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CHATHAM COUNTY'S JIM STEEG

The show-runner: Governors Club resident made Super Bowls smooth for 26 years

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — For Governors Club resident Jim Steeg, the Super Bowl holds a lifetime of memories, relationships and stories that connect to football and sports.

"Even if you don't care about it, you're affected by it," says Steeg, who worked as the National Football League's senior vice president of special events from 1979-2005. "If you decide, 'Screw it, I'm going to go play golf,' the guy you wanna play golf with says, 'No, I've got to get home for the game.' It has an impact on everybody, and I don't think we do anything else that has that."

If Steeg was still the man in charge of making sure the Super Bowl went off smoothly, he'd be there right now — in fact, he would have been in Miami weeks ago.

"The Saturday of the divisional round would be the day I'd go to the site," he said. "You get in and you move into your offices and you set up and you watch the games on Sunday. Then the four teams that are left all come in that next week, and you give them a day-long tour of their hotels and their practice sites and hook them up with the phone company — which probably doesn't need to happen anymore — the guys providing cars and buses and things like that. So you go through this whole litany of things with them this week so they can go back. They've got to have everything in the bag the minute after they win."

One of his favorite stories — and after a quarter century of producing the Super Bowl, he has an endless supply — relates directly to this set-up. In 1991, the heavily-favored San Francisco 49ers, led by future Hall-of-Famers Joe Montana and Jerry Rice, considered themselves a lock for the Super Bowl, so much so that team personnel installed a vast network of computers and phones in the team hotel to prepare, even before they had won the NFC Championship. But in the final seconds of that game, New York Giants kicker Matt Bahr hit his fifth field goal of the day to give the G-Men a 15-13 victory.

"The woman who is working for the Giants, her thrill at that point in time was walking through going, 'Rip it out, rip it out, rip it out,'" Steeg said. "I actually think the 49ers spent more money on that Super Bowl than the Giants did



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Jim Steeg served as the NFL's senior vice president of special events for 26 years — meaning he was the man who ran the show at 26 Super Bowls — from 1979 to 2005. He now lives in Governors Club in northeast Chatham County.

in their offices."

It was Steeg's responsibility over his 26 Super Bowls to see a constantly-growing staff in setting up meeting rooms, arranging food, controlling the hoard of media which descends on the site, picking the halftime and National Anthem performers, getting security in place, all the way down to making sure the coin gets to the field for the opening toss. One year, he said, he left the coin in his hotel room and a staffer rushed back to get it just in time for kickoff.

Steeg was also responsible or partly responsible for several innovations that are used around the sports world now. He was in the Los Angeles Dodgers' stadium for a game one year and heard the booming voice of Vin Scully in the men's bathroom. He thought it was speakers put in the facilities, but it was just a bunch of men listening to Scully on their handheld radios. Now you can go to sports games around the country and hear commentary while using the restroom.

Putting a logo on the net behind the field goalposts? Laminated media credentials? Broadcasting the NFL Draft on

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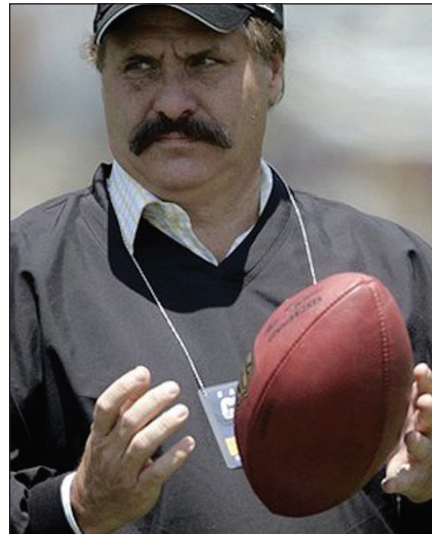


Photo courtesy of Jim Steeg

Jim Steeg was part of overseeing everything at the NFL's key events, including the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl and the NFL Draft, from securing a National Anthem singer to making sure the coin for the pregame coin toss was ready to go.

Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck resigns at board's request

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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PITTSBORO — Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck has resigned from his post as the head of the town of Pittsboro's government staff.



Gruesbeck

Gruesbeck was asked by the town board to tender his resignation, a motion approved unanimously in open session at the end of the board's Monday meeting. Town Attorney Paul Messick was appointed to serve as interim manager. "After much discussion, the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners asked Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck to consider resignation," Mayor Jim Nass, who is still in the early stages of his term, said in a statement. "The board carefully considered the challenges facing Pittsboro in the months and years ahead and decided they wanted to move forward with different town leadership to meet these challenges."

Gruesbeck has been town manager since November 2012 after working in municipal government in Michigan. His resignation was effective immediately.

Commissioner John Bonitz told the News + Record that he was "thankful" for Gruesbeck's service.

"I've frequently expressed respect and thanks for his rock solid budget work and prudent financial management," Bonitz said. "That has been so important to our small town with our over-stretched resources. That said, the board decided we need to go a new direction: The vote to ask for his resignation was unanimous. As Commissioner Jay Farrell said, 'It's best for the town.'"

This marks the third change of administrative heads for Chatham's local governments within the last 14 months. Former Chatham County Manager Renee Paschal retired from that post in October 2018 and was replaced by Dan LaMontagne, and former Siler City Manager Bryan Thompson left the town on July 14, 2019, to serve as Chatham's assistant county manager; he was replaced by Roy Lynch.

Additionally, the Town of Pittsboro is now without permanent figures in multiple ad-

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CHATHAM AUTHOR JUDY HOGAN

Still writing 7 decades after her first 'long book'

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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MONCURE — Judy Hogan — writer, creative writing teacher and activist — first took up the pen at an early age.



Hogan

"I was put to bed with rheumatic fever during World War II," Hogan said. "Second grade, I spent in bed. My mother home-schooled me, basically. I started writing stories."

She eventually recovered from the ailment, but the writing bug stuck. She and a childhood friend began to write — individually, but cheering each other on during the process — what

they called "long books."

"I don't think we called them novels," she said, chuckling at the memory of her early formative years as an author. "Mine was about twins captured by pirates."

At 82, Hogan's imagination runs less to pirates these days and more to poetry and, over the last few years, penning a series of mystery novels featuring recurring protagonist Penny Weaver, the series set mostly in fictional Shagbark County, which local readers will recognize as a close mirroring of Chatham County. Hogan has called Chatham County home since moving to Moncure in the late Nineties.

By the time she settled into her Moncure residence, her writing credentials were firmly established. She'd pub-

lished fiction and poetry and memoirs and had launched Carolina Wren Press, the small Durham-based publishing company she founded in 1976 and which continues, now under new ownership, to publish mostly poetry today.

But Chatham County — her new-found home — quickly provided fertile ground for the author, in ways she didn't anticipate.

Aiming to establish roots within a reasonable distance of the literary hub of Chapel Hill and Durham, Hogan looked in the Saxapahaw area, hoping to settle there, but found a suitable property — the existing house was unfinished, still needing wiring and a new roof, but the price was right — in Moncure.

At the time, the Moncure community was being eyed as a potential location

for a nuclear waste dump.

"When I moved here," she said, "they were trying to stop a low-level nuclear waste dump. I only was involved in that for a short period of time. But I'm a writer, so I wrote letters."

Other environmental issues captured her time and attention, including the looming possibility of fracking, the controversial process of injecting liquid at high pressure into subterranean rock for the extraction of natural gas, occurring near her home.

Hogan, no proponent of fracking, lent her energy to the cause of keeping fracking far from her home.

"We were really threatened here

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NORTHEAST CHATHAM

Briar Chapel, Fearington continue to wait for wastewater decision

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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RALEIGH — The North Carolina Utilities Commission has postponed a second public hearing on a proposed transfer of Fearrington Village wastewater operations to Briar Chapel.

The decision was made after the Commission's Public Staff filed a motion Jan. 21 asking for the delay, stating investigators needed to see Old North State Water Company, the firm behind the transfer,

"develop and successfully implement the necessary equipment improvements and improved maintenance and operating procedures" to reduce the impact the current Briar Chapel Wastewater Treatment Plant has made on nearby residents.

"The Public Staff is extremely concerned about the extensive and compelling customer testimony on the reclaimed water issues," the motion stated, "including odor, excessive watering, spraying outside

the permitted areas, wind-blown reclaimed water, and the lack of responsiveness by Old North State and Environlink's to the customer complaints."

The motion painted a scathing picture of ON-SWC's treatment of both its wastewater and its customers, as well as alleging that Newland Communities, which developed Briar Chapel, controlled the neighborhood's Briar Chapel Community As-

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Chatham County doles out first funds for affordable housing projects

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Commissioners have approved recommendations from the county's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for county funds to three affordable housing projects.

The commissioners voted unanimously Jan. 21 to direct \$124,000 in grants and an \$85,000 low-interest loan for three separate projects across the county to three different agencies — the Farm at Penny Lane,

Rebuilding Together of the Triangle and Wallick Communities. It was the first use of the county's Housing Trust Fund.

AHAC Chairman Susan Levy said the committee was "really excited to have the applicants" they received and felt confident about their selections.

"We went through a long process in 2019 of creating the application for those funds and the criteria for scoring them and thinking about what the process would be," Levy said. "It

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• **The Siler City Board of Commissioners** has a regular meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Siler City Town Hall courtroom, 311 N Second Ave., Siler City.

• **The Chatham County Board of Education** has a regular meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse, 9 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro.

• **The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** has a regular meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, at the Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East St., Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

• **St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church** - We provide a healthy, appetizing 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 seasonal items year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. They are located at 287 East St., Pittsboro.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

• **The 25th annual BBQ plate sale and auction** benefiting Siler City Scout Unit 924 will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Siler City First Methodist Church. BBQ will be available from 4 to 7 p.m., drive thru or eat-in. Tickets can be purchased at the door. A special invitation is extended to attend the auction that begins at 6 p.m. This will include products and services donated by local businesses, tickets to sporting events, trips to NC museums and other destinations, along with baked goods. Concessions will be for sale during the event. Your attendance and support will be appreciated. (Auction preview at 4 p.m.)

• **BIRDS OF PREY - LIVE!** will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Chatham Community Library, Pittsboro. This event is sponsored by New Hope Audubon Society, serving Chatham County. Come learn about the diverse, fascinating world of raptors - birds that hunt for their food. The conservation organization Raptor Insights will bring and introduce up to eight different types of hawks, falcons and owls. Learn and

each species' life history, identification, and factors affecting their population. This one hour presentation is most appropriate for children from third grade and above, and for anyone interested in birds of prey. For information, contact Katy Henderson at (919) 545-8085 or kathy.henderson@chathamlibraries.org.

SUNDAY

• **Meet for a NHAS Bird Walk** at 8 a.m. on Sun., Feb. 2, in front of the Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Crossing Shopping Center in Chapel Hill, for about a three hour walk. New birders and birders of all skill levels are welcome. Contact Tom Driscoll at spttdrshnk@yahoo.com. - Wed., Feb. 5, same meeting place. Contact Vern Bothwell at Vernb2017@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. - Stream Watch, Sat., Feb. 8, conducting monthly water quality monitoring at several sites on New Hope Creek. If interested in participating, contact John Kent at jnkent25@gmail.com. New folks should send John an email by Wed., Feb. 5, because start time and place may change based on regular crew availability.

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 anything you write, but you may if you wish. SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Healthcare is located at 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro - behind Bojangles. Contact Ann Ritter with any questions, 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 Agriculture Building Auditorium, 65 East Chatham St., located downstairs in downtown Pittsboro. Cost is \$5 per person each week. For more information or to verify the time/place, email: gunnhsd@embarqmail.com.

• **Big Band swing and jazz sounds** from 2 to 5 p.m., every Monday at the Pittsboro Roadhouse and General Store. The dance floor is open and bands rotate. For more information, see our website: www.pittsbororoadhouse.com.

UPCOMING

• 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 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 competition. 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. 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 Facebook: From 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20. The Drop-In Computer Assistance sessions (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.

• In observance of Black History Month Chatham Community Library will host "**Black Chatham: It's People and Institutions**", presented by Dr. Charles Johnson, Associate Professor and Director of Public History at North Carolina Central University. The program will begin at 2 pm on Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Holmes Meeting Room. The program is free and open to the public.

• The public is invited to the Feb. 8 **Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the Creative Goat**, located at 630 East St., Suite 9, Pittsboro. The Ribbon Cutting will take place at 11 a.m. with an Open House following until 1 p.m. Refreshments will be provided after the Ribbon Cutting.

• From Feb. 8 to April 15, the Chatham County Council on Aging will host **Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** at their Pittsboro and Siler City Senior Centers. This free tax preparation assistance is offered through the IRS VITA Grant initiative. For an appointment, call 919-542-4512, ext. 225. --- Volunteers are needed for Saturday receptionists for this Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. For more information or to volunteer, contact Allison Andrews at 919-542-512 or allison.andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org.

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

• **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 (Feb. 10) of each month at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home, 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro. Come to one or come every month to give and gain support from others who have lost a loved one.

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

• **The Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District** will meet at 7 p.m., Tues., Feb. 13 at the new Agriculture Building in Pittsboro. This is an open meeting. To confirm this meeting or for additional information, call the office at 919-542-8240 or 919-545-8440 (Brenda).

• **Film Screening: "Iron Jawed Angels"**, in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters. The Ladies of Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties and the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro are co-sponsoring a complementary film screening of the Golden Globe award-winning HBO film "Iron Jawed Angels". The film, starring Angelica Huston as the League founder Carrie Chapman Catt, will be shown from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 13, at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro. This celebration of women's achievements will conclude with refreshments honoring the League's 100th Anniversary. This event is free and open to the public, with free parking available.

• **Caregiver Support Group** sponsored by UNC Hospice - This group offers support for those currently providing care to a loved one. Hear information about effective caregiving and share experiences in comfortable surroundings. No registration 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.

• 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

• **SECU tax preparers** are on hand in all locations across the state to answer questions and complete and electronically file 2019 federal and state income tax returns for members who are eligible to participate in our Low-Cost Tax Preparation Program now through tax season. Qualifying members can have both federal and state tax returns prepared and filed for a flat fee of only \$75.00.

• On November 19, 2019 effective immediately, the Chatham County Board of Elections unanimously adopted a resolution to **relocate voters from the Perry Harrison Elementary School** located at 2655 Hamlets Chapel Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312. All registered voters that reside in the Mann's Chapel Precinct, will now vote at the CCCC Health Science Building located at 75 Ballentrae Court, Pittsboro, NC 27312 for all future elections in Chatham County. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §163-128

• **The Chatham Historical Museum** is open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Adult and kid friendly; no admission fee. Our permanent exhibits cover all aspects of Chatham'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 Chatham 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 Chatham County.

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

• **The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players** meet at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments welcome. For more information and/or directions, contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol.com or 919-929-5359.

• **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 opportunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community: www.chathamconnecting.org.

Public Notice

TOWN OF SILER CITY LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Town of Siler City's loose-leaf collection program is drawing to a close. Those persons desiring a loose-leaf collection should place them at the street side **no later than 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday February 5, 2020**. After this deadline, leaves must be bagged for removal by the Town.



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THREE FOR FREE

CARE offering free spaying through May 31

From Chatham Animal Rescue and Education

PITTSBORO — Chatham Animal Rescue and Education (CARE) is launching a program designed to reduce the large influx of litters of kittens and puppies to the Chatham County Animal Resources Center (CCARC) shelter during the spring “kitten and puppy” season by offering three free spay surgeries per qualifying Chatham County resident for female dogs and cats through May 31st.

The program is funded by a grant from the Margaret T. Petrie Spaying and Neutering Foundation through CARE’s Lillie’s Fund.

Nation-wide, shelters experience a deluge of kittens and puppies every spring, the prime breeding time for cats and dogs. The CCARC reports an average annual intake of 428 kittens and 395 puppies, the greatest number of which come in during the spring “kitten and puppy season.” In order

to accommodate the flood of unwanted kittens and puppies during this high season for baby animals, small shelters like CCARC may be forced to euthanize other dogs and cats to make room for the surge of newcomers.

Sterilization is the most effective way to end this tragic seasonal cycle, yet the cost of sterilization is a deterrent for many people who might otherwise wish to spay or neuter their cats and dogs. Three for Free is designed to curb the overpopulation of unwanted kittens and puppies and the consequent overcrowding of the shelter at the CCARC by removing the financial barrier that prohibits families on limited incomes from sterilizing their female pets.

Through its Three for Free program, CARE offers residents of Chatham County the opportunity and the means to sterilize three family pets at no cost. This free offer is available to families in Chatham who qualify for CARE’s

targeted spay/neuter program, Lillie’s Fund, which subsidizes spay and neuter surgeries for lower income families (household income \$40,000 or less). There is a limit of three female pets per household. Chatham residents may go to chathamanimalrescue.org and click on Program and Resources and then the spay/neuter link for an application or call 919-542-5757 and leave a message.

The mission of Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE) is to promote the health and safety of all cats and dogs in Chatham County. CARE foster caregivers provide loving, stable homes to homeless cats and dogs, helping them become the best possible pets for their future forever families. The organization works with the Chatham County Animal Resources Center to save the lives of unwanted cats and dogs, manages feral cat colonies, and serves as an educational resource. Its Lillie’s Fund is a targeted spay/neuter program, subsidizing sterilization sur-



geries for pets owned by lower income families in Chatham County. CARE is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that has served the community since 1975 and relies on individual and corporate donors for support.

HOGAN:

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because of the gas under us and under the [Jordan] lake,” she said. “I went door-to-door trying to get signatures and leave signs if they would take them. I explained to people what fracking meant, how much water it uses, how

all those chemicals are put in the drilling, and we really don’t know what all of those chemicals area. If they’d tried to frack here — and there wasn’t that much gas anyway — it would have ruined this part of Chatham County.”

The specter of fracking informs her latest novel, “Don’t Frack Here: The Twelfth Penny Weaver Mystery,” which will be

published on February 1.

The mystery at the heart of the novel centers around the sudden death of a pro-fracking banker.

The book has already received some advance praise.

Diana Hales, Chatham County commissioner, provided the author with a blurb for the book: “There are questions to resolve and facts to be gathered while Penny Weaver and friends educate the community about what happens when the gas drilling rigs move in. ... Judy Hogan brings her knowledge of fracking and heart for preserving our rural community to this Penny Weaver mystery.”

To date, Hogan has published 24 books, including poetry and one cookbook. But for the last few years, Penny Weaver has captured a lot of her attention as an author.

Weaver, it turns out, is a lot like her creator.

“She’s my alter ego,” said Hogan. Naturally, they share some characteristics.

“She’s friendly,” Hogan notes of the similarity between author and protagonist. “And she likes people. And she has a developed inner-life. She gets intuitions, which I do, too.”

And they age at the same rate. But they aren’t identical. Weaver, for instance, is adept in karate (a necessity when confronting ruthless killers) where Hogan isn’t. But Weaver, who in her younger years could land a karate kick with skill, now — in her more advanced years — is more likely to end up “on her butt,” missing the kick, Hogan said.

Age has slowed Hogan down a bit, too; though not much.

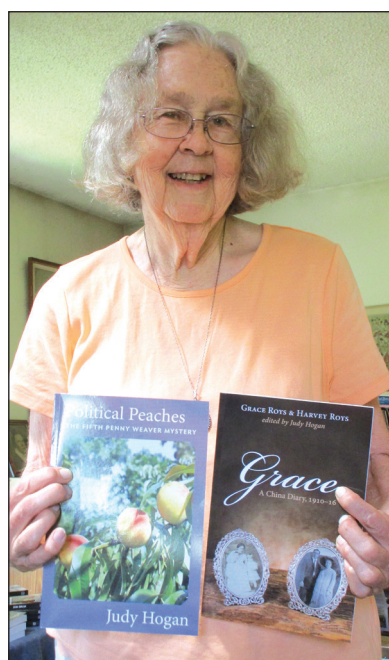
A few months ago, while walking, she sustained a fall which left her bruised.

“I feel pretty lucky, actually,” she said, observing that the mishap, while leaving her with a black eye, also oddly cleared up a few other ailments.

“It seems to have knocked all the other small problems out of the way,” she said.

With the pending release of her newest Penny Weaver novel, she’s scaling back on readings and signings, though she is planning several, dates, times and locations to be determined.

She also continues to



Prolific author Judy Hogan holds two earlier books and will have her newest title, the twelfth featuring fictional sleuth Penny Weaver, available for purchase February 1.

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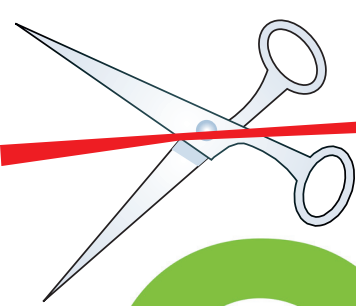
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was a great culmination to that process that we had been through. I think we all felt that the quality of the applications was really high and the projects that we considered really met the goals of the county’s affordable housing goals and the goals that we as an advisory committee were working under.”

Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, a policy analyst focusing on affordable housing for the County Manager’s Office, said AHAC received four requests — three for new construction and one for preservation — totaling \$344,000, with just \$209,600 available. The committee met three times to make the decision, with Watkins-Cruz calling the discussion “very wonderful” and “lively.”

Farm at Penny Lane
The Farm at Penny Lane, a project partly operated by the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health, is located in Pittsboro. The operation partners with individuals with severe mental illnesses to help them grow their own food and receive therapy in a farm setting. The Farm, which received the committee’s highest score, just broke ground on an effort to construct tiny homes to serve “people with mental illness and other health conditions living on a fixed income,” according to the agency’s website.

AHAC awarded the Farm its full ask of \$54,000, which would be used at the county’s discretion for either a new tiny home or infrastructure to support the homes. Watkins-Cruz said the committee placed

	\$54,000 grant for one tiny home or infrastructure support
	\$70,000 grant for home repair and help for 30 low-income homeowners in Chatham
	\$85,000 low-interest loan for proposed 84-unit tax credit project in Siler City

Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

“higher weight” on Penny Lane’s application due to the “supportive housing” model the agency uses.

“The complex medical and social services that will be provided on site for these individuals is unlike any other development in the county and unlike even potentially a tax credit project that might take a long time,” she said. “This is forever affordable. This one is probably one of the only permanently affordable supportive housing (options) we have.”

Wallick Communities
Wallick Communities, an Ohio-based firm that has built low-income housing in Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana and other states, received \$85,000 in the form of a low-interest loan. The firm has a proposed tax credit project in Siler City that would house up to 84 units.

Rebuilding Together
Rebuilding Together of the Triangle, a local branch of a national nonprofit that provides home repair and renovation services to needy homeowners, received \$70,000 in grant funds to serve 30 low-income homeowners in Chatham.

The Housing Trust Fund was created by the commissioners in 2018 to assist development

projects “that preserve or create additional affordable and workforce housing within Chatham County with the overall goals of affirmatively furthering fair housing choice for all residents,” according to the county’s website. Affordable housing has been a focus of the governments of both Chatham County and the Town of Pittsboro in recent years, and the commissioners recently included affordable housing as a recipient of the proposed sales tax increase, if it is approved by county voters in March.

Levy said AHAC felt the process for this first round of grants and loans went well, but hopes there’s more money coming in the future.

“The need is much, much bigger than we’re going to be able to meet with the resources that we currently have,” she said. “It was a great start. I think one of the goals that we have as an advisory committee is think about ways that would have the county increase that pool of funds.”

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VIEWPOINTS

Remembering the 'banality of evil'

Betwixt and between all the compelling news of the last week — the big (impeachment trial, coronavirus, etc.) and the very bad (Kobe, the rapid spread of said coronavirus) — there was something that, in my mind at least, drew scant attention: the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Over the years, I've done a lot of reading about man's inhumane treatment of his fellow man...mostly to try to understand the "why" of world history, which is certainly replete with inhumanity. At some point 25 or so years ago, for me, that led to an interest in, and later a visit to, Gettysburg — where brother fought brother in the most deadly battle of the Civil War.

Somewhere along the way, that led to learning (through a

book or documentary; I can't recall which) about Auschwitz.

On Jan. 27, 1945, toward the end of World War II, the Russian army liberated the notorious death camp in the southern part of German-controlled Poland. On that day, about 7,500 inmates were found alive and freed; before its liberation, more than a million people — mostly Jews, and mostly by poisonous Zyklon B gas — died in Auschwitz's associated gas chambers. All told, 1.1 million of the 1.3 million men, women and children transported to Auschwitz from around Nazi-occupied countries and territories died there.

I've not been to Auschwitz, but I've read plenty about it — including books from survivors Viktor Frankl (author of "Man's Search for Meaning") and Elie Wiesel, whose "Night" is also a must-read — in an attempt to try to understand the evil, and the mindset, that allowed it to happen.

It's still baffling, in one sense, to grasp the Holocaust: how a charismatic but middling-talent artist named Adolf who, after subsisting on crumbs and

handouts in his late teens and early 20s in Vienna, transformed himself to become the author of the greatest crime the world has ever known. How another Adolf, a mousy, mild-mannered traveling salesman with the surname of Eichmann — whose chief talent was that he was extremely organized — oversaw "The Final Solution" and once boasted he would "leap laughing into the grave" because of the "extraordinary satisfaction" he had being responsible for the deaths of five million people.

It's also difficult to grasp the bravery of a middle-aged resistance fighter in Poland named Witold Pilecki, who volunteered to leave his wife and children and get captured in order to be sent to Auschwitz and report back to the world exactly what was happening there. His secret dispatches were so harrowing that the powers that be in Washington, London and in other allied cities in Europe simply didn't believe them. That they, and Pilecki, were ignored enabled Hitler and Eichmann to generate that horrific death toll at Auschwitz.

(Pilecki's story is compellingly told in the recently-published book "The Volunteer," by Jack Fairweather, which I devoured in two days around Christmas.)

My wife Lee Ann and I are visiting Ukrainian friends in Poland this fall, and we hope to fit in a day-trip to Oswiecim, home to most of the Auschwitz camps. Our travels over the past few years have taken us to two other former camps: Austria's Mauthausen, the notorious labor camp, and the best-preserved of the network of Nazi prison compounds, where some 200,000 people died; and Dachau, the very first of the Nazi camps, located not far from Munich, which was designed initially to hold mostly German political prisoners and intellectuals who dared to question or oppose the Third Reich. Some 30,000 died there. We also spent two hours in the Anne Frank house in Amsterdam and saw, among other things, original diary pages from what her father Otto later published as a book that would serve as an inspiration and object lesson to millions

Seeing what we've seen makes International Holocaust Remembrance Day more relevant to me. Places like Auschwitz, Mauthausen, Dachau and the Anne Frank House exist to remind us of the worst of which we're capable.

It seems like we don't remember well. Today, rising hate and increasing anti-Semitism are proof of the dangers of what commentator John Stonestreet this week called "moral chronological snobbery" — thinking that the enlightenment and toleration of modern man simply won't allow another Auschwitz, another Holocaust.

We all have blind spots. This week's 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz not only helps us to remember what Jewish philosopher Hannah Arendt called "the banality of evil" — that "terrifyingly normal" people can do horrible things — but also reminds us that we should always, always strive to be so much better than we are.

And to always guard against the evils that hide in plain sight.

It certainly was cold

Where weather is concerned, I prefer warm to cold. Without polling, I would think my temperature preference might be nearly universal, shared by all sane and sentient citizens.

But if there were truth to my supposition, how could you explain the populations of, say, chilly Buffalo (average high temperature in January of 31 degrees Fahrenheit), New York's second largest city and home to 258,612 durable residents; or Fargo, North Dakota, which — with a 2018 Census head count numbering 124,844 — is North Dakota's most populated city and the 222nd most populous city in the U.S., despite an average January high temperature there of 16 degrees? It would seem to defy logic, if not reason, to live in either of those places, or in any comparably cold climate. Yet, amazingly, neither Buffalo nor Fargo are ghost towns.

Putting aside my temperature-driven dream of relocating to, say, Key West for a mid-life career change as, say, barkeep at Sloppy Joe's, I perversely enjoy a blast of cold weather now and then.

It's not the cracked, bleeding skin on my poor hands I like, nor removing my bare feet from beneath warm bedding first thing in the morning and planting them on the cold, wood floor.

But for reasons I can't explain, other than some vague appreciation of the yin/yang notion of complimentary interconnectedness, I do enjoy a taste of the cold stuff once in a while. But only once in a while.

Fortunately for natural-born resistors of cold temperatures, like me, here in our part of the world we usually only endure what I'll call "bitter cold" for a short span, usually around this time of year. Pittsboro's average high temperature in January (the coldest month of the year in these parts) is, compared to Fargo, a balmy and reasonable 52 degrees.

Last week, it was much colder than that, the week never warming even enough to melt the icicles hanging from the downspouts of the Chatham News + Record's Siler City office. I know because I regarded those ephemeral stalactites every day, as if they were a thermometer, hopeful to spy a drip.

Monday night, I left the comfort of home (indoor average January temperature of 68) to take our dog for a short walk. My dog-walking routine used to be more regular — hot, cold, wind, rain, snow; it didn't matter, I walked the dog — but these days I'm less inclined to venture outdoors in those rare times of extremes. And Monday night's temperatures, which had fallen about seven degrees south of freezing, felt extreme.

It was cold. Really cold.

And a bit windy, too, which only makes the cold feel colder.

There are, as already noted, colder places than central North Carolina. There are places so cold all I can only imagine it. Or read about it.

Back indoors after my short walk, reading about such extreme cold is what I did. Something — I think it was the below-freezing temperature — had put me in that mood. I located my paperback copy of Jack London's short stories, knowing the one I wanted: "To Build A Fire."

It's a story about the Gold Rush-era Klondike and the kind of cold weather most people, even those folks in Buffalo and Fargo, usually only read about; and it seemed appropriate bedtime reading on this particular cold night.

In Jack London's story, a newcomer to the extreme North is traveling by foot with a canine companion on a path along the Yukon River towards a faraway camp where warmth awaits.

The protagonist isn't a man given to deep thoughts, instead "quick and alert in the things in life," London writes, "but only in the things and not the significances. Fifty degrees below zero meant eight odd degrees of frost. Such fact impressed him as being cold and uncomfortable, and that was all. It did not lead him to meditate upon his frailty as a creature of temperature, and upon man's frailty in general, able to live within narrow limits of heat and cold."

Had London's Yukon hiker been more deliberative than described, he might not have met the bad end that awaits at the story's conclusion.

Treading on, he breaks through some ice, his foot and leg plunging into icy water. Now soaked and unable to grasp matches in his freezing hands, his attempts to build a fire for lifesaving warmth fall short.

Lying in snow, resigned to his unfortunate fate, one of his final thoughts is this simple observation: "It certainly was cold."

I've tried to image what 75 below could feel like, and I really can't. Twenty-five above is bad enough.

What I know is the very January weather that we experienced last week is uncomfortably cold. Cold enough to cut through layers of clothing. Cold enough to quickly dry out and crack exposed skin. Cold enough to make you worry for anyone or any thing exposed to it for long periods.

Not cold enough, as in London's story, to freeze spit before it can hit the ground, but cold enough nevertheless.



Life and our resolutions depend on realistic intent

Allow me, please, to give one more nod to thoughts about the "New Year."

We're now well into it, so much so that it's really no longer "new." January is done, or will be pretty much so by the time this hits print. "2020" is today's normal.

Likely by now, too, you've seen all the warnings about don't abbreviate 2020 as just 20, as in writing a check and putting 1/30/20 on the date line. Seems today's hackers and crooks, if they get hold of your check, can make "20" into "2021" or "2019" or whatever and mess up your finances. All that, of course, assumes you still write checks and are not like the 20-something fellow who checked out my grocery order the other day.

As I handed him my somewhat neatly written check, made a bit harder because my hand and shoulder have surrendered to the enemy, he, in a bit of friendly conversation noted, "I've never written a check in my life."

Obviously, I thought, this guy is part of the generation that goes to McDonald's and buys a burger on plastic. Later, I wondered if maybe he has the best idea, getting "points" for cash and prizes as long as he pays his balance monthly. But if he doesn't, the thought of paying 18 percent interest on an order of fries takes my appetite.

Christmas 2019 now seems a distant memory...or maybe not, depending on how much you used the charge cards to pay for it. Those monthly statements will be with many folks until Christmas 2020, a constant reminder of last Christmas. And for many folks, that cycle will repeat itself for Christmas 2020 and on into the year 2021.

With the passing of Christmas day on the calendar, we

then slide into the next monthly event, namely New Year's and its resolutions. Among the questions to ponder about those plans are what resolutions to make (if any), how many will there be and how long will all — or any — of them last.

It's been my experience most folks casually make resolutions not really expecting or even planning to keep them. Most of the time, it seems, we make a few general resolutions just because the calendar or someone else says so or because it's just tradition. The ones we make seem to be pretty general anyway and so usually it's not much more than a few weeks before resolutions are not that big of a deal, even if we can remember them.

Never will I hold myself up as an example of making or keeping good, intelligent, or even logical resolutions. The reasons are among those mentioned earlier, especially that they're pretty general.

For instance, if I were really interested in reshaping my body that's rapidly losing any edge it may once have had, I would make a resolution much more specific than the one I used to write down but now pretty much only give a nod to: "I'm going to lose weight" or "I'm going to eat better." One question to ponder in that area is what exactly does it mean to "eat better"?

Does "better" mean eat more New York Strip steaks instead of potted meat? Does it mean to grill my pork chops instead of frying them and turning up lots of brown gravy? Does it mean to stay away from Col. Sanders and instead satisfy my cravings with a bowl of 100 per cent bran and cardboard?

And what does "lose weight" mean? A hundred pounds? Ten pounds? One pound? Half an ounce? About every two to three weeks I lose a pound or two when I get a hair cut. The only problem is that doesn't show up well in my waist. And does "lose weight" mean drop three pounds so you can gain four when Grandma

serves banana pudding at her house at Sunday dinner?

I'm pretty sure making resolutions at New Year's is pretty much like what a young feed salesman, new to his job, encountered when he met an old pig farmer. The youngster was full of vim, vigor and vitality. He extolled the virtues of his pig feed, along with the handy tips he would share, to the farmer, all in attempt to win a customer.

"Mister," the salesman said, "if you'll use our feed and follow my advice, your hogs will grow faster and quicker and better and healthier in less time and you'll be a better farmer than ever before...and better than your neighbor."

"Sonny," the old gentleman said, "I don't need any new advice. I already know to do better than I do. I'd be better if I'd just do that. And, besides, what's time to a hog?"

If you haven't made any New Year's resolutions and want to, you might want to think about getting started. There's not much left to the new part of the New Year.

And if you have some and haven't broken them yet, keep up the good work.

And if you make any, make them realistic. Among the few I've been able to keep is not the one that says "I'm going to try to be nicer to people." It's the one that says "I'm not going to be rude to someone who's 6-ft., 6-inches tall, weighs 300 pounds and goes by the name 'Bubba.'"

So far, that one is holding up pretty well.

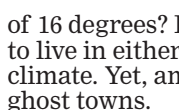
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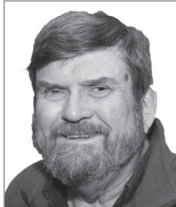
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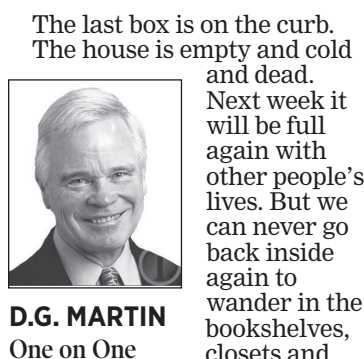
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VIEWPOINTS

Clearing out the house



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

The last box is on the curb. The house is empty and cold and dead. Next week it will be full again with other people's lives. But we can never go back inside again to wander in the bookshelves, closets and attic. We will never smell the smells of hot meals on its stove, of warm, fresh clothes from its laundry room, of flowers from its garden, or of clean sheets mingled in the old blankets on its beds. It happens to all of us when we move after being in a house for a long time, but when our parents or grandparents move to a smaller home or die, it is more than just moving.

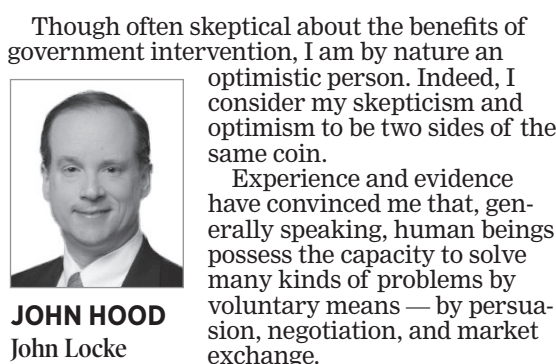
It is clearing out. Clearing out the treasures. And the junk. Deciding what is what. Finding places for these newly orphaned things. Yesterday, they were secure in the loving possession of one whose love and memories surrounded them. Each one had its special place. Each was tied to precious people and events. Out of the house they must now go. And, without the protection of the ones who love them, they will be just things. Who gets the silver service? Will anybody take this old cup from Niagara Falls? What do we do with this plaque that Dad got? Does anybody want the plate that has a picture of the old church? Who takes the pitcher that brought Mom's mint-lemon iced tea to the table? Who keeps the bell that brought us to dinner together? Did we really eat supper together every evening?

Who will take the books? The bookshelves in this house were such welcome places. Every book had a story to tell, with some special connection to our family. All the books together were a reflection of my parents and their special interest in ideas and places and people. Books signed by their authors evoke memories of special friendships and connections. Where will those books go? What will the grandchildren say if we give up any of them? Clean out the closets. Old ties, old dresses. Suddenly Mom thinks that the Mint Museum in Charlotte will be interested in one of her dresses for its collection. She thinks the dressmaker was an artist and that some example of her work should be kept forever. We think that is a crazy idea, but we set aside the dress to humor mom. The Mint Museum was

delighted. They wanted the dress. Mom was right again. Who will take the desk? Who will take the chest? Clear them out first. The letters. The photos. The old catalogs. Canceled checks from many years ago. Tax returns. There are thousands of photos. How can there be so many? One photo of my father when he was much younger than I am today is indistinguishable from a recent picture of my son. I go into a misty dream that brings him back alive and puts the three of us together as contemporaries and buddies. Letters. Letters. Letters. My brother settles in with the letters between my parents. Written 50 years ago they described their jobs and the pains of bearing children, moving, living through hard times with optimism, and of loving each other. My brother is moved

and cannot be pulled away. But where will these letters be stored? Who will hold them for the grandchildren? The doorbell rings. He comes in like a character from a Greek play — to bring a conclusion to our own drama. It is the flea market man. He helps us build a pile of our treasures for his bid. "I'll give you an extra \$50 for the old telephone. Maybe I can double my money. Maybe not. Thanks a lot. I have sure enjoyed getting to know you folks." And we are finished. The last box is on the curb. Now the tears can come. *D.G. Martin hosts "North Carolina Bookwatch" at 11 a.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Tuesdays on UNC-TV. The program also airs on the North Carolina Channel at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and other times.*

Take action on affordable housing



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Though often skeptical about the benefits of government intervention, I am by nature an optimistic person. Indeed, I consider my skepticism and optimism to be two sides of the same coin. Experience and evidence have convinced me that, generally speaking, human beings possess the capacity to solve many kinds of problems by voluntary means — by persuasion, negotiation, and market exchange. Governments are surely necessary to enforce rules and provide certain public goods. However, with regard to the vast improvement in living standards during the past two and a half centuries of human history — beginning first in Northwestern Europe in the 18th century and then expanding across most of the globe by the late 20th century — the primary actors in this amazing story were inventors, innovators, investors, merchants, and laborers engaged in private enterprise. Some would grant my historical case but argue that the experience of the early 21st century teaches a different lesson, that today's young people in America and elsewhere aren't going to see anything like the same gains in human welfare that their parents, grandparents, and ancestors did. A deep pessimism may well explain the origins of new populist movements on both the Right and the Left. I still think a great deal of it is untethered from reality. But the pessimists do make some valid points. Many of them involve housing.

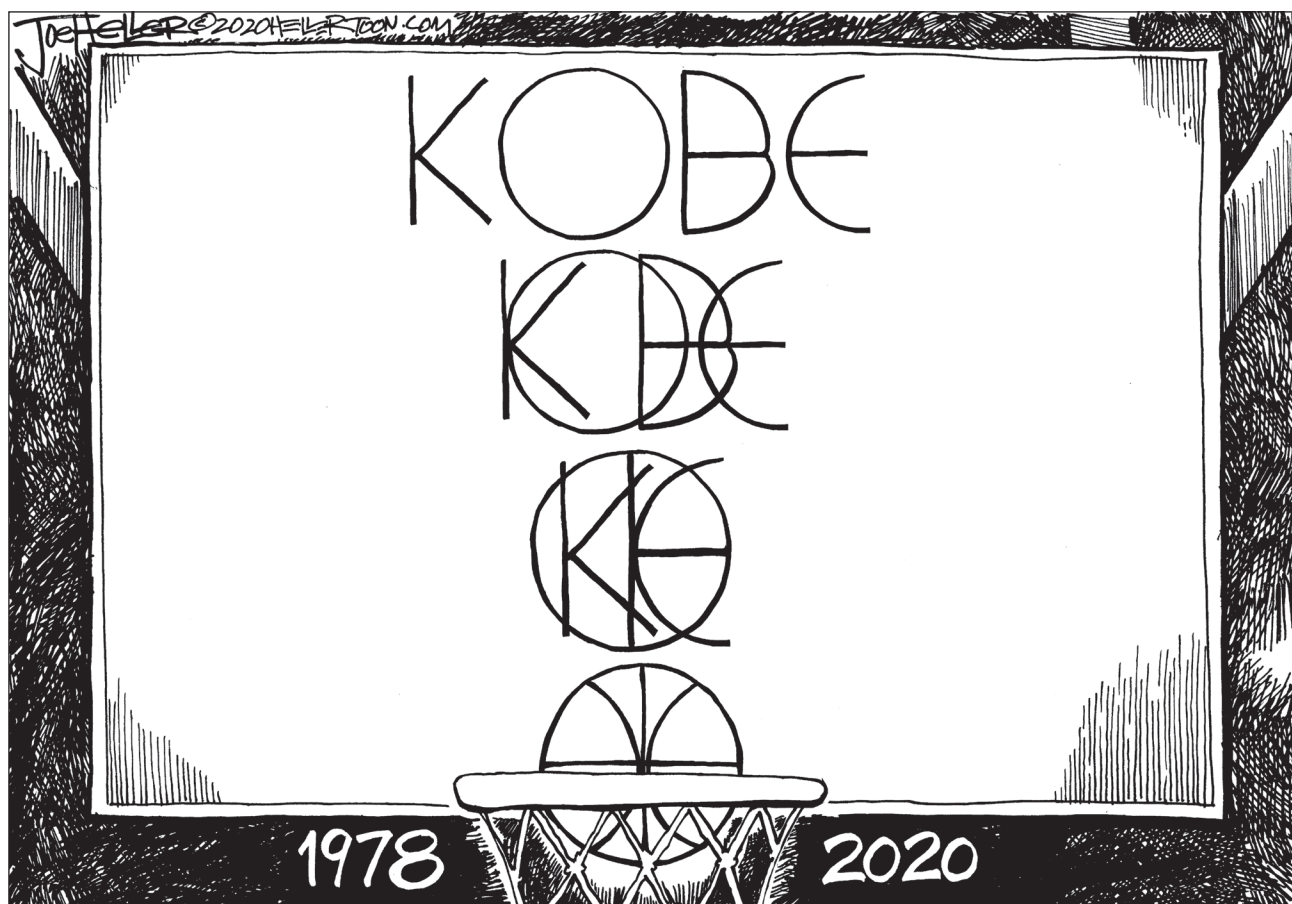
Over the past two decades, average consumer prices in the U.S. rose about 58 percent. Average wages went up quite a bit more than that, more than 80 percent, so it isn't the case that living standards have stagnated. But averages don't convey the full picture. By definition, there will be some goods and services for which prices rise faster than the average price level and others for which they rise slower or even decline. According to analysis by Mark Perry, an American Enterprise Institute scholar and professor at the Flint campus of the University of Michigan, the four big categories of goods and services with faster-than-average inflation have been health care, higher education, child care, and housing. Progressives and conservatives disagree at least to some extent about the implications. Progressive argue government must intervene either to control these costs directly or to socialize them so low- and moderate-income people will have access. Conservatives point out that government has already been massively involved in these sectors for decades, distorting the market and inflating costs for health care and higher education, in particular.

I've come to believe that the best example for the conservative case may be housing. It is a mismatch problem. On average, incomes have gone up faster than housing prices. But builders are producing disproportionately more houses and apartments aimed at upper-income people than they are capacity for those of low and moderate incomes. It's not as if you can't make money at lower price points. As a Brookings Institution study of the Washington, D.C., market showed, the availability and affordability of housing varies quite a lot. The market still works pretty well in some places. But in others, regulatory impediments help to produce housing haves and housing have-nots. "Where zoning allows high-density apartments, developers build," the Brookings authors observed. "Where zoning bans apartments, little new housing gets added."

Harvard University's Edward Glaeser is another optimist who sees housing as a distressing exception. He observed in a recent Wall Street Journal interview that a person in the 35-to-44 age bracket and the 75th percentile of income in 2013 had less than half as much home equity as his counterpart did 30 years earlier. Conservatives and progressives may continue to disagree about to what extent government should intervene with public housing, rent vouchers, and other housing subsidies. But surely we can all agree to dismantle regulatory barriers that make it artificially expensive to build houses and apartments, including in some of our own state of North Carolina's fastest-growing cities.

Perhaps wishing for such a consensus on housing affordability marks me as an irrepressible optimist. Guilty as charged, I suppose.

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Expect dramatic changes in the next decade



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

We have said this decade will be called the "Transformative Twenties," so let's explore some of those changes. North Carolina politics will change dramatically by the end of the decade. Gary Pearce, seasoned political analyst, notes divisions within our state run deep. They include social, racial, religious and cultural. He could add political. The deep partisan and mean-spirited divisions will be reflected in the 2020 elections and largely revolve around Donald Trump. He wins our state again in 2020. Senator Thom Tillis clings to his coattails and wins, but Roy Cooper retains the Governor's office. Democrats will surprisingly take control of the State House and remain in charge of the State Supreme Court, the ultimate determinant for legislation.

A bipartisan coalition will institute redistricting reforms following the 2020 census. The census will ensure us a 14th congressional seat and those newly-redrawn districts give even greater political influence to urban and suburban counties. But the great transformation in political power will result not from district boundaries, but demographics. By 2030 even the youngest Baby Boomers, born in 1964, will receive Social Security and Medicare. Boomer influence wanes and Millennials, those born between 1981-1996, along with

Generation Z, born after 1997, become fed up with North Carolina politics, flex their political muscles and take charge. Their politics is more liberal, less combative and more willing to provide government assistance to those needing affordable housing, healthcare and education costs.

Three major disruptions will change transportation. Electric vehicles will become commonplace, as gas-fueled vehicle sales peak in 2020, decline to around 65 percent of sales by 2030 and less than 40 percent by 2040. Comparative purchase costs will be roughly equal, electric charges will cost half as much as current gas outlays, EVs will travel up to 200 miles per charge and will have a 500,000-mile lifetime. Autonomous or driverless vehicles will be approved in 2021 and gain rapid acceptance as they demonstrate they are many times safer than human drivers and save thousands of lives each year. Since your car is the second largest investment (next to your home) and is only used 4 percent of the time, the third and biggest change is on-demand transportation. We will begin giving up our cars. Uber and Lyft now account for 20 percent of vehicle miles traveled and on-demand is projected to be as much as 80 percent by 2030, increasing mobility for all age groups.

We will enjoy cash savings up to \$5,600 per year as a result of reduced transportation-related costs. As over-the-air TV audience levels continue declining and because more than half of American households have "cut the cord," cable and

satellite companies will allow you to pick, cafeteria-style, those channels you watch. Most shopping will be online; big-box retailers and malls are converted to offices and housing, however some unique business models, like boutiques giving highly personal service and Walmart will survive. Next day deliveries arrive at your door by electric vehicles or drones. Corporate focus has been primarily on share prices and profits, but growing demands resulting from increased competition, demand for proportional wage growth and difficulty in recruiting and retaining skilled workers will force capitalism to reform and re-emphasize their employees, customers and communities. Recent decades have brought great changes, but as the 1974 Bachman Turner Overdrive song appropriately said, "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet."

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SUPER BOWL: Steeg's big game memories could fill a book

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television? He was part of that. Steeg's stories could fill a book, but two stand out. In 2002, he helped the NFL create the first Super Bowl after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The league moved the game back a week, negotiating a deal with the National Automobile Dealers Association, which had booked the Superdome in New Orleans. Janet Jackson — we'll get to her again in a minute — dropped out of performing half-time, so the league booked U2 to do halftime and Mariah Carey for the National Anthem. Paul McCartney's brother-in-law called about a month before kickoff to say the former Beatle also wanted to perform. Steeg also had to help coordinate heightened security at the event, working

with the Secret Service to institute a new credential process and new field barriers. "There's a lot of things we changed that we did then that all of a sudden everybody else did," he said. "We literally invented stuff. There were a lot of things that happened." He said that he felt it was vital that Super Bowl — the 36th edition, in which the New England Patriots beat the St. Louis Rams for Tom Brady's first championship — go well. "In my opinion, and I'm prejudiced, it might have been the most important event in the history of sports because at that time," he said. "Nobody was getting on airplanes and nobody was going to events. We were all afraid that somebody was going to hijack an airplane or somebody was going to blow up a stadium. We thought we were the major topic. If

that had failed, I think that got the country back on airplanes, that and the (Winter) Olympics (in Salt Lake City) two weeks later." Two years later, at Super Bowl XXXVIII between the Patriots and the Carolina Panthers, came the Janet Jackson incident. The story has been told ad nauseum by now, but basically this is what happened: Jackson led the star-studded halftime show. During the final song, a duet with Justin Timberlake of the latter's "Rock My Body," the former NSYNC member ripped a piece of clothing from Jackson's breast, exposing it. It was not the first controversial incident of the night. Singer Kid Rock had been wearing an American-flag poncho. During his performance, Rock took the poncho off and threw it into the crowd. Then-Commissioner Paul Tagliabue was berated in his suite, Steeg

says, by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Steeg said he was sitting with former NFL head of officiating Mike Pereira and did not initially see the Jackson incident. "I'm orchestrating getting everybody off and getting the teams back on, giving them notice when to come back," Steeg said. "And (Pereira) said, 'Did you see that?' And I said, 'What? No.' He's got 'Tivo there for officiating, and he said, 'Let me show you.' Backed it up and," Steeg imitated a sigh. There are lots of other stories Steeg could tell and has told — the Giants leaving the trophy in their locker room after the 1991 Super Bowl; Steeg standing next to Giants stars Lawrence Taylor and Carl Banks as they said some unprintable things about National Anthem singer Whitney Houston, who performed that same year; and getting Diana Ross to

sing the National Anthem in Detroit in 1982. That last one, he said, was his favorite event. "That was the first one I saw from the very beginning of the award all the way through executing the game," he said. "It was when I was starting to feel like I could dictate things. I was no longer a 29-year-old kid reporting to other people. I remember walking into (then-commissioner Pete) Rozelle's office and saying there's only one person who could do the anthem in Detroit. It's gotta be Diana Ross. He laughs at me and says, 'Go ahead kid, try to do that.' Called her up, went and saw here and she did it." Ross began by encouraging the crowd to sing it along with her "with authority." In the broadcast, you can hear the audience sing along as she slowly turned around to take it in. The Joe Montana-led San Francisco 49ers defeated

the Cincinnati Bengals 26-21 that year. But he's not gone to the Super Bowl since his final one in 2005, in which the Patriots defeated the Philadelphia Eagles in Jacksonville. Steeg said he learned from his old boss, Rozelle. "When he quit as commissioner, he believed that he should never go back," he said. "Literally when he came to New York, we would go out to lunch with him. He would never go into the office, because it's now Tagliabue's office, it's not his office. The only time we got him to come to the Super Bowl was when we got him to toss the coin for the 25th anniversary, but he never came back to the Super Bowl. I believe that too. It's on somebody else's watch now." Reporter Zachary Horner can be reached at zhorner@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.

For Chatham sheriff deputy, Super Bowl trips a time to reconnect

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Willie Bell's personal connection to the National Football League is a mirror opposite of Jim Steeg's. Bell dressed for two NFL games during his time with the Philadelphia Eagles and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, so he never played in one or got close to one on the field. But his connection to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities' community makes the game an annual trek for him. A Durham native and Chatham County sheriff's deputy, Bell says he tried out for the Eagles straight out of high school. He had been a quarterback for Durham's Hillside High School — where he played basketball with 1976 No. 1 NBA overall pick John Lucas, who is now a player

development coach for the Houston Rockets — but switched to wide receiver for his NFL days. Bell made the Eagles in 1974, but those days didn't last long. "I become a practice dummy and dressed for one game," Bell said. "Got my knees tore up. They didn't even pay me to go home — they sent me a check later." The next year, he went to training camp with the Bucs but lasted just two days. He went back to school, graduating from North Carolina Central University in Durham and went to work in law enforcement. Over a career that has included stops in Wilmington, Winston-Salem, UNC-Chapel Hill and now Chatham County, he's made special efforts to connect to football teams and players and pass down his wisdom. "It's something that I

went all the way to the limit, to the end, and then you turn around and you're out," Bell said. "On my way back, if I saw anybody that looked like they had a chance, I would try to find a way to talk to him." He's developed friendships with some of the game's greats, including Hall-of-Fame Pittsburgh Steelers' cornerback Mel Blount, whose son Jibri plays basketball at N.C. Central, one of the places he's worked. But this time of year is special. Even though he didn't make it in the league, Bell has established connections with HBCU alumni who did make it and spends a week at the Super Bowl every year. He's seen the growth of not only HBCUs into Division I programs but the influence of black men on the game of football. He's got photos with black Hall-of-Famers like Richard Dent



Willie Bell, now a Chatham County sheriff's deputy, suited up for two NFL exhibition games but didn't make it. He's spent the years since in law enforcement and, any chance he can get, helping mentor young football players. He also goes to the Super Bowl every year thanks to connections with the league's HBCU community.

Staff photos by Zachary Horner

and Shannon Sharpe. "We all fellowship," he said. He's ready for this year's edition too. Bell said he thinks star quarterback Patrick Mahomes is going to help the Kansas City Chiefs to a halftime lead, but the defense of the San Francisco 49ers will win out in the end. He's also got some thoughts on the Car-

olina Panthers: Cam Newton will be traded to his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, and Christian McCaffrey won't last long either, soon headed to the New England Patriots. Lastly, when asked about the 2007 Super Bowl, he said it was special. It was the first time two black head coaches — the Indianapolis Colts' Tony

Dungy and Lovie Smith of the Chicago Bears — went head-to-head. "The uniqueness is gone out of a little bit because it's expected and it's down at the college level now," he said. "And that's where the key is, is that when you get black coaches they can coach the young keys at a college level, it's a beautiful thing."

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Flu on the rise in North Carolina

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

This year's flu season has seen a marked increase in influenza cases across the state following a slight decline the month before, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Across the state, 41 people have died from the virus as opposed to the 22 who died by in the same time period from flu last year.

"This season has been more severe than usual, and the peak [usually ending in March] is still ahead of us, so getting the word out about prevention is especially important this year," Chatham County Public Health Department's Division Director Mike Zelek said.

The flu is caused by influenza viruses which in-



fect the nose, throat and lungs. It is more serious than the common cold and can result in severe illness and life-threatening complications in many people. In the United States, on average 5 percent to 20 percent of the population gets the

flu each year, according to the Chatham County Health Department, with more than 200,000 people being hospitalized and about 36,000 people dying across the country each year. The time from when a person is exposed to flu virus to

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when symptoms begin is about one to four days, with an average of about two days, according to the Chatham health department.

DHHS says the geographic spread of flu has been widespread with the southeastern United States, seeing an increase in the number of patient visits to medical providers. The proportion is typically 2.4 percent, but it has now risen to 4.72 percent of all visits to medical professionals being flu-related.

This year's outbreak has again triggered a temporary change in the visitor's policy at

Chatham Hospital in Siler City. Signs at each entrance now announce that children under age 12 and those with flu symptoms — such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose and nasal congestion — are not allowed to visit patients at the facility.

Though in the midst of flu season, flu shots are still available in Chatham County. Prevention, through a flu vaccination, is considered the best way to avoid getting the flu, according to the Chatham County Health Department. There are flu shots available at many pharmacies and drug stores in

the area and the Chatham County Public Health Department's clinic in Siler City.

If you think you have the flu, the Center for Disease Control asks that you remain in your home, avoiding contact with others, for at least 24 hours after the fever has subsided to prevent spreading the virus.

For more information about the flu, its prevention and treatment, visit the Chatham County Health Department website.

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A 'wild side' dare — sourdough starter

This week, Gentle



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook

Reader, I have a dare for only the brave and steadfast. This project is neither for the flighty nor the dilet-

tant. My challenge for you is to create a sourdough starter using only flour, water, and the microbes living in your house — and when I say that, I'm not referring to your children. I mean the wild yeast that is in the air all around us.

Years ago I had time on my hands and was looking for a culinary project. The Kid had gone away to college and I needed distraction and a challenge. I did tons of online research and decided to grow my own sourdough starter.

After about three weeks of coaxing and worrying I had success. I felt like I'd



Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews

Sourdough bread is a tasty treat anytime.

birthed a baby unicorn and invented the wheel. (And it shouldn't take you anywhere near three weeks—I've learned a lot since then.)

Thanks for your time. Contact debbie at dm@bullcity.mom.

Sourdough Starter
Starting out, it's best to use whole wheat flour, for extra nutrients. Never use metal with your starter, and always use bottled or filtered water. Never, ever refrigerate.

Day 1: In a small glass bowl, stir together 1 cup flour and 1/3 cup water. Cover loosely and put in warm (72-78°), out of the way place.

Day 2 and until you have a lively starter: Discard half the starter and stir in 1 cup flour and 1/3 cup water.

Between 3 and 7 days you'll see bubbling after feeding. You have created sourdough. Now you can add regular flour to it, stop discarding, and

Sourdough Egg Bread

Ingredients:

- 1 cup starter
- 1/2 cup water or pineapple juice
- 3 and 1/3 cups bread flour
- 1/3 cup vital wheat gluten (available in some grocery stores and online; I use Bob's Red Mill)
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup softened butter
- 1 egg + 2 yolks, lightly beaten

Topping: egg for egg wash, and sesame seeds

Add everything but toppings to bread maker set on dough cycle or mixer fitted with dough hook. For mixer, mix until fully incorporated and it turns into a ball. Knead dough until it comes into a clean ball and return to bowl which you've lightly oiled. Lightly cover and set in warm place until it has doubled in size. After dough cycle finishes or mixer-made dough has doubled, put on counter and knead until is smooth

and stretchy. Place into greased loaf pan, put a thin coat of oil on dough and lightly cover. Let rise in warm place. Test for baking readiness by pressing in with finger. When the dough doesn't spring back quickly it's ready.

Preheat oven to 405° for 30 minutes. Place inside your oven a large oven-safe vessel filled with water — steams helps form a good crust. Leave water in oven throughout process. Before baking, paint with egg wash, and heavily sprinkle with sesame seeds. Then slice down the middle about 3/4 inch deep and 1 1/2 inches from either end. Bake for 15 minutes, then turn oven to 350°. Place probe thermometer into center of bread set to 200°.

When done, remove from pan and place on cooling rack until completely cool — or until you can't wait anymore.

let the amount accumulate so you can use it for cooking.

Feed every day and once a week, add a tablespoon or so of some

sweetener — sugar, agave syrup, honey. This gives a boost of energy.

The eggs and fat in the bread recipe act as a dough conditioner, which

means an easier rise and a nice high oven spring. Feed the starter 24 hours before making the bread. To rise well, it needs to be hungry, but not starving.

CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

What people spend on pets, a zoo show and a local company's planned expansion

If you ever get a job as a reporter at a newspaper — or any-



ZACHARY HORNER
Corner Store

where news is reported, I'm sure — you better get ready for the news releases and

story pitches.

In both of my journalism jobs, first in Sanford and now here, I've magically been placed on the email distribution lists for people and organizations

I've never heard of. Most of the time, the content they're pushing isn't something I'm interested in, or I'm entirely interested in but simply because it's so out of left field.

Then, every once in a while, something is worth a story or exploring more. Or worth a mention in the Corner Store. One of those items is part of the column this week, but we start off with some local business news.

Wilson Brothers Trucking asking for rezoning for expansion

Citing a 45 percent in-

crease in business capacity in the last year, Wilson Brothers Trucking in Bear Creek is asking for rezoning of a 7.56 acres from Residential to Light Industrial to accommodate this growth.

The company's rezoning application says current growth has established a need for additional employee parking, and future growth will require "added space to stage and park equipment." Additionally, according to the application, Wilson Brothers has purchased 30 new road tractor trucks and hired more employees.

The company concluded its application by stating: "Wilson Brothers has and will continue to operate as a good corporate citizen of Chatham County. We desire to continue meeting our strategic long-term plan that includes consistent moderate growth. This request will allow us to meet our business growth needs."

No one signed up to speak at a public hearing on the item at last Tuesday's Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Study: 26 percent of N.C. pet owners struggle to provide for pets

An Innovet Pet study says that more than one quarter of pet owners in North Carolina admit that they struggle financially to provide for their treasured animal. The report covered pet owners



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jeff Wilson, president of Wilson Brothers Milling and Trucking in Bear Creek, talks about the fleet of trucks operated by the company in this file photo.

across the United States and revealed more interesting statistics. Twenty-nine percent of young couples said they were prioritizing parenting pets over children. 11 percent of people said they'd drop personal health insurance for pet health insurance and 34 percent said they've fed their pets human food leftovers to save money.

Innovet Pet produces and sells organic and natural food and products for pets, including hemp and CBD oil. The company encourages pet owners now and in the future to think about their budget and how much money they need to afford ownership. After all, as the survey

says, 42 percent of owners say they wouldn't be able to keep their pet if they lost their job.

Nat Geo series to feature N.C. Zoo

Twenty five miles from the News + Record's Siler City office, you can visit the world's largest natural habitat zoo. If you can't make it, you will soon be able to get a glimpse on TV. Nat Geo Wild has an eight-episode series coming this fall called "World's Biggest Zoo," which will take viewers behind the scenes of Asheboro's North Carolina Zoo.

Spreading across 2,600 acres and hosting more than 212 species, the zoo

and things that happen every day — from emergency and routine animal procedures to animal husbandry to rescue, rehabilitation and release — will be featured.

If you've never made the trek to the North Carolina Zoo, it's worth it, but you might have to take two trips. It really lives up to its billing as the world's largest zoo, and to really enjoy all of it, you'll need all the time you can give it. And if you can't, just tune into Nat Geo Wild.

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County zoning changes would provide 'clarity' to future employers, EDC president says

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The president of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation said last week that potential changes to Chatham County zoning ordinances would make it easier for companies to locate at the Moncure Megasite.

Alyssa Byrd, the EDC's president, told the Chatham County Board of Commissioners last Tuesday during a public hearing specifically on the ordinances, that adding new allowable uses into county zoning law would "lend clarity to prospective employers."

"These uses were proposed based on actual projects that we see, as well as the industries in which our region enjoys a competitive advantage," Byrd said. "Chatham County has a strong competitive advantage in attracting these employers. (These) policies would provide a more economic development friendly approach that's compatible with the goals set forth in our Comp

Plan."

The changes — which now go before the Chatham County Planning Board at its February 4 meeting — would allow the location of, among other uses, aviation and aerospace equipment manufacturing, medical equipment and instrument manufacture and transportation equipment manufacture. The majority of the new uses would only be allowed in zones labeled Heavy Industrial by getting a Conditional Use Permit, but would be allowed without one if the project utilizes municipal water and sewer infrastructure.

Byrd, Commissioner Diana Hales and County Planner Hunter Glenn each said that exception would apply almost exclusively to the Moncure Megasite, which will soon be on the receiving end of a sewer line from the City of Sanford. The megasite, located in the southeastern corner of Chatham County between Lee and Wake counties, has been a rumored location for major projects in recent years and has been the beneficiary of investment from not just Chatham

but surrounding counties and municipalities.

"We don't have a lot of industrial areas in this county," Hales said. "The Moncure Megasite is an industrial area. We will have a Sanford wastewater line coming to that site, and that will be carrying off their waste."

Other than government offices and facilities, which would be allowed by right in any area, the only new Conditional Use without that municipal exception is "heavy manufacturing, processing or assembly." The listing emphasizes that it will be allowed on a Conditional Use Permit "provided no operations are carried on, or are likely to be carried on, which will create smoke, fumes, noise, odor or dust which will be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community."

The changes would also allow for "laboratories for research and testing" in Light and Heavy Industrial areas, something Byrd cited on Twitter later in the day. She wrote that the proposed zoning amendments would "provide life

science companies a more certain path to development."

The area around Chatham County has been receiving major life sciences projects in recent years. The City of Sanford and Lee County have been the beneficiary of millions of dollars and investment and hundreds of new jobs from a Pfizer location, and pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly announced last week that it would add 462 new jobs and invest \$474 million in a Research Triangle Park facility in Durham County.

Other proposed amendments included regulations on Recreational Vehicles and specific language saying Conditional Use Permits would not be given to projects deemed to be "detrimental" to the "environment of the community."

The changes will now go before the Chatham County Planning Board before a commissioners vote in the near future.

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Pittsboro's 'Worst Cook' Lulu Boykin ducks elimination

Wins weekly challenge and survives another episode

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Dr. Lulu Boykin of Pittsboro survived another week on The Food Network's "Worst Cooks."

Boykin has been a contestant on the show's 18th season, which premiered on Jan. 5. And after being in the bottom two for two weeks in a row, Boykin received the coveted "best dish" honor of her team, which spared her from elimination.

The reality show centers on self-described "worst cooks" split into two teams to compete for a \$25,000 prize at the end of the season. The cooks, after receiving lessons on cooking knowledge from the show's chef hosts, Anne Burrell and Alton

Brown, compete on challenges where at the end of the hour-long program one contestant from each team is sent home.

In this week's episode, "Simple Yet Sophisticated," the contestants were challenged to create "elevated and sophisticated" fare, including a crash course in crepe making and rendering duck fat. First the contestants played a "game" where the teams competed to see who could identify different crepe filling ingredients. Not allowed to use their eyes or their hands, members of each team donned blackened-out goggles with oversized eyelashes, and smashed their faces into different fillings such as coffee and

creche and hazelnut and bananas.

Following what was likely a very messy experience, the contestants learned how to make crepe batter and cook the perfect crepe. The red team, of which Boykin is a member, seemed to have the upper hand in the challenge as Burrell urged them to "tilt-a-whirl" when pouring the batter into the pan. Boykin appeared thrilled with the challenge, saying "I love crepes" as she danced while shaking her dressing for the salad served with the crepes. On the other hand, the blue team seemed more challenged with Brown getting upset and admonishing, "No one is listening to me."

As she inspected Boykin's final dish, Burrell complimented her plating but said she wanted to see

Boykin "moving faster" and spending less time "in her book," the notebook each contestant uses to take notes on the chef's recipes.

Next, the contestants were shown how to prepare duck with an emphasis on rendering the fat to make a sauce. Then it was up to them to make the duck with potatoes and a side dish of their choice. Boykin chose a romanesca, which seemed to please Burrell, who said it was her "spirit vegetable." Feeling positive, Boykin explained that she had a new strategy. Since Burrell chastised her for being "in her book," Boykin said she began "drawing" the instructions rather than writing.

Displaying the book in her hand, an image of an oblong oval with hash marks on it meant to represent the hash marks on the raw duck fat, she said, "I remember everything from that little picture."

The strategy appeared to work.

Burrell complimented each food item on Boykin's plate, saying "Getting your face outta your book really helped."



Scott Gries

'Worst Cooks in America' contestant Lulu Boykin of Pittsboro, shown in this promotional photo for season 18 of The Food Network program.

The Food Network's Worst Cooks

EPISODE 5: Let's get ready to tailgate

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MONDAY, FEB. 3 AT 1 A.M.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9 AT 2 P.M.

At the end, Boykin's dish was named "better than the rest."

The next episode, which will air at 10 p.m. on Sunday is called "Let's get ready to tailgate," in honor of the Super Bowl. Boykin will be tested on

making "game day food" and "tailgating staples." If you missed last week's episode, you can watch it at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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CHURCH NEWS

FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

You are invited to join us for our "Friday Night Flow" service being held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31. Prophetess Angela Keitt will be the guest preacher.

Hope to see you there! The service location is 190 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro.

NEW SALEM CHURCH

The annual Gospel Sing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16

at New Salem Church. This will include a gospel band and a gospel quartet, Redeemed Harmony.

Plan to attend and invite a friend. The church is located at 5030 Old Graham Rd., Pittsboro.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Grief Counseling, Substance Abuse and Addiction Ministry of the First Missionary Baptist Church will meet at 7 p.m. on Feb.

6. This ministry is not just geared only to grief by death of a loved one but to grief of all types. It is a support group for substance abuse as well as addictions of all kinds. This ministry is open all who seek support in any and all areas of grief, substance abuse and addictions.

The meeting will be held at the First Missionary Baptist Church at 914 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Siler City. You may call 919 545-1257 if you have any questions or for further details.

STUDENTS ON THE DEAN'S LIST

BOB JONES UNIVERSITY NAMES DEAN'S LIST HONORS

Bob Jones University, located in Greenville, S.C. has announced the Fall 2019 Dean's List, recognizing students who earn a 3.0 - 3.74 grade point average during the semester.

1. McKayla Brown, a Senior Biology major of Siler City has been named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Bob Jones University

2. Brandon Riddell, a Junior Cinema Production major of Snow Camp was named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Bob Jones University.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT NAMES DEAN'S LIST HONORS

Beyla Munach, Class of 2023, of Pittsboro, is an Environmental Studies major in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont, located in Burlington, Vermont. It has announced the Fall 2019 Dean's List, recognizing students who earn a 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class.

DUKE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Sara Heilman, a 2018 graduate of Northwood High School has been named to the Dean's List at Duke University for the Fall 2019 semester. She is a sophomore majoring in Public Policy, Environmental Science and Spanish.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN

Anna K. Scott of Bennett has been named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll for the Fall 2019 Semester at the University of Tennessee at Martin, with a grade point average of 3.5 through 3.79.

MARS HILL UNIVERSITY

Emily Michea Nona of Pittsboro has been named to the Honor Roll of the Academic Dean at Mars Hill University, at the end of the fall 2019 semester, with a grade-point average of 3.5 on a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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

Served at Elementary and K-8 Schools

***Middle and High School Menus*

Monday, February 3

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

LUNCH: Big Daddy's Cheese Stick, Chicken Alfredo w/ Garlic Tst, PB&J w/ Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges (**Add Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, February 4

BREAKFAST: Cheesy Scrambled Eggs w/ Bacon & Croissant, Mandarin Oranges (** Cheesy Scrambled Eggs w/ Bacon & Croissant, Fresh Fruit)

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

Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Box, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit)

Wednesday, February 5

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

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

Thursday, February 6

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce (**Breakfast Pizza)

LUNCH: Oven Fried Chicken Drumsticks w/

Roll, Cheeseburger on Bun, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Corn, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Fresh Fruit, Lettuce & Tomato (** Oven-Fried Chicken Drumsticks w/ Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit)

Friday, February 7

BREAKFAST: Sausage Biscuit, Chilled Fruit Cocktail (**Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Chicken Pot Pie w/ Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, PB&J w/ Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Apple (**Chicken Pot Pie w/ Roll, Cheese Dippers w/ Marinara, Mozzarella Sticks Combo, Baby Carrots w/ Dip, Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Apple)

RCC ANNOUNCES HONORS STUDENTS

RANDOLPH COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2019 FALL SEMESTER HONORS LISTS

President's List, GPA of 4.0

Bear Creek: Emily Ferrell

Bennett: Lauryn Hill
Franklinville: Curtis Blevins, Amelia Garrison, Sarah Gregg, Daniel Kaminski, Dalton Sides, Mickaela Toomes, Bethany Walker

Graham: Barbara Cox
Liberty: Rhonda Hargis, Katie Rose

Ramseur: Danielle Cruvey, Alexia Farrish, Cameron Frye, Rachel Hawks, Cesar Jaimes Montes de Oca, Yaheli Rangel, Lauren Stanley, Sara Tomlinson

Robbins: Meghan Ban-nick, Trenton Sloan
Seagrove: Dillon McNeill, Dakota McPherson
Siler City: Pamela Lopez Ulloa, Doris Tomas Garcia

Dean's List, GPA of 3.50 to 3.99

Bennett: Trever Gray, Dakota Green

Franklinville: Hannah Anderson, Jossie Pedraza, Hannah Shore

Liberty: Erika Alejo Pacheco, Giovana Bautista Castro, Jazmina Beceril-Pena, Emily Castro, Erich Hartman, Kristan Kirkman, Daniel Redding, Hunter Rook, Jacob Smith, Kirstin Thomas

Ramseur: Anna Bowser, Kiersten Brower, Tyler Campbell, Haley Kearns,

Ana Morales, Jackson Richardson, Alex Rodriguez

Seagrove: Dairien Bennett, Destiany Binkley, Lindsay Castlebury, Nicole Kluba, Zachariah Mabe, Grace Poole, Braydan Reeder, Ethan Wallace

Siler City: Abigail Andrade, Natalee Clark, Flavio Sabaleta, Wesley Shelton, Charlie Vicente

Staley: Sabrina Rau
Academic Merit List

Bennett: Jonas McCannless, Suzana Morgan, Rebekah Way

Coleridge: Dylan New
Franklinville: Trenton Crutchfield, Roman Diaz, Daniel Ellison, Alejandro Gray, Danielle Handley, Allie Johnson, Walter Johnson, Alyson Kidd, Jordan Lester, Ashley Lowe, Journey Nixon, Josie Parrish, Kayli Vaughan, Jeffrey Wright

Liberty: Andrew Brock, McKenna Bush, Natalie Canter, Yasmin Cervantes, Trinity Currin, Samantha Duran, Bruce Hartman, Tyler Jones, Kory Langley, Mya Locklear, Kailey Mabe, Montserrat Mariscal, Kendall Mauldin, Shane McDuffee, Tia Meredith, Katherine Norris, Ana Perez, Parker Robb, Zaria Russell, John Suits, Leah Switzer, Olivia Tuck, Issac Vera-Espinoza, Jacqueline Vera-Raya

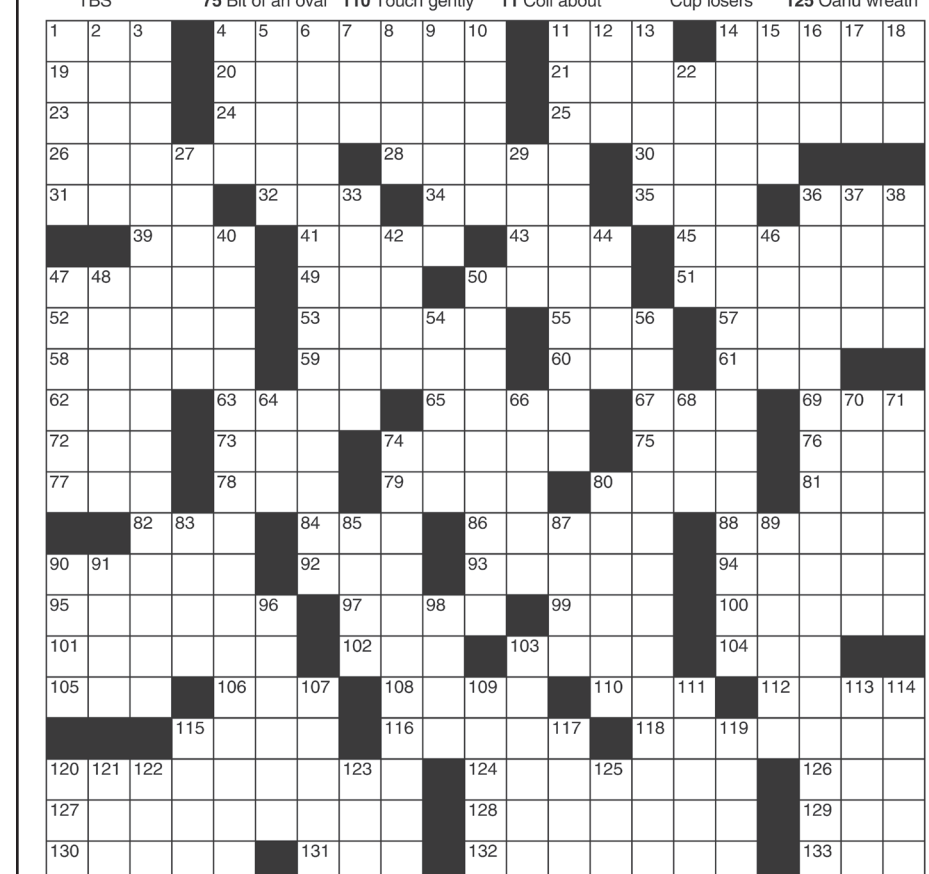
Pittsboro: Maria Benitez
Ramseur: Alexis

Alvarez, Daniel Avila, Cody Badeaux, Carlie Badeaux, Dylan Brown, Bria Burnett, Jessica Cardin, Amber Cole, Kelsey Craven, Michael Crowley, Kody Cummings, Clayton Flinchum, Aaron Flinchum, Kimberly Flores-Perez, Debree Gray, Camden Greene, April Hayworth, Taylor Locklear, Kasual Marley, Alexandria McCormick, Megan Parrish, Jacqueline Peltier, Hannah Proper, Marlene Rangel, Dylan Shores, Amanda Smith, Brodie Smith, Debra Sutphin, Brittany Sykes, Shaffaq Usman, Elijah Whitaker, Susan Wright, Matthew York, Robert York

Robbins: Megan Kim-

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

ACROSS
1 Tax doc. whiz
4 Vietnam Veterans Memorial architect
11 Facility with a Jacuzzi
14 "Deathtrap" star Michael
19 Skirt edge
20 Worship
21 "Can do!"
23 "Deathtrap" dramatist
24 Gotten out of dreamland
25 Tons
26 Inca conqueror
28 Natural skill
30 Radio shock jock
31 Hog food
32 Ltr. insert
34 Nobelist
35 Obama's party: Abbr.
36 Deg. for a Wall Streeter
39 Con's vote
41 Light blows
43 Some small batteries
45 Conan of TBS
47 Dumas' "Le — de Monte-Cristo"
49 Suffix with polyethyl-
50 "Explorer" of kids' TV
51 Daytime nap
52 "— and the Night Visitors" (Menotti opera)
53 Sonata segment
55 "Well well well!"
57 Church recesses
58 Cinematic
59 Give fresh life
60 Final: Abbr.
61 Final Greek consonant
62 Moose's kin
63 Singer
65 See 69-Across
67 Mai —
69 With
65-Across, attended as a spectator
72 Casual top
73 Adroit humor
74 U.S.-Canada air-watch org.
75 Bit of an oval
76 Title for Ringo Starr
77 Baseball great
78 "Selena" star, familiarly
79 "What's — for me?"
80 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
81 Deep anger
82 Virtuoso
84 Minister's study: Abbr.
86 Big name in motor scooters
88 Detach, as a badge
90 Pacific Ocean nation
92 "— haw!"
93 Actor Rob
94 Snared with a lasso
95 Like a clear night sky
97 Angry mutt's sound
99 Poetic tribute
100 Arab chiefs
101 Mysterious
102 Great Lakes' — Canals
103 Whirled
104 Actor Neill
105 — kwon do
106 Foe of Liston
108 Have the gall
110 Touch gently
112 A bit wet
115 Cure- — (elixirs)
116 Lawn growth
118 Ties tightly
120 Casual affair
124 Rescue financially
126 Even one
127 Former Honda SUV
128 Put under water
129 TV's Jean- — Picard
130 Serpent stuff
131 Super Bowl stats
132 Ceases
133 Volcanic stuff
12 "Wham!"
13 Garden pest
14 Major film studio
15 \$5 bills, slangily
16 Not well
17 Prefix with orthodox
18 First-aid ace
22 Ladies' men
27 Unconcern
29 "So long!"
33 Kayaks' kin
36 1991 film about a family exiled from Uganda
37 — noire
38 Santa — (hot winds)
40 Much tabloid reportage
42 Actor Sean
44 Comic Mort
46 Gym units
47 Attended
48 Brunch order
50 With the current ... or what appears at the starts of eight long answers in this puzzle?
54 Dual-sport Sanders
56 2007 Stanley Cup losers
64 Up to, in ads
66 Hall & —
68 Jackie's #2
70 Less stuffy
71 Fads, e.g.
74 Co-founder of the band Chic
80 Accelerated
83 — avis
85 Brain wave tests, in brief
87 Cease
89 Roving types
90 Mrs.' exam
91 Razor name
96 Scold loudly
98 Act like a lion
103 Bagel seed
107 Ain't right?
109 Overzealous
111 Have faith
113 Dish lists
114 Pump (up)
115 As well
117 Family of PC games
119 Plains natives
120 Nero's 605
121 "How — ya?"
122 Chaney of chillers
123 A cow chews it
125 Oahu wreath



Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
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EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Laurie Paige | Chatham Central High School

Grades/subjects you teach: 9th-12th grade Social Studies/AVID Coordinator and Elective Teacher

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

Date, place of birth: January 23 in Sanford.

Education: Chatham Central High School, UNC-Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in American History and a Minor in Geography. Teaching Licensure at Greensboro College.

Brief work history: I have worked at Chatham Central High School for 20 years teaching History and AVID.

Honors/awards: 2009 Chatham Central Teacher of the Year, 2019 Chatham Central Teacher of the Year, 2019 Chatham County Schools Teacher of the Year, 2019 National Staff Developer for AVID. Becoming the first Rural AVID National Demonstration School in the United States.

Hobbies/interests outside of educating: Professional photographer, watching my children play sports.

Family: Husband Shane of 18 years; sons Hasten, 15, and Anderson, 9.

What led you to a career in education? My mother led me to become an educator. The passion that she had for her career influenced me at a young age to follow in her footsteps.

Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them? My favorite teachers were the ones that were



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Chatham Central High School educator Laurie Paige (center), the reigning Chatham County Schools Teacher of the Year, is pictured with Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Derrick D. Jordan and Chatham Central Principal Dr. Karla Eanes.



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Chatham Central High School educator Laurie Paige (center), the reigning Chatham County Schools Teacher of the Year, is surrounded by some of her students during the 2018-19 school year.

the most organized and structured in class. They showed genuine concern for their students and had a passion for their subject area. I learned from these educators that teaching is more than preparing and presenting a lesson.

Has becoming an educator been all you expected it would be? Being an educator has far exceeded my expectations. I look forward to going to work everyday. Working with our youth is the most amazing opportunity. Everyday is a different day and although there are challenges the growth and learning that takes place each day makes every day worthwhile.

How has education changed since you were a student? I feel that education has become more challenging. When I was in school I feel that I education was about educating the brain. Today education is about educating the entire child.

What "makes your day" as an educator? To see students excited about learning and believing in their ability to overcome and achieve.

What's working in schools today? I feel that today we are working on the social and emotional learning of students as well as their educational learning.

What's not working? Education is relying on too many classes being taught online and not taught face to face.

What's your favorite memory of your first year in education? The support that I received from my fellow teachers.

How would your "educator" persona handle you as a student? I was a good student so I think that I would have liked having me in the classroom.

Best piece of advice for other educators? Get to know your students.

How do they learn, what makes them smile, and check on them when they are not smiling!

For students? Always always give it your best. Always believe in yourself and know that you are prepared to take on the world!!

For parents? Be an active participant in your child's education. Look at their planners, binders, and check grades on a weekly basis. Talk with your children about school.

What about your job would most surprise your friends who are not educators? How well behaved my students are!!

If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be?

They can do what they work at!

When you think about today's kids, you: Think about ways to motivate and push them to reach their goals.

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? Organized

Favorite movie about school or education: The Ron Clark Story.

How would you summarize your philosophy as an educator? All students can.

What five things must every educator know?
 1. Their students
 2. How to talk with students
 3. Classroom management

4. Content that they teach
 5. Organization and Structure

What's special about your education space at your school? My education space is cozy! I am surrounded in my space by books, pictures, awards, all which remind me daily of my goal in this room.

What's special about your school? Our school is special because we are so small. We are a community school and we support each other. We may be small in size but we are mighty is spirit.

Most unusual question you've ever gotten from a student? "How did the buffalo provide shelter for the Native Americans when they moved all the time?"

NEWS BRIEFS

Potential local chapter of DAR to hold information session

The North Carolina Society Daughters of the American Revolution is interested in organizing a chapter to serve Chatham County. A DAR information session will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 1 at the home of Barbara Guest, 14 Pulaski Trail, Chapel Hill, NC. All interested persons are invited to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to barbara@carolinaguest.com or 336-339-7777.

The DAR was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from patriots who won American independence during the American Revolution. With more than 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. It is nonpolitical. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world

in the past three years. To learn more about today's DAR, visit dar.org.

DAR has 105 chapters and 7600 members in North Carolina. Chatham County is one of a few counties in the state with no DAR chapter.

Any woman age 18 or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove direct lineal descent from a person who served in the military or a civil capacity during the war or rendered material aid to American Independence, is eligible. DAR Volunteer Genealogists will assist prospective members with research to prove lineage. To inquire about membership in the chapter organizing in Harnett County, contact Anne Hobbs, North Carolina Society DAR Organizing Secretary, at annehobbs@gmail.com or 704-634-1516.

Chatham Community Library celebrates League of Women Voters

The Chatham Community Library and the Chatham Unit of the

PITTSBORO — The N.C. Cooperative Extension will be hosting the 2020 Piedmont Green Industry and Landscape Conference beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Feb. 11 at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro. The conference provides continuing education and re-certification credits for green industry professionals, including landscapers, grounds and turf managers, and green-

house and nursery producers. Topics include New Plants for Exceptional Landscapes (Mark Weathington, JC Raulston Arboretum), How to Run a Landscape or Small Business in The Green Industry, Pollinators: How to Bee Active, Turf Jeopardy, and How the Agricultural Services Program Can Assist Nursery/Greenhouse Growers Recruit Labor. While the conference is

League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties will co-sponsor the screening of the award-winning HBO film, Iron Jawed Angels, beginning at 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 13, in the Holmes Meeting Room. The film stars Angelica Houston as League founder and suffrage champion Carrie Chapman Catt and chronicles the efforts of defiant young activists as they take the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women

win the right to vote.

In addition to the film, the League will celebrate its 100th anniversary (February 14) with birthday cake in honor of all that women have achieved and in honor of years of empowering voters. The League of Women Voters of the United States was founded on Valentine's Day in 1920, six months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Its principal aim was to help newly enfranchised women become politically

educated, responsible voting citizens.

This event is free and open to the public. For questions about this event please contact Brenda Rogers, League of Women Voters ODC, at brogers.lwvdc@gmail.com.

Extension office holding vegetable seed starting workshops

PITTSBORO — Growing your own vegetable transplants from seed can give you a head start on the growing season and access to varieties not commonly found as transplants at garden centers.

Extension Horticulture Agent Matt Jones and the Master Gardener Volunteers of Chatham County are hosting two hands-on workshops for home and community gardeners on planting and establishing vegetables from seed. Participants will learn about seed biology, vegetable variety selection, growing media and containers, growing conditions, and diagnosing common problems. Following the lecture, participants will practice sowing, transplanting, and caring for vegetable seedlings.

The workshop costs \$10 and is offered twice: from 6-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, and again from 9:30 a.m.-noon on Thursday, Feb. 6. Sessions will be held at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro. For more information, including how to register, visit: <https://go.ncsu.edu/chathamgardening> or contact Matt Jones at matt_jones@ncsu.edu

'House Divided' panel to address Civil War, Confederate symbolism

PITTSBORO — Chatham For All and Abundance NC are sponsoring "A House Divided - The Civil War Today," which will feature a panel discussion with four national scholars discussing the truths and fallacies about the Civil War and Confederate symbolism.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Chatham County Agriculture Center in Pittsboro.

"We have an obligation to pass on accurate information to the generations that follow us," said Del Turner, chairman of Chatham For All, "so they can use facts instead myths to form their world views."

The scholars include:
 • Dr. W. Fitzhugh Brundage, William Umstead Distinguished Professor of History at UNC-Chapel Hill
 • Dr. William Sturkey, Assoc. Professor of American History and Advisor for UNC Center for the American South.
 • Dr. Thavolia Glymph, Professor of History and Law, Duke University
 • Dr. Joseph T. Glatthaar, Stephenson Distinguished Professor of History at UNC-Chapel Hill, who specializes in military history of the Civil War.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to Chatham For All on Facebook or contact Mark Barroso at barroso2u@gmail.com.

— CN +R staff reports

Landscape and green industry conference set for Feb. 11

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A proposed wastewater transfer from Fearrington Village to Briar Chapel is on hold after staff for the N.C. Utilities Commission expressed concerns about the way Old North State Water Company, which operates Briar Chapel's wastewater plant, has handled customer complaints and odor coming from operations.

Staff photos by Zachary Horner

GRUESBECK:

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ministrative roles. Town Clerk Alice Lloyd announced Monday she would be retiring in February, and Town Engineer Elizabeth Goodson said she would be resigning to take a position in Holly Springs. Long-time Parks Planner Paul Horne left in November 2019 to work in Washington state.

Nass said the town is in the process, with the likely assistance of the N.C. League of Municipalities, of seeking a long-term interim manager while a formal search for a permanent manager is under way. Gruesbeck's role, according to the town website, has been to serve "at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners as the administrative head of the town government responsible for the supervision and administration of all departments and employees."

Commissioner Kyle Shipp noted that he agreed with Nass' response on Gruesbeck's resignation and did not want to comment further, and messages to Commissioners Jay Farrell and Pamela Baldwin were not returned by press time. Commissioner Michael Fiocco earlier confirmed to the News + Record that discussions about Gruesbeck's performance and his future with the town occurred prior to the board meeting Monday.

Prior to his tenure in Pittsboro, Gruesbeck was hired as the town manager of Freemont, Michigan, in 2009. According to a story in the Freemont Times-Indicator, he was fired by the town during a council meeting on July 10, 2012. The board did not publicly say at the time why Gruesbeck was terminated.

Calls to Messick at his office were not returned by press time Tuesday.

Earlier in Monday's meeting, the town's board took a virtual "test drive" on the new Chatham County Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Utility Master Plan's digital dashboard.

The plan, created in tandem with the county and its municipalities and by engineering firm Hazen and Sawyer, provides a tool to look at water and wastewater needs and alternatives. Hazen and Sawyer engineer James Hennessey guided the board through the tool, which provides Pittsboro, Chatham County and its other municipalities an in-depth look at how pursuing different water and wastewater solutions would impact supply

'I've frequently expressed respect and thanks for his rock solid budget work and prudent financial management. That has been so important to our small town with our over-stretched resources. That said, the board decided we need to go a new direction: The vote to ask for his resignation was unanimous. As Commissioner Jay Farrell said, 'It's best for the town.'

JOHN BONITZ, *Pittsboro town commissioner*

through the year 2070.

Pittsboro faces significant challenges in both areas because of its growth, particularly for additional sources of water and wastewater disposal. The board's next step is to evaluate its alternatives, particularly the expansion of its existing plants and the potential construction of new facilities.

"We can analyze this for a long time," Commissioner Kyle Shipp said during the meeting, when inquiring about decisions the board faces on water and wastewater. "but somebody's going to have to tell us (something like) 'You're going to have to decide by October, A or B.'"

Town Engineer Goodson said Pittsboro needed to narrow its focus on prioritizing options to pursue and then "take the next logical step."

Gruesbeck, prior to his resignation, said the town was "in a holding pattern on one or two things."

His departure, and Goodson's, places additional urgency on those questions as the town deals with growth and demand.

In other business, the board adopted a resolution designating February as Black History Month in Pittsboro and referred a zoning request and an annexation request to the town's planning board.

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WASTEWATER:

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sociation — essentially a homeowners association — until recently and "had substantially different interests compared to the new resident-controlled BCCA."

ONSWC first made the application for the transfer in November 2017, citing an aging facility at Fearrington Village and the need to "meet upcoming nutrient management requirements for discharge into the Jordan Lake watershed." In December 2019 testimony before the NCUC, ONSWC President Michael Myers said his group had held "numerous informational meetings on this transfer" and had met with the homeowners associations of both Briar Chapel and Fearrington Village "on numerous occasions over the past two years."

But according to last week's motion, NCUC Public Staff said they hadn't learned that the BCCA Board of Directors had been "controlled" by NNP-Briar Chapel, also referred to as "the developer of Briar Chapel" until late November 2019.

"It was only after that turnover that the Briar Chapel homeowners had control of the BCCA decision-making processes," the motion stated. "The current BCCA board members elected by the homeowners have advised the Public Staff that the BCCA, despite their efforts, was unsuccessful in hiring an attorney prior to the De-

ember 27, 2019, deadline for petitions to intervene in this proceeding... It was only the weekend of January 11 and 12, 2020, that the Briar Chapel residents learned the BCCA would not be representing them. Hence, the fact the petition of the Briar Chapel customers containing approximately 647 signatures were gathered in 2 to 3 days demonstrates the extent of the customers' discontent with the wastewater utilities service at Briar Chapel."

More than 20 Briar Chapel residents had filed signed statements expressing their displeasure with the transfer, citing poor customer service, bad odor coming from the current treatment plant and improper dispersion of reclaimed water. At the Jan. 14 meeting, 230 customers attended a public meeting in Pittsboro, with 31 Briar Chapel residents testifying before the NCUC requesting denial of the transfer.

According to documents from the NCUC, the Fearrington Village treatment plant was serving 1,329 customers at the end of 2017, and the Briar Chapel system serves 1,967 residential customers and 16 commercial customers.

Editor's Note: In next week's News + Record, we will explore the history of this proposed transfer and go deeper into consumer complaints and ONSWC's public responses.

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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.



Visit us at ChathamPark.com

Chatham's prep athletic directors work (a lot) to make sports happen

BY ZACHARY HORNER
 News + Record Staff

They come from different backgrounds, but they find themselves in the same position.

Bob Pegram was a wildlife biologist who always loved sports. Aaron Kivette just wanted to be a coach at some point. Carmen Wood was a manager on the UNC women's basketball team.

But here, in the 2019-2020 school year, they serve as either the primary or assistant athletic director at their respective schools in Chatham County.

While the athletes and coaches get quoted and photographed and noted for their contri-

butions to prep sports in Chatham County and around America, athletic directors serve an important role in making middle school and high school athletics happen. Chatham Central High School's Pegram, Woods Charter School's Wood and Margaret B. Pollard Middle School's Kivette are no different.

'I thought I would die giving up football'

Yes, Bob Pegram's first career was as a wildlife biologist, but his interest in sports started before he worked for a living.

"I've always wanted to be a coach," he said. "Even when I was in high school, I thought it was a pretty cool job."

After seven years in the U.S. Army, getting a fisheries and wildlife management degree from N.C. state and working as an endangered species biologist for another seven years, he wanted something different. Being with family, he said, was "way more important than chasing the dollar," and his job kept him away for all but two weeks of the month.

So he got a job teaching and coaching. He worked and coached football at Lee County High School in Sanford before moving to Chatham Central in 2006. He taught science and PE while coaching football, but a year after becoming the athletic

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Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Chatham County's prep athletic directors have quite a task on their hands every day making sure their schools' student-athletes are ready athletically and academically, as well as logistically, to compete. Shown here, from left to right: Chatham Central High School Athletic Director Bob Pegram, Woods Charter School Assistant Athletic Director Carmen Wood and Margaret B. Pollard Middle School Athletic Director Aaron Kivette.

NFL's Cowboys know what they are getting in Siler City's Edwards

DALLAS — For six years now, Siler City native and Jordan-Matthews star George Edwards has been snubbed by the media which has consistently given Minnesota Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer all the credit for its defense



DON BEANE
 Sports Editor

efforts.

Jerry Jones and the Dallas Cowboys know what Edwards can do, and were quick to jump on the veteran NFL assistant as soon as it was announced he would not be back with Minnesota.

Sure, Zimmer called the defenses, but the veteran coach has also publicly stated on numerous occasions that it is Edwards who did the rest.

"He really does everything for me other than call the plays on Sunday," Zimmer said to reporters in a press conference last season. "George does everything. He helps with the game plan. He runs a lot of the meetings, defensive meetings. He studies the game just like he's calling the game. Really, I mean, he does everything other than call the game on Sunday."

Jones and newly-signed Dallas Cowboys head coach Mike



Photo by Getty Images

Siler City's George Edwards has been hired by the Dallas Cowboys as the NFL organization's linebackers coach and senior analyst. It will be Edwards' second stint with the Cowboys organization after working with the team from 1998-2001.

McCarthy, who won a Super Bowl with the Green Bay Packers in 2011, made a determined dash to get Edwards into the fold when all indicators pointed at the Duke graduate heading to the Cleveland Browns.

Edwards spent the 1998 through 2001 seasons in Dallas and was beloved by Jones.

He also called the plays for the Vikings against the

Cowboys in 2016 when Zimmer had emergency eye surgery. The result was Minnesota holding Dallas and its stars Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott to under 300 yards in a tough 17-15 loss.

Thus far it appears Edwards will coach the linebackers, just as he did in his previous stint with the Cowboys under Chan Gailey and Dave Campo, and

also serve as a senior analyst with an attention on defensive dub packages.

Speculation has also surfaced in Dallas that Edwards, who turned 53 on January 16, is the defensive coordinator-in-waiting behind Mike Nolan who will turn 61 in March.

Needless to say there are many Cowboys fans in Chatham County, but that number

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- Philadelphia Eagles
- Seattle Seahawks
- Washington Redskins
- Minnesota Vikings

will grow significantly next fall. And Edwards and Dallas will be facing a tough schedule which includes non-division games with the likes of San Francisco, Baltimore, Seattle and yes, Minnesota.



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Standing at the top

Northwood freshman wrestler Tyler Tracy is now 34-0 and ranked No. 2 in the state in the 3A Classification.



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The Chatham County Shooting Sports 4-H team made an impressive showing in its first NC State Championships appearance Jan. 11 in Ellerbe.

Chatham County Shooting Sports excels at states down in Ellerbe

BY DON BEANE
 News + Record Staff

ELLERBE — What a day it was for the Chatham County Shooting Sports 4-H team on Saturday, Jan. 11.

In its first season of existence as a club, both the Chatham County ju-

nior and senior teams placed second in the team standings.

The performance of the Walters sisters was particularly impressive. Shelby Lynn Walters captured 1st place in the Senior Individuals while Laura Ann Walters took 1st place in the Junior Individuals.

Shelby Lynn and Sarah Katherine Walters were both asked to be a part of the NC National Hunter Skills team which will compete on June 21-26 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

"We are pretty proud of all these kids," said Kathryn Powell Walters. "It's out first year as a club."

Red Raiders hold off Lady Jets

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Ashley Bowman's basket off the left baseline with 2:53 to play broke a 32-all stalemate before her three-pointer from the left wing a minute later put the final nail in the coffin as High Point Andrews held off a determined second-half Jordan-Matthews comeback to capture a 37-32 PAC 7 2A Conference victory over the Lady Jets Friday night in Frank N. Justice Gymnasium.

Improving to 9-0 on the road, the Lady Red Raiders won their fifth straight outing and swept the season series while climbing to 6-1 in the league standings and 14-2 overall, whereas J-M dropped to 1-6 in the conference and 5-13 for the year with its fourth consecutive setback.

Bowman led Andrews with 10 points and Sequoyah Johnson finished with eight as the Lady

Red Raiders connected on 33% (16-of-48) of their attempts from the field while committing 13 turnovers.

Jasmine Scotten notched 12 points for Jordan-Matthews while Makayla Glover added eight. The duo collected eight rebounds apiece as the Lady Jets held a 27-20 advantage on the boards and shot 35% (15-of-43) from the floor while turning the ball over 18 times.

"I feel fortunate to get this win," remarked Andrews' coach John Shearin. "Ashley Bowman managed to hit a couple of key buckets in the final three minutes and we were able to persevere against a J-M team that battled us to the wire."

Added Shearin, "Credit Jordan-Matthews for playing a great game. I thought they played harder and outthrustled us to take away a lot of our touches in the second half, and their rebounding limited our second-chance opportunities. Their guards did a good job taking care of the

ball and didn't try to force things, while we got a little too patient on offense after halftime and were content to pass the ball instead of attacking the rim."

Lady Jets' coach Charles Byrd noted an 11-0 run by the Lady Red Raiders in the second quarter presented a big challenge for his team to overcome.

"After we built a five-point lead at the end of the first period we suddenly found ourselves trailing by six, but this group never quits and fought back to put us in a position to win at the end," said Byrd.

"While I thought our defense was outstanding all evening and the girls did a great job on the glass," Byrd said, "we're still struggling to find points at times in the game, and tonight silly turnovers hurt us again. But if we can capitalize offensively, hit a few more shots and finish a little bit better around the rim I believe we can still make a run late in the season."

After J-M jumped out to an early 5-0 advantage, Andrews responded with a 6-0 spurt of its own before Maggie Thornton's jumper in the lane, a Glover layup and Scotten's put-back in the paint gave Jordan-Matthews an 11-6 lead at the conclusion of the initial stanza.

But behind six points from Jeriel Nesbitt, the Lady Red Raiders opened the second frame with an 11-0 burst to seize a 17-11 advantage with 4:36 left until halftime prior to the Lady Jets reducing the margin to 22-17 at the break.

Following Ashlyn Ray's jumper from the left wing with 7.6 seconds to go in the third quarter that drew J-M within 27-26, Bowman drained a trey from the left side at the horn to push Andrews' lead out to four before Glover's jumper off the right baseline and Scotten's put-back off the left baseline pulled Jordan-Matthews even at 30-all with 3:59 remaining in the contest.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Avery Headen shoots from the paint for two past T. Wingate Andrews' Journee Flowers in the third quarter last Friday in Siler City.

After Ray's layup then countered one by the Lady Red Raiders' Zoria Scott, Bowman tallied the deciding points prior to adding her three-point-

er exactly one minute later to give Andrews a five-point cushion while the Lady Jets were held scoreless over the final three minutes.

Andrews sinks Jordan-Matthews in waning seconds

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Kenel Barrett's layup with 15.4 seconds to go in the contest snapped the third and final tie of the evening before his two free throws with 5.1 seconds on the clock sealed the deal as T. Wingate Andrews survived a scare from an underrated Jordan-Matthews team to escape John Phillips Court with a 48-46 PAC 7 2A Conference triumph Friday night.

Completing a sweep of the season series, the winners improved to 5-2 in the league standings and 10-7 for the year, while the Jets tumbled to 2-5 in the conference and 6-12 overall.

Barrett topped three Red Raiders' players in double figures with 17 points, while T.J. East contributed 13 and Jenoah McKiver chipped in 11. Andrews shot 15-of-36 (42



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Jayden Davis goes for the basket past T. Wingate Andrews' Jenoah McIver as the two teams battled for victory in front of the home crowd in Siler City last Friday.

percent) from the floor and turned the ball over 18 times.

Jayden Davis pumped in 17 points and Lanice Hedgepeth came off the bench to add a dozen for J-M, which connected on 36% (16-of-44) of its field goal attempts and committed 15 turnovers, while

both teams collected a total of 21 rebounds.

"This was a hard-fought game in quite an electric atmosphere, and give Jordan-Matthews all the credit in the world," related Red Raiders' coach Cory Dumas. "Their record really doesn't reflect just how good they are. Once

they started hitting their shots they made a nice run at us and wouldn't go away. I was proud how our players kept their poise down the stretch and stayed together, while we had a couple of guys (A.J. Herndon and Khari Walker) step up big for us when some of our starters got in foul trouble."

Added Dumas, "I thought we attacked the paint well in our half-court set, while our game plan was to contain Hedgepeth, which I felt like we did early before he got loose later in the game."

Jets' coach Rodney Wiley said it was one of the better games his team played as a whole all season.

"Andrews jumped on us early when we were turning the ball over before we settled down and allowed our defense to bring us back," Wiley said. "Our matchup zone in the

second quarter was the key to cutting a 12-point deficit to one at the break. Free throw shooting is always a big factor in a tight ball game, and tonight we converted less than 50 percent (13-of-27) of our foul shots, while Andrews sank 15-of-26 (58 percent) of its tries from the line. Although we made a nice rally in the second half to pull even in the closing seconds, we didn't help ourselves by hitting just one-of-nine attempts from three-point range."

Behind nine points from McKiver along with treys by East and Barrett, the Red Raiders stormed out to a 21-11 advantage after one period and went up by 12 following Herndon's fast break layup at the beginning of the second stanza prior to J-M going on a 14-3 quarter-ending run to close the gap to 26-25 at intermission.

After Jordan-Matthews

took a 32-31 lead on Hedgepeth's fast break layup with 4:04 to go in the third frame, Andrews outscored the Jets 8-3 over the remainder of the stanza to fashion a four-point advantage entering the fourth period.

Following Barrett's layup that increased the Red Raiders' lead to 43-37 with 5:31 left to play, Davis and Hedgepeth combined for five straight points as J-M trimmed the difference to one with 2:12 remaining.

But after an East free throw was answered by two Chandler Matthews foul shots to tie the count at 44-all with 24.8 seconds to go, Barrett's layup put Andrews ahead for good prior to his two charity tosses 10 seconds later that provided the winning margin to offset a pair of Jordan-Matthews' free throws by Seth Moore with 0.5 seconds left that closed out the scoring.

Lady Chargers gallop past Red Wolves in Big Eight play

BY DON BEANE
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HILLSBOROUGH — It was a rout from the get-go here on Friday night in Hillsborough as Northwood dominated 3A Cedar Ridge 70-34 in Big Eight Conference action.

Northwood (7-1, 13-5) received 17 points from Rae McClarty while Tekeyah Bland and McKenna Snively added 11 each.

"Good win and it was nice that we got to play everyone tonight," said NW coach Cameron Vernon. "Cedar Ridge is young and rebuilding but they fought very hard. For us it was very nice to see Rae McClarty have a breakout game. She's been under the weather the past couple games but she was clearly feeling better tonight. Bland and Snively were again very consistent as they have been all year."

The Lady Chargers outscored the host Red Wolves 19-6 in the opening period and never looked back. Natalie Bell had five points including a trey for Northwood while Bland chipped in four and Gianna McManaman a trey. Jacori Walton had a three-pointer in the period for Cedar Ridge (0-8, 1-16).

The lead ballooned to 39-13 at the half as the Chargers continued to dominate the action. McClarty torched the Red Wolves for nine points while Chandler added

three in the stanza.

"Chandler Adams and Caitlin Bailey were very good again inside," added Vernon. "I thought Natalie Bell was great hustling and Gianna McManaman continues to distribute the ball well to her teammates as was evident with 4 assists."

Northwood won the third period 23-12 to advance the lead to 62-25 entering the fourth as the Chargers offense clicked on all cylinders. Snively canned a pair of treys in the NW run while Bland added five points, Adams four, and McManaman and McClarty a three-pointer each. Walton answered with five points including a trey for Cedar Ridge while Nadia Oswald chipped in three points.

McClarty would collect five points in the fourth as Northwood cruised to the 70-34 triumph.

Adams chipped in nine points in the win for the Chargers while adding seven boards. Bland chipped in six rebounds and three steals, Bell three assists, and Snively and McClarty three steals each.

"Next week is going to be extremely important and will definitely determine the conference with games at Southern and home versus Chapel Hill," closed Vernon. "I like where this team is at right now. We are getting better every week."

Lady Knights survive Grizzly attack to remain unbeaten in 1A CTH play

BY DON BEANE
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ALTAMAHAW — Tamaya Walden and Morgan Lineberry combined for 34 points on Friday night here in Altamahaw to help Chatham Charter fend off a feisty Clover Garden bunch 50-44 in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference play.

Chatham Charter remains unbeaten at 8-0 in league play and to

16-2 overall while Clover Garden dropped to 6-2 in the CTH and to 15-4 overall.

The Grizzlies owned a 9-5 lead after one period of play before using a 17-11 advantage in the second to give the hosts a comfortable 26-16 lead at the break.

The Knights would not be outdone, however, and used an 18-10 spurt in the third quarter to close to within 36-34 entering

the fourth before using a 16-8 surge in the final eight minutes of action to complete the torrid comeback and take the 50-44 triumph back to Siler City.

Rebecca McGaughnea chipped in six points in the win for Chatham Charter while Lacie Clark and Mackenzie Brooks added four apiece.

Jaelyn Faucette tallied 16 for Clover Garden while Reagan Allison

chipped in 10, and Emma Hackney and Lexi Roberts apiece.

Chatham Charter boys crush Clover Garden 65-43

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

ALTAMAHAW — The Chatham Charter boys are on a roll.

The Knights crushed Clover Garden 65-43 on Friday night in Altamahaw to stay atop the 1A Central Tar Heel Conference standings at 8-0 while moving to 19-1 overall.

Chatham Charter won every quarter including 13-11 in the first and 13-10 in the second to lead 26-21 at the half.

In the third period the Knights blew the game wide open with a 21-7 spurt in the third to extend the lead to 47-28 before cruising to the

65-43 win.

Jordan Hamilton continued a spectacular senior campaign with 19 points, 13 rebounds, and three assists while Ryan White chipped in 14 points, four boards and two assists.

Connor Murphy contributed 11 more points, eight rebounds, three assists and four steals while Cole Milholen added eight points, eight boards, four assists and a steal.

Chatham Charter travels to Research Triangle on Wednesday, January 29 before hosting county-rival Woods Charter in Siler City on Friday, January 31.

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Bland nets career best 22 as Lady Chargers continue conference surge

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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PITTSBORO — Six-foot freshman TeKeyah Bland poured in a career-high 22 points, including seven straight in the second quarter to give Northwood the lead for good, while the league-leading Lady Chargers responded to every Vance County challenge for three periods before outscoring the Lady Vipers 20-5 in the final frame to post a 56-39 Big Eight 3A Conference victory Tuesday night in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

Northwood raised its league record to 6-1 and climbed to 12-5 for the season, while Vance County fell to 3-2 in the conference and 9-6 overall.

McKenna Snively chipped in 10 points for the Lady Chargers, who connected on 43% (21-of-49) of their field goal attempts while holding a 25-21 edge in rebounds.

Yumyah Hargrove and Leslie Trejo tallied 10 points each for the Lady Vipers, who shot 27% (12-of-45) from the

floor, while both teams turned the ball over 13 times.

"I thought after TeKeyah gave us the advantage early in the second quarter we kept the momentum the rest of the evening, and every time Vance County got close we had an answer," remarked Northwood coach Cameron Vernon.

"We had good ball movement and got the shots we wanted, and we hustled to get loose balls that sparked our transition game. I also like the way we kept our composure down the stretch and never really let Vance County get its running game going."

Lady Vipers' coach Sheila Kearney stated she could sum up the difference in one word — fatigue.

"We got tired in the last period but continued taking outside shots without our legs," said Kearney. "While we had some good looks at the basket, we just couldn't put the ball in the hole. We didn't always look for high-percentage shots every time we got close, while we didn't execute on defense and get stops at the other end. Their big girl

(Bland) moves well without the ball and is strong around the rim both scoring and rebounding, and her effort on the boards often kept us to one shot."

Bland finished the night grabbing a game-high nine caroms, including eight on the defensive glass.

Despite Vance County sinking only three-of-15 attempts from the floor in the initial stanza, the teams were tied at 7-all with a minute-and-a-half to go in the opening period prior to Rae McClarty's backcourt steal and layup with 48 seconds left in the frame that gave the Lady Chargers a two-point advantage after one quarter.

Following Shymia Banks' layup at the start of the second period that pulled the Lady Vipers even for the last time, Bland registered seven consecutive points on a free throw, a lane put-back, a layup and two more foul shots, to boost Northwood's lead to 16-9 with 5:11 remaining in the second quarter before Trejo's three-pointer from the left wing and jumper from the right side narrowed the gap to two with 2:51 to go in

the first half.

But the Lady Chargers managed to maintain a two-to-four point advantage over the remainder of the stanza to carry a 24-22 lead into intermission.

After Trejo's jumper off the right baseline drew the visitors from Henderson within 31-30 with 5:01 remaining in the third period, Northwood replied with Caitlin Bailey's layup, a Chandler Adams charity toss and Snively's wide open layup to forge a six-point advantage with 3:38 left in the frame prior to a pair of Tymiah Wimbush foul shots and Nashiya Branch's floater in the lane that once again drew Vance County within two entering the last eight minutes.

But with Bland and Snively combining for nine points, the Lady Chargers went on a 14-2 run over the first six minutes of the fourth quarter to put the contest away, and Bailey's jumper off the right baseline at the horn accounted for the final spread while giving Northwood its biggest lead of the night.

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director in the 2014-2015 school year, he dropped coaching.

"I didn't do very well at either one of them that year," Pegram said. "I thought I would die, giving up football, you know? But I didn't."

His normal day involves coming to school and "putting out any fires that erupted overnight." He teaches his 9:40 a.m. physical education class, then gets back into AD work.

"I'm either doing something with scheduling, ordering stuff for the concession stands, going to pick up stuff for the concession stand, mowing grass, fixing something that broke, you know, some type of athletic equipment, being a paint sprayer or whatever, you know, just doing something," he said. "There is no 9-to-5 cookie cutter assembly line job here."

Of the three ADs featured in this story, Pegram is the only one at a school with football. He was used to the late Friday nights while coaching, but this new job provided a different agenda. He checks in on food prep in the concession stands, getting the ticket gate set up, lights turned on, even standing in as a certified first responder sometimes that can help with minor medical issues.

All that while overseeing the school's coaches, making sure students stay academically eligible — more on that in a bit — and enjoying the sports themselves.

"They've always said that if you love what you do, you never work a day in your life, you know, and that's kind of like what it is," Pegram said. "I used to keep up with the number of hours of worked a day and it kind of got depressing.

I quit doing math because I do love it."

'We do put academics No. 1'

Aaron Kivette liked coaching, but he stumbled into the athletic director role kind of by accident.

"I just wanted to teach and coach and then it just kind of fell in line," says Kivette, the athletic director at Pollard Middle School. "I had coached for maybe eight or nine years and then our previous athletic director left and I just kind of took that position."

Like Pegram, he also teaches physical education classes for Pollard's students, but his favorite part of his job is keeping Pollard's athletics program going. Making sure that everything gets done on top of teaching classes is "tough" sometimes, he said.

"Being a PE teacher, I might not have as many responsibilities in the classroom as a normal classroom teacher, but I still have to do lesson plans and all that stuff," Kivette said. "So I do that and then my first priority is making sure everything is ready to go for whatever is going on that day for athletics. If we've got a home game, I've got to get ready for that. And then after I get home, I take care of other things if I need to if I didn't get it done in planning."

One of the athletic director's primary responsibilities is making sure students are academically eligible to play. Kivette says students at Pollard must maintain a C average or above at all times. So every week, he gets a readout of students' grades and checks to make sure athletes are staying there.

"If they drop below that, we pull them off the team for a little while," he said. "Allow them to get help from teachers,

whatever they need to get to get that grade back up. And then as soon as their grade comes back up, they're back on the team. So we do put academics No. 1 and I think our student-athletes know that."

At a middle school level, he said, there's not as much focus on winning as there might be at the high school level. It's more about helping students and providing an educational environment.

"Now we're going to do everything we can, our coaches will do everything they can to win," Kivette said, "but they're not going to do it at the expense of either behavior or academics. And so it's not like high school or college sometimes where you look at win-loss record, and you want to determine whether the coach needs to move on or not."

'Relationships are important'

Carmen Wood is the assistant athletic director at Woods Charter School, and one of her roles is being the liaison between the middle and high school sports programs.

But her background is unlike the other ADs we met — she was a manager for the women's basketball team at UNC during her college days. That means she helped with logistics of the team's activities, was at every practice and sat on the bench at game days. Wood said she carries that experience into her current role.

"Relationships are important," she said. "Just building that up together with the players and anyone that comes into your vicinity. That's what's going to last the longest."

Wood teaches physical education for students in kindergarten through fourth grade, coaches middle school girls' basketball and is an assistant

coach for varsity girls' basketball. So unlike most people at Woods Charter, she can play a role in a student's life from day one until graduation.

Wood does a lot of the things that Pegram and Kivette do — make sure fields are ready, coordinate with coaches, check grades. She's a basketball fanatic — she does help coach both of Woods' girls teams — but she's enjoyed getting to witness other sports and even found one she likes.

"I really like our soccer teams," she said. "The coaches create this environment where you have this outlet and it's about having a good time developing yourself as a kid and as a person, but also driving you to compete. I never really liked soccer because of how much running it was, right? But I came here and I watch them."

Since she gets to work with elementary students, and she loves sports, she gets to try to influence them to consider athletics in the future.

"A lot of them don't play sports, but part of my curriculum is like, 'we're at least going to try them so that as you develop and you learn how to do things, you might be a great pitcher and have no idea,'" Wood said. "So we're going to try you know, my thing I'm doing baseball, but you know, just working on throwing and catching that opens up their mind to something."

'This whole other outlet'

Wood, Kivette and Pegram all spoke about the role that sports plays in their schools and communities, and while there are similarities, each has its own level of uniqueness.

Kivette's Pollard has an after-school program for students that provides homework help and adult supervision between

the final bell of the school day and opening tip, first pitch or kickoff so they can stay at school and stay for the game.

"I think our student body really loves our athletic program here," he said. "You can tell from the amount of kids that come out for all the sports. I mean, for cross country, we probably had 100 and some runners this year (on the team)."

Wood views the sports teams at Woods Charter as an opportunity for students to find an outlet, something to maybe take their minds off of what's bothering them for a bit.

"I think our academics can speak for themselves," she said. "You're a kid and you're challenging yourself constantly, every day to grow and to learn and to especially academically be successful — that gets stressful. But now I have this other outlet that says, 'You know, I can show myself in a whole other world.'"

Chatham Central is one of the few if not the only show in town in Bear Creek, Pegram said, so the Bears' games become a social event. Athletics at Chatham Central is not just sports, but a community centerpiece.

"A lot of the folks that attend our ball games buy sponsorships and they don't even have kids in the school," he said. "But they want to come watch the ballgame. They want to come see the people. It's something to do. In the rural community, the school survives on the community. And I think the community survives on the school."

And the athletic directors are the people that help make that happen.

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Jordan-Matthews' Hannah Redding powers through the 100-meter freestyle last Thursday at the PAC7 Championship at the Asheboro YMCA.

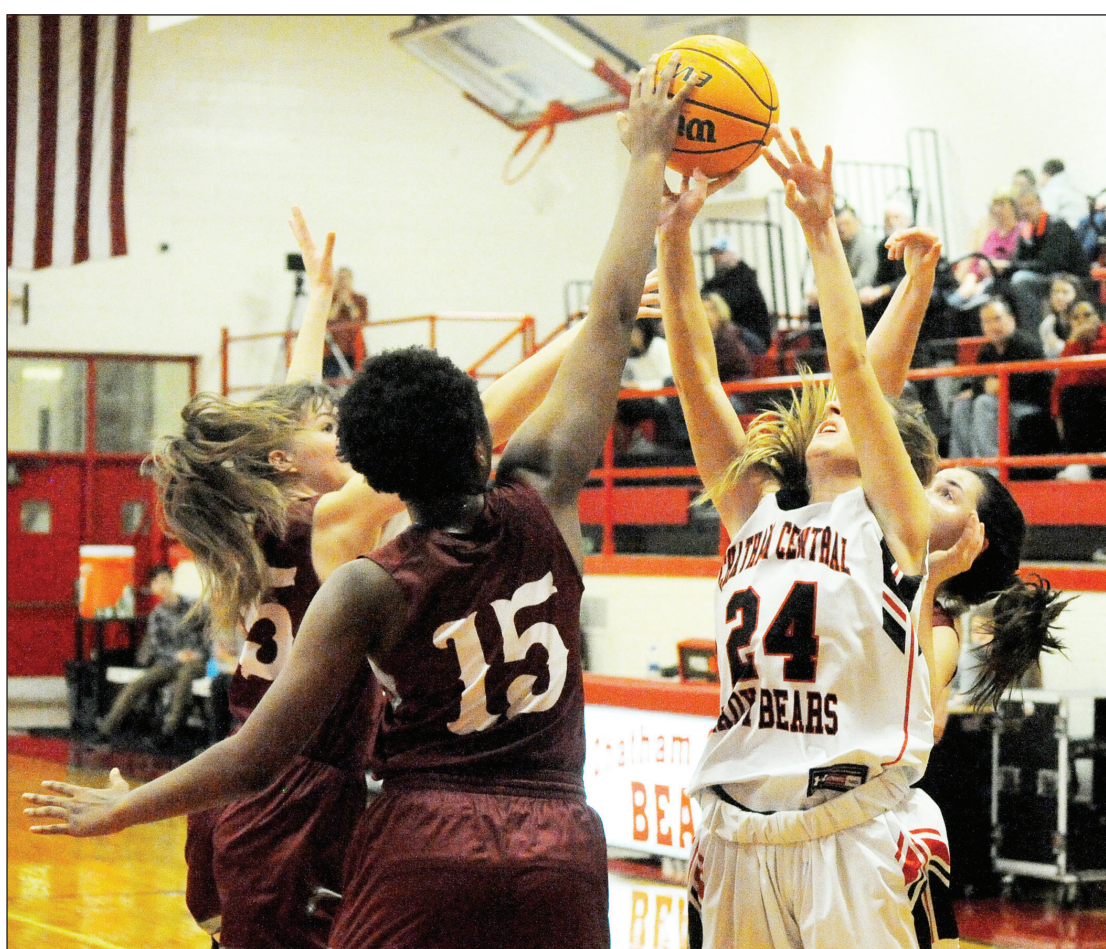


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Chatham Central's Lucas Skertich finishes a fast-break during the Bears' 58-27 rout of Gray Stone Day on Jan. 21 in Bear Creek.

Gray Stone Day's Seccora Medley (15) and Danika Ray seek ball control along with Chatham Central's Mary-Grace Murchinson during the second half of play Jan. 21 in Bear Creek.

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Jordan-Matthews' Lanice Hedgepeth weaves through the T. Wingate Andrews defense on the way to the basket last Friday night in Siler City.



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Jordan-Matthews' Jasmine Scotten shoots through the defenses of T. Wingate Andrews' Zaria Scott last Friday for a late fourth-quarter basket in their second season game in Siler City.



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T. Wingate Andrews' Sequoyah Johnson blocks Jordan-Matthews' Ellia Wright last Friday night in Siler City as she went for a lay-up in the second half of their game.



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Chatham Central's Mary-Grace Murchinson attempts a lay-up past the defense of Gray Stone Day in the second half of a Jan. 21 conference game in Bear Creek.



Chatham Central coach Lynda Burke gives instruction to a Bears player during the closing minutes of Chatham Central's Jan. 21 matchup with Gray Stone Day.

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Marsh Auto Parts expansion raises resident concerns

Company wants to add 1.2 acres to its Siler City facility

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — After two public hearings and dire concerns from neighbors, the decision by the Siler City board of commissioners about proposed expansion of Marsh Auto Parts in Siler City has been delayed again until March.

Marsh Auto Parts has been selling recycled truck and auto parts since 1963. It has a 33-acre salvage yard in Silk Hope and a 5.5-acre salvage yard in Siler City on Eleventh Street (U.S. Hwy. 64) near an intersection with Greensboro Avenue. The company is now requesting the town rezone another 1.2 acres of Greensboro Avenue from Residential to Highway-Commercial so that it can use that parcel for a delivery and temporary storage area for vehicles.

At a public hearing last Tuesday, Steve and Jimmy Marsh, owners of Marsh Auto Parts outlined what they wanted to do and responded to questions from members of the Siler City Board of Commissioners. When the first public hearing occurred last month, it was stated in the public hearing presentation by Siler City Planning Director Jack Meadows that the cars would be in the new lot for 48-hours

to two weeks in order for crews to assess and strip relevant parts. However, Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cheek noted now the time period vehicles could be stored in the new lot was now listed as 60 days. Steve Marsh explained that sometimes it takes longer to process a car and the company did not want to be locked into too restrictive a time-frame. Cheek noted that if the company receives about 10 cars a week as noted by the Marshes, as many as 80 cars could be in the new lot. Steve Marsh noted that he did not believe there would be that many on the lot as his workers typically average two cars processed per day.

Several of the commissioners also asked about the condition of a ditch adjacent to the property which has become overgrown and full of large debris and trash. Steve Marsh noted that while it had not been determined who owned the ditch, he was willing to clean it out to allow for better storm-water flow. While the commissioners noted concerns about appearance, the other concern was about mosquitoes which plague the area. Steve Marsh noted that they "try to make sure" there's no water standing in their current sal-



An aerial view of Marsh Auto Parts in Siler City from the Chatham County GIS Dept.

'I would like to see the condition of this junkyard and what Marsh is willing to do. I want to be fair to everybody and I do understand the pain these residents are going through.'

LARRY CHEEK, Siler City Mayor Pro-Tem

vage yard, stating they "do what they can" with empty tires and other areas that may collect water.

After the Marshes laid out their case for redistricting to the Siler City board of commissioners, several residents who live in the neighborhood on the east side of the current salvage yard addressed the board. Jimmy Pugh, who built his home adjacent to the current 5.5-acre lot when it was a field, raised numerous concerns about not only the expansion, but the current salvage yard.

"What does it do to our property values," Pugh said, "to let one family kill the value of 20 families." Pugh said that mem-

bers of the community have been complaining about the salvage yard for more than 40 years and that the community is so overrun by mosquitoes in the spring and summer that the families cannot spend time outside.

"We're a community trying to build up," he said. "We work all these years to try to have something and we're defeated by a neglectful board. You have the authority. You know they're out of compliance."

Pugh's wife Judy spoke next, voicing not only her concerns and complaints from the past, but raising doubt about the efforts the Marshes had made so far to minimize the community's concerns

because "they said the same thing when they moved in." She also reiterated the concerns about mosquitoes as well as the appearance of the salvage yard.

"I plead to you tonight," she said. "It's so embarrassing."

The last speaker was Tiffany Tyson, who said she grew up in the neighborhood and whose mother still lives there. She remembered growing up where she could not play outside because of the mosquitoes and now her son, who stays with her mother after school, is suffering the same situation.

"It hurts that he has to stay in the house. And my mother cannot sit

outside on her porch. It's not healthy. Come sit on somebody's porch around Easter time. I've been seeing this for 40 years and I think about my parents...." Tyson said, trailing off as she began to cry.

Following the public speakers, Siler City Mayor John Grimes asked the board if it wanted to continue the public hearing another time or take a vote on the subject that night.

Commissioner Lewis Fadelly noted that the board "heard some powerful testimony" and he would prefer to take some time to think about the concerns raised. Cheek and Commissioners Tony Siler and Bill Haiges all agreed to the same.

"I would like to see the condition of this junkyard and what Marsh is willing to do," Cheek said. "I want to be fair to everybody and I do understand the pain these residents are going through."

Fadelly asked that when the public hearing reconvenes during the first board meeting in March, he would like to have evidence presented from both sides with an opportunity for rebuttals. As a result of the board's request, town staff began researching minutes and documents on Wednesday in hopes to provide the board with all the information it is seeking.

The public hearing on the proposed rezoning of the 1.2-acre lot for the expansion of Marsh Auto Parts will continue on March 2.

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Pet of the Week: KARMA



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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Allen Wiggins, 38, of Siler City, was charged January 15 with felony stalking, intimidating a witness and violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a domestic violence hold with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Jamie Yarborough, 41, of Siler City, was charged January 15 with obstructing justice and aiding and abetting a violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Landon Thomas, 26, of Siler City, was charged January 15 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$500 bond with a February 11 court date in Pittsboro.

James Hilton Jr., 31, of Sanford, was charged January 15 with possession of heroin, maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on a written promise with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Jennifer Christy, 34, of Pittsboro, was charged January 15 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with a March 19 court date in Pittsboro. Christy was charged January 25 with resisting, delaying and obstructing and intoxicated and disruptive behavior, for which she was held under a \$500 bond with a February 5 court date. She was also charged January 25 with possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises, for which she was held under a \$10,000 bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Tyler Howard, 26, of Siler City, was charged January 15 with shoplifting/concealment of goods and violation of a court order. He was held under a \$513 bond with a January 23 court date in Sanford.

John Monroy-Pulido, 28, of Pittsboro, was charged January 16 with assault on a female. He was held under a domestic violence hold with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Shannon Burke, 23, of Siler City, was charged January 16 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,500 bond with a February 10 court date in Asheboro. Burke was also charged January 23 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$2,000 bond with a February 19 court date in Pittsboro.

Richard Spivey, Jr., 39, of Pittsboro, was charged January 16 with possession of a firearm by a felon and resisting, delaying and obstructing. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Stacey Hussey, 34, of Bennett, was charged January 16 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$2,000 bond with a February 4 court date in

Pittsboro.

Gabriel Jones, 34, of Apex, was charged January 16 with driving while impaired. He was released on a written promise with a March 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Steven Clark, 35, of Asheville, was charged January 16 with violation of pretrial release. He was held under a \$60,000 bond with a February 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Corey Smith, 24, of Pittsboro, was charged January 17 with third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, abduction of children and felony disseminating obscenity. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Serenia Riddle, 49, of Pittsboro, was charged January 17 with simple assault. She was released on a written promise with a February 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Jimmy Woody Jr., 36, of Goldston, was charged January 17 with resisting a public officer. He was held under a \$200 bond with a February 19 court date in Chatham County.

Lee Savage, 67, of Chapel Hill, was charged January 17 with violation of a release order. He was held under a \$5,000 bond with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Taylor Powell, 21, of Siler City, was charged January 20 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a February 17 court date in Durham.

Adrian Jones, 44, of Pittsboro, was charged January 20 with trafficking in cocaine. He was held under a \$50,000 bond with a February 4 court date in Raleigh.

Teddy Branch, 54, of Apex, was charged January 21 with discharging a weapon into an occupied moving vehicle, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, assault by pointing a gun and injury to personal property. He was held under a \$25,000 bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Jonathan Villalobos, 20, of Chapel Hill, was charged January 22 with assault and battery. He was released on a written promise with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Tammy Botelho, 20, of Pittsboro, was charged January 22 with assault and battery. She was held under a domestic violence hold with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Brian Kenner, 30, of Siler City, was charged January 22 with assault and battery. He was held under a domestic violence hold with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Blaine Rhodes, 24, of Chapel Hill, was charged January 23 with larceny by employee and given a \$1,500 bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro. He was also charged with possession

of marijuana paraphernalia, for which he was issued a written promise and a February 19 court date in Pittsboro.

Shelia Curtis, 53, of Siler City, was charged January 23 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$500 bond with a February 4 court date in Siler City.

Jose Nepomuceno, 28, of Chapel Hill, was charged January 23 with simple assault. He was issued a written promise with February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Jennifer Polio-Quintanilla, 28, of Chapel Hill, was charged January 23 with simple assault. She was issued a written promise with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Alfredo Aldape-Munoz, 34, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was charged January 23 with breaking and entering, injury to real property and injury to personal property. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a January 29 court date in Pittsboro.

Zada Scotton, 22, of Siler City, was charged January 24 with felony probation violation. She was held under a \$50,000 bond with a February 10 court date in Asheboro.

Ruben Gallardo, 19, of Chapel Hill, was charged January 24 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$350 bond with a February 27 court date in Graham.

Marcy Johnson, 22, of Liberty, was charged January 24 with obtaining property by false pretenses, breaking and entering to motor vehicle and larceny. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with a February 11 court date in Graham.

Daniel Kent, 24, of Pittsboro, was charged January 24 with assault on a female. He was issued a written promise with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Michael Johnson, 53, of Durham, was charged January 24 with probation violations. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a February 3 court date in Asheboro.

Brandon Hardee, 33, of New Hill, was charged January 25 with probation violations. He was held under a \$500 bond with a February 19 court date in Pittsboro.

Marcus Murphy, 24, of Moncure, was charged January 25 with assault with a deadly weapon and communicating threats. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a February 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Thomas McLeod, 36, of Siler City, was charged January 26 with larceny by employee, possession of stolen goods/property and obtaining property by false pretense. He was issued a written promise with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Mikaela Hudson, 24, of Siler City, was charged January 26 with possession of

stolen goods/property and obtaining property by false pretense. She was issued a written promise with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Tina Smith, 31, of Carrboro, was charged January 26 with reckless driving to endangerment, failure to stop for a stop sign/flashing red light, fleeing to elude arrest with a motor vehicle, unsafe passing in a crest or curve and failure to heed lights and siren. She was held under a \$10,000 bond with a February 13 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jonathan Branch II of Siler City was cited January 18 for a safe movement violation on North Chatham Avenue in Siler City.

Shericka Farris, 22, of Siler City, was cited January 20 with assault inflicting serious injury. She has a February 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Rita Snipes, 51, of Siler City, was charged January 20 with simple assault, communicating threats and assault with a deadly weapon. She was given a written promise with a February 11 court date in Siler City.

Charlton Matthews, 43, of Siler City, was charged January 25 with intoxicated and disruptive behavior. He was issued a written promise with a February 4 court date in Siler City.

Royal Swann, 48, of Sanford, was charged January 26 with assault on a female and injury to personal property. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a February 25 court date in Siler City.

Jose Sesmas, 34, of Siler City, was charged January 26 with felony assault by strangulation, assault on a female and injury to personal property. He was held under no bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Marjorie Maarschal Kerweer of Pittsboro was cited January 21 for lane control violation on New Hope Church Road in Pittsboro.

Timothy Willard of Pittsboro was cited January 22 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Spencer Hussey of Bear Creek was cited January 23 for failure to reduce speed on Main Street in Siler City.

J. Jesus Ibarra-Ibarra of New Hill was cited January 25 for failure to secure load on Old U.S. Highway 1 in Pittsboro.

Donald Adams Jr. of Sanford was cited January 26 for DWI on N.C. Highway 42 in Pittsboro.

Rafael Moya of Raleigh was cited January 26 for failure to reduce speed on Farrington Road in Pittsboro.

Chatham sheriff's office announces pair of arrests in separate cases

CN+R STAFF REPORTS

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Sheriff's Office announced two arrests Monday in unrelated cases, both involving felony charges.

Dylan McLaughlin, 33, of Pittsboro, was charged with multiple felony counts involving a domestic incident that took place in November.

According to investigators, Laughlin is alleged to have "maliciously" attacked a pet and threatening two family members with a weapon during the incident on November 16 on Silk



McLaughlin

Hope Lindley Mill Road in Pittsboro.

McLaughlin faces two counts of felony second-degree kidnapping, felony cruelty to animals, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and two counts of communicating threats. The sheriff's office reported the Siler City Police Department made the arrest. McLaughlin was held under

a \$100,000 bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro. Deputies also made an arrest in relation to a shooting incident on January 16. Teddy Branch, 54,



Branch

of Apex, was arrested January 21 following an investigation. Branch allegedly fired a gun into an individual's windshield after an argument. The victim, who was inside the car, was unhurt. Branch was charged

with felony assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, felony shooting into an occupied vehicle, assault by pointing a gun and injury to personal property. He was held under a \$25,000 bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

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Audit: County government finances in good shape, report clean

BY ZACHARY HORNER News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — An independent auditor found no fault in the Chatham County government's financial reports for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, according to a report released last week.

Carrie Dunlap, an audit manager with Hickory-based Martin Starnes & Associates, told the Chatham County Board of Commissioners January 21 that there was "no reason to think there's any misstatements in the numbers."

The county saw a revenue increase of around \$8 million and a growth in expenditures by around \$7 million from the 2017-18 fiscal year to the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Property tax revenues grew by around \$3.2 million and state and federal grant funding increased by \$2.2 million — combined, those pools made up 74 percent of the county's General Fund revenue. Revenue from the county's existing sales tax went up by \$848,000.

Education spending increased by 4.4 percent and represented 34 percent of General Fund expenditures, while public safety expenses, which includes the sheriff's office and emergency operations, saw an 8 percent jump and represented 20 percent of General Fund spending.

Human services, which includes the departments of Health and Social Services, saw category spending decrease by 3.5 percent, which Dunlap said was due to a "decrease in public assistance programs" — but the category still represented 15 percent of the county's spending.

Another item of note: Dunlap said the county's outstanding debt increased by more than 87 percent from year-to-year, going from around \$138 million to \$259 million on the books. The increase came from \$132 million in new debt taken on — including more than \$111 million borrowed in July 2018 for Seaforth High School, Chatham Grove Elementary School and the Chatham Health Sciences Center for Central Carolina Community College

— along with \$11 million of debt retired.

North Carolina law requires that every local government unit, including public school systems, "shall have its accounts audited as soon as possible after the close of the fiscal year."

The county paid Martin Starnes & Associates \$75,000 for the audit as approved by the commissioners in March 2019. Dunlap said the firm audits more than 80 governments in North Carolina.

"We are very much on top of the latest standards and everything that gets implemented," she said. "So we pride ourselves in that."

The auditor's report letter is in the early pages of the county's 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which can be found at chathamnc.org/government/departments-programs/courty-manager-finance-office/finance/financial-reports.

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Siler City town hall project moving forward

Renovation focus on efficiency, accessibility

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City's \$500,000 town hall renovation project is nearing a start.

The footprint of the building — located at and first built and dedicated in the early 1940s — will not change. In fact, several spaces in the town hall will only have “cosmetic” changes, such as painting and new carpet, because of the limitations of the building's original construction. The biggest changes will be additional offices, improvements to handicap accessibility, and new energy efficient windows.

Hobbs Architects of Pittsboro is managing the project, which is currently in the surveying stage with the construction bidding process likely to begin within a month.

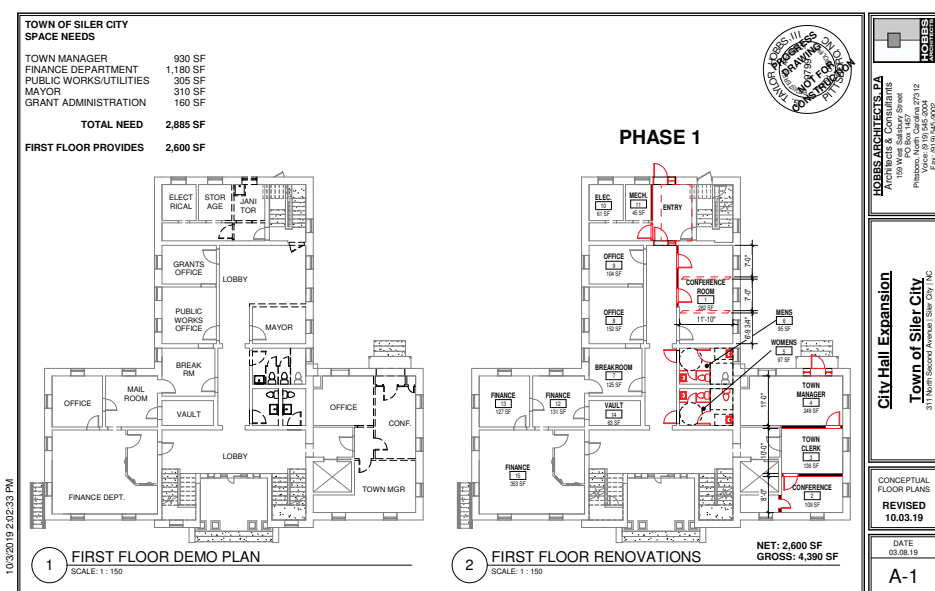
Among the changes:

- The bottom floor, which houses the town's parks and recreation department and the license plate agency, will have

separate entrances. There will also be a handicap accessible bathroom installed. The renovation will also allow for an additional office for parks and recreation staff.

• On the main floor, the town manager and clerk's offices will be completely reconfigured with a conference room to be located where the current manager's office is. The finance office, where the public pays its utility bills, will see mostly cosmetic changes. Other offices in the main hallway will also be reconfigured with a large conference room which can be separated with partitions to create office space when needed, “adding versatility,” according to Town Manager Roy Lynch.

• The rear entrance will also move, which will allow a ramp entrance rather than the current stairs so that the building is handicap accessible. The main floor bathrooms will also be renovated to be handicap accessible. Many of the office



The \$500,000 Siler City town hall renovation project will likely begin in the next couple of months. Each floor is being renovated to add office space, increase efficiency, improve handicap accessibility and make the building more visitor friendly. The main floor of the building will see a significant amount of change as evidenced by this floor plan by Hobbs Architects.

doors will be replaced with glass doors “to be more inviting and visitor friendly,” according to Lynch. Heat and air conditioning will also be installed in all the hallways, which the building currently does not have.

- The top floor which houses the courtroom

will see the least amount of significant changes. The planning office and courtroom will receive fresh coats of paint and carpeting, and the planning office will have a glass door installed. The “ways the walls are structured” make major changes impossible,

according to Lynch. The human resources office and top floor conference room will be reconfigured to add office space. The two small bathrooms will be converted into a single, unisex, handicap accessible restroom.

• The elevators will also have to be upgrad-

ed, according to Lynch, and the town hall's camera security system will be improved. The grounds in front of the town hall will also see landscaping improvements. The goal was to change or modify what the town could within the constraints of the concrete and stone walls. The new windows, which alone will cost about \$91,000, will be a huge improvement to the building since many of the windows allowed air in and, in some cases, rain, according to Lynch.

Lynch believes the construction will begin within the next few months and continue for four to six months until complete. The town hall will remain open during the renovation, but Lynch notes that visitors may encounter “some inconvenience” during the process. Lynch hopes that the project will not only make town operations more efficient, but make the entire building more visitor friendly and accessible.

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Artists Guild membership deadline is approaching

BY DAVID BRADLEY
News + Record Staff

Artists in Chatham County have until Feb. 14 to apply to join the Chatham Artists Guild for the 2020 year.

The guild offers training and education to artist members, markets their products through a website, and offer studio tours in the area each year.

“The guild provides a social atmosphere that engages artists to learn from one another and share their knowledge,” said Cat Mahin, the guild's co-president.

The Chatham Artists Guild is a non-profit group of artists that desire to teach the value of the arts to the community. The organization was founded in 2005 with the goal of promoting visual arts in Chatham County, to bridge the gap between artists and art lovers, and to instill artistic knowledge in the community.

To be a member, an artist who applies for membership must be a working professional artist over 18 years old, have a studio where they work in Chatham County, and they must be willing to perform the duties of membership, which include serving on boards and/or committees, participating in the annual studio tour, and other activities.

To join the guild,

artists pay a \$20 fee for application.

A selection of artistic work by the applicant must accompany the application fee. The Guild will evaluate these works in the acceptance process by a jury, based on the ability of the artist, presentation, and their vision.

If accepted, the artist will pay annual membership dues based on certain criteria.

The number of artists varies each year, but is in the 50- to 75-person range, Mahin said.

Basket-weaver Eva Green has been a member for more than 10 years, following in the footsteps of her mother, Nadine Degraffenreid, who was also a basket weaver. She says that it has opened new doors for her as an artist.

“I've met a lot of new people and made lasting relationships,” she said. “I'm extremely glad that I joined.”

Green recommends the guild to other Chatham artists, and says that she is getting sales from the website. In addition, the guild has given her practical tips on sales and marketing, and also artistic ideas on the creation of her art.

Sculptor Julio Alberdi was one of the original members in 1993. After retirement and other life events, he rejoined the guild in 2019, but he

never stopped his artistic work.

“I'm glad to rejoin with all the other artists,” Alberdi said. “The [studio] tour was good for me.”

Participation in the studio tour, held in December, is one of the privileges of membership. The tours offer the public a sneak-peek into the artists' workshops to see the area of the creation of their work.

This year, after rejoining the guild, Alberdi said that he met a lot of people who liked his work during the tour, he had a good sales experience, and plans to do it again.

“It made me stimulated, and happy to meet new friends who appreciate me,” he said.

Co-president Cat Mahin says she feels that overall, the members of the guild are happy with their membership, and feels that with new artists being brought into the guild each year, the organization is enriched.

For any artist, making sales of their creative works is a key, and the CAG has a website available for all the artists in their family. Art in various media, such as photography, sculpture, and paintings by various artists in the guild are displayed.

More information about the membership and the guild is available at <http://chathamartists-guild.org>.



Photo courtesy of CCCC

Pictured are members of Central Carolina Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Training graduating class — (left to right), front row, Isael Dominguez, John Thomas, Alyona Eakes and Corey Smith; back row, Steven Nordlof, Zachary Hayes, Spencer Williams, Joshua Elliott, Philip Hanson and Mathew Bell.

10 cadets graduate from CCCC's BLET program

From Central Carolina Community College

SANFORD — Ten Central Carolina Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training Cadets graduated from the fall day class during a Dec. 19 graduation ceremony at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center.

Graduates, with hometowns, were Mathew Anthony Bell (Sanford), Isael Gomez Dominguez (Siler City), Alyona Elizabeth Eakes (Cary), Joshua Theodore Elliott (Fayetteville), Philip Steven Hanson (Siler City), Zachary Keith Hayes (Carthage), Steven William Nordlof (Lillington), Corey Maurice Smith (Pittsboro), John Dylan Thomas (Sanford), and Class Leader Spencer Heath Williams (Raleigh).

Several of the graduates were recognized for

outstanding achievement during their training. They were: Most Improved Physical Fitness – Mathew Anthony Bell; Fastest Police Officers Physical Abilities Test (POPAT) – Chase/ Apprehension – Corey Maurice Smith; Fastest Police Officers Physical Abilities Test (POPAT) – Rescue – Mathew Anthony Bell, Corey Maurice Smith and Spencer Heath Williams; Jimmy Collins Top Gun Award – Spencer Heath Williams; Highest Course Grade Point Average – Zachary Keith Hayes; and Highest State Exam – Philip Steven Hanson.

Captain Brian Estes of the Lee County Sheriff's Office was guest speaker. Class response was by Spencer Williams, Class Leader. Welcome was by Amy Snider-Wells, CCCC Department Chairman, Public Safety & Instructor.

Robert Powell, CCCC Director of Basic Law Enforcement Training, awarded the graduation certificates.

Presentation of Colors was by the Chatham County Sheriff's Color Guard. Salutation was by Drew Goodson, CCCC Dean of Career & Technical Education.

Sponsoring agencies for the BLET class were the Broadway Police Department, Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Fuquay-Varina Police Department, Harnett County Sheriff's Office, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Moore County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, and Siler City Police Department.

For more information about the college's BLET program, visit www.cccc.edu/blet or contact Robert Powell at rpowell@ccc.edu or 919-777-7774.

NEWS BRIEFS

CCC offers 8-, 12-week sessions, EMT classes, group fitness

SANFORD — It's not too late to register for Central Carolina Community College's 12-week session and second 8-week session.

The 12-week session begins on Feb. 11 and the second 8-week session begins March 10, with payment due at time of registration.

Interested individuals can contact the CCCC Admissions office at 919-718-7300 (Lee Main Campus), 919-545-8000 (Chatham Main Campus), and 910-814-8863 (Harnett Main Campus).

For more information on Central Carolina Community College's 12-week and 8-week classes, including a list of class offerings, visit the website

www.cccc.edu/12and8/.

EMT National Registry will be offered beginning in February at the new Central Carolina Community College Chatham Health Sciences Center.

This class will provide participants upon successful completion the ability to take the North Carolina State EMT Credentialing exam as well as the National Registry EMT credentialing exam. EMTs may work in various areas including EMS as part of a two-person ambulance crew, in doctors' offices, and in hospital emergency departments.

This course begins Feb. 15 and ends in July. This course includes 272 seated-class hours and 48 hours of EMS ride-alongs. Members of Fire Rescue departments and Law Enforcement departments may have their tuition fee waived. Please contact

CCC EMS Program Director Susan Mackin at smack271@ccc.edu or at 910-814-8912 for further information and pre-requisites.

Group Fitness: Cardio & Strength Training will be offered beginning in February at the Chatham Health Sciences Center. The classes, which will be led by Instructor Jacquelyn Kelly, will meet twice a week, beginning Feb. 11 and ending May 7. One class will meet from 4 to 5 p.m., and the other class will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$71.60 per class. These classes are available for online registration in the category of Health & Medical Occupations accessed by the following link: www.cccc.edu/ecd/find-classes. Or, for further information, call 919-545-8044.

— CN +R staff reports

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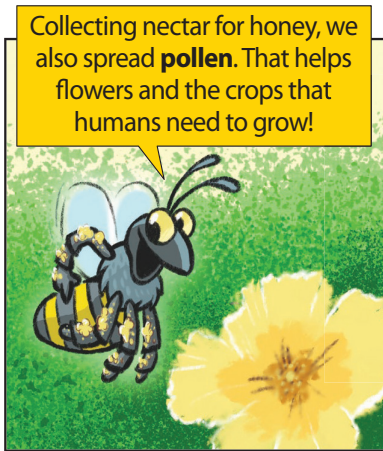
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Bee Money Smart

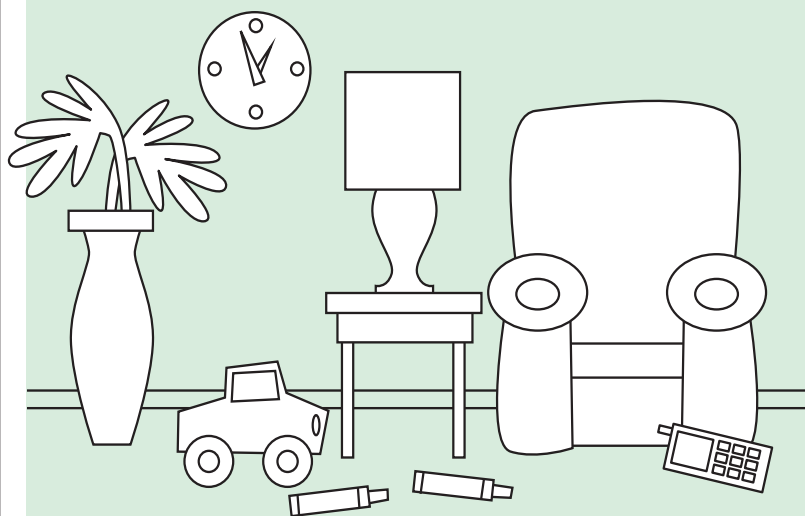
To be money smart, you need to understand goods and services.



Goods = Objects

Goods are things that are made or grown. Basically, things you can touch.

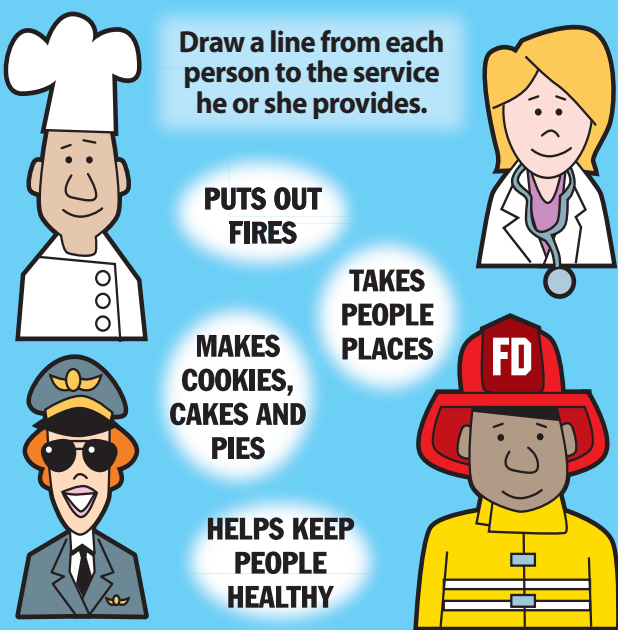
How many goods can you find in this room? Color them.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words.

Services = Actions

A service is work that one person does for someone else.



DICTIONARY Is this dictionary goods or a service? _____
 Who could use it? _____
 Why would they want to use it? _____

WAITER Is this waiter goods or a service? _____
 Who could use it? _____
 Why would they want to use it? _____

TAXI Is this taxi goods or a service? _____
 Who could use it? _____
 Why would they want to use it? _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use grade-appropriate words correctly.

Extra! Extra!
Goods and Services Search
 Look through the newspaper for five or more examples of goods and five or more examples of services. Write them in the spaces below.

GOODS	SERVICES
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Add up the value of these coins. Then circle all the items you could purchase with this amount.

Pen 85¢
 Eraser 50¢
 Markers 75¢
 Sticky Notes \$2.99
 Pencil 25¢
 Binder Paper 65¢

Standards Link: Math: Addition using money.

Double Double Word Search

SERVICES
 FLOWERS
 PROVIDES
 NECESSARY
 OBJECTS
 ACTIONS
 GOODS
 TOUCH
 COINS
 FIRES
 BEES
 WORK
 PIES
 ROOM
 TAXI

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

P	S	E	I	R	X	A	T	N	
R	S	N	O	I	T	C	A	M	E
O	H	E	R	O	N	S	S	O	C
V	S	C	C	O	E	D	N	B	E
I	E	W	U	I	O	E	I	J	S
D	R	O	P	O	V	M	O	E	S
E	I	R	G	Y	T	R	C	C	A
S	F	K	S	E	E	B	E	T	R
D	S	R	E	W	O	L	F	S	Y

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

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

How can you instantly double your money?

ANSWER: Look at it in a mirror.

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of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

-- Position installs, repairs and maintains water, sewer and reclaimed water lines. Other duties include disconnecting water service; servicing meters, valves, hydrants and manholes, and maintaining easements.

Position uses a wide variety of equipment and tools including air compressors, jack hammers, pavement saw, dump trucks, backhoes, compact rollers and tapping machine. - Title and salary range are dependent on experience. Utility Mechanic I: Prior experience in a water and wastewater utility preferred but not required. Requires a High School Diploma or equivalent and a Valid NC Driver's License. Candidate must be able to obtain (within 6-months) and maintain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class A. - Salary range: \$34,897 - \$53,742.

-- Utility Mechanic II: One to three years of experience in a water and wastewater utility required. Position requires a High School Diploma or equivalent and Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class A. Candidates must have a Collection System Grade 1 certification or a Distribution System Grade C certification. - Salary range: \$40,397 - \$62,211. -- Candidates must have the ability to work outdoors in all kinds of weather and respond to after-hour situations as necessary. Position requires exerting 20 - 50 pounds constantly and walking or standing to a significant degree. Typical hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. - OWASA provides excellent benefits to include membership in the NC Local Government Employees Retirement System, employer 457 plan contribution and retirement health savings account. Paid Health, Dental, Vision and Life insurances. Additional benefits include: Paid Holidays, Vacation, Sick and Personal Leave, Bereavement and Parental Leave, Educational Reimbursement, Bonus Pay for Additional Certifications and/or Education. - The ideal candidate is a team player with great communication and a passion for customer service. If you are a self-starter with excellent work ethic and a positive attitude, we encourage you to apply. - OWASA is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to continuous improvement,

sustainability, creativity, diversity and inclusion. Apply online at www.owasa.org - Closing date is February 14, 2020 - Certified Orange County Living Wage Employer. J30,1tc

PART TIME TEMPORARY LAKE ASSISTANT - The Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA), a progressive water utility providing water, wastewater and reclaimed water services to the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill seeks highly motivated candidates to fill two Part-time Temporary Lake Assistant positions. Assignment is from March through November, working up to 29 hours per week with weekend work required. - Duties relate to the daily operation of University Lake and Cane Creek Reservoir which include evaluating customers private boats and motors; renting recreation equipment to lake patrons; instructing public in the safe use of equipment; assisting customers with boats and motors; enforcing lake rules; performing maintenance to include mowing and housekeeping of buildings, docks, grounds, and other areas as needed. - Position requires exerting 10-25 pounds frequently and 50-100 pounds occasionally; High School Diploma or equivalent and a Valid NC Driver's License. Candidates must be 18 years old. -- OWASA is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to continuous improvement, sustainability, creativity, diversity and inclusion. Certified Orange County Living Wage Employer. - Salary is \$14.90 per hour. - Interested candidates must apply online at www.owasa.org. - The closing date is February 7, 2020. J30,1tc

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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 Duraleigh 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 Duraleigh Road Raleigh, NC 27612 J9,J16,J23,J30,4tc

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undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, 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 February 11, 2020 at 1:00PM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: BEING ALL of Lot 20, as described on a plat entitled "A Site Design For HOMEWOOD ACRES-PHASE VII", dated April 25, 1995, prepared by Dixon-Gibson Engineering Associates, P.A., and recorded on Plat Slide 95-226, Chatham County Registry, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as 909 Tanglewood Drive Extension, Siler City, NC 27344. A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. 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 all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights

of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are David Lee Green and wife, Brooke Smith Green. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of 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 [NCGS § 45-21.16A(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. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200

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FAX: (910) 392-8587
File No.: 19-18938-FC01
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JANIE JOHNSON SUTTLES** 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 30, 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 30th day of January, 2020.
Janie Michelle Suttles-Brown, Executrix
4102 Old Greensboro Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
J23,J30,F6,F13,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **GWENDOLYN ARLENE McDUFFIE**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of April, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 24th day of January, 2020.
Nathan Daniel McDuffie, Administrator of the Estate of Gwendolyn Arlene McDuffie
Post Office Box 1806
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
Moody, Williams, Roper & Lee, LLP
Attorneys at Law
Box 1806
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
(919) 542-5605
J23,J30,F6,F13,4tp

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 19 JT 24
IN RE: "C.A."
DOB: 12/27/18
NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION
TO: Biological father/Unknown Father of the above male child born on December 27, 2018, in Chapel Hill, NC to Ayla Britt Akers.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor child. You have **forty days from January 30, 2020**, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may be terminated upon failure to answer the petition within the time prescribed. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney.
STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P.
BY: /s/ ANGENETTE STEPHENSON, Attorney for Petitioner, CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
109 Conner Dr. Suite 208
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514
Telephone: (919) 869-7795
J30,F6,F13,3tp

TOWN OF SILER CITY
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing on Feb. 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following request:
E.F. Evans Const. Co. requests a variance from §170 (Building Setback Requirements) to reduce the street building setback along W. 11th St. from

25' to 10.2' (14.8' reduction) for a proposed 24' x 69' duplex. The subject property is located at the southeast corner of N. Dogwood Ave. and W. 11th St. The property is identified as Lot 7 in Plat Book 2019, Page 291 & parcel # 15611. The proposed item is 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 evidence, arguments, and ask questions of persons who testify on the above referenced items. 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 nannah@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 nannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.
J30,F6,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **IONA GERTRUDE SCANLAN, aka IONA S. SCANLAN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on Decem-

ber 10, 2019, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before May 6, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment. This 30th day of January, 2020, Karen Ann Swift-Scanlan, Executrix
c/o Alisa Huffman, MSW, JD, 311 S. Academy St.
Cary, NC 27511
J30,F6,F13,F20,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **DAVID BURSIEK, aka RALPH DAVID BURSIEK**, deceased, of Chapel Hill, Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before April 30, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the Decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 30th day of January, 2020. Judith A. Bursiek, Executor
c/o Elizabeth K. Arias, Esq. Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP
555 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1100
Raleigh, NC 27601
J30,F6,F13,F20,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **GWENDOLYN C. MORRIS, aka GWENDOLYN COSMINI MORRIS**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before May 3, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 30th day of January, 2020.
Lisa Marie Morris, Executrix
c/o Andrea L. Hinshaw
2626 Glenwood Ave., Ste. 560
Raleigh, NC 27608
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CHATHAM CH@T | TAMMY MATTHEWS, SOCIAL JUSTICE THEATER OF THE CAROLINAS

Locals take performances of 'columbinus' on the road

School shootings have left an ugly and indelible impression on the United States. This week, we speak with Pittsboro's Tammy Matthews about the play "columbinus," which she directs and is appearing in theaters throughout the area. Matthews has more than 50 years of experience in theater. She attended the prestigious Goodman School of Drama and holds a Bachelor of Arts in both theater and elementary education and a Master's degree in education. "Miss Tammy," as she's called by her performers, is the co-owner and artistic director of Pittsboro Youth Theater. The Social Justice Theater of the Carolinas and Chatham Community Players. She worked in theater in Chicago in various capacities before becoming a teacher. Since then, she has staged many performances in schools, camps and after-school programs across the country and can now be found directing at least 15 shows a year in Pittsboro.

The play "columbinus" debuted at CFTA last year. What was the response?
The audience was awestruck. The general response was one of great admiration for the amazing talent of these

young actors mixed with grief for those who died, and anger over the lack of change in the last 20 years. Here is a response from an audience member who came to the Durham show over the weekend: "This is a powerful portrayal of the dynamics behind teen violence against selves and others. It is not for young kids, but all mental health professionals, teachers and grad students will benefit. Upcoming performances are scheduled in Carrboro, Raleigh, and maybe others. School employees have free admission, but I found it well worth the \$10." **What makes this play so unique, and different? And what can viewers expect?**
This play is raw. The beginning is about eight archetypal characters. Each has emotional issues. Each could have become the shooters. Through a series of events, two did become the shooters. The second half is more factual. There is no real-time reenactment of the shooting event at Columbine High School. But the events leading up to the shooting, during and after come from transcripts of recordings and first hand reports. It is particularly gripping because it is performed by high school students who live with the fear of school

shootings every day. **Now the play is set to be performed in Carrboro and Raleigh, as well as in Pittsboro, in the coming weeks. How did all that come about?**
Our original intent was to reach as many people as possible to spread the message of this play. Man-bites Dog Theater gave us a grant to do the play in all four counties in the Triangle. Being located in Pittsboro, we don't really know how to market to Orange, Durham and Wake counties. Any help spreading the word would be greatly appreciated. We really want school employees to come. They live this reality as well. So, we are offering the play free to all school employees! Social Justice Theater of the Carolinas will perform the play live on these dates, at these locations:
• Feb. 8 at The Arts Center, Carrboro (2 and 6 p.m.)
• March 7 at Sweet Bee Theater, Pittsboro (4 and 7 p.m.)
• March 8 at Sweet Bee Theater (2 and 6 p.m.)
• March 22 at Burning Coal Theater, Raleigh (2 and 6 p.m.)

Why is the message of "columbinus" so important right now?
There were 45 school shootings in the first 46 weeks of 2019. That's almost one a week! Of those, 32 were in K-12 schools. One shooting was at UNC-Charlotte where two people were killed and four were wounded. This was in our own back yard! No matter how many drills are done or locks are put on schools, our kids are not safe. Something needs to happen on a systemic basis. Remember, if there had been locks and drills at Columbine, the two shooters would have been part of them. They were smart. They would have been able to get around those procedures. We need to make a shift as a society. The phrase, "It

takes a village to raise a child" has become cliché but it's true. Each "village" needs to step up and do something! We need solutions that everyone can be a part of not just the politicians.

How can people find out more?
Go to:
• <https://www.pittsboroyouththeater.com/social-justice-theater> and listen to the podcast

that we did with RDU onstage at
• <https://rduonstage.com/podcast/ep-54-school-shootings-columbinus-and-the-role-of-theater-to-affect-change-and-conversation-2/>

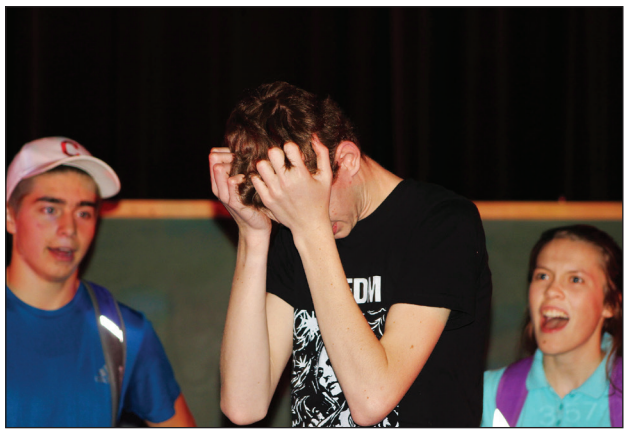


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From left, student actors Ethan Galiger, Jake Dusenberry and Alayna McLandsborough in a scene from the play 'columbinus.'

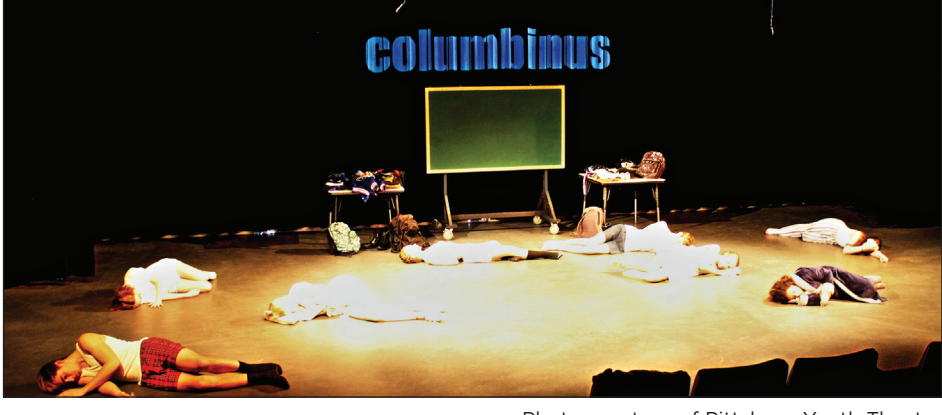


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'columbinus' actors Ethan Galiger, Eden Priddle, India Wolf, Jacqui Anthenien, Jake Dusenberry, Alayna McLandsborough, Hannah Connors and Abilene Dasher in a scene from the play.

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