development director for the North Carolina Partnership for Children, said the organization is planning to fund three pilot Family Connects programs.

"The grant funding will be awarded on a competitive basis this spring and prioritize rural communities," Strickland said. "If funded, families giving birth in Chatham County would be offered one to three home visits once they leave the hospital to answer questions, assess infant and maternal health, and connect with desired resources in the community."

"This is excellent news for North Carolina's

families. The Smart Start network serves as the early childhood infrastructure for our state and we are excited to have this new funding to expand so much of the work that we are doing in our communities to support our youngest children and their families."

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services grant will be used to implement the Integrated Care for Kids initiative, designed to "improve how children receive services by coordinating healthcare and other sectors that support children," like schools and housing.

NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen said in a press release that the grants will be helpful to meet the state's goal of serving children.

"These two grants are a down-payment on our state's Early Childhood Action Plan, and also give us opportunities to innovate for the health and well-being of older children," Cohen said. "We know it will take all of us working efficiently together in new ways across health, childcare, K-12 education, and child safety, to set our children up for a bright future as North Carolinians."

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## A listening guide to the News + Record/Our Chatham's 'The Chatcast'

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The 10 episodes of "The Age of Anxiety," the first season of the podcast "The Chatcast," have been downloaded more than 500 times collectively in the month since it was released.

The joint project between the News + Record and Our Chatham project of the Reese News Labs of the UNC Hussman School of Journalism and Media is available for free now wherever podcasts are available. If you haven't listened yet, but want to give it a try or are not familiar with podcasts, here's an episode-by-episode guide to "The Chatcast." Each episode does build off the episodes before it, but each was also designed to cover a topic on its own and be listened to separately.

Additionally, you still have time to listen to all the episodes before January 29, the day the next One Chatham forum is scheduled. "The Age of Anxiety" will be the topic of the discussion, slated to begin at 7 p.m. in the Holmes Meeting Room of the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro.

**1) Living in the Age of Anxiety:** In the first episode, we meet Abigail Holmes, a sophomore at Chatham Charter School who has struggled with depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts. We also look at the state of mental health among Chatham County teens and explain

why we're doing the podcast.

**2) Neuro:** Episode 2 serves as a bit of a glossary, a place you can go to define mental health disorders as well as get a baseline for why teenagers struggle with mental health issues more than most populations.

**3) The School Strain:** In Episode 3, we focus in on the relationship between school, academics and mental health for teenagers, particularly when it comes to paying for college and peer relationships. We also get to meet Pittsboro teenager Elijah Roebuck, a freshman at Northwood High School.

**4) The Age of Instant Information:** Social media and online influences can make adolescents feel like they're constantly plugged in. In this episode, we explore this question: Could all that connectedness take a toll on mental health?

**5) External:** Episode 5's focus is external factors that can affect adolescent mental health, including family situations, school shootings, gender expectations and the political climate.

**6) On the Margins:** In this episode, we explore why the rate of mental health issues is higher among teens in "marginalized populations," especially LGBTQ youth and ethnic minorities. We also get to meet Chatham teens Kevin Manzanarez, Chloe Rayno and Quinn Hennessey.

**7) Self-Med:** We look into different methods teens

use to deal with their mental health struggles, including substance abuse, self-harm and even suicide, getting input from community figures like state Rep. Robert Reives II and Chatham Drug Free's George Greger-Holt.

**8) Stuck in the Gap:** This episode focuses on policy and access to mental health care and the various challenges and burdens in that arena. We also get to hear the story of Ken Howard and his son Jack, who's battling bipolar disorder.

**9) What to Do, What to Do:** Adolescents spend a huge percentage of their lives at school. In this episode of "The Age of Anxiety," we talk with school officials and community influencers about how Chatham County Schools are helping students with mental and emotional needs.

**10) Connection:** In the final episode of "The Age of Anxiety," we chat with community members, teens and parents about how best the community can support adolescents with mental health disorders and issues.

To find the podcast, visit [chathamnewsrecord.com/chatcast](http://chathamnewsrecord.com/chatcast) or search "The Chatcast" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher or wherever you find podcasts.

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some of them fear.

A cultural issue

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men have experienced some type of intimate partner abuse, whether physical or sexual violence or stalking. In North Carolina, the numbers are higher — the NCADV says 43.9 percent of women in the state and 19.3 percent of men experience those things in their lifetimes.

Latinx women are no different. The 2017 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey stated that about 1 in 3 Latinas will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetimes and 1 in 12 have experienced it within the last year.

There are no specific numbers in Chatham County, but according to Tamsey Hill, program director of Second Bloom of Chatham, the need is obvious.

“It is such a need,” Hill said. “You sit in civil court on Wednesdays — it’s just so obvious the number of the civil cases going through in the Hispanic population, the need is so there.”

So while the Hispanic community’s experience with domestic violence isn’t much different than society in general, Gloria Maldonado and Edna Villaseñor say the issues faced by Latina women in Siler City specifically can be unique to them.

“I think in the past, there were many victims that didn’t report because the husband is the one who is supporting the family,” said Maldonado, who works for the Siler City Police Department. “They don’t have another way to get any support, so they didn’t report it. Sometimes our culture is the same — whatever happens in your house stays in the house. So we don’t say anything and we just pass that to our kids and they see it like it’s normal.”

Then there’s a potential language barrier and concerns that, if a woman reports their abuse and they’re undocumented, deportation may be around the corner.

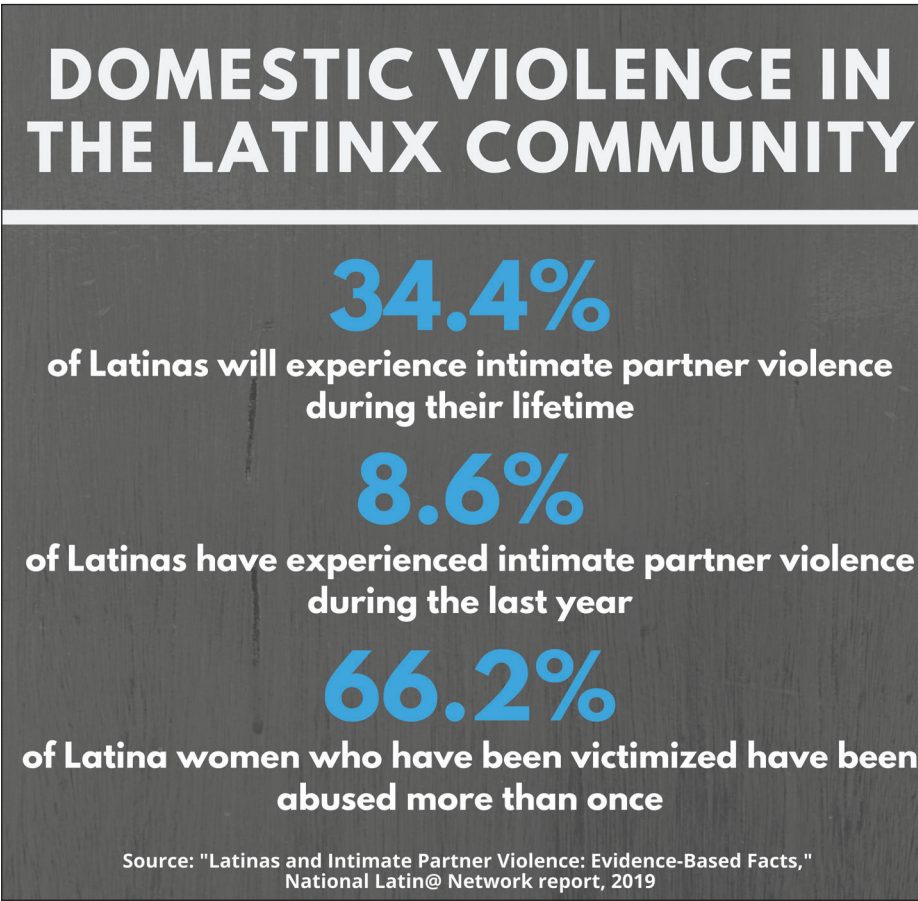
“That in itself covers a lot of things,” said Villaseñor, who works with Chatham County. “They can’t get a passport or drive a car. So it definitely makes women and men more vulnerable.”

With these factors, Villaseñor and Maldonado said, they feel domestic violence has gone underreported among the Latinx community in Siler City.

The town was home to a support group “a few years back,” Villaseñor said, but it collapsed. So they decided to start again.

‘People just come and talk’

For more than 10 months now, Villaseñor and Maldonado have met for eight weeks, with a small break in-between sessions, with groups averaging 10-12 people. With childcare and food provided, the pair lead group discussions and



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

even go through some worksheets.

But most important for the leaders, they say, is simply giving the women the space to share when they’re ready.

“We start the class and we find different topics and we just let them get into the group,” Maldonado said. “Then a few weeks later, they will start talking about it. And I think that’s something that’s helping the victims, just to get whatever they have inside to other people so we can give the support they are needing.”

Maldonado didn’t start her career in domestic violence work, but in the medical field. After moving to Siler City from California a couple decades ago, she said, she began volunteering in the community through her church.

“In here, every time you help a family, every time you help a victim, you are happy to help those families and make a difference and completely change the way they were at the beginning,” she said. “When their case is over — just the case and not the classes — you will see a completely different person.”

Villaseñor did volunteer work at FVRC and grew an interest in working with survivors of domestic violence.

“It’s so gratifying and it’s very rewarding to work with people and know that you’re making a difference,” she said. “It’s so needed in this community, especially here in Siler City.”

It may go without saying at this point, but Siler City is 42.5 percent Hispanic or Latino. And according to Villaseñor, “the Hispanic population here is very under-served, so we thought it would be a very good project to start between us

and the police department.”

Connection to the system

Unlike an operation coming out of a nonprofit, this support group is directly connected to both the county’s court system and a law enforcement agency. But it’s that connection that the group’s leaders feel is one of its best assets.

“I think it’s great that people see that because it makes people trust the system,” Villaseñor said. “So I think that it’s great for people to know that we do collaborate, that both agencies are collaborating. You can come forward and talk to Gloria or talk to me without having that fear of someone gossiping or fear of being deported or being reported for some reason.”

Renita Foxx, director of Chatham County Court Programs, said the involvement of the Siler City PD in particular is crucial to helping survivors feel more comfortable not only in the group but in reporting their abuse.

“Gloria can be that bridge to help them understand, not just the distrust but some of our laws,” Foxx said. “Sometimes they may not understand that they have rights. Gloria being able to educate them on what their laws are, how to assert themselves, and making them aware of the resources available to them, (is important).”

Maldonado said the Siler City PD has worked to make survivors, particularly undocumented ones, more comfortable with reporting.

For Foxx, that’s the goal. “Oftentimes, this is a population we have

a hard time providing services for because of the culture right now or the tension or the distrust of certain agencies,” she said. “Gloria and Edna have grown the group. It’s really a nice way for them to build camaraderie and their own support and network inside the community.”

Part of the restart

Along with all the other benefits to domestic abuse survivors — mental and emotional support, more comfort with the system, the freedom to share their stories — Maldonado and Villaseñor say they hope their group members find friendship.

“Usually, somewhere in the middle of talking about whatever topic we’re covering, they will start talking,” Villaseñor said. “It’s very much they lead, they lead the group. Everything that we talk about here stays in here. It’s very much a good time of fellowship. I feel like they’ve opened up a lot.”

Foxx gushed not just about the work that Maldonado and Villaseñor have done, but about the community’s involvement and investment. She said community members have stepped up to provide resources, like a location for the group to meet, and a local church has expressed interest in starting a males group.

It’s all part of the county’s efforts, alongside Second Bloom and law enforcement agencies, to replace the work that FVRC was doing. Foxx said a domestic violence task force has been put together to help the county move forward and provide services.

“We are nowhere near having it fixed, and hopefully we move back to the non-profit world,” Foxx said. “But right now, we’re just coming together trying to figure out what’s the best way to serve.”

Hill said Second Bloom is still in the process of developing some programs and services and getting its feet under it, but they’re aware of the need among the Latinx community.

“We’re not blind to that,” she said. “We’re definitely aware and that will be a place for our growth in this year, making that connection.”

Maldonado said the current group is also an avenue for referrals to counseling services. Ultimately, she said, it’s about more than simply responding to a domestic violence incident.

“It’s very important to be healthy, physically and mentally, to continue with the family,” she said. “So that’s one of the things, giving them resources to get help.”

And the group also helps the service providers find out what else they may need to do, because the work is never done.

“We get a better idea of what services they need,” Villaseñor said. “A lot of times they don’t even know what services are available to them in the community. So the support group creates a sense of community between them for them to open up about what’s going on and possibly report if they haven’t reported already.”

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CHATHAM PARK PARTNERS WITH GARMAN HOMES FOR FIRST RESIDENTIAL HOME SITES



Chatham Park is partnering with Fresh Paint by Garman Homes, a residential home builder in Cary, to build the first residential homes in Chatham Park. Through this partnership, the team will introduce a new single-family home product that brings artful, environmentally friendly, minimalist-style living to North Carolina.

The Cottages, as they will be named, will range from 828-1,397 sq. ft., with single story and two story plans, and pricing from the low \$200’s. These homes are a direct response to a larger consumer trend showing that more people are desiring smaller homes in order to enjoy greater peripheral benefits, such as walkability and a greater sense of community. All of the Cottages will be walking distance from historic downtown Pittsboro and across the street from a new 10 acre town park and Thales Academy.

“We’re building to deliver an experience-rich, simplistic lifestyle,” says Rebecca McAdoo, Division President of Fresh Paint by Garman Homes. “More and more people are purging their clutter and desiring spaces that are artfully designed to the way they want to live. The Cottages will celebrate this lifestyle choice.”

“The Triangle marketplace has never seen a home product like this. We are proud to be working with Preston Development Company on the Chatham Park project and believe that this up and coming community is the perfect place to showcase our new offering,” adds McAdoo.

“The ultimate goal of Chatham Park is to create, what our future residents will consider to be, the perfect community. That means doing things differently than they’ve ever been done before,” says Tim Smith, Owner of Preston Development Company, who is developing Chatham Park. “The Cottages will be the first of many unique neighborhoods here that will cater to niche lifestyle groups, such as minimalist living and artist studios, in order to create a community energized by an expansive diversity of perspectives and talents.”

Pre-home sales will begin in February, 2020 and be move-in ready by October, 2020. The Cottages will be available for viewing at the Triangle Parade of Homes next fall.

To learn more, contact Fresh Paint by Garman Homes at SayHello@GarmanHomes.biz, 800.560.1160, or visit their website FreshPaintByGarman.com.



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CHATHAM CENTRAL 53, NORTH STANLY 52

## Moore scores 1,000th point as Bears rise above Comets

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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BEAR CREEK — Michael Moore not only reached a career milestone Friday night in points scored, but his jumper off the left baseline in the closing seconds proved to be the difference as Chatham Central managed to hold off a young but talented North Stanly team to collect a hard-earned 53-52 Yadkin Valley 1A Conference win over the Comets in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium.

Posting their fifth victory in a row, the Bears improved to 6-0 in the league standings and 11-3 overall, whereas North Stanly fell to 4-3 in the conference and 7-7 for the year.

Moore finished the evening with 26 points, including the 1,000th

of his career on a buzzer-beating three-pointer at the end of the first half. The 6'3" junior became the first Chatham Central player to reach that plateau since Matt Morgan accomplished the feat three years ago, and with his current total of 1,012 points Moore now ranks ninth on the Bears' all-time scoring list.

Nic Wilson and Lucas Skertich contributed nine points apiece for Chatham Central, which connected on 36 percent (19-of-53) of its field goal attempts while only committing eight turnovers.

Koby Poole tossed in 18 points and Dyson Bell chipped in 17 for the Comets, who shot 38 percent (20-of-52) from the floor and held a 38-33 rebound advantage but turned the ball over 16 times.

"This was a great win

for us considering we didn't shoot well but managed to keep the game close," remarked Bears' coach Robert Burke.

"North Stanly really tried to force a fast pace but I thought we did a better job slowing them down the second half. Our point guards (Skertich and Riley Lageror) handled North Stanly's ball pressure quite well and were a big reason we had so few turnovers. And although Micah Gurley didn't score, he helped us out with some huge minutes around the boards with his rebounding and blocking shots. I can't say enough about Michael getting his 1000th point tonight, then hitting the game-winning shot with time running out. He's the guy who wants the ball in his hands at the end of the game and



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Chatham Central's Michael Moore scores his 1,000th point in the final seconds in the second quarter of last Friday's game with North Stanly in Bear Creek.**

can make things happen." Comets' coach Todd Helms stated missed free throws and turnovers

were two big factors affecting the outcome. "In a close game every point counts, and we

missed 13 attempts from the line tonight," said

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North Stanly's Nyleiah White is passed by Chatham Central's Mary-Grace Murchison in conference match last Friday in Bear Creek. The contest was no match for the Bears as they trounced the Comets, 56-26.

Staff photo by David Bradley



## Lady Bears capture much needed win over North Stanly

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — Looking to snap a three-game losing skid, Chatham Central got back on the winning track with an impressive performance Friday night against a cold-shooting North Stanly team.

Outscoring the Lady Comets every quarter while placing all 11 players in the scoring column, the Lady Bears coasted to an easy 56-26 Yadkin Valley 1A Conference victory over the visitors from New London in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium.

The lopsided triumph elevated Chatham Central to 3-3 in the league standings and 5-9 overall, while North Stanly slumped to 4-3 in the conference and 4-7 for the season.

Danielle Vaughn led the way

for the winners with 17 points, including four three-pointers, and Mary Grace Murchison added 11 as the Lady Bears connected on 22-of-56 (39 percent) of their field goal attempts and commanded a 40-34 advantage on the glass while turning the ball over 17 times.

Nyleiah White topped the Lady Comets with eight points as North Stanly shot a frigid nine-of-52 (17 percent) from the floor and just six-of-24 (25 percent) from the charity stripe while committing 19 turnovers.

"We played a complete game tonight," said Chatham Central coach Lynda Burke. "Moving the ball offensively has been a point of emphasis in practice, and this evening we passed well and took really good shots

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Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Vikings

**Siler City native George Edwards (center) will not be back as defensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings after six years with the NFL franchise. Edwards, a 22-year coaching veteran of the league, is rumored to be in contention for the same position with the Cleveland Browns.**

## Edwards, Vikings part ways; Cleveland Browns rumored next stop for Siler City native

BY DON BEANE  
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MINNEAPOLIS — Despite a great season for the Minnesota Vikings — which included an 11-7 record and a stunning playoff 26-20 overtime win at New Orleans — George Edwards will not be returning as the team's defensive coordinator next season, ESPN.com's Adam Schefter reported on Monday.

Edwards, a Siler City native and Jordan-Matthews graduate, has been the Vikings' defensive coordinator for six seasons, though most national

media has consistently failed to credit the 22-year NFL coaching veteran for his successes.

Edwards, who's also served as defensive coordinator for the Buffalo Bills and Washington Redskins, in addition to serving other roles with the Dallas Cowboys, Cleveland Browns, and two stints with the Miami Dolphins, has already been rumored to wind up as the defensive coordinator for the Cleveland Browns.

The timing matches up as Edwards' contract expires, and Minnesota offensive coordinator Kevin Stefanski is in Cleveland to sign as the new

head coach of the Browns,

Minnesota head coach Mike Zimmer hired Edwards in 2014, when Zimmer acquired the Vikings head job. Because Zimmer is a defensive specialist, Zimmer has received most of the credit for the success of the Vikings defensive performances.

This season under Edwards the Vikings allowed the fifth-fewest points per game (18.9) in the league.

The Vikings were defeated 27-10 by the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday in the second round of the NFL playoffs to end the team's season.

## The passing of a Chatham County fishing legend

Chatham County lost its own "Bill Dance" last Friday afternoon when my neighbor, Bill Poe, passed away at the age of 82.



DON BEANE  
Sports Editor

"across the road" my entire life.

Anyone who knew him will clearly understand this statement: Bill was a character. And I mean that as the utmost compliment. He loved to talk, especially fishing and sports, and the conversations were always interesting, whether listening to him talking to others, or out at the mailbox, in Staley at Mainstreet Grill, or in passing when I rode up on him during his daily walks.

When I was a child, Bill worked in a factory in Liberty, and came home roughly at the same time every day, around 3:30 p.m. or so. But his real passion was fishing and building rods, and he decided to make a business out of it, and thus Bill Poe's Custom Rods was born.

Now you can imagine being a young tyke and going over to your neighbors with your dad and cousin Dino (yes, Dino as in the Thin Lizzy song "The Boys Are Back in Town" — and with whom our childhood escapades rivaled Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer, and would be an entirely separate column) and seeing a man actually building a fishing rod. You want to talk about exciting, I can see him now sitting in his chair, using the hot glue and meticulously spinning the thread onto the rod at various points. I mean, we couldn't get enough.

At that time, Bill was utilizing a middle room in the house, but as a few years went by, he put an actual shop out beside the house — and that became Bill Poe's Custom Rods.

For Dino and me, it was like a holy place and we couldn't wait to get back, and in reality probably annoying Bill at times.

But he always welcomed us in, and we would save up some change and look through his stock which included all sorts of fishing accessories by this point, from bait to weights to whatever you could name. And if there wasn't a customer, Bill would show us the latest; we were like kids on Christmas morning. Dino and I would always leave with some things, and looking back on it, it's clear now that Bill would always slip in a little extra, telling us to try out this type

of plastic worm or spinner bait while slipping it in our little brown bag.

And we would get up early the next morning with our fishing tackle and six-pack of Country Time lemonade and head out to one of the ponds in the back pastures, or over to the river which surrounded where we lived. Sometimes we caught something, sometimes we didn't, but we would often report back on our success and Bill would lend an attentive ear and give us a little advice. And that always meant something to us, because in our minds, Bill Poe was the equivalent of Bill Dance, who had burst on to the scene with a television fishing show and his own brand.

As we grew older, we still went fishing from time to time, but other things such as sports, friends, and girls caught our attention. And it was probably a good thing as Bill's business flourished and basically for decades became a gathering place for area fishermen inside and out of Chatham County. During the day, and especially in the evening, trucks and cars alike were in and out to the point that Bill and Mary Ruth had to add parking. It was a frequent sight to see four or five vehicles parked over there and a truck pulling a boat parked down on the side of the road. And on the weekends, it was a madhouse as the

fishermen from far and wide rolled in and out.

With that said, it wasn't all about the sales, but more about people coming over to sit down and talk fishing, sports, and life in general. It was just one of those places that guys wanted to hang out. The stories would flow, with a lot of laughter, much of which I could hear from across the road. It was just normal and something I miss hearing.

Bill Poe's Custom Rods meant a lot to a great deal of people; Bill and Mary Ruth are like family to thousands of people. And that's no exaggeration. I have explained where I live to people in Chatham County, Randolph County, Guilford County, Alamance County, Davidson County, and Montgomery County, only to hear "Oh, you live across from Bill Poe's".

I think in his final months and years battling health issues that Bill and Mary Ruth, as well as their son Mike, probably became even more aware of that, and just how much joy they provided through the years to so many, and not as just some business, but as a place to go and that was special and welcoming.

Like many, I'm going to miss Bill. He was a great sportsman and rod builder. But that didn't compare to the husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend and neighbor that he was.



# Lady Jets extend win streak to three, down 3A Eagles

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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LILLINGTON — Avery Headen and Ashlyn Ray combined for 17 first-half points as Jordan-Matthews opened up an eight-point advantage at intermission and never trailed after the break while cruising to a 50-38 non-conference win over Western Harnett Wednesday evening on the losers' court.

The triumph gave the Lady Jets their third straight victory for the first time since the 2017-18 season and lifted J-M to 5-9 for the year, while the Lady Eagles lost for the 11th time in 13 outings.

Headen led Jordan-Matthews with 13 points and Ellia Wright notched 10, while Ray and Jasmine Scotten chipped in eight apiece. The Lady Jets connected on 21-of-51 (41 percent) of their field goal attempts and committed 22 turnovers.

Makya Mackey was the lone Western Harnett player in double figures with 12 points as the Lady Eagles shot 15-of-47 (32 percent) from the floor while managing to out-rebound J-M 33-25 but turned the ball over 33 times.

"We didn't have the greatest shooting night, but we were finally able to pull away in the third quarter when we turned up the defense," related Lady Jets' coach Charles Byrd. "I think the girls are starting to get a better



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Trinity's Graci Gibbs (10), Autumn Gentry and Hannah Lewis triangulate on Jordan-Matthews' Ellia Wright late in a game Jan. 7. The Lady Jets' offense flew high and scored big with a 57-34 drubbing of the Bulldogs.**

understanding of what we want to do defensively, and they are buying into the philosophy that defense wins championships.

"Rebounding continues to be a weakness but it's something we have been putting a big emphasis on in practice," said Byrd. "I believe the team is really beginning to enjoy the game and they are having fun together. They share the ball really well and we're finally starting to get offensive contributions from a number of people, which was a problem for us early-on in the season."

Western Harnett coach Matthew Smith commented after his team played well for more than a quarter the wheels just seemed to come off.

ran off seven unanswered points to surge in front on Lanessa Bryson's bank shot in the lane with 1:03 to go in the initial frame before Ray's jumper from the right wing 20 seconds later put the Lady Jets ahead 10-9 after one quarter.

After three lead exchanges in the first minute of the second stanza, Ray's put-back off the left baseline with 4:29 to go in the period gave J-M a 16-15 advantage, and one minute later Headen's trey from the right side spurred a 10-3 quarter-ending run that boosted Jordan-Matthews' lead to 26-18 at halftime.

Western Harnett narrowed the gap to three twice in the third period, the last time at 30-27 following Bailey's rebound bucket in the lane with 2:53 remaining in the frame prior to Terrell Brooks' three-pointer from the right wing that launched a 7-2 burst by the Lady Jets, allowing them to close out the quarter up 37-29.

Wright's fast break layup with 5:51 left in the contest capped a 7-0 J-M run to begin the fourth stanza, putting Jordan-Matthews in front by 15, and the Lady Jets went on to build their biggest advantage of the evening at 50-33 following another Wright fast break layup with 3:21 remaining to play before the Lady Eagles tallied the final five points of the game.

# Moore charity tosses lift J-M to comeback victory over 3A Western Harnett

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

LILLINGTON — After trailing Western Harnett 16-1 early in the second period, Jordan-Matthews rallied to pull even at 33-all entering the final eight minutes, then used a pair of Seth Moore free throws with 43.8 seconds to play to seize the lead for good before holding off the Eagles in the closing seconds to capture a 51-49 non-conference triumph on the road Wednesday night.

Halting a seven-game losing streak, J-M raised its season record to 5-9 while Western Harnett dropped to 2-11 for the year.

Lanice Hedgepeth came off the bench to lead the victors with a dozen points as Jordan-Matthews shot 39 percent (16-of-41) from the floor while committing 18 turnovers.

Steven Lassiter pumped in 24 points for the Eagles, who connected on 45 percent (17-of-38) of their field goal attempts and outrebounded the Jets 25-22 while turning the ball over 21 times.

"Part of the reason I think we got off to such a slow start tonight was we were missing our leading scorer (Camden Fuquay) in the lineup," noted J-M coach Rodney Wiley. "After the first quarter I asked our guys to dig down and play solid defense, and they responded by defending better while we got our shots to start falling. We did much better running

our offense in the second half and got some good open looks in the middle during our comeback, while Brayden Teague and Chandler Matthews came off the bench to give us quality minutes at both ends of the court.

"Lassiter gave us some problems in the paint at the outset before we went to a matchup zone and neutralized him by double-teaming him down low," the coach continued. "We tried to keep Western Harnett off-balance by switching defenses throughout the game, rotating between a 1-2-2 zone and three-quarter court trap."

Eagles' coach Seth Womble stated the big difference in the game was his team didn't execute down the stretch.

"Basketball is a game of runs, and both teams got in a flow at different times," said Womble. "After we got a big lead early we went away from our inside-out game plan and started firing up jump shots, while J-M had success driving by us and penetrating inside before kicking the ball back out for good looks at the basket. When we had the lead we needed to run more time off the clock, and missed free throws cost us at the end. The game was there for us to win but we failed to find a way to earn it."

With Lassiter accounting for nine points in the opening stanza, Western Harnett raced out to a 14-1 advantage, holding Jordan-Matthews to one foul shot by Jacquez



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**Trinity's Chris Essick (left) defends the basket by stripping the ball from Jordan-Matthews' Lanice Hedgepeth as teammate Ben Owens assists. The Jets took off to an early lead Jan. 7 in Siler City before taking a hard landing to lose the conference game 43-41.**

Thompson.

Following a Lassiter layup to begin the second period that put the Eagles up by 15, the Jets finally found their offensive rhythm, outscoring their host 15-5 over the remainder of the frame to pull within five at intermission.

After J-M trimmed the gap to 23-22 on Eral Jones' put-back in the lane with 5:12 left in the third quarter, Western Harnett managed to extend its lead to 33-27 on Khalil McLean's fast break layup with 1:58 to go in the stanza prior to Jordan-Matthews battling back to draw even at the conclusion of the period on Teagues' hook shot in the lane, Jayden Davis' conventional three-point play and a Hedgepeth charity toss.

The Jets eventually grabbed their first advantage in the contest at 40-38 following Davis' front-

court steal and layup with 5:12 remaining before the Eagles forged ahead 47-42 on free throws from Lassiter and Christian Dantzler's pull-up trey from behind the top of the key with 2:21 left.

But J-M fought back over the next minute to retake the lead at 48-47 following Matthews' jumper in the lane and two foul shots by Teague along with Hedgepeth's midcourt steal and layup.

After Lassiter's lane jumper with 1:04 on the clock gave Western Harnett its last advantage, Moore put his team in front to stay with his two charity tosses, and following an Eagles' turnover, Huston Causey added a free throw with 2.9 seconds to go to account for the final margin.



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# Racing for the prize!

**Jordan-Matthews' Brenley Rivers competes in the women's 100-meter butterfly race at the YMCA in Asheboro Jan. 8. The Jets fly to Asheboro for practice and for meets and participate in their next meet Jan. 23 at 5 p.m. at the Y.**

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3. Vance 11-1 - 50		2. Glenn 11-1 - 51
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9. Pinecrest 11-2 - 17		8. Laney 10-1 - 23
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		HM: Apex Friendship - 11, Independence - 9, North Meck - 9, West Forsyth - 8, Ashley - 5;
<b>3A</b>		<b>3A</b>
1. Westover (1) 11-0 - 64		1. Freedom (5) 13-0 - 66
2. Freedom (4) 13-0 - 59		2. SE Guilford (2) 12-0 - 61
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9. Hickory 10-1 - 19		9. Carson 11-2 - 17
10. Huss 10-1 - 15		10. East Chapel Hill 10-1 - 10
HM: Western Alamance - 7, South Johnston - 6, AL Brown - 5, Terry Sanford - 4, Clayton - 3, Parkland - 3, Vance County - 3, Southern Durham - 2, Eastern Guilford - 2.		HM: Western Alamance - 9, Enka - 6, Harnett Central - 5, East Rowan - 5, Asheville - 2, Jacksonville - 1.
<b>2A</b>		<b>2A</b>
1. Forest Hills (2) 12-0 - 61		1. Salisbury (3) 10-1 - 59
2. Farmville Central (5) 10-2 - 57		2. Forbush (1) 9-2 - 43
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10. Shelby 6-2 - 7		10. North Lincoln 9-1 - 16
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# Lady Chargers hoopers squeeze Orange, tamed by Tigers in conference action last week

BY DON BEANE  
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HILLSBOROUGH — What a win it was on Friday night in Pittsboro as the Northwood girls used a pivotal 17-5 run in the second quarter en route to a huge 53-45 triumph in 3A Big Eight Conference action.

The Lady Chargers, rebounding from a loss on the road at Chapel Hill three nights earlier, improved to 4-1 in league play and to 10-5 overall. Northwood holds a half-game lead in the standings over Southern Durham and Vance County.

Orange, meanwhile, dropped to 3-2 in the Big Eight with the loss and to 9-4 overall.

“I told Coach (B.J.) Condran after the game as we shook hands that I wish my team played as hard as his and I didn’t think that our team was very deserving of the win tonight,” NW coach Cameron Vernon said after the win. “Our girls

played swell in the first half and executed and got after it. Then the second half was a complete 180. We didn’t execute, we turned it over, we didn’t rebound, and we didn’t dive on loose balls. Orange on the other hand got after it, got rebounds, dove on loose balls and gave us fits.”

That resulted in Orange scoring 22 points in the final quarter behind 11 points, including two treys from Aaliyah Harris, and five more points from Samantha George who also bombed in a 3-pointer.

Fortunately for the Chargers, Rae McClarty and Gianna McManaman had six and four points respectively as the locals pumped in 18 points of their own to fend off the rally attempt by Orange.

Northwood had taken an early 11-7 lead after one behind four points apiece from Tayakey Bland and McKenna Snively, offsetting five from Erin Jordan-Cornell.

In the second the Chargers went on its torrid 17-5 tear to go up by a commanding 28-12 count at the intermission. Snively canned a pair of treys for six points to spark the spurt while Hannah Kanapkey added a trey, and McManaman and Caitlin Bailey three points each.

Jalay Rainey hit a trey for three of the five Orange points in the period.

The Panthers would use five points from Harris and a trey from Grace Andrews to slice the lead to 35-23 entering the fourth. McManaman had five in the third for the Chargers.

Northwood would hold on for the win as McManaman and Snively closed with 12 points apiece and Bland chipped in 10.

Harris led all scorers with 18 for the Panthers while Jordan-Cornell chipped in eight.

“Looking at the stats we shot 19/42 (45 percent) and Orange shot 14/49 (29 percent), but

Orange also had 14 steals against us and out-rebounded us 29-17,” Vernon noted. “We need to do a better job rebounding and taking care of the basketball. I know I sound unhappy and upset, but this team is in great shape in the conference at 4-1 and we aren’t playing basketball to our capabilities. So our staff is going to work really hard the next week to get us ready for a big game at East Chapel Hill next Friday”

Earlier in the week on Tuesday, January 7 in Chapel Hill, it was a disappointing 48-40 loss for Northwood.

Poor shooting and turnovers in the third proved to be the difference as Chapel Hill used a 12-6 run in the frame to take the lead for good at 38-31 entering the fourth.

“Before the season I really felt Chapel Hill was the team to beat in the conference and after tonight I still feel that way, they have four really good

and smart players, and those four girls showed it tonight by all of them scoring in double figures,” said Vernon. “They also have some very nice role players who defend and get rebounds.”

Morgan Korfes led the way for the Lady Tigers with 11 points while Riley Corcoran, Cecelia Calhoun and Laney Beale all added 10 points in the win.

Korfes had five points including a trey and Beale four points to send the hosts out to a 15-12 advantage after one period in the books. Bland countered with six points to keep Northwood in the contest.

Natalie Bell would pump in five points including a 3-pointer for the Chargers and Bland added four more to spark a 13-11 run by the locals in the frame to draw NW to within 26-25 at the break. Corcoran led Chapel Hill with four points in the second.

Northwood went cold in the third with Bell

sinking a trey and Bland notching three points to account for all of the scoring for the Chargers.

Chapel Hill (2-1, 8-5) didn’t exactly light it up as well, but behind five points from Calhoun including a trey, and four more from Corcoran, the Tigers used a 12-6 surge and never looked back.

Bland led all scorers with 17 points for Northwood while Bell chipped in eight.

“I think the difference was their ability to have a balance scoring night and we did not, and they were able to take our guards out of their game and we only had two girls score more than 4 points (Bell 8, Bland 17),” closed Vernon. “Hats off to Chapel Hill as they played a much better game and their coach did a much better job preparing them than I did with my team. But we are still in great shape in the conference at 3-1 and we will have to work hard to prepare for our next matchup with them.”

# Northwood crushes Chapel Hill in Big Eight showdown

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
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PITTSBORO — Alex Snively fired in a trio of three-pointers while tallying 11 of his game-high 13 points in the first half as once-beaten Northwood surged to a 14-point advantage at intermission and expanded its lead to as much as 30 points early in the fourth quarter before settling for a 66-52 Big Eight 3A Conference victory over Chapel Hill Tuesday evening in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

The Chargers improved to 4-0 in the league standings and 13-1 for the year, while the Tigers fell to 2-1 in the conference and 7-6 overall.

Aaron Ross chipped in 11 points and Jalen McAfee-Marion added 10 for the winners, who shot 47 percent (24-of-51) from the floor while turning the ball over 16 times.

Chapel Hill’s Isaac Sinclair collected all of his team-high 11 points in the second half and Jake Chisholm contributed 10 for the Tigers, who connected on 46 percent (21-of-46) of their field goal attempts and held a slight 25-23 edge on the boards while committing 21 turnovers.

“Our defense was very good putting pressure on the ball at the outset, causing a lot of early turnovers that allowed us to get out to a nice lead, while Alex Snively had

one of his best all-around games of the year,” said Northwood coach Matt Brown.

“Only giving up a pair of three-pointers over the first three quarters helped our game plan,” said Brown, “as we did a good job contesting Chapel Hill’s outside shooters before they managed to hit five treys down the stretch against our reserves. Besides the relentless effort we put forth on defense, what I like about our team is the unselfish way we share the ball on offense, always looking for the open man and only taking good shots.”

Tigers’ coach Rodney Carter explained not handling Northwood’s press well at the start resulted in his team facing an uphill battle the rest of the night.

“Being careless with the ball got us into an early hole, and we didn’t help matters by missing so many open shots,” related Carter. “Our lack of scoring in the third quarter came down to not running our offense, but we brought in guys off the bench who played more aggressive the last period and defended better than some starters.”

Chapel Hill took its only lead of the night at 5-4 on Chisholm’s pull-up jumper off the right baseline with 4:28 to go in the initial stanza before a Ross jumper off the left

baseline eight seconds later put the Chargers ahead to stay and sparked an 11-4 quarter-ending run capped by Snively’s trey from the right wing with 57.5 seconds remaining in the period.

After the Tigers closed to within 17-13 on Jack Grubbs’ drive off the left baseline midway through the second frame, back-to-back Snively three-pointers from the right side triggered a 15-5 Northwood burst to finish out the quarter as the Chargers carried a 32-18 lead into the break.

With McAfee-Marion, Ross and Deuce Powell combining for 13 points in the third stanza, Northwood outscored the visitors from Orange County 18-4 in the frame to increase its advantage to 50-22 entering the fourth period.

The Chargers matched their biggest lead of the evening at 59-29 following a Ross conventional three-point play with 5:17 left in the contest prior to Brown pulling his starters from the court.

Chapel Hill then found its offensive groove against the Charger reserves, and behind a combined scoring output of 16 points from Sinclair, Chisholm and Caleb Kelly, the Tigers closed out the game with a 23-7 run to make the final score more respectable.

# CCCC’s Trotter, Lineberry nominated for academic awards

BY DON BEANE  
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SANFORD — Nineteen Central Carolina Community College athletes have been nominated for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 10 Division 3 All-Region Academic Award.

Chatham County’s Anna Trotter and Benjamin Lineberry both were nominated after excelling in the classroom and on the field this fall. Trotter, a Northwood graduate from Pittsboro, was a part of the Lady Cougars cross country team while Lineberry, a Chatham Charter graduate from Silk Hope, participated in golf for CCCC.

To be nominated, the student was required to pass 12 credit hours with a 3.0 grade point average or better as well as

to have participated in their respective sport during the fall semester.

The CCCC athletes are listed by their sport and their North Carolina hometowns.

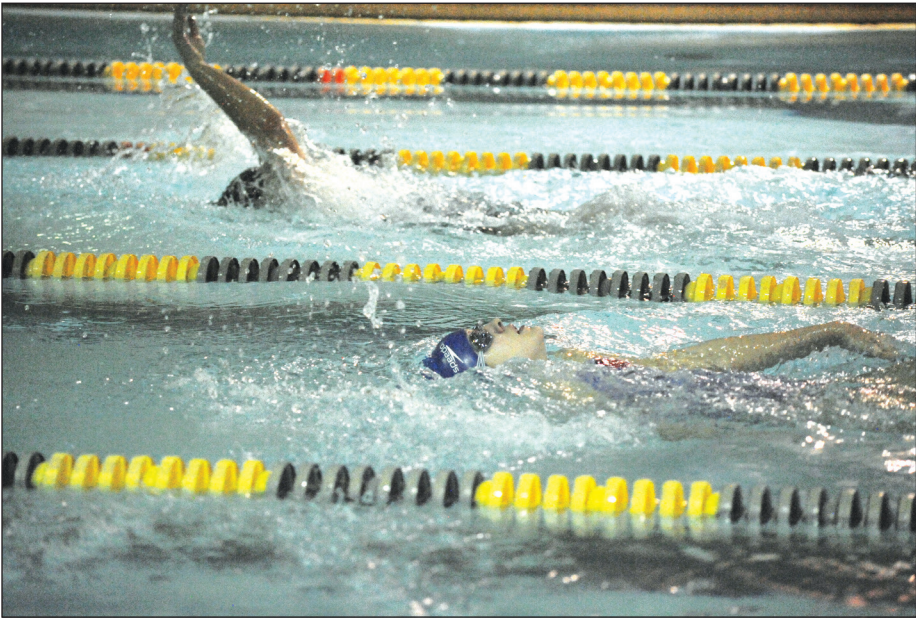
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## Go for the gold



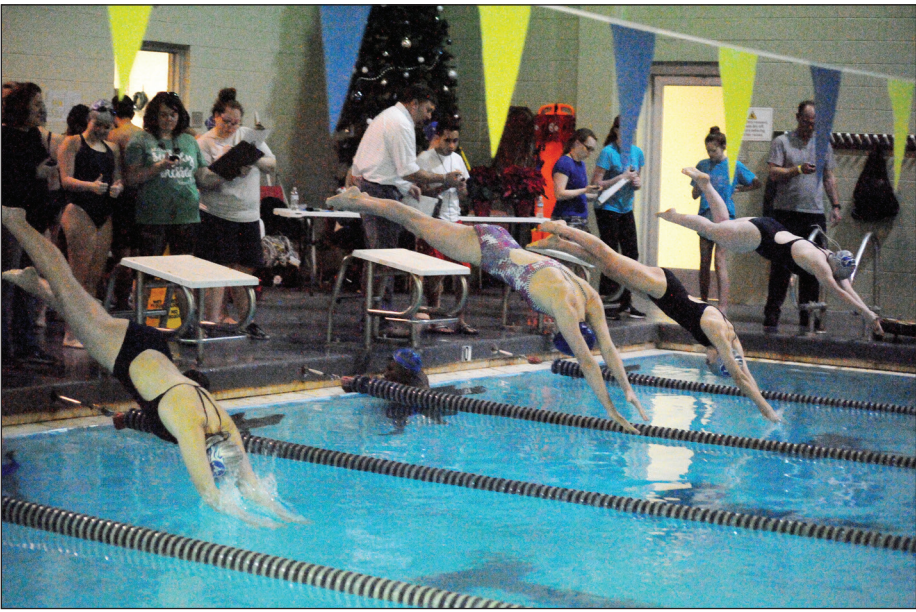
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In the women’s 100-meter backstroke, Jordan-Matthews’ Brenley Rivers and Ainsley Canipe, (foreground), vie for top marks in the first heat of the event.



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In the women’s 100-meter breaststroke, Jordan Matthews’ Jennah Fadely slips through the water with speed and grace toward the finish. The team represented Chatham County in competition with Eastern Guilford and Asheboro High at the YMCA in Asheboro Jan. 8.



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## The test for the best

The women’s 200 meter individual medley gets started in the multi-school meet at the Y in Asheboro Jan. 8. Each athlete travels two lengths of the pool before switching to the next stroke.



# Calm under pressure!



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Chatham Central's Lucas Skertich, co-captain of the Bears, gets past the defense of North Stanly's T'Ziah Quarks in the first half of play in Bear Creek last Friday. The equally matched teams were neck-and-neck through the game, with a nail-biting 53-52 victory for the Bears.

Chatham Central's Kailey Green (10) makes a run up center court after a rebound in North Stanly territory. Bear Creek hosted the contest last Friday before a large crowd of fans, as the home team soundly defeated the Comets, 56-26.

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Jordan-Matthews' Camden Fuquay goes up for the basket but gets blocked by Trinity's Travis Pendry and Josh Reddick (21). Midway through the second quarter, the Jets were in the lead in their first game of the 2020 year Jan. 7 in Siler City, but slowly lost altitude to lose 43-41.

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Jordan-Matthews' Alyssa Bick passes the ball around the defense of Trinity's Grace McDonald in the fourth quarter of play on the home court in Siler City Jan. 7. The win for the Lady Jets, 57-34, brings them to 1-2 in conference play this season.

## CAPTURE:

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while being aggressive and looking for each other to score.

"Defensively," Burke said, "we played a good 2-3 zone and boxed out well around the boards. We didn't stop North Stanly's penetration at the outset, but then we stepped up and closed the hole to take away their inside game and they never recovered."

Lady Comets' coach Greg Speight was unavailable for comments afterwards.

Following Paris Bennett's layup in the first 33 seconds of play that gave North Stanly its only lead, Murchison's trey from behind the top of the key at the 7:02 mark of the first period put the Lady Bears in front to stay and the rout was on.

After expanding its advantage to 12-7 by the end of the initial stanza, Chatham Central opened the second period with

a string of seven unanswered points, climaxed by Kailey Green's fast break layup with 3:57 left in the quarter, to fashion a 12-point lead before Murchison's lane jumper with 21 seconds to go in the half increased the margin to 25-11 at intermission.

With Vaughn draining a trio of three-pointers in the third period, the Lady Bears continued to stretch their advantage over the course of the frame and went up 40-15 following Savannah Stilwell's jumper off the left baseline with 1:27 remaining in the stanza prior to carrying a 42-18 advantage into the fourth quarter.

The Lady Comets could never edge closer than 21 over the last eight minutes while being outscored 14-8 by Chatham Central's reserves. Sophie Phillips' layup with 14 seconds to go in the contest resulted in the final spread while giving the Lady Bears their biggest lead of the night.

## BEARS:

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Helms. "Turnovers in the first half also hurt, but it's part of the learning curve when you start four sophomores and one junior. We tried to press on defense the entire game, and switching from a 3-2 zone to man-to-man coverage later on worked to our benefit. We knew they would get the ball in Moore's hands at the end, but we just weren't able to contest his shot."

Following a pair of early ties, North Stanly used Bell's conventional three-point play and Poole's trey from behind the top of the key to forge a 10-4 advantage with 5:07 left in the initial period, but with Moore tallying nine points in the stanza Chatham Central pulled within 16-14 after one quarter.

No more than two points separated the teams throughout the second frame that featured five ties until Moore's three-pointer at the buzzer gave the Bears a 29-26 lead at the break.

Chatham Central opened up a 36-28 advantage on Moore's trey from the right wing with 5:25 remaining in the third stanza before the Comets rallied behind Poole and Bell to trim the gap to 43-39 heading into the final eight minutes.

After the Bears stretched their lead to 49-44 on a pair of Moore charity tosses with 3:53 to go in the game, the Comets capped off a 6-0 run with Bell's layup that put the visitors up by one with 1:33 left.

A Moore jumper from the left wing was then answered by Bell's turnaround bucket in the lane, keeping North Stanly's advantage at one (52-51) with 24 seconds remaining.

Following a timeout, Chatham Central worked for one last shot, with Moore eventually slipping behind a double screen on the left side and firing up his game-winner with four seconds on the clock.

Gurley then secured the triumph when he intercepted the Comet's court-length inbounds pass under North Stanly's basket.

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**6th Grade:** Dallas Harrelson, Samantha Wilson  
**7th Grade:** Landry Allen, Shelley Brooks, Courtney Caviness, Karaleigh Dodson, Bristol Ferguson, Pacey Kernstine, Zane Overman, Gabriella Phillips, Taylor Ritter, Mattie Underwood, Benjamin Wilson  
**8th Grade:** Rachel Albright, Shilah Bell, Jacob Gilliland, Kelsey Hussey, Logan Maness, Katherine Oldham, Kent Owens, Hallie Webster

**A/B HONOR ROLLS**  
**3rd Grade:** Benjamin Athey, Camden Brady, Jimmy Lanier, Haidyn Sanders, Bella Maness, Madalyn Teague  
**4th Grade:** Graham Cox, Jameson Douglass, Brayleigh Evangelista, Lelue Kidd, Colby King, Jorge Lopez, Shyann Morris, Ryder Oates, Caleb Oldham, Blake Ritter, Mackenzie Robertson  
**5th Grade:** Chloe Brewer, Devin Callihan, Nicole Dersam, William Dersam, Belle Douglass, Bowman Harris, Evelyn Lopez-Paz, Emma Maness, Lizzy Murray, Addison Overman, Chloe Stanifer  
**6th Grade:** Luke Allred, Kendal Jordan, Yarecz Pascual, Carlos Zapata-Cruz  
**7th Grade:** Emily Armstrong, Ethan Armstrong, William Beers, Alex Boyles, Devan Carrow, Abbey Copelan, Coleene Cox, Blake Green, Clay Hill, Ryan Iott, Carter King, Riley Lee, Matthew Murchison  
**8th Grade :** Lauren Caviness, Mattie Caviness, Joaquin Gordan, Madison Jones, Destiny Whitcomb

BONLEE SCHOOL

**A HONOR ROLLS**  
**3rd Grade:** Olivia Cook, Edna Santana Godinez, Izabel Long, Lily Moore, Walter Patin, August Smith, Ayden Snead, Benjamin Stepp, Madison Wingter  
**4th Grade:** Emmalee Cheek, Brody Ewing, Alicia Jaimes, Macee Johnson, Summer Jordan, Anna Jourdan, Mariaiah McIver, Cali Pearce, Arcadio Perez, Devin Rathburn, Alyssa Ryan, Zva Rodriguez, Kamryne Smith, Bree Thomas, Cassidy Walker, Gavin Williams  
**5th Grade:** Ashleigh Payne, Brett Phillips, Mattie Smith  
**6th Grade:** Daniel McLemore  
**7th Grade:** David Baruch Ocana, Nickleus Casteven, Stephanie Garcia Perez, David Morales Hernandez, Brady Phillips, Amelia Rodriguez, Mary Shields  
**8th Grade:** Amerah Attia, Sawyer Beavers, Braxton Coates, Andrew Everwine, Jacob Hurley, Anthony Lopossay, Cassie McKeithan, Nathan Ritter  
**A/B HONOR ROLLS**  
**3rd Grade:** Alejandra Carillo, Jasmine Davis, Braylon Degraffenreidt, Andrew Johnson, Jessica Key, Makayla Martin, Makenzie Martin, Emilie Nava, Cris Palacios, Lillie Poe, Tysen Schmidt, Natalie Taylor  
**4th Grade:** Qumae Brower, Blake Dixon, Bryan Garcia, Antonio Gonzalez, Jesse Hatfield, Leanna Martin, Lucas McNeill, Lauren Payne, Carli Smith, Logan Stone, Bella Thomas, Natalia Vitaro  
**5th Grade:** Grant Andrews, Madison Butler, Logan Ellis, Emma Griffith, Maddox Josey, Tyler Lazarek, Kileigh Martin, Eva Patin, Brake Stutts  
**6th Grade:** Jose Alva Ibarra, Brayden Brewer, Keyle De La Sancha Arroyo, Konrad Farthing, Karlee Joyce, Aidan Kirk, Inysia McIver, Sallie Oldham, Anali Perez, Ada Sigler, Gavin Vanderford  
**7th Grade:** Trinity Brooks, Tianna Clay, Claire Fuquay, Morgan Kidd, Angie Nava-Erazo, Javier Nunez, Aldahir Sanchez-Espinoza, Nora Taylor  
**8th Grade:** Caroline Austin, Rachel Batten, Austin Beck,

Alyssa Berube, Leslie Carrillo, Katherine Flores, Johann Gonzalez, Caitlyn Hayes, Aidan Holton, Makayla McIver, Kenny McLemore, Lex Navarro, Hunter Owens, Kolton Phillips, Cheyanne Sharpe, Zander Wilkie, Britany Woody

CHATHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

**A HONOR ROLLS**  
**6th Grade:** Keiry Archila Sandoval, Juan Diego Delgado, Makayla Headen, Aiden Hernandez, Vianey Jimenez-Jaimes, Rafael Larios, Vickie Lian, Cristian Lopez Corona, Kayle Maxfield, Kevin Noval-Sanchez, Emily Rodriguez Lima, Pablo Sanchez Castro, Benny Tomas Garcia, Fabiola Vasquez, Heidi Vicente Perez, Dulce Zarco Arroyo  
**7th Grade:** Samuel Archibar, King Aguiluz, Stephanie Aleman, Esdras Cruz Berrios, Callie Fogleman, Kevin Gomez, Destiny Hedgepeth, James Honer, Savannah Jimenez, Yazmin Lopez-Muñoz, Carolyn Lucero Santiago, Sophia Murchison, Kimberly Ordoñez Vicente, Ana Rangel-Adame  
**8th Grade:** Adrianna Bernardino Jimenez, Jillian Bogart, Paul Castillo Jr, Jason De Paz Rodriguez, Christian Garcia Torres, Alexander Globuschutz, Janette Gomez-Ixcoy, Yahir Gonzalez Arenas, Ricardo Gonzalez Sanchez, Anthony Guox, Emmanuel Hernandez Castaneda, Anthony Ibarra, Fatima Lavariega, Jaceonna Lee, Carime Lozano Perez, Zarela Marino Morales, Nayeli Martinez, Jose Mendez Martinez, Estefani Merida Lopez, David Osorio-Zepeda, Ziomara Ramirez, Jessica Reyes, Jair Ruiz, Anthony Santiago, Amarion Scotton, Andrew Urena Secena, Kenia Uribe-Araiza, Alexa Valentin Navarro, Karsyn Vann, Vanessa Vasquez Ariaza  
**A/B HONOR ROLLS**  
**6th Grade:** Nicolas Aguiluz, Catalina Anzola, Aimar Ayala, Harmony Banks, Lea Benitez, Dalia Botello, Zariya Brantley, Allen Castillo Mejia, Mareli Cordero Cruz, Patience Cox, Marina Dubon, Stacy Duran Moreno, Marco Espinal-caba, Cassidy Graves, Mariana Hernandez Soto, Ashley Herrera Ventura, Aleigh Locklear, Taylor Mcleod, Abigal Molina-Bacho, Alfredo Muñoz Arciniega, Aurick Osorio Hernandez, Dulce Pascual Jimenez, Nataly Perla Cruz, Hunter Scott, Daisy Valencia Zagada, Tyner Jason Williams, Alexis Dawn Wilmoth  
**7th Grade:** Marelyn Aguilar Vega, Nyria Alston, Alexia Bulls, Aridai Carrillo Ibarra, Irayda Cervantes Zavaleta, Adasofie Davis, Jacqueline De La Sancha Jimenez, Yazmin De la Sancha Mendoza, Ashlyn Elisea Padro, Elide Enriquez Salaises, Parker Everhart, Debora Francisco Lopez, Kimberly Funez-Lopez, Jose Gabriel Martinez, Anastasia Glasgow, Britney Guzman, Pavel Hernandez Cruz, Elijah Hughes, Marbely Jaimes Gonzalez, Ryden Kirchner, Sophia Korpela, Susan Lazaro Mejia, Madison Lopez Ulloa, Emanuel Nolasco-Bautista, Michael Oldham, Brillett Olvera Lopez, Jeyson Ramirez Bamac, Daniel Ramirez Solano, Heidy Reyes Blanco, Alessandra Rodriguez Hurtarte, Xiomara Rosales Rivas, Minanyeli Soto Cruz David Tabon, Emanuel Velasquez Castro, Christanne Watson Williams  
**8th Grade:** Heidi Aguirre Moscoso, Andres Alvarado, Lizzie Bare, Ellie Benitez, Andrew Brown, David Burdine, Lia Carter, Kai Culter, Kevin Dominguez Guerrero, Francisco Dominguez Moreno JR, Kameron Gooch, Janeyra Guerrero Jaimes, Maritza Gutierrez Cotlame, Savannah Headen, Dulce Hernandez Preciado, Fatima Hernandez Soto, Jonathan Rangel Herrera, Jady Herrera, Miranda Lopez Perez, Sandra Lopez, Vanessa Martinez Camposeco, Darely Martinez Lara, Hanniah Martinez Quiroz, Azaria Mason-Pender, Ian McMillan, Lesly Mejia-Tur-

cios, Jossallyn Moody, Briseydi Nava Zarate, Kyle Overturf, Angeles Peters, Serena Pietri, Rose Poe, Avi Quevedo-Cruz, Conner Redding, Jacqueline Rodriguez Hernandez, Brandon Rodriguez, Clara Rojas, Eva Schwartz, Iris Sibirian Zetino, Reagan Smith, Wilfredo Valdez Zetino, Makayla Vargas, Lisett Vasquez

HORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

**A HONOR ROLLS**  
**5th Grade:** Samuel Bacheler, Christian Benitez, Farrell Blackburn, Evan Bland, Ava Bonham, William Boynton, Emma Cason, Aiden Cisneros, Shayla Cork, Tara Dupont, Jackson Freeman, Owen Hearn, Peyton Howard, Joshua Johnson, Mia Meskhidze, Brayden Meulendyke, Dominic Novello, Charlotte Oakley, Campbell Parks, Ashley Perry, Isaac Pica, Kayla Richard, Asher Savage, Charlie Stevens, Savanna Stubbs, Aleah Thornton, Chloe Waldstien, Evelyn Warf, Adelyn Wolter, Annagrace Zarembo  
**6th Grade:** Riley Addison, Suleman Arias, Zachary Best, Cattia Blake, Allison Bryant, Nathalia Collazos, Briana Graham, Kody Holder, Grant Jacques, Ethan Klier, Miguel Kirkman, Kendall Lee, Shae Leighton, Zia Lucero, Quintin McLandaborough, Ishaan Patel, Dylan Perry, Benjamin Porter, Amber-Renee Ross, Mariah Rudolph, Tessa Schouten, Avery Spradley Stella Woodie-Prochazka  
**7th Grade:** Melissa Bolainez Benitez, Hayes Burleson, Sarah Carson, Brylee Cothren, Sara-Liana Delgado, Maximilian Effrein, Noah Emery, Johanna Flores, John Flynn, Matthew Haley, Elizabeth Hall, Trey Hudson, Gavin Maley, Sarah Murrell, Kinsey Roper, Kenley Scott, Dakota Smith, Holly Thesing, Jack Triglianos, Luke Walsatein, Kaylee Watt, Elizabeth Wellons, Jasmine Wichowski  
**8th Grade:** Imani Bascoc, Jacqueline Basilio, Anna Bolejack, Ryan Brinker, Isabella Brown, Mayra Cabral, Noelle Conklin, Allison Elmore, Gus Fisher, Andrea Gaytan Rangel, Cavity Granger, Lochlan Haddix, Charley Howard, Kyla Hoylman, Andrew Johnson, Madison Kay, Emma Korey, Parker Littlefair, Louis Nielsen, Vivienne O'Bryan, Haley O'Neill, Brianna Pica, Rokia Sisoko, Celeste Smith, Lindsay Smith, Georgia Squires, Jordan Taylor, Rylee Welch, Carson Wright  
**A/B HONOR ROLLS**  
**5th Grade:** Colton Adams, Andrea Angeles Morales, Nick Armstrong, Asher Brooks, Jordan Brim, Riley Carroll, Kenley Cole, Ka'Myrriah Cox, Samuel Cunningham, Mia Davis, Alissa Dillard, Augustus Dillon, April Emerson, Layla Eubanks-Alston, Rowan Fisher, Acharry Goldston, Laura Hackney, Eva Haley, Nathan Hartline, Jakob Keipp, Ivey Mitchell, Ky'Berry Nettles, Alaina Pinson, Alexi Satterwhite, Brooklyn Sperry, Cole Squires, Brianna Terrell, Dana Terry  
**6th Grade:** Nathan Scott Cole, Gavin Daleo, Hakeem Davis, Yareni Delgadillo, Easton Evan, Joseph Flynn, Olivia Fowler, Shaylah Glover, Imani Henderson, Sophia Herbst, Justin Kay, Caden Louder, Jacey Martinez, Ashlynn Poston, Ezra Roebuck, Darci Villani, Owen Zsuppan  
**7th Grade:** Isaish Blair, Ava Boggess, Jacob Boyer, Carter Crisp-Sears, Reagan D'Angelo, Omar Gallegos, Heather Hopp, Jayden Jefferies, Kyrach Johnson, Emma Langley, Skelynn May, Rosalinda Ortiz, Jillian Parker, Josie Quick, Roger Rosada Mijanos, Jaylan Scurlock, Jonah Shook, Jada Sparrow, Kyle Stinson, Carter Sykes, Sebastian Villareyes, Abigail Wright  
**8th Grade:** Asia Allen, Nataly Alvarado, Sofia Alvarado Marin, JayLynn Bostic, Michaela Bowling, Alisin Burger, Carleigh Burger, Jake Burrows, Jon Carlos Calderon, Alex Chirino, Marissa Clouse, Justin Coker, Elaine

Daniels, Evan Davis, Ian Dickson, Alanna Dillard, Blake Fearington, Will Fritsche, Ossiah Gannon, Charley Gooch, Kenya Gunter, Katelyn Harvey, Javier Henderson, Fernando Herrera-Garcia, Caden Hinnant, Jayden Holder, Joshua Holshauser, Mason Jones, Michelle Kirkman, Peter Kundig, Alan Lainfiesta Orellana, William Lara-fonseca, Jake Leighton, Josie Mattison, Lily McMahon, Adam Paul, Keely Robinson, Amani Satterwhite, Katelyn Sheffler, Diana Soto Sales, Thomas Springle, Junioe Strickland, Clara Tarlton, Olivia Taylor, Logan Thomas, Steven Thu, Bradsen Ukocho-vwera, Sarah Warford, Kaleb Wilcox, Tyquan Williams, Amanda Zrubek

J.S. WATERS SCHOOL

**A HONOR ROLLS**  
**3rd Grade:** Wyatt Clewis, Jocelyn Humphrey, Keri Ann Marsh, Remi Maynor, Katey Bell Smith, Lucas Warf  
**4th Grade:** Addison Goldston, Alexis Holt, Chelyenne McLeod, Anellise Sabbagh, Justin Wright  
**5th Grade:** Bryson Alston, Sayvion Burnette, Maddie Kaczmarczyk, Morgan Peele, Caitlyn Smith, Maeson Smith, Addie Williams  
**6th Grade:** James Bain, Skylar Breedlove, Colton Cox, Abigail Cunnup, Evan Cvitkovich, Peyton Douglas, Vance Edwards, Peyton Mashburn, Adrian Rives, Brandon Rives, Simon Sabbagh, Sydney Sellers, Kymani Wagner-Jatta  
**7th Grade:** Reid Albright, Savannah Farace, Luke Gaines, Reagan Goldston, Caleigh Warf, Tanner Winstead  
**8th Grade:** Carolyn Belk, Luke Burkhead, William Carter, Skylar Donner, Shelby Holder, Riley Maynor  
**A/B HONOR ROLLS**  
**3rd Grade:** Me'cai Barrett, Cameron Blankenship, Bree'ana Brewington, Dori Christopher, Zoey Cook, Serenity Cotton, Jayston Gilliland, Nathan McDuffie, Saylor Mitchell, Mollie Oldham, Blaine Reynolds, Carolyn Smith, Tyler Smith, Emery Williams, Xzavion Williams  
**4th Grade:** Brooks Albright, Turner Albright, Payton Brown, Bryan Cheek, Troy Cheek, Kacie Cyr, Reed Douglas, Jacob Edwards, Isabella McDuffie, Jazmyn Perez, Emily Torres Espinoza, Joel Torres Villatoro  
**5th Grade:** Isaa Abdullah, Aubrey Bollinger, Cassidy Bollinger, Zaria Fuller, Cason Hayes, Jaslyn Martin, Yoselin Reyes Francisco  
**6th Grade:** Abigail Beck, Kimara Brim, Joseph Carter, Brooklyn Collins, Michael Cyr, Jagger Emerson, Tera Farace, Karen Juan San Juan, Kaelyn Mallard, Tyler Measamer, Joey Reed, Aashya Smith, Josiah Staley, Siniyah Utey, Jeremiah Young  
**7th Grade:** Cameron Burkett, Carter Caviness, Makenna Donner, Isaac Dowdy, Owen Dowdy, James Fulford, Hannah Gulley-Moore, Kaylon Gunter, Yaanda Headen, Joshua Juan San Juan, Alyssa King, Aspen Phillips, Arlene Rios Francisco, Stephen Silhan  
**8th Grade:** Omar Brower, Bobby Carter, Andrea Chavez Soriano, Martin Chavez Lagunas, Chris Cheek, Wesley Clewis, Aden Edwards, Seth Gilliland, Nate Hancock, Ashlynn Humphrey, Nicholas Maness, Tyler Rives, Emma Townsend

MARGARET B. POLLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

**A HONOR ROLLS**  
**6th Grade:** Henry Alaimo, Chloe Ames, Caroline Arnold, Jack Baliff, Caidence Bazemore, Michael Beck, Alexandra Boutin, Jade Brown, Aria Browndyke, Everett Burgert, Sydney Burleigh, Claire Cantrell, Amelia Cherry, Penelope Cibulski, William Clark, Sydney Colen, Mabel Collins, Grayson Cox, Mariella Culton, John Daguerre, GraceDavis Nico DeAngelo, Carter Dell, Michelle DiBona, Colin Dorney, Isabella Ekeler, Anna Enlow, Sydney, Eubanks, James Flanagan, Sarah Giguere, Isaac Gilligan, Savanna

Gilson, Laken Goldenberg-Sheets, Yari Gonzalez-Arias, Sydney Gray, Joseph Greto, Mary Harris, Sara Hartman, Sophie Hayes, Jack Hirschman, Pascale Hlavac, Olivia Hubbard, Holden Jarstfer, Natalie Jerkovich, Annika Johansson, Shane Kelley, Chloe Klinker, Ryder Kolat, Andrew Kosturi, Tegwin Liggett, Avery Mangum, Madison Mann, Fabian Martinez Ornelas, Tyler Mathews, Claire McGuire, Ryan McNaught, Evan Minor, Emery Misita, Eva Morrison, Theo Nicholas, Evan Norris, Cali O'Neill, Claire Oglesbee, Joseph Palmer, Samuel Parker, Julia Perry, Sarah Perry, Brooklyn Phillips, Karleigh Purcell, Jaedyn Rader, Brenda Randell, Brayden Ritchea, Renee Rizvi, Gabriel Rogers, Carson Roundtree, Elaine Sherwin, Alexandra Smith, Carson Smith, Brenne Sovereign, Braedon Spacek, Emma Stong, Sanjay Subramani, Aidan Swaine, Alanna Terwilliger, Grace Titler, Abril Tolentino-Alvarado, Madelyn Trunnell, Olivia Waggoner, Matthew Wanderski, James Weaver, Colin Wilds, Regan Willauer, Sophia Willauer, Adrian Willett, Ty Willoughby, Landon Wooten, Kenton Young, Mackenzie Zelhof, Abigail Zwahlen  
**7th Grade:** Avery Adams, Valentine Amorim Neto, Kendall Anderson, Daniel Andros, Brooks Bae, Sydney Ballard, Arnette Benitez, Caroline Bowman, Julian Bozzolo, Joshua Brown, Elizabeth Calhoun, Isabella Chang, Griffin Ching, Claire Coady, William Cuicchi, Cora Dodge, Cade Elmore, Abigail Emrich, Walter Entreklin, Caitlin Erman, Esme Ewy, Jacob Ewy, William Flow-ers, Jett Gabreski, Meredith Gaillard, Alexandre Gallegos Ramirez, Addison Gensler, Ty Gilson, Travis Greene, Avarie Gupton, Evan Hepburn, Tyler Hill, Maris Huneycutt, Margaret Johns, Broden Jones, Mia Kellam, Emma Kirk, Ava Kupka, Benjamin Lajoie, MaKenzy Leheuw, Ryan inkhorn, Hazel Mangum, Cassidy Martin, Susanna McGuire, James McNabb, Zuzanna Mikolajec, Molly Milsom, Jonah Minges, Claire Morgan, Eliza Pardue, Jacob Phillips, Fletcher Platt, Michael Pomykala, Jackson Powell, Blake Price, Chloe Price, Leah Riggsbee, Jenna Robinson, Conner Roland, Fiona Scardina-Keele, Gianna Schiavone, Miriam Schulte, Bailey Shadoan, Maxwell Shiels, Gunnar Smith, Nathan Smith, Jackson Stoner, Juliet Vanolinda, Jacob Weidman, Gabrielle White, Judith White, Andi Wicker, Rylee Witham, Connor Yalch, Amari Young, Sophia Zamora-Katona, Kaitlyn Zanga  
**8th Grade:** Skylar Adams, Hannah Ajayi, Ilia Arnold, Christopher Atkins, Sophia Baliff, Julia Bartlett, Chiara Battista, Meredith Bean, Madison Beck, Lauren Browndyke, Ethan Budlong, Robert Burleigh, Cole Dail, Misha Danrich, Chelsea Delano, Ava deyoung, Kate Dy-dynski., Roger Eubanks, Megan Fady, Kaylee Fisher, Frances Gaillard, Amelia Gilligan, Elizabeth Goyea, Sienna Gray, Mary Hatch, Quinn Hennessey, Olivia Hodgkin, Alessia Iacono, Griffin Jackson, Nicholas Jerkovich, Anna Kappelman, Abby Kava, Julia Krasovich, Marissa Kurz, Jana Lerch, Jordan Mcnish, Eliza Moore, Olivia Nash., Sunday Oo, Andrew Parker, Laila Pollack, Caroline Porter, Chloe Rayno, Mia Richard, Sara Richardson, Shepherd Rockriver, Willem Sandvik, Clara Silkstone, Maya Sipper, Jarin Stevenson, Alexis Stumpf, Elise Taylor, Asia Thigpen, Sara Turner, Morgan Turner, Olivia Van Duinen, Ezekiel Verinder, Katelyn Walker, George Weber, Marcella Willett, Tate Wilson, Naomi Yokoi-Rankin  
**A/B HONOR ROLLS**  
**6th Grade:** Kendall Allen, Karmen Molina, Emely Banda Molina, Ella Grace Bartee, Anna Bartlett, Nitya Bernier, Casey Brekke, Alivia Broden, Mya Brower, Victor Bullock, Brandon Burger, RokyCase, Ben Christian, Nicole Clamann, Harrison Compton, Gabri-

elle Coppola, Erik Diaz, America Diaz Rodriguez, Megan Dydynski, Enzo El-Yousef, Brielle Ellison, Deanna Evans, Allie Fair, Carlos Gamez Jimenez, Aden George, Ana Gonzalez Banegas, Owen Ha, Spencer Habeck, Robert Harrison, Benjamin Hart, Braeden Hazard, Alexandra Helmer, Alexandra Hernandez Zapata, Makae Hilbert, Jacob Hoopes, Austin Ingram, Owen Jones, Addison Lauren, Samuel Leonard, Willem Lippers, Anahi Lopez Gomez, Christopher Mac-Millan, Tyler Markham, Savannah Mather, Thomas McDaniel, Mary Mendes, Gabriela Nazario, Hector Olivera Garcia, Ken Oliverio-Sanchez, Luisa Olmos, Madelyn Pallen, Noah Patterson, Omar Perez Lopez, Jackson Petrusa, Tuong-Vy Phan, Jackson Pollack, Matthew Quintero Salgado, Alyia Roberts, Christopher Roundtree, Tobias Schmid, Sara Shokravi, Beckett Silkstone, Christian Siniard, Robyn Smith, Alexandra Smith Glenn Smith, Beckam Stavitzski, Hailey Stoll, Gabriel Suarez, Jackson Talman, Emery Timervin, Jose Torres-Garcia, Robert Tripp, Ainsley Tuttle, Camille Vick, Wilhelm Vogelsang, Waylon Vose, Ava Walsh, Warren Washington, Ella Wenstrand, Keegan White, Gwyneth Williams, Isaac Wilson, Jax Winn, Ryan Yoder  
**7th Grade:** Elizabeth Ackey, Jose Aguiluz Basilio, Asher Aldridge, Layne Armstrong, Ella Blau, Jonathan Booth, Johnson Brekke, Tabitha Bynum, Marina Cofresi, Natalia Davis, Cameron Exley, William Farmer, Avery Fauth, Bailen Fauth, Lance Fernandez, Brandon Gayosso-Martinez, Charlie Ann George, Rylan Girard, Valerie Gonzalez, Alexander Hinchman, Michael Holleran, Gilad Holt, Thailyn Horton, Ethan House, Liliana Jones, Liam Jonsson, Turan Kadioglu, Mikel Kokas, Jayce Konowitz, Lukas Kovar, Brian Krebs, Nidaiya Lauano, Noah Laupert, Seamus Leigh, Addison Leviner, Noah Lewis, Braxton Little, Noah Jack Matthews, Ashlynn Matthews, Luke Mattocks, Alison Mayen Murtcia, Claire McClintock, Robert McKeaveney, Taylor Moore, Darren Moore, Valeria Mora Montiel, Sebastian Morgan, Orion Moulton, Carter Nelson, Eloise Owusu Tyo, Wyatt Parker, Harlee Pease, John Pennington, Samantha Perez, Nicholas Perez, Clementina Perry, Cruz Rangel-Dominguez, Samantha Riggsbee Emily Robertson, Trajan Ruesch, Taryn Self, Giovanni Sierra Rojas, Carson Smith, Kayla Stafford-Underdore, Haiden Sullivan, Courtney Talbert, Gabrielle Terrell, Jackson Vaughn, Violet Walter, Collin Weir, Daniel White, Skyla Wilson, Vanessa Wilson, Tillie Wilson, Amir Young  
**8th Grade:** Rui Aguiar, Amber Asher, Evelyn Atkins, Nathaniel Avodo, Jack Bacheler, Kaila Baker, Aidan Bearman, Hunter Blake, Ella Boecke, Seth Bradley, Kelly Buckoski, Gracie Burgess, LaDeja Charles, Logan Ching, Ellie Cook, Evan Crouch, Evan Dean, Olivia Dennis, Sophia Doty, Olivia Doty, Benjamin Everest, Giselle Fallas, Drew Farina, Carson Fortunes, Julissa Gaytan, Anna Gilliam, Macy Griffin, Jackson Gustafson, Alex Habron, Daniel Hall, Emily Henderson, Kayla Hofer, MaKenzie Holland, Anders Johanson, Taylor Johnson, Ruth Juarez-Villatoro, Lauren Keeley, Kaleigh Ketron, Cameron Livengood, Emily Lutz, Sydney Markham, LucindaMartine, Mitchell Mason, Alison McKeithan, Harris Mendlovitz, Michael Merchant, Aleksandra Messura, Tanner Morgan, Lily Norman, Sophia Northington, Coltrane Northington, Dane O'Neill, Spencer Ordonez, Ava Orzolic, Emma Owens, Andrew Pankow, Collan Perchinsky, Dulse Ramirez Serrano, Makaio Stephenson., Lori Strickland, Katelyn Tijerina, Ruth Titler, Alyssa Ugurlu, Elizabeth Walker, Benjamin Weathers, Shayna Whitney, Madison Williams, Zachary, Wilson, Lauren Winkler, Fiona Xiao, Kathryn Zucker



# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Christopher Farley, 61, of Pittsboro, was charged January 1 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a January 9 court date in Hillsborough.

Theresa Dolard, 35, of Pittsboro, was charged January 1 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$500 bond with a January 9 court date in Hillsborough.

Jennifer Christy, 34, of Sanford, was charged January 1 with resisting, delaying and obstructing. She was held under no bond with a February 6 court date in Pittsboro.

Bruce Banks, 45, of Siler City, was charged January 2 for county and Siler City violations of domestic violence protective order, larceny, possession of stolen goods/property and obtaining property by false pretense. He was held under a \$1,000 bond and a domestic violence hold with a January 8 court date in Pittsboro.

Teddy Clodfelter, 66, of Climax, was taken into custody January 2 on true bills of indictment for obstruction of justice, intimidating a witness and felony stalking. He was held under a domestic violence hold with no bond.

Ian Goodwin, 20, of Bear Creek, was charged January 4 with failure to comply. He was held under a \$500 bond with a January 14 court date in Siler City.

Joshua Hearn, 38, of Moncure, was charged January 4 with communicating threats. He was held under a 48-hour hold with a January 8 court date in Chatham County.

Michael Sipe, of Siler City, was charged January 5 with assault on a female and simply assault. He was released on a written promise with a January 22 court date in Chatham County.

Debra Defeo, 52, of Pompano Beach, Florida, was charged January 6 with simple assault. She was held under a mandatory 48-hour domestic violence hold with a January 8 court date in Pittsboro.

Jeannie Gordon, 32, of Bear Creek, was charged January 6 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$200 bond with a January 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Felicia Smith, 40, of Liberty, was charged January 6 with three separate counts of failure to appear. On the first, she was held under a \$1,000 bond with a February 12 court date in Pittsboro. On the second, she was held under a \$1,000

bond with a January 27 court date in Asheboro. On the third, she was held under a \$750,000 bond with a January 9 court date in Asheboro.

Erica Hollis, 18, of Pittsboro, was charged January 7 with possession of less than one-half ounce of marijuana and drug equipment violations. She was released on a written promise with a January 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Jermaine Farrish, 41, of Siler City, was charged January 7 with failure to appear for child support. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a January 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Kyle Coleman, 30, of Asheboro, was charged January 7 with one count each of failure to appear in Chatham and Dare counties. He was held under a \$3,000 bond with a February 4 court date in Siler City, and a \$5,000 bond with a February 7 court date in Dare County.

Debra Merwin, 36, of Pittsboro, was charged January 8 with misdemeanor larceny. She was released on a written promise with a January 13 court date in Durham County.

## SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nahu Perez Amador, 26, of Bear Creek,

was taken into custody January 13 on a count of failure to appear on driving while license revoked from Randolph County. He was held under a \$2,000 bond with a February 5 court date in Asheboro.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Ayla Davila of Siler City was cited January 8 for failure to yield on U.S. Highway 64 in Siler City.

Enrique Perez of Bear Creek was cited January 8 for failure to maintain lane control on Mt. View Church Road in Pittsboro.

Bradley Manton of Pittsboro was cited January 8 for failure to yield right of way to oncoming traffic on Woodland Grove Lane in Pittsboro.

Bobby Lester of Robbins was cited January 9 for failure to maintain lane control on Andrews Store Road in Pittsboro.

Samuel Mills of Pittsboro was cited January 9 for failure to maintain lane control on Mt. Gilead Church Road in Pittsboro.

George Jacinto of Siler City was cited January 10 for unsafe movement on U.S. Highway 421 in Siler City.

# Melly’s (gluten-free!) macaroons



DEBBIE MATTHEWS  
The Curious Cook

So, there’s this rule. If you give me food, and my dog likes you, I bake for you. It’s not up to me—it’s just the rule. One evening last summer, I was walking my dog in the neighborhood near our house. A small dog flew up to us and began yelling at Crowley. It was dark, and the two dogs began growling, snarling, and tussling around. It sounded bad. A petite young woman ran up and began trying to pull her dog from the scrum. Once the pooches were separated, and she and her husband apologized for their

dog not being on a lead, we said our goodnights and I went on my way. But I got to thinking about how that tiny woman — whom Crowley surely outweighed — had run right in to protect her dog and get him to safety. The next night, the husband Stacey was outside and I told him to please tell his wife that I thought she was really brave. You’ve gotta admire that kind of blind, foolhardy courage. We all became friendly, and when I was out with Crowley we’d chat. I learned that Stacey, like me, was a sucker for Christmas. I also learned, that like me, he was the only one in the house with such proclivities, and also suffered from the teasing that comes with it. One night near Thanksgiving, they gave me a big bag of all kinds of homemade holiday cookies,

including a whoopie pie(!). Petey and I spent the evening devouring the treats. A couple of weeks later, I purchased a truck-load of Christmas CDs at a thrift store. After I ripped them to my computer, I carried the lot to Stacey (I just asked he not drive his poor wife ‘round the bend with non-stop Christmas carols). And when Mom had her cookie frosting party, I took a bag to the couple. Stacey, like every other human on the planet, loved them. But, I found out Melly has celiac disease, and couldn’t even have a nibble. I decided to make her something that she could eat. I baked her naturally gluten-free coconut macaroons. Half of them I dipped in chocolate, and while still wet, set into chopped homemade butter-toasted, salted pecans. Mel loved them.



Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews

Melly’s gluten-free macaroons are a treat everyone can enjoy.

## Melly’s Coconut Macaroons

This recipe came from Jennifer Segal, from OnceUponAChef.com. The salty, buttery pecans were my own twist.

- 1 14-oz bag sweetened flaked coconut

2 large eggs whites

7/8 cup sweetened condensed milk (3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons)

1/2 teaspoon salt, divided

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate

1/2 cup milk chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 325°. Set two oven racks near center of oven.

1 cup pecans toasted in butter, salted, then chopped coarsely
- In a medium bowl, mix together the coconut, sweetened condensed milk, ½ teaspoon salt, and vanilla extract. Set aside.

With an electric mixer fitted with the whisk, beat egg whites and ½ teaspoon salt until stiff peaks form. Use large rubber spatula to gently fold egg whites into coconut.

Using medium scoop, place mounds on 2 parchment-covered baking sheets, spacing 1-inch apart. Bake 23-25 minutes. Halfway through, rotate pans from top to bottom and front to back, until tops and edges are dark golden. Gently slide macaroon-laden parchment sheets onto 2 wire racks to cool.

Melt the chocolate in microwave, stopping and stirring at 30 second intervals, until smooth and creamy.

Dip bottoms of macaroons into chocolate then press into pecans, and return to lined baking sheets. Place the macaroons in the refrigerator for about 10 minutes to allow chocolate to set. Keep cookies in airtight container at room temperature for up to a week.

# Victim’s family donates to help other victims

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Sheriff’s Office’s Victim Services Unit received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 recently from the organization known as Shennel’s Smile. Shennel’s Smile was created three years ago to honor, and in memory of, Shennel McCrimmon, who was a victim of domestic violence. Janay Stuart, McCrimmon’s daughter, and Karla Stone Eanes, a cousin of McCrimmon’s — and principal of Chatham Central High School — presented the donation to the Sheriff’s Office. The funds were raised at the 3rd annual 5K hosted by Shennel’s Smile. McCrimmon loved to run the streets of Pittsboro in her spare time, so her family thought a 5K was a great way to not only honor her memory, but to support other families affected by domestic violence. Stuart said she believed domestic violence still goes under the radar, and wanted to remind others that there are resources and people to turn to — like the staff

at the Sheriff’s Office. Shennel’s family says the organization’s name was chosen because Shennel had an infectious, unforgettable smile that would light up any room. “Everything in life made her smile. She was a go-getter, a woman of strength and perseverance, but above everything, she was always smiling,” one family member recalled. Although Shennel McCrimmon was originally from New York, she chose to make Pittsboro her home. This is the reason her family chose to donate the money raised from the 5K to the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office — to keep it local in what Shennel considered to be her hometown. The donated funds will be used for victims receiving assistance through the Victim Services Unit at the Sheriff’s Office. The next Shennel’s Smile 5K will be September 26. To sign up to run and/or make a donation, please visit: <https://runsignup.com/race/nc/pittsboro/shennelssmile5k> or call 919-444-9326.



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff’s Office

Janay Stuart (second from left), the daughter of domestic violence victim Shennel McCrimmon, poses with (from left) Sheriff Mike Roberson, Chatham Central High School Principal Karla Stone Eanes and Sheriff’s Office Victim Services Coordinator Lora Rinaldi and the \$1,000 donation made to the Sheriff’s Office’s Victim Services Fund.

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# Siler City begins budget process

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The start of the New Year also marks the unofficial start of the budget creation process for local governments, and the Town of Siler City's commissioners and department heads kicked off the 2020-21 budget process with a budget retreat Saturday to focus on discussions on operational and personnel costs in the first of what will be a series of monthly budget workshops.

At this early stage in the process, budget requests are generally far higher than what will be in the finalized spending plan. In fact, the budget requests discussed Saturday did not include changes in salary or benefits, financial impacts of requests for additional staff, nor anticipated revenues since that information will not be available until early Spring.

At the same time, the meeting allowed each department head time to discuss their needs and the commissioners to ask questions relating to their requests. The meeting was merely a snapshot of the budget requests for the board to prepare for ongoing budget discussions.

Some increases in the budget will likely be required. For example, the Governing Board budget line item, which includes salaries for the board, non-profit funding and other expenses, will likely need an increase of approximately \$38,000. The main reason for the increase is costs for the upcoming election, anticipated to be approximately \$15,000, and a

mandated Census map which will likely cost \$20,000. The board had already agreed in the last budget cycle to base the non-profit funding on 1.5 percent of the town's tax revenue, which is expected to be approximately \$76,000.

Other areas that are likely to require increases are the utility and public works departments. The public works department, which maintains public grounds and vehicles, will likely see increases due to the closure of the transfer station near Walmart on U.S. Hwy. 64 and paving and sidewalk projects that need to be completed. Both the town's water and wastewater treatment plants are expected to incur additional costs due to increased demands because of the opening of Mountaire's poultry processing facility as well as required improvements to maintain its permits with the state.

The Siler City Fire Department, which added new staff this budget year, is requesting increases to support those new firefighters. The department is also seeking funds to begin the process of acquiring land and plans for a new fire station. The current station in downtown Siler City has no room for expansion and new employees do not have sleeping quarters, according to Chief Scott Murphy.

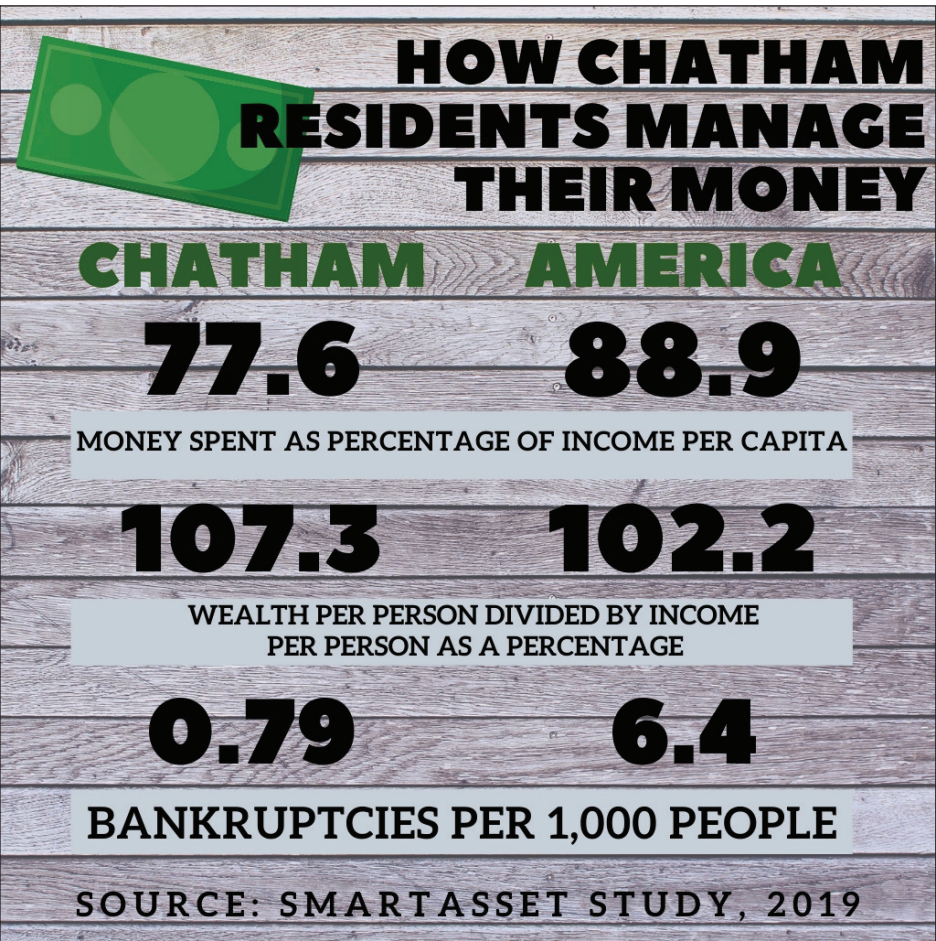
Several departments are requesting additional personnel, though estimated costs per new employee are not yet determined. The finance department, the utility department, the license plate agency, the

planning department, parks and recreation and the police department are all requesting additional personnel. All departments requested one additional staff member while the police department requested five additional staff, who must also be fully equipped with gear and vehicles. Though the estimated salaries were not calculated, the police department requested an increase of approximately \$475,000 prior to the inclusion of salary increases.

At the same time, several departments are requesting new vehicles to replace ones nearing the end of their lifespans. Numerous sub-departments within the utility and public works departments are requesting new vehicles as well as the police department. During the Saturday budget meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek requested a full accounting of all town-owned vehicles, including which departments use them and an evaluation of each vehicle's condition.

The board will hold a budget workshop each month to focus on individual areas of the budget such as non-profit funding requests, employee salaries and benefits, improvements to the water and wastewater plants and a review of all town owned vehicles to determine how best to proceed. Those meetings are tentatively scheduled for Thursdays in the weeks which fall in between the board's regularly scheduled Monday meetings.

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Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

## Good budgeters in Chatham

According to a study by New York City-based financial company SmartAsset, Chatham County has the best budgeters in North Carolina. The county ranks high in categories including consumer expenses, wealth, bankruptcies and incomes. Chatham also fared better than the national average in all categories studied.

### NEWS BRIEF

#### Preservation work to begin on U.S. Highway 64 bridges over Jordan Lake

CHATHAM COUNTY – State transportation contractors are set to begin work this week on a project to prolong the lives of the bridges that carry U.S. 64 traffic over Jordan Lake.

The bridges are 49 years old and nearing the end of their useful lives. Repairing the decks and structural elements is expected to extend the use of the

bridges by 25 years.

American Contracting and Services Inc. is scheduled to begin the \$1.6 million project on Jan. 16. The anticipated completion date is Sept. 1, 2020.

The work will require shifting traffic to one lane in both directions throughout the work zone, which will span about 1,100 feet. Drivers should be prepared to slow down when approaching the lake on U.S. 64 and be cautious while crews work in this area.

— CN+R staff reports



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Tina Stroupe, Town of Siler City's Finance Director

**When/where born, and where you live now:** Born and raised in Sanford

**Education:** Graduated from Lee Senior in Sanford and Campbell University with a degree in Accounting

**Occupation:** Finance Director with the Town of Siler City. I've only been here for a little over two months and am enjoying my new role.

**Family:** I live in Sanford with my husband, Todd and have a stepson, Trevor, and two dogs, Lucy and Rascal. My parents are Mike and Debbie Brown.

**What was your first paying job, and what did it teach you?** I was a cashier/clerk for a video store in Sanford. I learned a lot about customer service and how to interact with the public.

**What's the most difficult job you've ever had?** I worked in manufacturing and that is hard work.

**What advice would you give someone considering doing the same line of work as you?** Be prepared for constant changes and learn to be flexible.

**Your standard order at a coffee shop?** Caramel macchiato or just a plain coffee...depending on my mood.

**Your ultimate "happy place"?** Anywhere in the mountains.

**Coke or Pepsi?** Definitely Coke.

**Where is your dream location to retire?** Mountains

**Favorite weekend getaway:** Depending on the time of the year, in warm weather I want to be at the beach. If it's fall, I want to be in the mountains.

**Which do you like better: starting or finishing?** Finishing. I can be a bit of a procrastinator so starting is a little harder but once I'm going I like to get things done as quickly as



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Tina Stroupe, the Town of Siler City's new finance director.

possible.

**Life on other planets?** Yes.

**Stay up late or get up early?** Get up early. I can get a lot done when in my early hours.

**Does the early bird really get the worm?** Absolutely.

**On a snow day, you'd stay home and binge-watch:** Grey's Anatomy

**Dogs or cats?** Dogs.

**Ever danced in the rain?** Yes.

**What habit would you most like to break?** My addiction to lip balm.

**What's the best use of a snow day?** Stay inside and just relax. I'm not a fan of the cold, wet stuff.

**The trait you most deplore in yourself:** Stubbornness.

**Your strongest trait:** Determination.

**Words or phrases you overuse:** I've been told I say "literally" a lot.

**What was the last thing you did that really made**

**your boss proud of you?** I just became certified as N.C. Local Government Finance Officer as of January 1st.

**The book you're currently reading:** I just finished "Girl, Wash Your Face" by Rachel Hollis and am starting "H3 Leadership" by Brad Lomenick.

**The TV program that's a "must-see" for you:** "Grey's Anatomy" and "A Million Little Things."

**How many hours per week do you spend online?** Way too many.

**What's your favorite website?** I love Pinterest.

**If money weren't an object, but you still had to work, what would your job be?** I would help with animal rescues and so I could help find animals homes. I would like to think it would be a rewarding job.

**What radio station do you listen to most frequently?** Mostly podcasts or Pandora.

**If you were ever to seek political office, you'd run for:** State Treasurer.

**One day, when you have time, what would you like to learn how to do?** Play guitar.

**What do you plan to do after retirement?** Travel.

**What's been your wildest adventure?** I've been skydiving and it was so fun. I would love to do it again.

**Your ideal vacation would be:** A secluded cabin in the mountains.

**What's your favorite snack food?** Popsicles.

**One food you'll never be caught eating:** I'm pretty open to trying new foods but never will I eat sardines.

**Something not many people know you collect is?** Wine glasses.

**If you started a business of your own, what would it be?** I'd love to open a restaurant or deli.

**If someone made a movie about your life, the actor**

**to portray you is:** Sandra Bullock.

**What you like best (or least) about where you live now:** I love how it's grown over the years.

**Favorite place to eat:** Panera.

**The one material possession you can't live without is:** I love jewelry

**The credo or motto you like to try to live by:** Face your fears and do it anyway.

**The best advice you ever got was:** Life is too short to be unhappy.

**If you had lots of money to give away, you'd give most of it to:** Animal Rescue or homeless shelters.

**Where would someone be most likely to find you on a Saturday night?** On my couch watching a movie.

**What was your dream job when you were a child?** I wanted to be a teacher.

**What would be your last meal?** It would be something Italian or maybe Mexican.

**If you were given \$5,000 to donate to a non-profit organization, which would you pick - and why?** It would be some animal rescue organization. It breaks my heart to see how some animals are so mistreated or how many don't have loving homes.

**What's the worst injury you've ever had?** When I fell down some stairs and broke a toe.

**What would you like to know about the future?** I don't think I would want to know. Life is an adventure, full of surprises!

**Would you go bungee jumping or skydiving?** Definitely skydiving. It seems a lot safer.

**Favorite kind of cookie?** Snickerdoodle.

**Favorite season?** I love everything about fall.

**Would you consider plastic surgery if someone else paid for it?** Nope.

**Biggest pet peeve?** Being inconsiderate.

**What's your usual wake-up time in the morning?** 4:30 a.m.

**What talent do you wish you had?** I wish I could sing.

**Ever seen a ghost?** No.

**What superhero power would you most like to have?** To be invisible.

**What was your favorite TV show when you were growing up?** As a teenager, I had to see Dawson's Creek.

**Favorite band or musical artist?** Bon Jovi.

**Favorite dessert?** Anything chocolate.

**What's your favorite condiment?** Mustard.

**Do you have bumper stickers of any kind on your car?** No.

**If you could never hear the music of one musical artist ever again, which would it be?** Michael Jackson.

**If you could create one rule that all society had to live by, what would it be?** Be kind. You never know what others are dealing with.

**How do you define success?** Doing something that makes you happy and fulfilled.

**Describe your life philosophy in six words or less:** Work hard and stay focused.

**If you could instantly learn one language, which would it be?** Italian. I need to be prepared when I make it there one day.

**What advice would you give your younger self?** Always be yourself and learn how to say no.

**Would you rather explore outer space or the ocean floor?** Ocean floor. I love the ocean.

**What historic era would you like to visit?** Victorian.

**What's the most important thing your job has taught you?** There is always something new to learn and change is inevitable.

The best films of the 2010s were notably profound, lasting

The cinematic landscape over the past 10 years (2010-2019) was dominated by the comic book flick, but they were just showcases for the dramatic technological advances that quickly found their way into even the most critically acclaimed films. Still, sturdy cinema is revolves around theme and story, and the 2010s boasted profound entries, sometimes in defiance of the inevitable march towards big-budget, Disneyfied homogeneity. Indeed, by the end of the decade so-called prestige films were increasingly being forced online, crowded out of their erstwhile big screen homes.

Judging a decade of films does not occur in a vacuum. The true import of a particular movie cannot be fully known until years hence, and sometimes its import hinges on the turns our world and culture take. So, here are the most notable, well-made, profound, and/or lasting films of the past 10 years.

**1. "Mad Max — Fury Road":** The most feminist film of the decade. Like an artist working in his medium, director George Miller paints an immersive, post-apocalyptic epoch where societal structure is upended and its most susceptible members — mainly women and children — become natural resources. The film is part superhero flick, part Western, with Tom Hardy as a monosyllabic man-with-no-name and Charlize Theron's Furiosa falling squarely in the lineage of action heroines like Ellen Ripley and Sarah Conner. But it's mostly a rock opera divided by acts more than scenes, a symphony in which the relentless action and visual intensity builds to a kinetic crescendo.

**2. "The Social Network":** It's suddenly become passé to heap hosannas on this film about the origins of

Facebook and Mark Zuckerberg, its tempestuous, brilliant creator. Director David Fincher and screenwriter Aaron Sorkin crafted a smart, seriocomic story about the blending of genius and ambition, together with a snapshot of the youthful, technological exuberance that largely defined the aughts.

**3. "Get Out":** The relevance of this film only grows each year. The dynamic of interracial relationships is the fulcrum of comedian Jordan Peele's audacious directorial debut. Beyond mere gore, two elements have long been at the heart of the horror film genre: humor (intentional and otherwise) and social commentary. "Get Out" is quite purposefully funny. But it's also deadly serious. Let's be clear: Peele equates the black experience in America with a horror movie. What begins as a wry take on the clash of cultural assimilation morphs into a funhouse mirror reflection on cultural appropriation and even slavery.

**4. "Compliance":** This little-seen film from director Craig Zobel won't dissipate from your consciousness even weeks after absorbing it. The fact that it's drawn from a tragically true story is essential to its power as a graphic illustration of both the psychology of victimhood and the Milgram-tested capacity of humans to commit horrible acts in obedience of even perceived authority. Dig deeper and you'll also find a deconstruction of femininity and a searing critique of isolation in our fast food culture. Evocative of the gritty best of Roman Polanski and Michael Haneke, its lessons about group-think are more relevant today than when it was released eight years ago.

**5. "12 Years a Slave":** It's everything that Quentin Tarantino claimed "Django Unchained" to be. But it's far more than shock cinema. Director Steve McQueen's adaptation of Solomon Northup's eponymous 1853 autobiography is at once both straightforward and layered, unsightly and gorgeous, disheartening and uplift-

ing. It's an extraordinary illumination of America's "peculiar institution."

**6. "Mission Impossible — Second Trilogy — "Ghost Protocol," "Rogue Nation," and "Fallout":** While comic book films saturated the action genre in the past decade, the genre was defined by this second trilogy in Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible" movies. The series began in the aughts with an entertaining opener and two middling sequels. But paced by directors Brad Bird and Christopher McQuarrie, this latter-day trilogy one-upped itself with each passing film.

**7. "Parasite":** South Korean director Bong Joon-ho crafts this film about members of a poor household scheming to find jobs with a wealthier family by posing as unrelated, qualified service workers. That tantalizing premise makes a terrific film by itself, but here it's just half the story. Things spiral downward — literally and figuratively — from there, as this Palme d'Or winner takes some surprising and provocative turns. A great ensemble cast rounds out a film that's not just the year's top film, but also one of the decade's best.

**8. "The Revenant":** Director Alejandro Gonzalez Inárritu won a Best Picture Oscar for "Birdman," but his most engrossing film this decade is this epic neo-Western, centered around the theme of (re) birth, that reimagines a film genre set amid the infancy of our nation's early 19th century westward expansion. In the end, the survival and revenge story of trapper Hugh Glass (Leonardo DiCaprio) is a cinematic tour de force.

**9. Damien Chazelle troika — "Whiplash," "La La Land" and "First Man":** Damien Chazelle might not instantly spring to mind when you consider the decade's best directors. But he surely should (only Ryan Coogler and Denis Villeneuve are close). Two of his films — "Whiplash" and "First Man" — were my best films of their respective years, and the other — "La La Land" — was one of the most popular and entertaining audience movies. All three films



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Tom Cruise in the 2018 film 'Mission: Impossible - Fallout,' one of reviewer Neil Morris' picks for best movies from the past decade.

are engrossing, and the common thread running through them is the notion of achievement: being the best you can be in your chosen field, even if it involves sacrificing family, friendship, and love.

**10. "Hell or High Water":** All the traditional Western movie tropes are here: cops and robbers, cowboys and Indians, an aw-shucks lawman, hayseed banks, land barons, and even an armed posse. But in-

stead of being about how the West was won, this postmodern Western is about how it was lost. Two brothers steamroll across West Texas, trying to rob enough banks to save the family ranch from foreclosure. As the savvy, crotchety Texas Ranger on their trail, Jeff Bridges conveys a melange of racial complexity and world-weariness that's part Ethan Edwards in "The Searchers," part Sheriff Ed Tom Bell

in "No Country for Old Men." There are no white and black hats here, only moral shades of gray.

**11. "First Reformed":** Ethan Hawke gives an aching, penetrating performance as small-town pastor in upstate New York struggling with despair and a crisis of faith on multiple fronts. Director Paul Schrader's best film in years skewers religion, politics, and even environmentalism.



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# A Monument Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King



“If you want to be important—wonderful. If you want to be recognized—wonderful. If you want to be great—wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That’s a new definition of greatness . . . it means that everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.”

— from *The Drum Major Instinct*, a sermon by Rev Martin Luther King, Jr., 1968

A very special site was selected for a memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The location is the National Mall in Washington, DC.

The National Mall is not a shopping center. It is a large park that stretches from the Potomac River to the Capitol Building. Many of Washington’s famous memorials and museums surround the Mall.

**Sound Bite**  
*On today’s Kid Scoop, we use the word **site**, which means a location. It is pronounced the same as the word **sight**, which means the ability to see.*

*Do the math to find out the term for words that sound the same, but have different meanings. The even-numbered term reveals the answer.*

- 16 + 9 = **antonym**
- 9 + 23 = **homonym**
- 17 - 6 = **synonym**

**Standards Link:** Vocabulary: Students understand grade-level appropriate vocabulary.

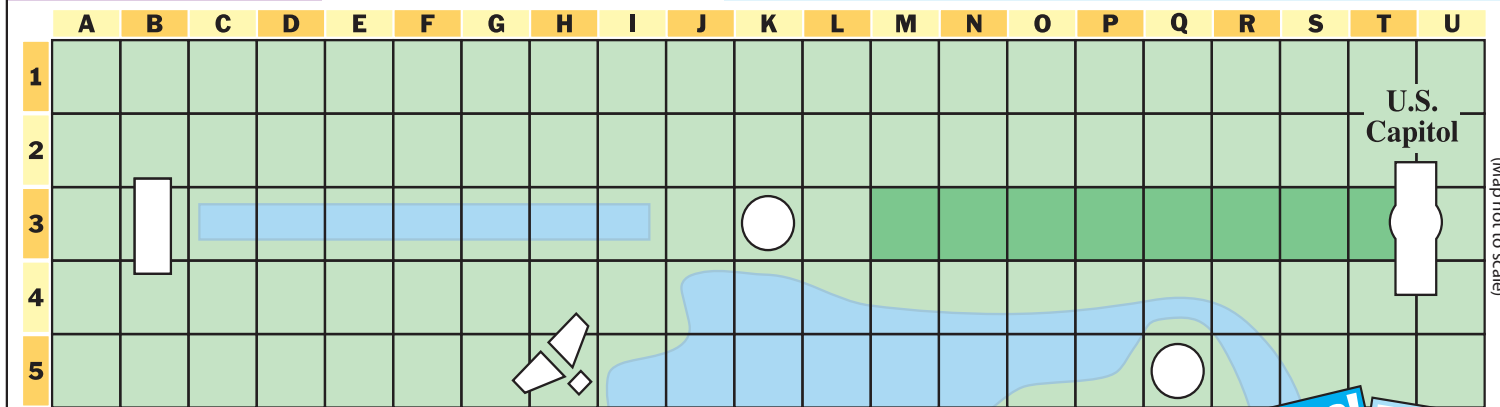
## What does the monument look like?



The idea for the design of Martin Luther King’s monument came from his 1963 “I Have a Dream” speech. In this speech, King said, “We will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.”

Visitors pass through an entryway cut through a massive stone symbolizing the mountain of despair. Once inside, they come upon the missing section, marking the stone of hope, which features a carved profile of King. The interior walls are ringed with chiseled quotes from King’s speeches and sermons.

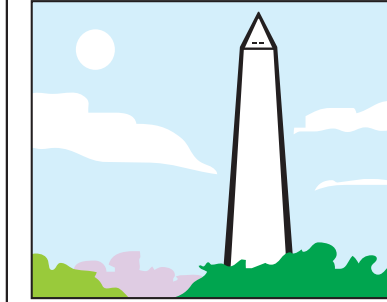
**Standards Link:** History: Students know that Americans celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to commemorate his leadership of the civil rights movement; Students know the fundamental values and principles expressed in King’s “I Have a Dream” speech.



## A Mall of Monuments

Each of these three important national monuments, located on the National Mall, honors a President of the United States. Do you know which monument is for which President? Unscramble the names above each picture. Then find and label each one on the map above using the grid location shown below each of the monuments.

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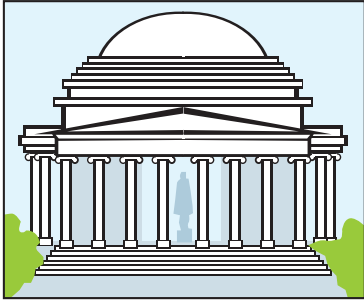
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Q-5

**Standards Link:** History: Students understand how important figures reacted to their times, and why they were significant to the history of our democracy.

## Extra! Extra! That Sounds Familiar

Look through the newspaper for pairs of words that have the same sound, but different meanings and spellings. Cut out 10 pairs and glue them to a piece of paper. Next to each word, write or paste an example of how the word is used.

**Standards Link:** Vocabulary: Students understand grade-level appropriate vocabulary.

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- 2 2 2 2 2 = 4
- 2 2 2 2 2 = 5
- 2 2 2 2 2 = 6
- 2 2 2 2 2 = 8

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Use basic and advanced procedures while performing the processes of computation.

## Double Double Word Search

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MEMORIAL  
MUSEUMS  
MONUMENT  
FREEDOM  
STONE  
DREAM  
PROFILE  
SIGHT  
CARVED  
MOUNTAIN  
VISION  
PARK  
DRUM  
HEW

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



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

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### What’s it all about?

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, look through the newspaper for pictures of people helping or serving one another. Clip one picture and write a paragraph summarizing what it is about.

**Standards Link:** Civics: Students understand why civic responsibility is important and recognize examples.

where they will not be judged by

content of their character.

I have a dream that my four little

the color of their skin but by the

children will one day live in a nation

Cut out each line and place them in the correct order to read a quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**MEMBER SERVICE SPECIALIST I** (Asheboro Location) - Randolph Electric Membership Corporation is currently seeking a Member Service Specialist I for the Asheboro Office. Successful candidate will preferably have at least three months of related experience. To apply go to <https://www.randolphemc.com/careers>. Apply by Sunday, January 19, 2020. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or veteran status. D26,J2,9,16,4tc

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## LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** North Carolina Chatham County The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **ROBERT J. HILTON**, 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 26th day of March, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 26th day of December, 2019. GREGORY HILTON, EXECUTOR ESTATE OF ROBERT J. HILTON Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 D26,J2,J9,J16,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 612** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **WILEY GLENN HALEY** 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 March 26, 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 26th day of December, 2019. Edward C. Haley, Executor 1938 Piney Grove Church Road Siler City, NC 27344 D26,J2,J9,J16,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **GRACE F. LAZOVIK**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before March 26th, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 26th day of December, 2019. Adam D. Lazovik, Executor Estate of Grace French Lazovik c/o Robinson Law Firm 1829 E. Franklin St., Ste. 800C Chapel Hill, NC 27514 D26,J2,J9,J16,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 610** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor (Nancy Terranova) of the Estate of **LORETTA C KUFTA a/k/a LORETTA CATHERINE KUFTA** 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 April 2, 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 26th day of December, 2019. Nancy Terranova, Executor 6 Windsor Court Algonquin, IL 60102 c/o Steve Lackey, Attorney 410 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Chapel Hill, NC 27514 J2,J9,J16,J23,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 515** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **SABRA JANEILL MCDANIEL ALLEN SCOTT AKA SABRA JANEILL MACDANIEL SCOTT**, deceased, 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 April 2, 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 26th day of December, 2019. Marshall Lee Allen, Executor 2288 Ed Clapp Rd. Siler City, NC 27344 J2,J9,J16,J23,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**19 E 622** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **BARRY EUGENE BURNS**, deceased, 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 April 2, 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 26th day of December, 2019. August Hope Burns, Executrix 136 Eagles Nest Drive Durham, NC 27712 J2,J9,J16,J23,4tp

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION 19 E 402** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **PAULA CLAIRE DOHERTY COX** of Chatham County, NC, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before April 2, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment. Kevin John-Thomas Cox, Executor Crystal C. Beard, Attorney 8311 Brier Creek Pkwy., Suite 105-284 Raleigh, NC 27617 J2,J9,J16,J23,4tp

**NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVEISEES of CHARLES GRESHAM and spouse, if any, which may include EMILY GRESHAM a/k/a EMILY HONEYCUTT and spouse, if any, ANNETTE CRUTCHFIELD and spouse, if any, MAURICE GRESHAM and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **08-CVD-1227**, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 22nd day of January, 2020, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following

described real property, lying and being in Matthews Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: All of that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron stake in the Northern margin of East 5th Street, corner with Siler and running thence North, 0 degree 6' West, 18.00 feet to an iron stake; thence continuing North 0 degree 6' West and with the dividing line of Lots #2 and #3 194.20 feet to an iron stake; thence North, 80 degrees 56' West, 83.37 feet to an iron stake; thence with the dividing line of Lots 1 and 2 South, 5 degrees 58' East, 207.70 feet to an iron stake; thence continuing South, 5 degrees 58' East, 18 feet to an iron stake in the Northern margin of East 5th Street; thence with the Northern margin of East 5th Street an Easterly direction approximately 64 feet to an iron stake, the point of BEGINNING. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0016684** The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20

## CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

**Line ad deadline** Tuesday — Noon

**Display ad deadline** Monday — 5 p.m.

**Rates and payment** Minimum charge of \$5 for each classified advertisement of 25 words or less per week. For each additional word, no matter how many insertions, add 20¢ per word. Payable in advance.

**Blind ads** No information will be given out by this office to the identity of person placing "keyed" or "blind" ads.

**Errors** In advertisements that run more than one week, we are responsible for errors appearing in the first week only. If you find an error in your ad, report it immediately.

percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 20th day of December, 2019. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25

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## Program Assistant for Family Advocacy Program

Communities In Schools Chatham County needs a compassionate and highly organized program assistant to join our team. The successful candidate will assist the Family Advocate with program management, communications, scheduling, data collection, and direct



services provided for youth and their families referred by the Division of Juvenile Justice. The program assistant provides clerical and direct service support to the Family Advocacy program. We're looking for someone with a flexible schedule who can be available for nights and weekends as needed.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Must be Bi-lingual in Spanish and English  
Demonstrates excellent interpersonal skills.  
•Exhibits ability to multitask on a regular basis.  
•Pays close attention to detail.  
•Is proficient in the use of Microsoft programs such as Word, Excel, and Power Point.  
•Exhibits friendly and professional demeanor.  
•Works well with a range of different individuals.  
•Is capable of multitasking efficiently on a regular basis.  
•Exhibits strong organizational skills.  
•Communicates clearly, politely, and effectively.  
•Demonstrates excellent time-management skills.  
Education and Experience  
•High school diploma or GED is required.  
•An Associate's Degree in Human Services or a related field is preferred.  
Reports To: Family Advocate and Executive Director

Status: Non-Exempt/Full Time - 32 hours/week, Benefits

Rate of Pay: \$14.50/hr.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter detailing why the candidate is qualified for the position. Submissions should be made via email to [CISCC@cisatham.org](mailto:CISCC@cisatham.org) by January 31, 2020. EOE



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### TOWN OF SILER CITY, PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Jan. 21, 2020 at 7 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests:

1. William & Maureen White proposes to rezone ~1.74 acres from Agricultural-Residential (A-R) to Highway-Commercial (H-C). The subject property is located along the eastern boundary of Loves Creek Church Rd. and is identified as parcel # 14372; and
2. Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §18 Definitions (Substantial Clearing, Grading, or Excavation), §136 Definitions (Inert Debris Beneficial Fill), and §154 Inert Debris Beneficial Fill of the UDO.

The proposed items are available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the application are invited to attend the public hearing and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on Jan. 13 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board.

The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business

concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 9 Hillsboro Street. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested

to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at [www.chathamnc.org](http://www.chathamnc.org) by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below:

Legislative Request:

1. A Legislative public hearing for general use rezoning request by Jeff Wilson dba Wilson Brothers Milling Co., Inc to rezone Parcel No. 63839, from R-1 Residential to IL Light Industrial, located off NC HWY 902, Bear Creek Township.
2. A Legislative public hearing request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to consider an amendment to Strategy 1.2 of the Utilities ad Public Services section of Plan Chatham, the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan. The amendment modifies the recommended location requirements for public service facilities.

3. A Legislative public hearing by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to consider amendments to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance; specifically, Section 7.2 Definitions; Section 8.1 Relationship of Building to Lot; Section 10.12 CD- MU Mixed Use Districts; Section 10.13 Table of Permitted Uses; Section 17.1 Procedure; and Section 17.2 Plans.
4. A request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for a legislative public hearing on January 21st 2020 to consider county-initiated rezoning of thirty three (33) parcels in the Gulf Township from R-5 Residential to R-1 Residential. Parcels include 9806, 9860, 9832, 9855, 9856, 75565, 88624, 9852, 9898, 9693, 9869, 9909, 9910, 9880, 62553, 9881, 68658, 9835, 85640, 9876, 85379, 85380, 77716, 9825, 60971, 68657, 85378, 80496, and 85641. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions. Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**19 E 608 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **EDWARD WILLIAM WILLHAUS, JR.** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all creditors that they should present their claims to Jane Slaughter Kornblut, Administrator CTA, c/o Kratt Dedmond & Associates, PLLC, 5623-111 Duraaleigh Road, Raleigh, NC 27612 on or before April 10, 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 to the undersigned. This the 9th day of January, 2019.

Jane Slaughter Kornblut, Administrator CTA  
Estate of Edward William Willhaus, Jr.  
c/o Kratt Dedmond & Associates, PLLC  
5623-111 Duraaleigh Road  
Raleigh, NC 27612

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, having qualified on the 2nd day of January, 2020 as Executor of the Estate of **RONALD EUGENE MANKA a/k/a RONALD E. MANKA**, 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 9th day of April, 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 9th day of January, 2020. Kim Mann, Executor of the Estate of  
Ronald Eugene Manka a/k/a Ronald E. Manka  
PO Box 51579  
Durham, NC 27717-1579  
Michael S. Munson, Esquire  
Kennon Craver, PLLC  
4011 University Drive, Suite 300  
Durham, North Carolina 27707

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**20 E 3 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **RONALD KENNETH HOCKENBERRY** deceased, 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 April 9, 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 6th day of January, 2020.

Daniel Philip Hockenberry  
981 Alston Bridge Rd  
Siler City, NC 27344

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### NOTICE OF SALE

Chatharidge Self-Storage - Pursuant to N.C. Statute 44A shall conduct a public sale of storage space #20 located at 222 Old Lystra Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27517, Chatham County. Sale will be conducted at 10 a.m. on the 31st day of January, 2020. All successful bidders shall take possession and remove contents of space immediately. For information on submitting a bid, call (919) 932-6208.

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### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY  
**In the General Court of Justice District Court Division File No. 19-CVD-10825 Freedom Equity Finance, Inc. Plaintiff vs.**

**Luis Fernando Gullon Castellanos and Jessica Arely Herrera Hernandez**  
Defendants  
TO: LUIS FERNANDO GULLON CASTELLANOS AND JESSICA ARELY HERRERA HERNANDEZ  
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff is seeking relief against you for monies owed as a result of default under the terms of a Retail Installment Sale Contract with the Latino Community Auto Center. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than March 9, 2020 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This law firm is a debt collector within the meaning of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This, the 16th day of January, 2020.

Barringer Sasser, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff  
111 Commonwealth Court, Suite 101  
Cary, NC 27511  
(919) 467-6700

J16,23,30,3tc

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

**19 SP 84 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Oscar A. Gonzalez and Maria P. Gonzalez, dated February 3, 1998, recorded on July 10, 1998 in Book 757, Page 807 of the Chatham County Public Registry conveying certain real property in Chatham County to Randall Fowler, Attorney at Law, Trustee, for the benefit of First Indiana Bank. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, 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 at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on **January 31, 2020 at 1:30 PM**, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: Located in Chatham County, North Carolina and being all of parcel A and parcel B, as shown on plat recorded in plat slide 93-425, aforesaid County Registry. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as **1841 North Chatham Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344**; tax parcel 0015540. A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, payable to Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, PLLC, 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 owing. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.30, if the highest bidder at the sale, resale, or any upset bidder fails to comply with its bid upon the tender of a deed for the real property, or after a bona fide attempt to tender such a deed, the clerk of superior court may, upon motion, enter an order authorizing a resale of the real property. The defaulting bidder at any sale or resale or any defaulting upset bidder is liable for the bid made, and in case a resale is had because of such default, shall remain liable to the extent that the final sale price is less than the bid plus all the costs of any resale. Any deposit or compliance bond made by the defaulting bidder shall secure payment of the amount, if any, for which the defaulting bidder remains liable under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.30. **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 is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to any and all superior liens, including taxes and special assessments. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Oscar A. Gonzalez and Maria P. Gonzalez. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat.

§ 45-21.29, in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but 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. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.16(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Cape Fear Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee Aaron Seagroves, NCSB No. 50979, Attorney W. Harris, NCSB No. 48633 Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, PLLC 5550 77 Center Drive, Suite 100 Charlotte, NC 28217 Phone: 980-201-3840 File No.: 18-40305

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**19 E 621 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of **DORIS MARIE HUBBARD** deceased, 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 April 16, 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 16th day of January, 2020.

Co-Executrixes  
1. Tiffany Kay Holloman  
1465 Lystra Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
2. Brittany BeAnna Holloman  
1465 Lystra Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED PROPOSALS CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS RFP 2019-2020**  
**AUDITING SERVICES** - Sealed Proposals titled "AUDITING SERVICES" may be furnished to Chatham County Schools, 369 West Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0128 until 12:00 pm, Tuesday, February 4, 2020. The intent of Chatham County Schools is to obtain Auditing Services. Instructions for submitting proposals and complete specifications may be obtained at the above address during regular office hours. Chatham County Schools reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. Please refer to our website for the complete RFP: [www.chatham.k12.nc.us](http://www.chatham.k12.nc.us)

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**20 E 12 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Donald Besner, having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **DONOVAN FLOYD DIEHL**, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on January 6, 2020, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Administrator on or before April 16, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This the 16th day of January, 2020. Payments and claims should be presented to Donald Besner, 26676 Lope De Vega, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1. Donald Besner, Administrator 26676 Lope De Vega Mission Viejo, California 92691.

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### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM**  
All persons having claims against the estate of **KRISTINE LINDHAL CURRIE** of Chatham County, NC, who died on May 14, 2019, are notified to present them on or before April 15, 2020 to John Stuart Currie, Executor, c/o Alexander, Miller, Schupp & Hamilton, P.L.L.C., P. O. Box 3200, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3200, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. John Stuart Currie, Executor c/o Alexander, Miller, Schupp & Hamilton, P.L.L.C. P. O. Box 3200

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT COAL ASH POND CLOSURE PLAN FOR DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS' CAPE FEAR POWER STATION IN CHATHAM COUNTY

**CLOSURE PLANS SUMMARY** -- Duke Energy Progress, LLC submitted a proposed draft coal combustion residuals (CCR) impoundment closure plan to the Department of Environmental Quality on the December 31, 2019 deadline, as required by the Coal Ash Management Act (CAMA). The draft closure plan describes the complete excavation and removal of an estimated 5.7 million tons of coal ash from the 1956 Ash Basin, 1963 Ash Basin, 1970 Ash Basin, 1978 Ash Basin and 1985 Ash Basin. The ash will be removed and benefited with the STAR Technology process. STAR Technology is a thermal process that reduces the amount of unburnt carbon in the ash, transforming it into a high-quality product for use in the concrete industry. The draft closure plan estimates that the STAR Technology facility construction will be complete in 2021, CCR excavation be complete in 2029, and final site restoration in 2029. The proposed closure plan is currently under review by department staff. A copy of the proposed closure plan for Cape Fear may be reviewed at the Chatham County Health Department, Chatham County Public Library or online at: <https://deq.nc.gov/news/key-issues/coal-ash-excavation>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** -- The public is encouraged to provide feedback on the draft proposed closure plan. All comments received by March 4, 2020 will be considered in determining whether the plan will be approved by the state. Written comments may be submitted to: Louise Hughes, N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: Louise Hughes 1601 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C., 27699-1601. Public comments may also be submitted by email to: [capefearcomments@ncdenr.gov](mailto:capefearcomments@ncdenr.gov).

**PUBLIC MEETING** - In accordance with state law, the department will hold a public meeting and hearing ("public session") in each county where the coal ash facilities are located. The public session will start with a meeting to provide information and answer questions immediately followed a public hearing to record public comment. The public session for the Cape Fear Power Station in Chatham County will start at **6 p.m. on February 12 at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 US-64 Business, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312**. Speaker registration will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

**18 CVS 775**  
Lashanda M. Lane & Deborah L. Moffitt vs.

Fletcher C. Harris  
634 Hanner Town Rd  
Bear Creek, NC 27207  
**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 Chatham County, North Carolina, issued 11/22/2019, in the amount of \$4,772.77, with the amount to be collected as \$5,147.51, docketed in the county of Chatham on 6/18/2019. I will be, on the **10th day of February, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Chatham County Justice Center at 40 East Chatham S., Pittsboro, NC 27312**, and offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash all rights, titles or interest which Defendant Fletcher C. Harris now or anytime at or after docketing of Plaintiff's judgement 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 Tracks "A" and "A1" as set out on a certain plat entitles "Recombination survey for Fletcher C. Harris, Bear Creek Township , Chatham County, North Carolina" dated December 15, 1993, Prepared by Smith and Smith Surveyors, and recorded in **Plat Slide 94-38**, Chatham County Registry. The property hereinabove described as acquired by Grantor by instrument recorded in Book 01847 page 302, 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 judgement of this Execution under which this sale is being held. This is the 8th day of January, 2020.

MIKE ROBERSON  
Sheriff of Chatham County  
A. Ellington  
Deputy Sheriff

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**19 E 603 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MURIEL EDWARD RIDER aka MURIEL GARNER RIDER** deceased, 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 April 16, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and

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corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 16th day of January, 2020.  
Olivia Rider Jones, Executor  
1 Grand Army Plaza Apt 6D  
Brooklyn, NY 11238  
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
TOWN OF PITTSBORO**  
The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearings on Monday, January 27th, 2020 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 Rezoning, Rexford Landing, LLC, REZ-2019-04 Rezoning request for parcel 6580 totaling 192.7 acres located along the western side of Old Graham Road, just north the US 64 Bypass, from R-A5 (Residential Agriculture – 5 acre minimum) to R-A CZ (Residential Agriculture Conditional Zoning District).
2. Proposed Annexation,

Chatham Park Investors LLC, A-2019-03 Annexation request for the proposed Chatham Park Way right of way which totals 29.75 acres, beginning at US 64 E northward towards Suttles Rd and more particularly described with Parcel numbers 7336, 7338, 87175, 7339, 72791, 7313, 7255, 71493, 82958, 7332. The purpose of the public

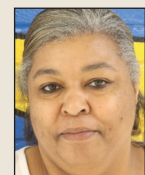
hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the proposed rezoning and annexation requests. The complete records are on file at the office of the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection during regular business hours or by appointment.

Substantial changes in the proposed plan may be made following the public hearing. The public is invited to attend. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Alice Lloyd, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at [alfloyd@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:alfloyd@pittsboronc.gov).  
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CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Laura Moffitt-Smith | Jordan-Matthews High School

**Grades/subjects you teach:** Basic life skills



**Moffitt-Smith**

**Brief work history:** I was a certified nursing assistant many years before I started working at Jordan-Matthews as a part-time bus driver/teacher assistant in 1995. I became

**Date, place of birth:** January 10, Chatham County

**Education:** 1986 graduate of Jordan-Matthews High School; associate degree from Central Carolina Community College; certified tax preparer

**Honors/awards:** I have been nominated Bus Driver of the Year and Instructional Assistant of the Year many times throughout my many years of employment at Jordan-Matthews High School.

**Hobbies/interests outside of educating:** Spending time with family and friends and at church; attending my grandkids' sports activities; going to the movies.

**Family:** married with two daughters; two grandkids.

**What led you to a career in education?** Always had a passion to work with the elderly and special-needs kids.

**Has becoming an educator been all you expected it would be?** Yes.

**How has education changed since you were a student?** Definitely more challenging.

**What "makes your day" as an educator?** I get to joy seeing each kid's smiling face every morning knowing that I've

helped make a positive difference in their lives.

**If one of your students was asked for a one-word description of you by a student who hadn't had you as an educator, what would that one word be?** Loving.

**Favorite movie about school or education:** "Front of the Class" (It's the life story of a kid with Tourette syndrome growing up and becoming a gifted teacher.)

**What's special about your school?** We have a real sense of family here at Jordan-Matthews High School.

Sheriff's office completes nearly 5,000 hours of community service

CN+R Staff Report

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office is no stranger to community outreach. Each year, about 150 staff members complete approximately 5,000 hours of community service to support community members, including those of local children, senior residents, minority populations, and veterans.

December is an especially busy and rewarding month for the office, but staff members say their success would not be possible without community partners who choose to give back through their agency.

"Our deputies work hard to do the right thing and make a positive impact in their communities, and that passion is reflected in the love and generosity of those we serve," said Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson. "Thanks to big-hearted residents and local businesses, we are able to turn donations to the Sheriff's Office Youth/Community Services Fund into meaningful experiences and outreach all year long."

Many deputies say they look forward to end-of-year events like "Shop with a Sheriff" most of all. In 2019, the



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

Deputy Robert Smith helps a child select presents during the 18th annual Shop with a Sheriff event last month.

Sheriff's Office celebrated its 18th year of participating in the Shop with a Sheriff program and provided nearly 40 local children with presents for the holidays. Gifts were purchased entirely through donations to the Sheriff's Office Youth/Community Services Fund, which also supports other outreach initiatives like Youth Leadership Summer Camps, Distracted Driving education courses, the Sheriff's

Training Academy for Residents (S.T.A.R.) Program, and other annual events like Community Appreciation Night and National Night Out.

The Sheriff's Office also celebrated the addition of multiple new projects in 2019, like the "Cruise In for Chatham County," which drew hundreds of visitors to Chatham County to show support for Youth/Community Services, and a "Chicken Tender Fundraiser" for Special

Olympics North Carolina. Deputies also worked with other organizations and nonprofits to better connect with and care for victims and other populations with specific needs, such as farmers and ranchers who attended an innovative "Barn to Badge" forum in December.

"The year 2020 marks our 250th year as a Sheriff's Office, and we plan to continue to improve our quality of service in years to come," Roberson



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

Detention Officer Tracey Sutton directs cars during the first Sheriff's Office Cruise-In for Chatham event in 2019.



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

From left, Chief Deputy Charles Gardner, Deputy Willie Bell, Sheriff Mike Roberson and Capt. Steve Maynor enjoy the annual Sheriff's Office Community Appreciation Night in 2019.

said. "As an agency, we believe in working with residents to set the bar high and show others what can be accom-

plished through teamwork. We are honored to serve alongside other passionate, professional public servants."

NEWS BRIEFS

**CORA's annual Empty Bowls fundraiser slated for Feb. 9 at Fearrington**

PITTSBORO — CORA's 10th Empty Bowls charitable fundraiser will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Gallo-way Ridge at Fearrington Village in Pittsboro.

This year, the event will have two seatings, at 5 and 6:30 p.m. The concept is simple: guests choose a handmade bowl, enjoy delicious soup from local restaurants, home-baked breads and desserts, and go home with a bowl that serves as a reminder that someone's bowl is always empty and that we need to continue our efforts to end hunger in Chatham County. This popular event is open to the public and tickets will go on sale on Jan. 4 at [www.corafoodpantry.org](http://www.corafoodpantry.org).

At present, CORA has experienced a nearly 60 percent increase in demand for our services due to cuts in Social Service benefits and CORA's expansion: adding weekend hours, starting a Mobile Market in Siler City, and the closure of a local food pantry. The success of this event is crucial to helping us meet this increased demand. CORA encourages all who are interested to attend and purchase a bowl and supper to support a great cause.

CORA's Empty Bowls is

one of many such events held nationwide and in at least 14 other countries. The concept, now in its 29th year, was first developed by a teacher and his high school students in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and conceived as a way to raise money for hunger relief organizations while providing donors with a tangible reminder of the problem of worldwide hunger.

Interested parties can also sponsor the event. Levels range from \$250 to \$1,500 and are open to individuals or couples, businesses, civic organizations and faith communities. For more information please visit [www.corafoodpantry.org](http://www.corafoodpantry.org) or contact Rebecca Hankins at 919-491-5896.

**TSWDB holds awards banquet**

LILLINGTON — The 8th Annual Triangle South Workforce Development Board (TSWDB) Awards Banquet was held Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019, at the Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) Harnett Health Sciences Center in Lillington.

The following awards were presented:

- Outstanding Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) In-School Youth Award: Alexis Anders (Sampson County).
- Outstanding WIOA Out of School Youth Award: Patience Burgess (Chatham County).

- Outstanding WIOA Adult Award: Shaneshia Dawkins (Harnett County).
- Outstanding WIOA Dislocated Worker Award: Chanda Nettles (Chatham County).
- Outstanding Employer Award: Mountaire Farms (Chatham County).
- Outstanding NCWorks Career Center Staff Award: Drew Long (Lee County).
- Outstanding Board Member Award: Edward Timmons (Sampson County).
- NCWorks Career Center Certifications were presented to TSWDB Career Center Managers.
- Rosalind Cross, TSWDB Director, was presented with the 2019 Team Member of the Year Award. This award was a complete surprise to Cross as she usually selects a member of her team to receive this award each year. Members of the TSWDB staff highlighted several of the TSWDB Director's leadership accomplishments and thanked Cross for her service and unwavering support of workforce development efforts.
- Rosalind Cross was Master of Ceremonies. Welcome/acknowledgments were by Russell Hieb, TSWDB Chair, and Dr. Marcie Dishman, CCCC Associate Vice President of Marketing and External Relations. Gordon Spring-ple, TSWDB Chief Elected Official from Harnett County, presented program accomplishments.

The Triangle South Workforce Development Board is responsible for planning, policy guidance, and oversight of the workforce investment system in Chatham, Harnett, Lee and Sampson Counties. Its goal is to combine area employment, training and supportive services and programs into a consum-

er-based, market-driven system that meets the needs of job seekers and employers.

The TSWDB oversees the One-Stop Career Center System, which is the delivery mechanism for comprehensive services for workforce investment system customers. Through planning, data

collection, and continuous improvement of programs and services, TSWDB seeks to maximize the efficiency of the local labor market, surpass customers' expectations, and exceed federally required and state determined performance standards.

— CN+R staff reports



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