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GOVERNMENT BUDGET SEASON

Chatham sheriff requests 22 new staff for next fiscal year

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

 $\begin{array}{c} {\bf PITTSBORO-A\ new\ responsibility,} \\ {\bf Chatham\ County\ Sheriff\ Mike\ Rober-} \end{array}$ son said, carries with it a need for more personnel.

It's budget season across all of Chatham County's local governments, and with it comes requests from all municipal departments for more employees, resources and/or programs.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners heard requests from county departments at its budget retreat late last month, and the request from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office was by far the largest: 22 full-time employees and 2 part-time employees.

While the request was "not typical compared to prior years" for the sheriff's office, according to Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne, the ask was also "a great example of a heads-up request."

"It's exactly what we want to see early on because it gives us an understanding of a department's ability to develop

a well-justified expansion request," LaMontagne said. "The budget team will be able to work with the Sheriff's staff to understand the problem they are trying to solve, examine the data and explore alternatives to reach the most cost-effective solution that will address Board of Commissioner goals and demonstrate fiscal responsibility.'

This is the nitty gritty of local government. Since public safety efforts take up 18 cents of every local tax dollar — the second highest total, behind 39 cents for education — the sheriff's request is a good example of walking through the budget process.

The ask

Last year, the Sheriff's Office, which currently employs around 160 people, took on Animal Resources from the Health Department. It's a shift that, according to Roberson, added a lot to his department's plate.

"I think everyone would agree that

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CHATHAM'S SALES TAX REFERENDUM | PART 1

What is the Article 46 local sales tax option?

BY ZACHARY HORNER News + Record Staff

Editor's note: This is the first of a threepart series examining the proposed local sales tax option on Chatham County's

Chatham County voters will have a voice next month on deciding whether or not the county will levy a new quarter-cent sales tax.

It's called the Article 46 local option sales tax, and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously in October 2019 to put it on the March primary ballot. In the first part of our three-part series previewing the vote, we're going to answer some questions about where the tax comes from, what it's on and what counties around Chatham have it and do with it.

What is Article 46?

March 3 ballot.

In the 2007 state budget, the N.C. General Assembly enacted a number of stipulations, including giving counties



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the option to "levy a local sales and use tax at a rate of one-quarter percent. Article 46 is the section in state law where the rules for this tax are outlined.

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Teaching dog owners new tricks

Siler City transplant helps connect people, pets

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — They say when one door closes, another opens.

But when Pat Sullivan stepped through the doorway newly agape after the proverbial "one door" had closed, she wasn't the only one to realize a reward.

For Sullivan, the "one door" closing was the loss of her job in 2009.

"In the Big Recession," she said, "I was laid

Sullivan, a legal secretary for a law firm in her home state of Massachusetts when the economic ax fell, headed south.

"I had friends here," said Sullivan. "And I was planning to retire here. Just not that quickly.

She found a farmhouse — a fixer-upper in Siler City — to call home, and through a friend, Sullivan found work as a receptionist at Central Carolina Community College's Continuing Education Department. That opportunity would soon be the "other

The Continuing Education Department, she observed on the job, offered a lot of interesting and worthwhile programs, but Richardson noticed a void.

"They had pottery and all kinds of nature things and stuff," she said. "I asked 'Do you ever do dog training?" I was scoping it out." It was a void Sullivan — herself skilled in training dogs — could fill.

The community college had, she learned from her inquiries, previously offered a dog training course, but it had been a while since the last classes had been held. And they'd been conducted outdoors, which Sullivan knew wasn't an ideal venue for proper instruction, particularly for an instructor like herself, in her 60s, who would be standing for long periods See **PETS**, page A3



Staff photo by David Bradley

Pat Sullivan teaches a group of dog owners about how to work with their canine companions last Friday at CCCC. Ethan Ferguson, with Buffy, (in background) said he enjoys the process of seeing what to work on and how to go about the process correctly. Conor and his brother Peter Ferguson stand by Aviva Tulasi and their dog Beans to get training on good canine citizenship.

of time. Though she understood the college's initial concerns over having dogs in a public building — "I don't blame them," she said they eventually cleared that hurdle, in part by scheduling the classes Sullivan would eventually begin teaching on Friday afternoons, when

the campus was otherwise closed.
"They said they'd give it a try," Sullivan said, "and here we are."

For the past six years or so, Sullivan has been teaching the class, helping dog owners in Chatham County develop better relationships with their pets.

"I teach you, as the owner, to train your dog,' Sullivan explained. "I'm not training your dog. I mean, I'll take it and demonstrate and all that. But, really, my job is to make you your dog's



Staff photo by David Bradley

Sara Brinson with her dog Brassy, an English shepherd, works with Pat Sullivan in their dog obedience class at CCCC last Friday. This is Brassy's second time through the class, Brinson said, to help her work on manners and how to behave.

BRIAR CHAPEL-FEARRINGTON VILLAGE

Hotly-contested wastewater transfer at a standstill

BY ZACHARY HORNER News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Following the North Carolina Utilities Commission's decision late last month to delay a decision on a proposed transfer of wastewater systems, residents of both Briar Chapel and Fearrington Vil-

lage are waiting on their sewage's future. The Old North State Water Company, based in Raleigh, had filed for a transfer of Fearrington Village's wastewater to the company's current facility in Briar Chapel. But after a notice to customers in October 2019 and the transfer of power of Briar Chapel's homeowners association from the developer to residents — and

more than 600 names on a petition — the transfer has been halted.

It's a process that started in late 2017 that has reached a standstill and affects more than 3,200 residential customers, representing thousands of Chatham County residents in two of the county's largest developments that sit just a mile apart along U.S. Highway 15-501.

The need for change

Both Briar Chapel and Fearrington Village have their own wastewater management and cleaning systems, meaning

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Pittsboro poised for change — especially at city hall

Nass addresses plan to move forward

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Growth and development are creating many changes for Pittsboro, but last week's resignation of the town's manager and recent departures of other key town staff are signaling even more changes inside Pittsboro's Town Hall — moves which new Mayor Jim Nass thinks will improve the town's ability to serve its stakeholders.

Chatham County — and Pittsboro in particular — are among

the fastest-growing areas in the state. According to the U.S. Census, Chatham's population has grown 84 percent in the past 25 years. And the construction of Chatham Park, a 7,000-acre planned community in Pittsboro, is projected to add as many as 60,000 new residents there over the next 30 years.

As the pressures and workloads on the town staff increased in recent months, so have concerns about the responsiveness, transparency and efficacy of some staff. Lo-

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Chatham health officials: Chatham's Jamir Wright New tobacco rules not good enough. PAGE A7

named B&GC's 'Youth of the Year' for 2020. PAGE A9 stellar seasons. PAGE B1

Chatham Charter boys', girls' basketball continue at Confederate monuments,

'A House Divided' event looks symbols. PAGE B6



COMMUNITY **CALENDAR**

ON THE AGENDA

- The Chatham County **Board of Education** has a regular meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 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.
- The Chatham County **Board of Commissioners** has a regular meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17, at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse, 9 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro.
- The Siler City Board of Commissioners has a regular meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17, at the Siler City Town Hall courtroom, 311 N Second Ave., Siler City.

THURSDAY

- · St. Bartholomew's Episco**pal 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 seasonable items year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. They are located at 287 East St., Pittsboro.

FRIDAY

 Not Quite Full Moon Hike - from 8 p.m. to 9:30 pm, Friday, Feb. 7. With the trees bare, there is plenty of light. You don't even need a flashlight! Enjoy the winter woods by the light of the moon. Join us for a Not Quite Full Moon Hike along the Haw River

Creek and back, about 1.5 miles round trip. Dress warmly in layers. Please, no flashlights or dogs on this hike. Meet at 8 p.m. at the entrance to the lower Bynum Mill parking lot off Bynum Church Road. Hike depends on weather and river conditions - may be canceled if conditions are not suitable. Pre-registration not required, but if you want to be notified of cancellation then please email your RSVP to lowerhawevents@gmail.com.

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

SATURDAY

- 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 p.m. 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.
- · 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!

SUNDAY

 Meet for a NHAS Bird Walk at 8 a.m. on Sun., Feb. 9,

across the entryway road, behind Bojangles at Oak Creek Village Shopping Center in Durham, for about a three hour walk. New birders and birders of all skill levels are welcome. Cotact Jim Capel at jim.capel@mindspring. com. - Wednesday, Feb. 12, meet at 8 a.m. at the Wild Bird Center in Easgate Crossing Shopping Center in Chapel Hill for abouty a 3 hour walk at an area site. Contact Tom Driscoll at spttdrdshnk@yahoo.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

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 Pittshoro - 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.
- 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.

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/

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- 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.
- 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 Seior Centers. This free tax preparation assistance nature has created along

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.

- 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.
- · "Whack-Attack" Workday, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, the Friends of Lower Haw will hold an invasive species removal workday in the Bynum Mill area of the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. Sign up by contacting lowerhawevents@gmail.com with "Invasives" in the subject line. Learn about invasive plant species and removal techniques. All tools will be provided. Bring work gloves, insect repellent and water. Wear closedtoe shoes, long pants and long sleeve shirt.
- · Family Nature Heart Adventure, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Sunday Feb. 16. Does your family love nature? Come enjoy the winter woods in the Lower Haw River State Natural Area, Our family adventure will begin with a short scavenger hunt, searching for hearts that

the Haw River. After our hike we will create some Valentine nature art in the shape of hearts made from materials found in the woods. Enjoy a walk by the river and make a Valentine nature art project. All ages welcome! Meet in the lower Bynum Mill parking lot off Bynum Church Road.

- 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 SECŬ 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
- 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.

Monday of every month.

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 tions in Chatham County. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §163-128





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trainer so when you go home, you have the tools to continue what we did in the class.

Sullivan's latest classes she instructs a "beginner" class (3 to 4:30 p.m.) and a "Canine Good Citizen Class" (4:30 to 6 p.m.), in CCCC's Building 42 in the Multi-Purpose Room — got under way in late January. Those classes are filled and in progress, but as soon as they finish in March, Sullivan will offer another round. She teaches the classes year-round except for summer months, when CCCC is not in session.

The beginner obedience/ home management class is for dogs over 5 months of age. Students learn, first, to get their dogs' attention, as well as training them through positive reinforcement to walk on a loose leash, come when called, sit, and other things.

The Canine Good Citizens Class prepares students to take their AKC Canine Good Citizen test, which is given at the concluding class. The program is aimed at ensuring the family dog acts respectfully at home and in public.

Teaching dog obedience is practically in Sullivan's DNA. We always had a dog," she said. "My mother was a farm girl from Maine and she was

great with animals. She didn't



Staff photo by David Bradley

Dog trainer Pat Sullivan gives golden retriever/husky mix Annabelle a treat for good behavior in the dog obeidience class at CCCC

realize how good she was, but she was very good with them."

Encouraged by her mother to learn more about training dogs, Sullivan, in her teens, joined dog training clubs.

That's when I started to train, or learn how to train," she said. "But you know, as a kid you kind of wander off and mom ends up doing it. But we learned how to do it and we learned it was necessary."
And, she said, "it was always

That element of fun is key to the classes she teaches, too.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Toni Conrad stands with Remi, her Rhodesian Ridgeback dog, as Pat Sullivan gives instructions in the dog training class last Friday at CCCC.

"It has to be fun, or you don't want to do it," she said. "But it's not just fun. It means something."

She recalled a moment, back in Massachusetts, that solidified her commitment to the discipline. It was the moment, she said, "I knew I wanted to do this.'

One of her students approached her after classes had concluded and confided that Sullivan's instruction "had saved her dog's life.'

It wasn't hyperbole. The owner, prior to taking Sullivan's classes, had an unruly pet and had contemplated giving the pet away because of it.

"The biggest reason dogs are given up, so I hear, is because of behavioral issues," Sullivan said. Her instruction had averted this undesirable outcome. Her CCCC classes are almost

always filled. Toni Conrad is currently enrolled, with her dog, Remi, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, in Sullivan's Canine Good Citizen Class and highly recommends the training to other dog owners.

"It's a wonderful class," said Conrad. "She's a great teacher. I think she's more dog that human; she thinks like a dog. The class is fun.'

Sullivan, an avowed dog lover, herself currently owns she admits in a joking whisper — six dogs. "It's an occupational hazard," she said. "Most of them are foundlings."

And as much as she loves dogs (all breeds, by the way, are welcome at her classes) she loves helping people connect with their dogs for a more positive relationship for both, or as described on her business cards for The Courteous Canine, turning "your pesky pup into a courteous canine.'

"It's relationship-building training," she said.

When she's not teaching the periodic classes at CCCC, she also conducts private home dog training sessions.

The results, and the reward, are the same.

"I love doing it because I love helping people and their dogs, she said. "It's magic. I know it's not magic, but it feels like magic every time it happens and becomes successful. It's just nice seeing the change.'

For more information about Sullivan's CCCC classes, call her at 919-663-0373, or email her at courteousk9nc@gmail.com.

TAX:

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So this tax is optional?

No county in North Carolina is required to have an Article 46 tax. The state statute says boards of county commissioners "may, by resolution and after 10 days' public notice, put this tax into effect. Currently, 42 of North Carolina's 100 counties have this levy in effect.

During the November 2018 election, 20 counties had an Article 46 referendum on the ballot. Just four passed: Graham (62.4 percent for), Moore (58.8 percent for), Stanly (50.8 percent for, passed by 368 votes) and

Swain (54.3 percent, passed by 445 votes) counties.

What does it tax?

The local option sales tax applies to anything normal sales tax applies to except for unprepared food like groceries or gas purchases. So if you go through a drive-thru for a cheeseburger, it applies there. If you go to Lowe's Hardware to pick up a hammer and some nails, it applies there. But when you head to Piggly Wiggly for your weekly grocery trip, or stop by a BP to fill your car's gas tank, you won't pay this tax.

Chatham County already has a sales tax. Which one is that?

The State of North

Carolina has a 4.75 percent sales tax effective statewide. Counties can enact additional sales taxes to generate additional revenue. Currently, Chatham has 2 percent in additional sales tax. If the vote passes in Chatham in March, that 2 percent sales tax would simply

Where does Chatham currently rank among surrounding counties? Across North Carolina?

increase to 2.25 percent.

Chatham's current 6.75 percent sales tax rate is tied for the lowest in North Carolina, along with a majority of North Carolina's 100 counties. Alamance County is the only neighboring county

with a similar rate.

Lee, Moore and Randolph counties have all enacted Article 46 and have 7 percent sales tax rates. Wake County has not enacted Article 46, but has a 7.25 percent rate. Durham and Orange counties, which both have the Article 46 option, have sales tax rates of 7.5 percent.

What would this mean for me as a Chatham County resident?

If you currently ring up a purchase of \$5 before sales tax is added, your total cost would be \$5.34. If the new option is approved by voters and enacted by the commissioners, that same purchase would now cost you \$5.35.

If you ring up a purchase of \$22.37, the

current total cost with tax would be \$23.88. With the new option in place, it would be \$23.94.

Another thing to remember: This tax is not just limited to Chatham County residents. Every driver who stops at a fast food restaurant off of U.S. Highway 421 in Siler City, regardless of where they're from, would be charged this additional quarter-cent tax.

What would this money be used for?

Despite even non-Chathamites paying this tax, the funds go directly into the hands of the Chatham County government to allocate for services.

The Chatham commissioners passed a resolution in October stating

to be used for education, agriculture/land banking, affordable housing and parks and recreation purposes. This is by far the most diverse of surrounding counties. Most included school construction or education debt in their resolutions. Orange County allocates half of its revenue for economic development incentives and the other half for public schools capital projects.

they would like the funds

Next week, Part 2 will look at the proposed uses for the local option sales tax, if approved.

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Nass, board position Town of Pittsboro to move forward

There was a moment in last week's Pittsboro Board of Commissioners meeting which spoke volumes about where the town is and where it's heading a moment which underscored the need for Pittsboro to move on without Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck, who, by meeting's end, had unceremoniously resigned.

After a discussion Monday night about the town's dire water and wastewater treatment needs, and comments by outgoing Town Engineer Elizabeth Goodson (who's leaving for a job with Holly Springs), new Pittsboro Commissioner Kyle Shipp broke a brief period of silence by stating the obvious: What's Pittsboro's timeline? We can analyze the data for a long time, he said, but at some point, somebody's got to make a decision about Pittsboro's options.

It was a statement which hung in the air just a little too long for anyone's comfort.

The fact is, the question

shouldn't have needed to be asked. The town manager the administrative chief of a rapidly-growing town grappling with issues of that nature should have come into a

meeting like that with answers, recommendations, and a course of action.

Instead, all Gruesbeck could do was half-heartedly throw Shipp's pass back to the board.

Less than an hour later, in a closed session, Pittsboro's five commissioners asked Gruesbeck to resign the position he'd held since late 2012. He offered to, and the approval vote was

Gruesbeck probably doesn't shoulder all the blame for it, but the glacial pace at which the town responds to asks from developers and local businesses has been a sore point for some time now. There's no question Pittsboro is a very different town than the one Gruesbeck first pulled into seven years ago. Still, no one could accuse

those within the town's administration of being customer-friendly. We at the News + Record have first-hand experience with that, and not a small number of property-owners have reached out to us in frustration, saying that the timeline for doing business in Pittsboro is two or three times longer, if not four times, than most other communities.

Those complaints came on Gruesbeck's watch. And in the days leading up to Gruesbeck's resignation, the News + Record reached out to him about another issue: an apparently violation of state law, albeit by oversight, of North Carolina's open meetings statutes by the town. After extensive consultation with the newspaper's attorney, our request was to simply to sit down with Gruesbeck to discuss it. Our emailed inquiry to him got no response. A follow-up email to Gruesbeck did generate a reply and the promise of an answer the next day or the day

after. In fact, it was after 5 p.m. a full business day later — just prior to Monday's board meeting — that Gruesbeck finally responded — and without fully addressing this newspaper's questions and concerns. Worse, Gruesbeck still refused to meet with News + Record publisher Bill Horner III and reporter Casey Mann about the apparent violations — telling Horner during a break just before the board went into closed session, "I'm just not going to meet with

Now, new Mayor Jim Nass and his fellow board members have the task of replacing Gruesbeck, as well as replacing Goodson and filling some other high-profile openings. It'll take time to get the ship righted and at full sail again, but after a meeting with Nass last Friday we're confident the tone at town hall will change, particularly with the hiring (in process now) of a capable, competent and caring town manager

you.'

who'll spend meetings engaged with staff and board members - not trolling Facebook or texting.

Nass' previous work on behalf of the town of Pittsboro he led a turn-around of the local ABC board as its chairman, and has led the town's Affordable Housing Task Force and the Chatham Park Additional Elements Committee — gives him the perspective to move the needle for the town's board and the town itself. He's gone on record about the need for additional staffing at the town, as well as the necessity to blend "old" and "new" Pittsboro into a desirable hometown.

Monday's action to remove Gruesbeck — a brave decision, especially given Goodson's departure and the pending retirement of long-time Town Clerk Alice Lloyd — was a bold, but necessary move by Nass and his team. But it's one that hopefully paves the way for better days inside town hall.

From loss springs an uncommonly fine, feathered friendship

The neighborhood where I live has the usual trappings of



RANDALL RIGSBEE Randall Reflects

subdivision, from the pond that greets its entrants, to its people and their pets, its many mailboxes, its front doors festooned with wreaths, its patios and

a residential

porches, its

mowed and maintained laws, and its driveways boasting basketball hoops and hopscotch patterns drawn with chalk here and there along its circling streets and cul-de-sacs.

As places to call home go, my quiet neighborhood is idyllic enough, and to help maintain the idyll a couple of front lawns sport signs that urge (or admonish) motorists to "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here." Kids, though not mine, do live there, as do folks representing the entire arc of life, from the newly-born and bouncy to the aging and infirm. Plenty of cars come and go, making those "Drive Like ..." signs not entirely unwarranted, for benefit of young or old; but it's a neighborhood that feels secure and safe, nonetheless.

It is, overall, a decidedly comfortable suburban setting, though it's only a leisurely ten-minute walk westerly that places the pedestrian inside thick woods just outside the city limit.

So even as we — I and those folks who make up my network of neighbors — are going about our personal pursuits inside the air-controlled comfort of our homes, all well within a wide footprint of established human development, we're never far from the untamed woods with its wild inhabitants: rabbits, deer, squirrels, 'possum and, usually unseen but audible by their occasional outcry, coyotes.

It's possible to ignore the never-very-distant wild things, if one wants, and simply enjoy the closer, cultivated conveniences; but I also enjoy those moments when I'm aware, by sight or sound, of those largely unseen other neighbors, especially the pack of coyotes I often catch communicating with kith and kin in the otherwise still of a night. I always pause, when I hear their curious cacophony, an unsuspected interloper listening

But in recent weeks, there's been a new set of neighbors an unusual assembly, even for my neck of the woods bordering the wilder woods to the west sharing space with the rest of us established inhabitants. Certainly not human, nor exactly wild, my new neighbors are a queer quintet of fowl: four chickens and a duck.

It turns out, these birds notquite-of-a-feather nevertheless flock together.

I first encountered them on my front lawn.

It was the chickens I initially spied, which itself was an unusual thing to spy, my being unaware until that moment of the presence of free-range chickens among the menagerie in and around my neighborhood. But there they were with their colorful coats and fiery combs, the four of them appearing to forage — mindless of my spying eyes — for food among the winter weeds and stray precocious blades of grass that comprise my front lawn.

Then, revealing himself from behind a bush that had concealed him, waddled their unlikely companion, a duck, snow white from his crown to his tail save for his striking orange bill, shanks and feet. Lagging behind for a moment, this Fifth Beatle quickly caught up with his pack and the five of them foraged together.

Ducks, I should have mentioned before, aren't so unusual in the neighborhood, given the presence of a pond, though the immigrant Canada geese mostly claim ownership of that modest mini-lake. But a single duck in the cozy company of chickens isn't something I see every day.

This fowl, though not unpleasant, gang — a motley crew continued to ignore me, even as I snapped several photos of them as a keepsake, while they surveyed the remainder of my front yard before moving their inspections to the side and back yard, pecking and quacking as they went.

Over the next few weeks, they returned for a few more visits, though exactly from where I couldn't say. But I was curious, so I consulted one of my neighbors, a retiree who keeps up with the neighborhood goings-on better than I'm able, and she had some information. It turns out this mismatched bunch had a back-story.

The chickens, I learned, were property of another neighbor several houses down the street and did, indeed, enjoy free range. That wasn't so notable. But their duck pal — in this group, the odd-man out, as it were — had a poignant

Also property of the same neighbor who owns the chickens, the duck had, for all his life, had a duck partner, and the pair of ducks were inseparable until a few weeks ago when the mate duck died.

I can only imagine how an animal—one unable to think, reason and read as we humans can — might process the death of a friend. But here, in my neighborhood, was some insight into a duck's grieving. This duck, at least, after the loss of his close companion, had gravitated to the next best thing—chickens—and integrated himself into their flock.

Cats, I've read (though whether true or not, I don't know) perceive humans as other, bigger cats. Could it be, then, that my neighbor duck perceives my neighbor chickens, his new mates, as one of his own?

The friendship poses more questions than I can answer. But I couldn't help be moved by their story, and by the sight of them. Where the chickens lead, the duck follows. It's something to witness.

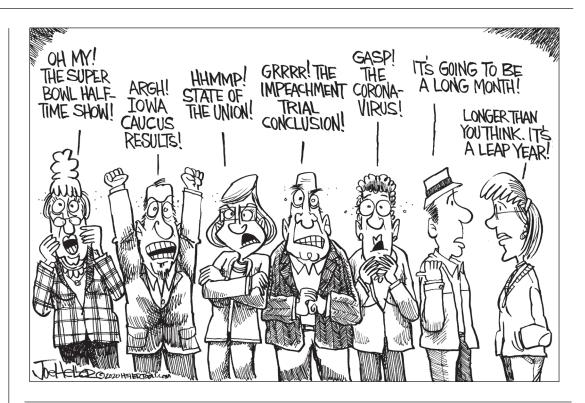
I could expound on this and, by their inspiration, attempt to make grand statements about life and death, about loneliness and loss, about the animal need of beings, both man and beast, to socialize, and about overlooking differences and finding commonalities. If only Congress could accomplish the same.

No man is an island, they say. The same, it seems, is true of ducks and chickens.

"How sad," said my wife, when I shared with her their story of death and new-found friendship.

Even if it makes me a big softy, I couldn't disagree with her. It was

"But also how uplifting," I offered, "that they found each



GUEST COLUMN | ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

The moral outrage of the Super Bowl halftime show

Many of my Facebook friends post cute pictures of children, grandchildren, and fur-babies. Many Facebook users also post rants about the immorality of our culture, making known what they are against and who are their opponents.

On Sunday, though, my Facebook timeline lit up with moral outrage following the Super Bowl's Halftime Show featuring J. Lo and Shakira. Post after post expressed dismay at the clothing worn by these superstars — actually. the lack of clothing. Parents, in particular, lamented the example these women had

set for their daughters. As the father of a daughter, I am sympathetic to the claim that young women (and men) are negatively influenced by the popular culture's image of the female body. Certainly, "beauty" is often defined and limited to a type of physical appearance and, tragically, women are objectified.

That said, it was striking to me that these posts were made by my white Facebook friends. As a white man, I wonder if we missed a subtle message of this performance. What were these African-American and Latina entertainers claiming should evoke our moral outrage?

At one point, J. Lo was joined on stage by her daughter. In front of the stage, other children sat under lighted arches. Look closely: these children were in cages. There

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Entertainment can hold up a mirror for us to view our actions, assumptions, and prejudices. J. Lo and Shakira challenge us to see the devastation in Puerto Rico from recent natural disasters and see that we have failed to support our fellow American citizens.

was also a sampling of Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" sung underneath both the American and Puerto Rican flags. These political messages were subtly placed in the midst the music, glitter, lights, and choreography. While I initially overlooked them, these messages were not lost on all of my Facebook friends. People of color celebrated J. Lo and Shakira for taking a moral stand against injustice and for

In pointing this out, I can imagine a critical response: The Super Bowl should not be about politics, especially race or so-called identity politics. Football teams wear different colors on their jerseys, but what about the contests between blue versus red (political parties) or black/brown versus white? I anticipate the frustrated response: "Can't we leave these subjects alone just for one game?"

It is true that many people - white, black, and brown understand sports as a unifying factor. But we do not live in a colorblind society.

Entertainment can hold up a mirror for us to view our actions, assumptions, and preju-

dices. J. Lo and Shakira challenge us to see the devastation in Puerto Rico from recent natural disasters and see that we have failed to support our fellow American citizens. To see the young adults known as The Dreamers and see the need to provide a pathway to citizenship for those who were brought to this country as children. To see the practice of separating migrant children from their families and see those kids in cages.

To see what should evoke our outrage. To see and understand that we can then do justice and love kindness with humility and conviction (Micah 6:8).

Halftime shows, along with football games, come and go. But, as a white man and a father, an American citizen and a person of faith, I believe we need to start seeing people of color as our teammates — not just on Facebook but in the policies we support.

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VIEWPOINTS

You may have to wait to read the 'best book ever'

"It is one of the best books I ever read, maybe the best."



D.G. MARTIN One on One

That got my attention, but when my friend told me it was a family history, I cooled down.

"But this one is something different. It is special. I couldn't put it down.

So when she pushed a copy of John May's privately published "The Mays of Alamanns' Creek: A Family Odyssey" on me, I agreed to read a few pages. That decision was made easier because May, a retired textile executive, is also the author of "Poe and Fanny," an imaginative and deeply researched novel based on a portion of Edgar Allan Poe's life. It is one of my all-time favorites.

Still, I was skeptical. Family his-

tories can be interesting. But even when written by great writers, they can also be tedious or too inwardly focused to have broad appeal.

Because May grew up in a prominent Burlington family, I thought the book would teach me some interesting regional history. Maybe I would learn more. Family histories and memoirs reach back generations, sometimes even going back across the ocean to times before the family came to North America.

It turns out that May follows his family to times long before their arrival in Burlington, before his ancestors landed in Pennsylvania and moved to Burlington. He follows them all the way back to the 1500s in Germany.

And if that weren't enough, he then takes his family back to the origin of human and human-like species in Africa thousands and thousands of years ago.

Using the results of recent findings in genetics, anthropology, and other science, he builds a framework to tell stories about what might have happened to his ancestors as they migrated. Over thousands of years they moved slowly from Africa, across to Asia, then along lands beside the Black Sea, through what is now Bulgaria and Rumania, up the Danube and down the Rhine rivers winding up in a small village near Frankfurt, Germany.

May explains how the slow migration often took place in clans or family groups. When a settled group outgrew the capacity of its surrounding land, it would break up and move far enough away to have its own separate land that could provide sufficient game and other food.

Slowly, over thousands of years, these incremental relocations would lead to massive movements of populations.

As he did in "Poe and Fanny," May mixes fact and fiction. His

ancestor, Jorg May, born in 1520 in Gelnhausen, Germany, managed a vineyard. That is fact. Also factual are the accounts of the uncertain times created by the religious and political upheavals that resulted from Martin Luther's break with the Catholic Church. Based around these facts and his research about the times, May creates believable and interesting characters and stories of their lives.

May's story becomes more relevant when Jorg's descendant, Daniel May, a poor German farm boy, read glowing reports about North Carolina in a publication called "The Golden Book."

He made his way to Amsterdam and then to Pennsylvania and down the Wagon Road to what became Alamance County. He arrived in time for the Regulator Rebellion and the American Revolution

Daniel's grandson, Henry

P., moved to Indiana, served in the Union Army, and moved to California before coming back to Alamance to court and marry Barbara, a woman he met before the war when she was working in a textile factory. Their grandson, William Henry May, built a textile empire in Burlington. He is John May's grandfather.

All these stories, blended fact and fiction, set in different times and places, and so well told by May, make for an unusual and satisfying reading experience.

Sadly, May only printed a few copies for friends and family. We may have to wait a while before more are available.

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

Freedom grows in North Carolina

North Carolina has become a freer state over the past decade. But if we want to make



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our license plate slogan "First in Freedom" more than just a lofty aspiration, there is still plenty of work

left to be done. I am using the term "freedom" here in its political context. To be free is to enjoy the right to make your own decisions, to transact business and associate with other free people at your discretion, and to live according to your own values.

America's founding creed captures it well, that we all enjoy equal rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

While government obviously poses a significant threat to our freedom, it can also help us defend and exercise it. Our rights are more secure when law enforcement and the courts offer protection and the fair adjudication of disputes. And to the extent government is involved in financing education or other public goods, it can either shove us around or maximize our freedom to choose service providers that best match our particular needs and values

When I say North Carolina has become freer over the past decade, then, here are some examples of what I mean.

Taxes are necessary to fund basic government services. But excessive taxes, and taxes applied selectively in an attempt to engineer economic or social outcomes, have the effect of reducing our freedom.

Three nonpartisan think tanks — the Tax Foundation, the Cato Institute, and the Fraser Institute — issue regular rankings of state tax codes. According to all three, North Carolina has improved its ranking since 2010. In the Tax Foundation's State Business Tax Climate Index, for example, North Carolina was far below average at the start of the decade. Now, we rank 15th. On the Frasier Institute's tax measure, North Carolina improved from 39th in 2010 to 19th in the most recent year avail-

Another key indicator is educational freedom the extent to which states regulate homeschooling and private education and enable or constrain parental choice and competition among schools. According to the Cato Institute's reckoning, North Carolina now ranks 6th in educational freedom, up from 15th in 2010.

When it comes to freedom in the workplace, North Carolina gets mixed marks. We are a right-to-work state where employees cannot be compelled to join unions. That's one reason the Frasier Institute ranks North Carolina 9th in labor-market freedom, up from 19th in 2010.

On the other hand, our state makes it harder than the average state does to choose your line of work. Thanks to strict licensing laws and other regulations, North Carolina ranks 37th in Cato's occupational-freedom index, worse than our 33rd ranking in 2010. Other areas where we tend to fare poorly in national rankings include the freedom to make, sell, and consume alcoholic beverages (35th) and restrictions on health insurance (30th).

While I recognize that other values matter in public policy, I place the highest priority on maximizing freedom. I do so for both foundational and practical reasons.

In the first case, North Carolina's constitution explicitly authorizes institutions of state and local government so that "the great, general, and essential principles of liberty and free government may be recognized and established." Among the "inalienable rights of North Carolinians protected by the state constitution is "the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor." In other words, limiting government to maximize freedom isn't just a possible policy direction. I believe it to be the responsibility of all constitutional officers of

The practical argument for freedom is simply this: it works better. People usually make better choices for themselves than politicians and bureaucrats can make on their behalf. Freer economies grow more rapidly and produce higher living standards over time. Freer societies give people greater opportunity to opt into the communities and relationships that are most consistent with their deeply held beliefs and values.

Fair warning: I plan to keep pressing my case until North Carolina is truly First in Freedom.

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Who is today's moral voice?

I grew up in Greenville in North Carolina in the 1950s and '60s. I knew that



TOM CAMPBELL N.C. Spin

the Pitt County courthouse had signs over the water fountains and on restroom doors designating "white" and "colored," and also remember that at the State Theatre, blacks were relegated to

sit in the balcony

while whites sat on the main floor. I admit being cocooned in a white, middle class world at school, at church and with friends. It wasn't until Walter Cronkite started showing footage of the Civil Rights movement on TV that I woke to the reality that others didn't enjoy the same life as mine.

There were many leaders in the civil rights movement, but none shone so brightly as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Maybe television needed a face and a voice to show the world, but MLK had the words, the charisma and the vision needed to lead the mission and stir the nation's moral conscience. Many of us remember his moving 1963 speech from the Lincoln Memorial, with thousands lining the mall

in Washington. "I have a dream," King declared, and painted the vision of what a more moral nation would be like. He encapsulated that vision from Amos 5:24, stating the movement would not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

LBJ's commitment to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 may have happened anyway, but King was the catalyst.

The reprinting of The Charlotte Observer's 2018 MLK Day editorial reminded us King wasn't the "cuddly" image many today have. He espoused nonviolence, but he was a fighter for civil rights. Anytime you attempt to get people in power to give up or share their power you know there is probably going to be a fight.

Lib and I had the opportunity to visit the Civil Rights museum in Birmingham, Alabama. We went into the church where a bomb killed four little girls during the bus boycott. We watched the news footage of police opening fire hoses on peaceful protestors, of a bus similar to one where Rosa Parks would not be moved, of a jail cell similar to the one where MLK wrote the letters from a Birmingham jail.

To some, Martin Luther King Day might just be another day off work or school. To others, it's another workday and there are some still who resist the holiday, but it is a day to reflect on this nation's struggles for civil rights and to pay tribute to MLK as one who raised awareness, challenged the status quo and urged us to be better.

My reflection during last week's MLK Day forced me to acknowledge that the fight isn't over. Justice still doesn't roll down like waters or righteousness like scripture's mighty stream. There are many evidences of racial hatred, discrimination and injustice.

I wondered who is today's moral voice? I believe Dr. William Barber has taken up that mantle. Beginning with his Moral Monday protests and leadership of the state NAACP, Barber raised anew the call for justice for the poor, for people of color, for women and the LGBTQ. Now ascending to a national stage, his Poor People's Campaign has made him, like King, a lightning rod. Like King, he is convicted by the righteousness of the cause, has the charisma and the words to remind us that rights and privilege are not just for the few. but for all.

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LETTERS

NAACP thanks Pittsboro for ballot asking for approval of a sales tax recognition of Black History increase for Chatham County. Vote NO! Month

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Chatham Community NAACP Branch and the African-American community of Pittsboro, we thank the Pittsboro Town Commissioners for the Black History Month resolution passed January 27, 2020, to support a full accounting of the experience of African-Americans in Chatham

Our forefathers were here, too, from the very beginning and contributed greatly to the development and the wealth of Chatham County. They brought with them from Africa the culture, music, food and traditions which enrich all our lives today. They suffered mightily under slavery and after the Civil War were under the Jim Crow regime which ruled the county. Six of our ancestors were lynched here in this county, the second highest number of such murders in any county in North Carolina.

We are not here, however, to blame or to seek recriminations. We are here for the telling of the whole history of the black citizens of Chatham so that all of us — black and white — will understand our roots, our experiences, our sufferings and our triumphs. We are committed to a bright future for this county, and we look forward to working with all the citizens of our beloved county to make us all proud of who we are and where we are going. Our Equal Justice Initiative now under way under the leadership of both branches of the NAACP in Chatham County will help us reach the understanding and reconciliation which will make that bright future possible.

Mary Nettles, President Chatham Community NAACP Pittsboro

Vote NO on the sales tax TO THE EDITOR:

Plug the drain of sales tax revenue erroneously flowing to other counties bordering Chatham County! We need to ensure Chatham County is receiving its proper sales tax revenue when Chatham County citizens living near the border of Orange, Durham, and other counties make online purchases or purchase services from neighboring counties. Crucial tax revenue belonging to Chatham County is being sent to other counties because of

Vote NO on the sales tax increase for Chatham County during the Primary election. There is a referendum on the

The problem is much sales tax revenue is going to bordering counties and it should be fixed, rather than raising the sales tax or other taxes. Please ask the Chatham County Commissioners to correct this longstanding problem.

Living in Chatham County is enhanced because of lower taxes than surrounding counties. Our sales tax is lower than Orange and Durham Counties, etc., yet many of us are erroneously charged the higher sales tax rate and revenue goes elsewhere.

Chatham County losing tax revenue because of a glitch in the systems of online companies can be fixed by government. The amount of lost tax revenue to Chatham is substantial. This is a more productive solution to obtaining more tax revenue, rather than burdening the citizens with another tax increase!

Countless online purchases are made by county residents for which the residents are overcharged sales tax and Chatham County receives nothing.

I spoke to the County Commissioners last May at a Budget Public Hearing and requested this problem be fixed and taxes not be raised. I received applause from the audience. People feel it is past time to take care of this problem!

I have a Chapel Hill zip code and I have often been overcharged sales tax which has then been sent to Orange County. It was not corrected by several companies even when I provided the full nine digit

Vote NO on the sales tax increase for Chatham County on the upcoming ballot referendum. The Primary election day is March 3rd, and early voting is February 13 to February 29. Instead, contact your Chatham County Commissioners and county government staff to fix this problem for the sake of Chatham County citizens and to fund necessary county programs.

Terri Tyson Chapel Hill

(Editor's note: Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne provided this response to Tyson's letter.)

Ms. Tyson shares the concerns of Chatham County leaders, and we appreciate the opportunity to clarify information about paying the correct sales tax in Chatham County, as well as the one-quarter cent (0.25%) sales tax ballot referendum in the March 2020 Primary Election.

Since 2013, Chatham County staff, management and elected officials have worked proactively with multiple agencies, state leaders, residents and private businesses to address potential sales tax inaccuracies. Our continuous efforts include increasing awareness about this issue, determining what measures are available to ensure that Chatham County receives all of its sales tax revenues, and educating residents on what they can

do individually to reduce the impact on our local economy and public revenue stream. While difficult to quantify there has been a notable increase in the County's sales and use tax revenues that coincides with our targeted efforts. We continue to keep this issue at the forefront of our $\bar{\text{County}}$'s priorities. For more information about paying the correct sales tax in Chatham County and to learn how to be a proactive consumer, we encourage residents to visit chathamnc.

org/salestax. The one-quarter cent (0.25%) sales tax ballot referendum addresses specific County needs in order to mitigate future property tax increases. The referendum is to define a steady revenue stream committed to four critical areas within our community: Education, Affordable Housing, Parks & Recreation, and Agricultural Preservation and Enhancement. To learn more about the Article 46 Sales Tax Referendum, we invite residents to visit chathamnc.org/article46.

Dan LaMontagne Chatham County Manager

Thoughts on school safety TO THE EDITOR:

I read with interest last week's Chatham Ch@t article ("Locals take performances of 'columbinus' on the road," Jan. 30-Feb. 5 edition) about the local performances of "columbinus," a play about the events leading up to, during, and after the shootings at Columbine High School. I agree: "No matter how many drills are done or locks are put on schools, our kids are not safe.'

Instead of reacting, our schools should be pro-active. There is nothing more critical to our nation's well-being than our children's safety, and the School Shield® program (NSS) is the National Rifle Association's commitment to that effort. NSS was introduced in 2012 as an initiative focused on improving school security to help prevent national tragedies at schools.

Recognizing that there is no one-sizefits-all approach, NSS addresses the many facets of school security, including best practices in infrastructure technology, personnel, training and policy. A cornerstone of NSS is the Security Assessor Training, which seeks to facilitate a partnership between schools and local stakeholders by teaching them how to analyze a school's physical security, communications systems and overall preparedness.

The NSS professional consultation is provided at no charge. Through grants from The NRA Foundation, funds can be made available for schools to complete projects and activities that improve school security. For more information, call 844-467-7723 or go to https://www.nationalschoolshield.org/

Cathy Wright Chapel Hill

WATER:

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their residents are not part of Chatham County or the Town of Pittsboro's systems. But concerns were raised about the state of the Fearrington Village plant. According to documents filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission - which oversees all utility transfers, purchases and rates across the state — the Fearrington plant is "aging."

In testimony given on Dec. 4, 2019, ONSWC President Michael Myers said the Fearrington plant is currently 35 years old, the early stages of its expected lifespan, and "will need to be completely replaced, including material treatment upgrades, to meet upcoming nutrient management requirements for discharge into the Jordan Lake watershed." This year marks the beginning of implementation of new rules for limiting the amount of nutrients allowed to be moved into Jordan Lake.

As a solution, Myers said, the ONSWC plant in Briar Chapel would take on the whole of Fearrington Village's wastewater by constructing a pump station an operation that directs water in a new direction - to get the wastewater to Briar Chapel. The plant now receiving the water would receive an expansion from handling one-quarter of a million gallons of wastewater per day to one million gallons per day and 'serve as a regional WWTP to treat the wastewater for future build-outs of Briar Chapel and Fearrington Village, and other nearby developments." The plant would also be given a more than \$10 million upgrade to utilize membrane bioreactor (MBR)-treated effluent, which Myers said would "provide significant and meaningful benefit to the

environment.' Additionally, the ONSWC efforts in Briar Chapel would be transferred to a new operation called Old North State Water Company - Chatham North, also with Michael Myers at the helm.

Testimony on the same day as Myers from Robert Burgin, a South Carolina-based engineer who spoke on behalf of Chatham North, cited the new treatment plan as beneficial to the environment as well as odor control measures. Additionally, the plant's expansion would not enlarge its footprint in the development.

"In particular, the initial screen will be enclosed, the equalization basin will be covered and air will



Photo courtesy of NCUC

The Briar Chapel Wastewater Treatment Plant includes a space for water to receive UV disinfection, by which ultraviolet lamps eliminate microorganisms that might be in the water. The plant has become a lightning rod for criticism by neighbors in recent years.

be pulled through each unit and passed to an air scrubber," Burgin said in his testimony. "The odor-emitting particles will be retained on the media or broken down biologically to inert compounds that do not have odors associated with them."

Myers also stated that the "larger customer base" would "help to minimize the impact of inflationary pressures on a per customer basis." In conclusion, he said the transfer and expanded plant would only make things better in Briar Chapel.

'The combined wastewater system will enable greater flexibility for management of the reclaimed water," he said. "It will reduce Briar Chapel's dependency on the spray irrigation system and allow for better management of the reclaimed water disposal system.

And initially, the NCUC's Public Staff division felt the plan was solid.

"The transfer of both of these systems to Chatham North and the plan to consolidate the systems into one expanded BC WWTP should reduce the per customer rate base and operating expenses to provide safe and reliable wastewater utility service," Charles Junis, an engineer in the Water, Sewer and Telephone Division of the NCUC, said in a December 20 testimony. "The MBR technology, when designed, constructed, operated and maintained correctly, produces higher quality effluent that can reduce nutrient loading rates to meet stringent NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit limits and/or delay the need for additional irrigation areas.

Residents skeptical

But ONSWC hasn't had a perfect record in managing the wastewater it's currently responsible for in Briar Chapel.

The company, which has overseen wastewater operations in the development since 2015, has received two letters of violation from the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality - one in October 2017 for a "pipe failure" on Hillcreek Boulevard and another in August 2019 for three separate incidents. In total, those spills accounted for 4,000 gallons of raw sewage, and ONSWC received an \$11,000 fine. A settlement led to the penalty being just more

than \$7,700. Additionally, the Chatham County Watershed Protection Department fined ONSWC \$15,050 for "continued violations of the Chatham County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance.' In a letter addressed to Myers, Watershed Protection Director Rachael Thorn wrote that the company had taken part in "land-disturbing activities beyond the approved limits of disturbance" — particularly in depositing off-site sediment onto Briar Chapel Parkway, enacting damage to private property and poor installation of erosion and sediment control, leading to sediment deposit on the alley behind the development's tennis courts.

Citing these violations and other complaints, Briar Chapel residents showed up in written statements, signed petitions and in-person testimony to the NCUC asking the Commission to deny the transfer.

One major complaint was the nature of ONSWC's response to customer complaints. Patricia Van Hoy, who lives in the Encore section of Briar Chapel, wrote in a December 10 statement that Envirolink — the wastewater management company of which Michael Myers also serves as president that oversees day-today operations of the Briar Chapel plant — "ignore(s) the call" when "contacted



Photo courtesy of NCUC

This aerial view shows the Briar Chapel Wastewater Treatment Plant (outlined in red) and the effluent storage pond (outlined in blue). Directly below the WWTP in the photo is the Encore neighborhood, which is designed for homeowners age 55 and over.

regarding issues with the irrigation system.'

"At least once a week a call is made to Envirolink, contractor for ONS, about excessive noise and odor from the plant," Van Hoy wrote. "When I called Saturday, November 30, I was told, 'We don't have anyone on duty on the weekends.' The odor was so strong, you couldn't go outside. This is a regular occurrence and we were told that a new carbon filter would correct this problem. Well, it didn't."

John DiMiceli and Josephine Corro signed a letter to NCUC saying ONSWC and Envirolink's entry into Briar Chapel's wastewater system initiated problems that had not previously

existed. 'Their management of the current plant has earned them nothing but dissatisfaction, opposition and concern from the community," DiMecli and Corro wrote. "One of our concerns is for the quality of our lives here in Briar Chapel, and that when we, and others in (the) community, put our homes on the market their value will be diminished due to problems with the (proposed) sewage treatment facility.'

More citizens expressed their concerns during a January 14 public meeting at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro. Tom Speer, the president of the Brian Chapel Community Association, said during his testimony that the BCCA's board of directors has "assess(ed) property damages and costs...into the 100s of thousands of dollars.

ONS gave verbal commitments to official transition committee members of Briar Chapel and stated that they would replace damaged vegetation and trees," Speer said. "To date considerable work remains to finalize grading, replace destroyed sidewalk, replant trees and restore vegetation

Additionally, customers complained of waking up to "a strong, rotten-egg like odor in my house" and "routine over-spraying of ʻgray water."

A change of position

Perhaps most notably, the Public Staff of the NCUC has made nearly a complete 180-degree turn in its public opinions of ONSWC's handling of its current operations and cast doubt on its ability to handle a new influx of wastewater.

In a January 21 motion to reschedule the second public hearing on the transfer, planned for the next day, Public Staff asked for a delay, citing the need to see ONSWC "develop and successfully implement the necessary equipment improvements and improved maintenance and operating procedures" to reduce the impact the current Briar Chapel plant had made on nearby residents.

The motion also backed up claims made by many of the residents, particularly in the Encore neighborhood, which is next door to the plant. The area is designed to house residents aged 55 and over and provides a clubhouse and swimming pool. The motion stated the staff — specifically Junis and Public Staff attorney William Grantmyre — had "observe(d) sewage odors while standing at the

Encore swim club/clubhouse" during a January 18 visit to the neighborhood with Speer.

We were advised the sewage odors are much worse in warmer weather restricting the use of the swim club/ clubhouse facilities," the Public Staff motion said. "It was clear that customers that purchased these houses, due to the various access streets, could have been totally unaware of the nearby WWTP when they purchased their homes.

The location of the irrigation systems utilizing reclaimed water was scrutinized, with staff saying it was "different from the overwhelming majority of Commission regulated wastewater systems utilizing reclaimed water." Other systems will spray the water on golf courses or another field "away from the customer residents, but Briar Chapel's, according to staff, "is permitted and sprayed throughout this extremely large development along roadways, road medians, walking and riding trails, and in some customer's yards.' The motion said Public Staff had not received the same "extensive odor complaints" from other NCUC-permitted reclaimed water systems, "including the one or possibly two that irrigate reclaimed water near houses."

Public Staff also expressed concerns about the MBR technology, saying it was "relatively new" and that the "odor control methods need(ed) to be thoroughly investigated." Additionally, the organization has "very limited experience with the maintenance and operation" of MBR plants.

Public Staff had given the OK to the transfer in Junis' testimony in mid-December, and the January 21 motion said the BCCA had not contacted staff or sought to intervene, so "the Public Staff assumed the BCCA did not have major concerns," the motion said. But the neighborhood's developer had "controlled" the BCCA until late November, and complaints from the BCCA were lodged after that transition, but too late for the December 27 deadline to intervene.

Editor's Note: Next week, the News + Record will have a follow-up report after reaching out to the Briar Chapel Community Association, Old North State Water Company, Newland Communities, the North Carolina Utilities Commission and Fearrington Village.

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SHERIFF:

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Animal Resources was under-staffed when we took it," he said. "When we took it, we got no additional personnel. We've worked hard over the past year to improve the services that we give for animal services.

Ten of the sought-after positions are for that section of the sheriff's office, including a kennel manager and five animal caretakers/technicians. Roberson's proposal would stagger the hirings as the new county Animal Shelter gets closer to completion, projected for early 2021. Citing an increased number of animals the department is handling and housing, the ask was a necessity in Roberson's eyes.

"If we're going to triple that space and we're going to bring in more animals, we not only have to catch up what we have now," he said, "but we've got to make sure we have enough people when the building opens.

The department's request also includes four patrol officers, two criminal investigators, two victims' rights coordinators and a narcotics officer. Roberson said the department has asked for four additional patrol officers since 2009. He talked about the need for more people to cover an expansive county — the 707 square miles that is Chatham County — as well as having a law enforcement presence in the new neighborhoods that are sprouting up.

But even the four, he said, would just be a "Band Aid."

"Right now I think we're really running short on that," he said. "The great thing is crime's still low, but as we build more urban areas and we build houses closer and closer to each other...as long as people own those houses, we're good, but

when they start renting these houses, you'll see crime change a little bit. That's one of the indicators you want to look at: a lot of rental property closer together, crime tends to go up."

As far as the other positions: the narcotics officer would provide extra support in working against the opioid crisis; the investigators would help the department work on cases and crimes that "are getting more complex," Roberson said, like fraud in the tens of thousands of dollars range; and the victims' rights coordinators would help the department comply with Marsy's Law, a new state constitutional amendment which provides more guaranteed enforceable protections to crime victims. The sheriff's office is seeking a government grant that would cover 80 percent of the cost of those positions, but require a 20 percent local match.

Lastly, Roberson is seeking two detention officers for direct supervision at the Chatham County Detention Center, along with a maintenance person and two part-time kitchen staff.

With detention, when we built the building, it was built for direct supervision, which means there's an officer in each block with the inmates," he said. "We are not at the staffing level we can do that. We're in this middle phase where we can do direct supervision in some blocks but not other blocks, which really makes it inefficient.'

Receiving the ask

Each department submitted heads-up requests to the County Manager's Office through the county's Collaborative Impact Teams (CIT) for early consideration. LaMontagne said these request serve as "an opportunity to identify problems or issues that they anticipate in the upcoming budget year and suggest solutions.

For example, the Human Services CIT — which includes the Chatham Council on Aging, Department of Social Services and Parks and Recreation requested staff, programs and equipment with a roughly estimated cost of \$962,455. This included two social work supervisors for DSS, a parks manager for Parks and Recreation and transportation assistance for the COA. The sheriff's office request fell under the Public Safety CIT, which also includes **Emergency Management and** Telecommunications.

At the budget retreat last month, the county manager's office presented the heads-up request to the county commissioners. But while these asks do involve money and wants from departments, they're not the county's final budget request.

'Once the budget team receives the requests, they work with the departments to explore the justification and examine alternatives," LaMontagne said. "One of the priorities of the budget team is to be good stewards of public funds. This means asking difficult questions, looking for less costly alternatives, exploring partnerships with outside agencies, re-prioritizing existing work or putting something on hold."

When the final request comes out, it may appear as if some departments got their whole request while others didn't. For example, the Chatham County Board of Education's final budget request was granted in full by the commissioners. But LaMontagne said it wasn't as simple as the schools ask and they receive.

"In reality, there were several working meetings between the two staffs to reach agreement about the request before it reaches the BOE or the BOC," he said. "The budget team and their counterparts at CCS work together cooperatively throughout the year to identify needs





and develop solutions." That's what next. The county's budget team will work with departments to gather more

information and hear more justification about the request. LaMontagne said that all requests "must be considered and balanced."

From now till vote

The full budget proposal will not be presented to the Chatham commissioners until May 4, nearly three months from the date of this article's publication. As such, LaMontagne said, there's no answer to whether or not the county will grant the sheriff's office its full

"But the recommendation we develop — not only for the Sheriff's office but for all departments — will depend on a performance-based workload assessment and identification of key metrics," he said.

Roberson said he believes the county budget crafters have "a very difficult job," and that every department is vital.

"I don't know if there's one department in county government that has too much staff." Roberson said. "I don't think



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

that any department is not in need of a staff. I'm not trying to say that they don't need their staff. I just think that school systems is important. And I think public safety is important. Since everything else is important too, I think what the commissioners job is to prioritize themselves and to put into order of where they think the constituents want their tax money going." Citizens will also have the

opportunity — and always have a chance — to have their say in what the county budget looks like. The commissioners hold multiple public hearings on the document and the draft budget goes to each public library after its initial proposal.

After all, as LaMontagne said, it is Chatham County residents' money.

"Priorities, affordability and cost-effectiveness are major concerns," he said. "And again, it can't be over-stated: the value that guides the budget process is wise stewardship of public funds."

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Chatham health officials: New tobacco rules good, but not good enough

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chatham County and its governments have been investing time and effort into anti-smoking initiatives in recent months, with the county and the Town of Siler City banning tobacco use on government property.

The United States has followed suit. It is now illegal for stores to sell tobacco products to anyone under age 21 and for companies to produce, distribute and sell several flavors of cartridge-based e-cigarettes.

Chatham County public health officials say the moves are positive and will hopefully cut down on tobacco use, but only scratch at the surface of the issue.

While raising the to-bacco purchase age to 21 on Jan. 1 was "a positive thing" to county Health Director Layton Long, he said it was "probably the least impactful thing that could be done.

"There was so much news around the e-cigarettes and the youth rates, I think the politicians and the industry felt they had to do something," Long said. "So this was done. Don't get me wrong, it's positive, but it's probably the least impactful thing in terms of their sales that



Staff photo by David Bradley

Haitham Alrashdy adjusts some of the e-cigarette products in the inventory at his shop, FA Tobacco and Vape, at 193 Lowes Drive in Pittsboro.

could have been done to address the public outcry." Ninety percent of

smokers begin using tobacco products prior to age 18, the former legal sales age. In Chatham County, nearly 14 percent of high schoolers report-ed "currently" smoking cigarettes, compared to 8.9 percent of North Carolina high school students.

Long said something additional that could help cut down on youth use in particular and use in general is raising the excise tax on tobacco products. Currently, North Carolina charges 45 cents per pack, which ranks 47th out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The national average is \$1.81 per park. According to the Campaign for To-

bacco-Free Kids, "every 10 percent increase in cigarette prices reduces youth smoking by about seven percent and total cigarette consumption by about four percent."

"Raising the taxes on tobacco is a major deterrent in other states from youth beginning," Long said. "So that's something that I'd like to see worked on at the state level to see if they can raise that.'

Anna Stormzand, a public health educator with the Chatham County Public Health Department, said the elimination of fruit and mint flavors in e-cigarette and vapor products is positive because "flavors are what capture kids, especially the younger ones," but the continued allowance of menthol



Staff photo by David Bradley

Fruit flavors of e-liquids or disposable fruitflavored items are among the many vape products available on the market. The Food and Drug Administration's deadline to remove flavored vapor cartridges is Feb. 6.

flavors in particular and a particular loophole in the new policy restrict the effectiveness of the rule.

'Menthol is our main concern," Stormzand said. "Menthol actually opens the airwaves. If you think about when you were a kid and you used to put the vapor rub on, it opens your airwayes and it makes it more addictive. We've been pushing in the public health community for years to get menthol removed. They haven't.'

Additionally, the new e-cigarette rule does not ban flavored vapor liquid for disposable products, creating a loophole teens are already exploiting, according to a Jan. 31 report from The New York Times. Multiple school officials across America said in the NYT report that they're seeing students continue to use flavored vapes despite the new rule.

The 2018 CCCA reported that nearly half of Chatham high school students reported ever using electronic vapor products, and 22.4 percent reported current use. That's higher than the North Carolina high school current use of e-cigarettes, at 16.9 percent, and high school students in the U.S., at 13.2 percent.

In the meantime, county public health officials will continue advocating for tobacco cessation classes and working with the public school system

on anti-tobacco and tobacco quitting initiatives.

'It is the No. 1 cause of premature death and disease in the United States," Long said. "As a health department, we can't ignore it. It's preventable, it disproportionately affects minority communities and low-income communities because they have much higher utilization rates.'

The county has two upcoming QuitSmart classes, which focus on tobacco use cessation.

"Effective cessation is absolutely critical, Stormzand said. "We don't want to just say, 'We don't want you smoking, because that's not effective."

Those interested can contact Debbie Scotten with Chatham Hospital at 919-799-4652 to register for the March program, or Stormzand at 919-545-8455 or anna.stormzand@ chathamnc.org to register for the May program. Residents can also visit chathamnc.org/tobaccocessation for additional resources in the area orchathamnc.org/ ecigaretteinfo for more information on electronic cigarettes or vaping products.

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Pittsboro's 'Worst Cook' keeps her game face

Dr. Lulu Boykin makes another week on The Food Network Show

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The field of contestants has now been cut in half. with Pittsboro's Dr. Lulu Boykin still hanging in the competition for 'America's Worst Cook' on The Food Network after Sunday's newest

episode. The show pits two teams of self-described "worst cooks" against each other, learning cooking skills and then being tested on their ability to improve. The

teams are "coached" by chef hosts Anne Burrell and Alton Brown. Each week, the candidate that does the worst of the worst goes home. Once all the rest are eliminated, the best of the worst walks away with bragging rights and a \$25,000

After coming off a winning week last week, Boykin was back in the bottom two this week.

In the episode enti-tled "Let's Get Ready to Tailgate," contestants had to "put on their

game faces" and create meals inspired by the time-honored tradition of tailgating. The first "game" saw both teams compete to make several items as their coaches walked them through the process. After the tasks were complete, their individual creations were judged by Eddie Jackson, a former NFL player who joined The Food Network after winning the network's "Food Network Star" and now hosts numerous shows



Photo by Scott Gries

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

network. As Boykin prepared

the pasta salad, her

questionable knife skills played a central role. In the first episode, Boykin noted that she was "afraid of sharp things" and used a meat tenderizer to pound the back of a knife during prep work. Her teammates were behind her, chanting her encouragement as she cut through the ingredients. Burrell noted her "knife cuts" were "way better." As she presented her pasta salad to Jackson, she threw out a wink, to which he responded: "Now that's good pasta salad."

The next task for Boykin was to make a burger with a "flavor profile" of her own choosing. Boykin created a sausage burger with roasted red peppers and a pine nut basil dressing. Burrell complimented her idea and execution of flavor, but again her cutting skills caught her. Her romaine was so butchered and her choice to use hearts instead of green drew Burrell's criticism.

"Things ran amok here," Burrell said to Boykin.

The final challenge was for contestants to make "southern tailgate classics" inspired by the tailgates of "southern college football." Boykin's team was told to make barbecue ribs per Burrell's recipe including homemade sauce and a macaroni and cheese where they were asked to experiment on the tradition.

"I love barbecue ribs," Boykin said. "I just thought you slapped some sauce on them and cooked them. But actually you need one zillion 50 ingredients.

During the challenge, Boykin again had her head in her notebook an activity that she had been chastised for previ-

The Food **Network's** "Worst Cooks"

Season 18, Episode 6

Opposites Attract Sunday, Feb. 9, 9

p.m.

Monday, Feb. 10, 12 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 16, 8

Monday, Feb. 17, 3

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DR. LULU BOYKIN, Pittsboro's Worst Cook

ously by Burrell. "Get your face out of your book," Burrell said

to Boykin. "I have the attention span of a gnat," Boykin said. "So it's getting more and more challeng-

In the end, Boykin created ribs and a macaroni and pimento cheese dish. Though Burrell complimented Boykin's final product, she again noted that Boykin had her "nose in her book.

In the end, Boykin was in the bottom two.

"Everyone on this team has made some definite improvement," Burrell said. "We need to see constant improvement every week.

Noting that Boykin "tries as hard" as she could, Burrell gave her another shot, saving her from elimination again this week

If you missed this week's episode, it will air again on The Food Network at 8 p.m. on

Sunday.
Next week's episode
is called "Opposites
Attract" and contestants
will be challenged to combine "unlikely ingredients." The recipes will include flatbread dishes and a main dish which pairs meat and

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OBITUARIES

GREGORY "GREG" STINICE JOURDAN



Gregory "Greg" Stinice Jourdan, 48, of Siler City died Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel

Mr. Jourdan was born in Lee County on November 30, 1971 the son of Robert Stinice and Diane (Branson) Jourdan. Greg was a member of Brookdale Baptist Church and a former deacon. He was employed as a landscaper with Parker Landscaping in Apex. Greg had worked on several high profile landscaping jobs. The Triangle area is a much more scenic

place because of his skilled labors. He enjoyed working on the farm with cows and chickens and was an avid Duke Basketball and the Kansas City Chiefs fan. His greatest pleasure was time spent with his family, especially his children.

Greg was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by

his wife of 23 years, Jennifer (Day) Jourdan; children, Garrett, Hannah, and Kyle Jourdan of the home; mother, Diane (Branson) Jourdan of Bear Creek; and brother, Robert Bryan Jourdan of Hickory.

The family received friends Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Brookdale Baptist Church, 1133 West Third Street, Siler City. A memorial service followed Saturday at 3 p.m. at Brookdale Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Rob Roberts officiating.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the college fund for the Jourdan Children at the State Employees Credit Union, 1131 North Glenn Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344. Online condolences may be made at www.pughfuneral-

home.com.

VIVIAN NEAL WYNN



MEBANE - Vivian Neal Wynn, 81, transitioned to her heavenly home, Thursday, January 30, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born January 31, 1938 in Chatham County to the late Claiborne Mack and Annie McKenzie Neal. She was married to Jessie Bryant Wynn for 62 years. She was a member of Mt. Zion Christian Church and was chosen Mother of the Year in 2015 at the church. She was a very strong lady, an encourager, a brightness in every situation who loved everyone she met.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Vicky W. Dodson.

She is survived by her husband, Jessie Wynn; daughter, Kathy Flake and husband Butch; grandchildren, Olivia

Chilton and husband Matt, Landon Wheeler, Jeff Dodson and wife Tina; great grandchildren, Andrew Chilton, Andrea Chilton, Shyanne Curtin and Jesse Dodson. The celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday,

February 8, 2020 at Mt. Zion Christian Church with Pastor Rick Webster, officiating. The family will receive friends following the service. Lowe Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. is assisting the

You may sign the online register book at www.lowefuneral-

home.com.

LEA ROY DAMERON



Lea Roy Dameron, 93, of Burlington went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

His funeral service was held Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Lowe Funeral Home in Burlington.

Mr. Dameron was born September 9, 1926 in Caswell County, NC, to the late Walter and Lillian Fuqua Dameron. Retired from AT&T (Western Electric), he was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during WWII in the European Theatre.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Woodell Dameron; son, Ronald Dameron and wife Cindy of Siler City; daughter, Cathy Evans and husband David of Burlington; granddaughters, Jennifer Bridges and husband Tyler of Siler City, Lisa Rambeaut and husband Josh of Liberty, and Alexis Dameron of Siler City; sisters, Mable McKinney of Elon, Nancy Dameron of Burlington, and brother, Grant Dameron of Winston-Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Eugene, Joseph,

Maxie, Glen and sister, Ruby Pierce.

Lea was a beloved family man; his granddaughters were the light of his world. He was especially known for his giving nature, witty humor, and contagious, radiant laugh. He constantly stayed busy, as he was a skilled mechanic who enjoyed working with his bands. Lea cherished working with his son on the farm and spending time in his garden with his granddaughters. His granddaughters could always count on his smiling face front row, cheering them on at every dance recital, science project, sporting event, graduation, and anything else they embarked upon.

DELORA ANN MOORE



With profound sadness we announce the passing of DeLora Ann Moore on January 31, 2020 after a roller coaster of declining health for the past year. In the two months preceding her passing she had been a patient at UNC Medical Center in Chapel Hill ICU and Moses Cone Hospital ICU in Greensboro, North Carolina. Despite all valiant attempts to sustain life, her life started fading away and she was transferred to Bryan Hospice Center in Pittsboro, where she passed peacefully with family by her side.

Born in Bear Creek, North Carolina, on June 28, 1952, she was always a very vivacious person who experienced the beginnings of the computer technology industry and knew from the beginning this was her calling. Just a few of her many exciting ventures into the world of computer technology was working with the Olympics Committee in California early in her career and NBC Network in New York. When she got tired of traveling she moved back to her home place of Bear Creek and used her skills as a computer programmer and analyst at the Research Triangle in Raleigh, North

Predeceased by parents Astor Maness and Daisy Robena Moore, brothers Isaac Ray and Rodney Astor Moore, and a former husband and longtime friend Billy Justice.

She was a dear sister of Brenda Williamson (Jerry), Faith Moore, Danny Moore (Ann), Eugene Moore (Ruby), Sharon DeBruhl (Dave) and remembered by her many nieces and

DeLora loved to cook and entertain in her home for friends and family before becoming ill. She loved home projects and crafts of all kinds. Truly a business woman at heart, it was not unusual to find her laying tile and stuccoing walls! In her kitchen she turned out many mouthwatering foods and her candy bouquets were especially beautiful and a favorite with

Baptist Church, 715 Sandy Branch Church Rd, Bear Creek, North Carolina on February 5, 2020 with visitation being from 1 to 2 p.m. and service immediately following at 2 p.m. A time of fellowship followed in the Sandy Branch Community

A celebration of DeLora's life was held at Sandy Branch

Flowers may be sent to Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N 2nd Ave, Siler City, North Carolina or memorial donations may be made to Sandy Branch Baptist Church.

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

JAMES PROSSER MCMAHON



James Prosser McMahon, age 94 of Siler City died Friday, January 31, 2020 at Genesis Healthcare, Siler City.

Mr. McMahon was born August 2, 1925 in Monongahela, PA, the son of Malcolm and Mary Eva Prosser McMahon. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He settled in Siler City in the early '60s. He was a member of Loves Creek Baptist Church and enjoyed hunting, fishing, ice skating and gardening. He was dedicated to his family and was most comfortable in his recliner at home telling stories to family, friends and

neighbors. He was always willing to help people and taught numerous kids to swim and skate. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. Above all, he loved his community, family and neighbors and will be missed by many.

James was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Nellie Gray McMahon.

He is survived by his son: Mike McMahon and wife, Sally of Virginia Beach, VA; grandchildren: Sarah Gray McMahon, Samuel Aidan McMahon, and Dylan James McMahon. Smith and Buckner is assisting the McMahon family. Online condolences may be made at www.pughfuneral-

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WOMBLE

home.com.

Mr. Benjamin Franklin Womble, 88, of Goldston passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Roberts Chapel Church, with interment following in the church cemetery.

WILLARD (WILLIE) **WILLIAMS**

Mr. Willard (Willie) Williams, 82, of Moncure, passed on Friday, January 24, 2020 at his

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 2, 2020 at Liberty Chapel Church, with interment following in the church ceme-

DAISY M. SMITH

Mrs. Daisy M. Smith, 76 of Carrboro, passed on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Carolina Springs, Carrboro.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Chapel Hill.

LARRY POINDEXTER "TADPOLE" PUGH, JR

Larry Poindexter "Tadpole" Pugh, Jr., 67 of Carthage died Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at his home.

The family will conduct a memorial service at a later date. Larry was born in Randolph County in 1952, son of the late Robert Pugh and Maggie V. Richardson. He worked as a drywall installer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers.

Survivors include his wife Patricia of 32 years; children, Chris Haga of Liberty, Larry

Junior Pugh of Pennsylvania, Donnie Ray Haga of Asheboro; sisters, Patricia Blankenship, Dianne Hill, JoAnne Brooks, all of Asheboro; brothers, Joe Pugh, Chris Pugh, also of Asheboro; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.
Condolences may be offered

online at www.joycebradychapel.com.

WILMA LOUISE ELLIS **RIDDLE**

Wilma Louise Ellis Riddle, 67, Pittsboro died Saturday, February 1, 2020 at UNC Hospice in Pittsboro.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Reverend Jim Jones officiating.

Mrs. Riddle was born June 27, 1952 in Durham, the daughter of James and Wilma Hackney Ellis. She has been employed by Grapevine Cafeteria at UNC. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, L.D. Riddle, Jr.; daughter, Serenia Riddle of Pittsboro; son, Duane Riddle of Pittsboro; sister: Ann Headen of Goldston; brothers, James Michael Ellis and Joe Ellis, both of Pittsboro: four granddaughters, and one great grandson.

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

DORIS GLAZIER

Doris Glazier of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation.

A memorial service will be held in New York at a later date. Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

ROSA MARIE RONE

Ms. Rosa M. Rone, 66 of Pittsboro passed on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 2, 2020 at Mt. Sinai AME Church with burial following in Pittsboro Community Cemetery.

She leaves daughters, Maria Rone of Knightdale, and Erica "Monique" Rone of Pittsboro; one grand-daughter; one brother, Walter Rhone of Pittsboro; sisters, Rose Eaves of Pittsboro, Dianne Cox of Woodbridge, VA, and Patricia Campbell of Chapel Hill.

MONTIE MAE MANESS RUSSELL

Montie Mae Maness Russell of Robbins, passed away Sunday, February 2, 2020 at First Health Hospice House in Pinehurst.

The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Pleasant Hill UMC, where she was a member, with Rev. Darrell Williams presiding.

Montie Mae was born October 6, 1928 to Ralph and Glenna Caviness Maness. In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her husband, Herman Lee Russell and brother, Bill Maness.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Stephenson of Stella; sons, Jimmy Russell, Jerry Russell, both of Robbins, Larry Russell of Pittsboro; brother, Johnny Maness of Asheboro; seven grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill UMC, 1535 North Moore Road, Robbins, NC 27325.

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

Pet of the Week: MORRIS



The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet Morris, a 2-year-old, orange and white feline with a relaxed personality. Morris came to the Animal Resource Center as a stray who was unaccustomed to human affection; however, he quickly warmed up to staff and learned what it means to feel safe and valued. Morris enjoys napping in between chin rubs and is eager to earn the attention of anyone entering the visitation room. He would do well in a home with a calming energy where he can be himself and lounge freely throughout the day. If you enjoy spending time at home and would like some company while you relax, Morris could be your new best friend! For more information on how to meet or adopt Morris during our ongoing \$20 cat adoption special, swing by our office at 725 Renaissance Drive or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an **Animal Resource Officer.**









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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Chatham's Jamir Wright named 2020 winner

CN+R Staff Report

Siler City's Jamir Wright was named the 2020 Youth of the Year last Thursday night by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, which serves children in Lee, Chatham and Harnett counties.

Wright received the recognition at the club's annual Youth of the Year celebration in Sanford. The Youth of the Year title is a prestigious honor bestowed upon an exemplary young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to live a healthy lifestyle. Now in its 73rd year, the Youth of the Year program honors the nation's most awe-inspiring young people on their path to great futures and encourages all kids to lead, succeed and

Wright will go on to contend for the North Carolina Youth of the Year title and a \$5,000 college scholarship from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. This year's North Carolina Youth of the Year will be hosted on the campus of Central Carolina Community College in Sanford by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina in

'I am so proud of Jamir and all of our Youth of the Year candidates," said Daniel Simmons, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina. "They truly represent the best of the Boys & Girls Clubs. They are resilient, intelligent, compassionate, and motivated for success. I'm proud of my staff at the Clubs who have helped shape these wonderful young people into who they are today. This is a true reminder that great futures really do start at the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Wright is a member of the organization's Wren Family Center Boys & Girls Club in Siler City. Through the club, he says he has found a home away from home, that



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Jamir Wright was named the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Carolina's 'Youth of the Year' for 2020. He's a member of the Wren Family Center Club in Siler City.

he feels empowered to lead by example, and that he has made lasting friendships with his peers.

During the interview process for Youth of the Year, Wright was bold in stating his goal to the judges: he said he wanted to win the competi-

"I know I can always count on the Boys & Girls Club to uplift me," Wright said. "I could go to the club in the morning and be either upset or frustrated about something but the positive atmosphere at the Wren Family Center would do nothing but put a smile on my face. The club is an empowering place to be. Staff members always give me advice and tips on life and I have formed some of the closest and tightest bonds with new friends. I know that if I ever need anything, they'll be there for me. Without the club, these friendships would not have

If Wright wins at the state competition, he will compete

been formed."

for the title of BGCA's Southeast Region Youth of the Year and an additional \$10,000 college scholarship, renewable for four years up to \$40,000. Five regional winners will advance to Washington, D.C. in fall 2020 to compete for the title of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional scholarship of \$25,000, renewable each year up to \$100,000.

In addition to Wright, this year's candidates included: Queen Madzivanyika from the Robin Paige Club in

Lillington • Cheyenne Benton from Wren Family Center in Siler

· Maricarmen Landa from Wren Family Center
• Gabrielle "Mei-Lin" Mar-

shall from OT Sloan Park Club in Sanford

· Kaitlyn Newell from OT Sloan Park Club

 Skye Roberson from OT Sloan Park Club • Kimberly Ascencio-Cerna

from OT Sloan Park Club Junior Youth of the Year candidates for 2020 were Isaac Scotten-Thompson from the Wren Family Center and Shanice Ledbetter from the Robin Paige Club. Thompson was named the winner.

In the Youth of the Year competition, club winners

• OT Sloan Park Club: Kaitlyn Newell

 $\bullet \ \text{Wren Family Center:} \\$ Jamir Wright

· Robin Paige Club: Queen Madzivanyika

Contest judges included Mark Akinosho, pastor of True Bread Fellowship Church in Sanford and a former member and chairman of the Lee County Board of Education; Susan Gomez, the business manager at

St. Stephen's Church and a board member for the United Way of Lee County; Karen Howard, chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners; Jermaine White, the assistant superintendent of student support services for Harnett County Schools; and Bianka Stumpf, Central Carolina Community College's Lead Social Sciences Instructor and coordinator of the Academic and Cultural Enrichment Series. Chatham News + Record Publisher and Editor Bill Horner III served as

head judge. The Youth of the Year recognition program is presented by The Walt Disney Company, who has supported Boys & Girls Clubs of America for more than 50 years, empowering young people to reach their full potential and providing youth with access to the tools they need to build the great futures they imagine. Toyota is the Signature Sponsor of the National Youth of the Year program. For more information about the Youth of the Year program, visit www. youthoftheyear.org.

Moncure's Arauco plant to cut 75 jobs

Arauco to close production line

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

MONUCRE — Arauco, a global manufacturer of forest products, announced last week that it will be closing its particleboard line in Moncure in April, cutting 75 jobs.

"The decision was based on an assessment over several years that the older manufacturing platform was less competitive in a challenging marketplace compared to the company's other advanced, high-capacity particleboard plat-forms," the company said in a release.

Though the Moncure plant on Corinth Road will remain in operation for its medium density fiberboard production, the line closure is anticipated to affect 75 employees, according to the WARN — Workforce Adjustment and Retraining Notification, a notice that is required by law. At the same time, Leslie Schworm, Arauco's media marketing manager, noted that the company believes "the final number to be reduced because of the new positions created at the millwork plant" as the company is simultaneously investing

in a new millwork line at the plant.

'Ōnce plans are finalized, Arauco will provide competitive severance packages to all affected personnel," Schworm

Though the layoffs may be painful to those employees, Alyssa Byrd, president of the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation, is hopeful that the current economic situation in Chatham provides those workers with options.

While a downsizing is not ideal, we have a high demand for workers from other employers in Chatham County," Byrd said. "Our part-ners at Triangle South Workforce Development Board have resources and programs that will help minimize the impact for affected workers. With so many expanding employers in Chatham County and the training programs available through Central Carolina Community College, we're hopeful that job transitions will be nearly seamless.

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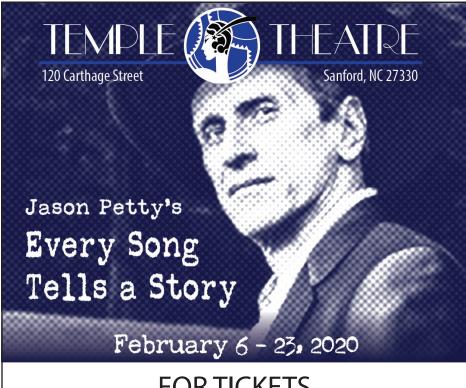


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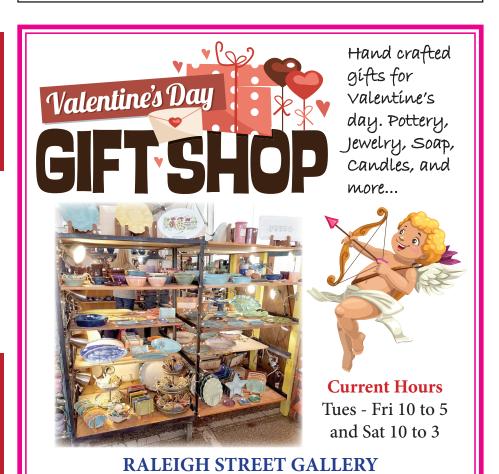
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CHURCH NEWS

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Missionary Baptist Church will continue its 100th anniversary celebration with a fashion show at 3 p.m.,

Anyone interested in participating with modeling in the fashion show, vou are welcome. This fashion show is open to the public. Contact Rosa Carter Marsh at 919 799-3042 / 919 663-1022, or Lisa Turner at 919 663-2881 with questions or for further

The program is open to the public.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a Themed Basket Silent Auction and Cake Walk at Bethany Baptist Church (in Gulf) from 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15. This will benefit the Powell River Shoe Ministry in Lee County, Virginia.

Come enjoy the food, fellowship and

HOLLAND CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

We will celebrate Agape Sunday in the 10 a.m. morning worship service on Sunday, Feb. 9 at Holland Chapel

AME Zion Church. All are asked to wear your Red/Purple Missionary

Stoles The Valentine Social will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, at the

All are invited. The church is located at 360 Burgess Rd., Apex.

LYSTRA BAPTIST CHURCH

The Take and Wear Clothes Closet at Lystra Baptist Church will be open from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. Anyone needing clothes is welcome to come and shop; everything is free: There is no advantage in arriving before 8:45.

The church is located at 686 Lystra Road, off 15-501, past Chatham Downs, For more information, call 919-933-

MOUNT CALVARY HOLY CHURCH

A Valentine Day program will be held during the 11:30 a.m. service at Mount Calvary Holy Church on Sunday, Feb. 15.

The youth will be in charge of the program. We welcome you to attend The church is located at 578 Stockyard Rd., Siler City.

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 10 **BREAKFAST:** Cini Minis, Fruit Cocktail (**Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Barbecue Chicken w/Roll, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Corn, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Chilled Applesauce (**Add Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, February 11 **BREAKFAST:** Cheesy Scrambled Eggs w/ Bacon & Croissant, Mandarin Oranges (** Breakfast Round, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit, Pancakes w/Cheese Stick, Southwest Chicken Salad,

Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Box, Chilled Peaches (**Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit, French Tst Stx w/Egg & Sausage, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Box, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Fruit)

Wednesday, February 12 **BREAKFAST:** Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Fresh Fruit) LUNCH: Pasta w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread, Corn Dog Nuggets, Build a Pizza Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Fresh Fruit, Birthday Treat (**Pasta w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread, Corn Dog Nuggets,

Chicken Wings w/Garlic Bread, Seasoned Broccoli, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit, Birthday Treat)

Thursday, February 13 **BREAKFAST:** Pancake Wrapped Sausage Bites, Peaches (**Pancake Wrapped Sausage, Fresh

LUNCH: Crispy Chicken Sandwich, BBQ Meatballs w/Corn Muffin, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit Explosion, Lettuce & Tomato (** Add Fresh Fruit)

Friday, February 14 **BREAKFAST:** No School LUNCH: Teacher Work-

CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

The Super Bowl, video games and upcoming referenda affecting business

The biggest event in the world of sports and busi-



HORNER Corner Store

ness (arguably) just happened over the week-

ZACHARY end. And while I highly doubt that any Chatham County

company invested the at least \$5.1 million to air a 30-second spot — that number courtesy of Bloomberg — some of Chatham's businesses may see a loss in productivity due to the big game.

That and more in this week's Corner Store.

Millions lost in productivity day after **Super Bowl**

According to market research firm Office Pulse, 14 percent of white-collar workers across the country will expect to be hungover or "extra tired" the day after the Super Bowl, including 26 percent of millenials. Sorry, guys. What does that mean? According to the research, \$620 million in lost productivity. Spread that out over the reported 32.5 million businesses in the United States, according to the Albany Business Review, and each business is projected to lose an average of a little more than \$19 in productivity this week on one day.

Fortnite, produced by Cary-based company, will become high school sport

I always try to keep regular Corner Store readers up on what might be going on with the next

generation, so I write about Fortnite a lot. Here we go again.

According to Techcrunch.com, Cary-based Epic Games' continuously-popular "Fortnite" will become an official high school and collegiate sport nationwide thanks to Los Angeles startup PlayVS. eSports – professional leagues for video gamers — have become ubiquitous. The Call of Duty League, the Battle.net World Championship Series, the FIFA Interactive World Cup and the League of Legends World Championship rope in millions of viewers and hundreds of players for big prizes worldwide.

But this is different - PlayVS says more than 13,000 high schools across the country have joined a waitlist to get a varsity eSports team through their program. Registration for the first season for high schoolers ends Feb. 17, and the season begins March 2. Interested gamers can head to playvs.com for more information.

Chatham primary elections — including two biz items around the corner

Chatham County registered voters will have the chance in a little less than a month to have a say on two referenda that have a significant impact on business.

I'm starting a threepart series this week looking into the local option sales tax referendum and what that might mean for Chatham County. The first part covers some frequently asked questions about this tax, called the "Article 46" tax after its place in state statute. In the next couple of weeks, we'll

look at what the revenue might be used for and what people are saying about it.

There's also a vote on allowing the "on-premises" sale of malt beverages and unfortified wine in Chatham County. Currently, such sales and consumption are allowed in the towns of Pittsboro and Siler City, but not at special event venues, craft beer breweries and other similar businesses in the unincorporated areas of Chatham. If voters say yes, that will

Keep an eye out in this newspaper over the coming weeks for more, and head to the polls on March 3 to make your voice heard.

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

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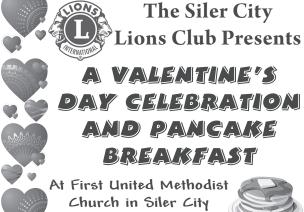




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EARLY VOTING STARTS FEB. 13



2020 primaries include new voting sites

BY CASEY MANN

News + Record Staff

Early voting for Chatham County's 2020 Primary Election begins Feb. 13 and features a Chatham County Commissioner primary and two county-wide referenda.

Primary elections are the opportunity for residents to choose their preferred candidate in their parties election. As a semi-closed primary state, Democrats and Republicans are only able to vote in their own parties primaries. Unaffiliated voters have the opportunity to choose which ballot in which to cast a vote.

On the primary ballot, voters will cast a vote for their choice for their party's representative in the Presidential election and in most statewide offices, including U.S. Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. Locally, there will be primary elections for Chatham's 4th Congressional District and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners' District 2 seat. There will also be two referenda votes on the primary ballot — for malt beverage sales and a sales tax increase — for voters to decide.

Chatham County will have four early voting sites beginning next Thursday, two of which are new for Chatham voters.

• One of the new sites is the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, located at 1192 U.S. Hwy 64 West Business in Pittsboro. This early voting site is replacing the Chatham County Board of Elections Office which will not serve as an early voting site this year.

After entering into the Ag complex, voters will take a right and enter the parking lot on that side of the building. Voters will enter the building using the entrance at the far right side where voting will be taking place. The Chatham County Board of Elections will be placing signs at the location to direct voters to the proper lot and entrance.

There will not be voting at the Ag Complex on Election Day. Voters from the Pittsboro precinct will vote at their regular polling site at the Central Carolina Community College's multi-purpose room, located at 764 West St. in Pittsboro as they have in the past.

• Early voting in the northeastern portion

of the county will also change this year. The new Central Carolina Community College Chatham Health Sciences Center, located at 75 Ballentrae Ct. in Pittsboro, will serve as an early voting site in the area. Voting will take place in the rear of the building so voters should use the rear parking lot and enter there. Once again, the Chatham County Board of Elections will have signs in place directing voters. The site will also serve Manns Chapel precinct voters on Election Day, replacing the previous site at Perry Harrison

Elementary School. • Early voting sites will also be available at the Earl B. Fitts Community Center, located at 111 South Third Ave., in Siler City and the Goldston Town Hall, located at 40 Coral Ave. in Goldston.

Early voting hours

• 8 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. weekdays, starting Thursday, Feb. 13

• Saturday early voting on Feb. 15 and 22 will be available from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

• Hours for the final day of early voting, on Saturday, Feb. 29, are from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Same-day registration will be available during the early voting period for people who have been a resident of Chatham County for 30 days or more, but it is restricted to new registrants and those who need to change their

time, according to state law. There is no voter identification requirement for the 2020 primary election.

voting address. If you are a new registrant

using same-day registration, you will need to

bring a verification of address. Voters will not be able to change their party affiliation at that

Voters will also have the opportunity to vote in the primary from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. March 3 at their individual polling site in their precinct. If you need to know where your polling site is, contact the Chatham County Board of Elections at 919-544-8500 or go to the website www.chathamnc.org/government/departments-programs/boardofe-

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CRP signups set to end Feb. 28

The general signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) began in December and will end February 28, 2020, while signup for Continuous CRP

is ongoing. Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive a yearly rental payment for voluntarily establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands.

CRP has 22 million acres enrolled, but the 2018 Farm Bill lifted the cap to 27 million acres. This means farmers and ranchers have a chance to enroll in CRP for the first time or continue their participation for another term.

By enrolling in CRP, producers are improving water quality, reducing soil erosion, and restoring habitat for wildlife. This in turn spurs hunting, fishing, recreation, tourism, and other economic develop-

ment across rural America. **CRP Enrollment Options** General Signup: CRP

general signup will be held annually. Please keep in mind that to be eligible for CRP, the land must have a cropping history four of the six years 2012-2017. Cropping history would be a planted crop such as corn or soybeans.

Continuous Signup: The 2018 Farm Bill prioritizes water quality practices such as contour grass strips, filter strips, riparian buffers. wetlands and a new prairie

USDA will also be working with Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) partners to relaunch CREP continuous options in each state under new statutory provisions. CREP will continue to target high-priority local, state or regional conservation concerns.

Grasslands Signups: CRP Grasslands signup helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland and certain other lands while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. A separate CRP Grasslands signup will be offered each year following general signup. The sign-up period for CRP Grasslands in 2020 runs

from March 16 to May 15. **Land Transition**

The CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP) is an option for producers interested in transitioning land to a beginning farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group to return land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production. TIP participants may have a lease less than five years with an option to purchase, and they have two years before the end of the CRP contract to make conservation and land improvements.

CRP rates and payments FSA recently posted updated soil rental rates for CRP. County average rates are posted on the CRP Statistics webpage. Soil rental rates are based on the productivity of different soil types. The rental rates will be assessed annually.

To ask questions about CRP, please contact the Chatham County FSA Office at 919-542-2244, ext. 2. If you wish to offer land for a CRP contract, please keep in mind that it requires an appointment for an office visit.

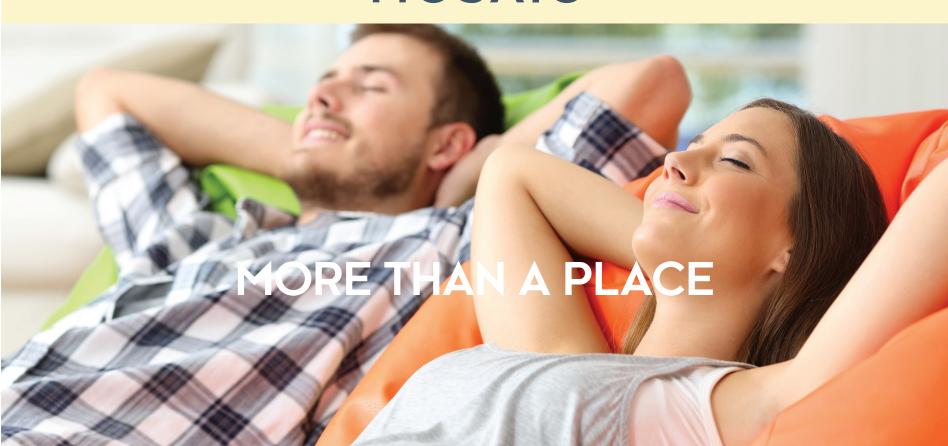


Getting ready for the big count

U.S. Census Bureau Recruiting Assistant Cathy Gilliam works with Carlos Bravo to sign in for the recruiting event for the 2020 Census at the Habitat for Humanity **building in Pittsboro last** Friday. Attendees met with recruiting assistants for information, and then quickly filled in online applications in the building.

Staff photo by David Bradley





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cal residents, business owners and developers



Nass

have complained about, among other things, phone calls and emails going unan-

swered and delayed permitting and planning processing times. In addition, residents' access to town staff, public information and the deliberations of the Pittsboro Board of Commissioner became more con-

strained. Following Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck's abrupt resignation on Jan. 27, Nass told the News + Record that he's confident of his board's - and the town's staff — ability to correct existing problems and face the challenges

TRANSPARENCY

One particular instance leading up to last week's regular commissioners' meeting involved records of work sessions, meetings which commissioners hold to address specific subjects outside the board's regular meeting schedule. These types of meetings, defined as "special meetings' under state law, require all the same notice and minutes as regular meetings — including keeping a record of the meetings and publishing minutes of same.

The News + Record discovered, however, after a month-long investigation, in consultation with attorneys from the N.C. Press Association, that the town may not have been keeping records of those meetings — a clear violation of the state's "open meetings" law.

After reviewing two years of regular board meeting records to determine how many

'I believe that together, the board and I can come up with a solid path forward with ways to measure our progress. We can work to create a town organization that can overcome its current challenges and move forward to celebrate the things that make Pittsboro unique.'

JIM NASS, Mayor of Pittsboro

of these special meetings occurred, when they occurred and what topics they covered in order to consider a records request, a request by the News + Record for all minutes and corresponding documents for any work session that occurred covering the town's deliberations on its new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) was made to the town.

On Jan. 16, nearly a month after the initial request for the documents, Gruesbeck stated in an email to the newspaper that "the town does not keep minutes or recordings of the workshops. But five days later, the News + Record received copies of what were termed as "minutes" from five "UDO" work

sessions. The minutes for the town's March 18, 2019, session, the News + Record discovered — with the purpose designated "to continue discussions on the UDO" actually should have reflected a Chatham Park "tree element" work session, which the board voted on Feb. 25, 2019, to hold.

"It is concerning to hear a town representative admit that minutes were not kept, and then days later, minutes appear," said Amanda Martin, NC Press Association General Counsel. "That concern is heightened if the minutes appear to reflect a meeting that never happened. The public is left to wonder how those minutes were created and how reliable other minutes from other meetings are."

At the board's regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 27, the board approved the same UDO minutes that the News + Record received minutes of a meeting which likely didn't occur. The board, though aware there had been a question of whether minutes were being recorded, was not made aware of the concern over the validity of the minutes.

The board also directed staff to begin keeping better records of work session meetings.

Throughout that process, the News + Record repeatedly requested to meet with Gruesbeck to discuss the matter. Gruesbeck did not respond to those requests and eventually told representatives of the newspaper he would not meet with them.

Nass, who was not the mayor at the time of the work sessions in question, met with Horner and this reporter on Friday after the meeting. During that meeting, Nass said board had raised concerns to Gruesbeck in the past about records and the accessibility of documents. He told the News + Record the board should use audio recording, not just minutes, for all its sessions, whether it be a work session or budget retreat.

"This isn't just so that my neighbor can listen to a recording of meetings," Nass said. "This is so any of us can go back six months after the fact and hear what we discussed. It's not iust about transparency, it's a way to measure our progress on what we're trying to do.'

Nass noted that in the same vein, he believed the board should review departmental goals and

budgets more than just once a year. He hopes at a minimum, the board will choose to hold such meetings every six months or quarterly. He also believes that those regular updates, provided by each department head, will provide an opportunity for an assessment of the needs of each as the town's responsibilities grow.

WATER AND WASTEWATER **CONCERNS**

As the town continues to grow, so do concerns over the town's wastewater capacity and water quality. The town's drinking water, which comes from the Haw River, has been found to carry unregulated chemicals such as 1.4 Dioxane and PFAS — both considered potentially harmful coming from industries located upstream from

Pittsboro. At the same time, the town's wastewater treatment plant is nearing capacity. The town has been working for more than three years to secure permits for a new sewer line to Sanford. With progress on the permit process dragging, Nass noted the town may be heading to a "moratorium" on permitting for projects

that require sewer. With the recent resignation of Elizabeth Goodson, the town's engineer — she's taking a job with the town of Holly Springs — the town's ability to address those issues becomes more complicated. Nass views concerns about sewer capacity and water quality as two of the most important issues facing the town.

'For months, we've been hearing the delay in the sewer permit is that state agencies aren't talking to each other," Nass said. "We need to work as a board to decide what else we can do to help move the process along.

Nass cited the recently-created Water Task Force, which is working to address the town's water quality issues. He believes that between its work, in conjunction with the options and recommendations laid out in the Chatham County Comprehensive Utilities Plan, his board will be able to make well-informed decisions about solutions.

We need to decide on our options and move forward," Nass said. "This is too important for all of our residents."

WORK CULTURE

With Gruesbeck's departure, town attornev Paul Messick is serving as short-term interim town manager as the town works to find a long-term interim manager while the search for a permanent manager progresses. Nass notes he's already been in communication with two potential candidates who have served in similar roles for other towns. That interim will have a lot on his or her plate working to secure the town's infrastructure needs, continuing work through the planning and development arena and overseeing a process for their permanent replacement.

Nass is hoping that with the search for a new town manager comes an opportunity to create a new model for the town's operations in light of its projected growth.

"We are not the same town we were seven

years ago," Nass said. Nass says the board of commissioners may consider working together to create a new job description for the position. Nass is hoping for a candidate who will able to face the challenges of the growing town and staff while also taking an active role in town life and the community. He's hopeful the new town manager will have a work philosophy that supports, builds and trusts the staff members to fulfill their roles as well. To that end, he is

suggesting the board identify key personnel and hold exit interviews with those staff members who are leaving so they can understand what elements of Pittsboro government's work culture should change to improve efficiency and worker satisfaction.

"A good manager supports their staff and recognizes when they need more," Nass said.

WORKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

While the town seems to be at a crossroads, Nass believes that he and his fellow commissioners are willing to "put in the work" to create a better foundation for the future. That way they can turn their collective focus to their regular work and celebrate the other positive activities upon which the town is embarking.

"There's a lot of positive things that are coming," Nass said.
"Like the Main Street Welcome Center — that will be a game-changer.'

Nass is also looking forward to working with the town's African-American community to preserve and honor the town's history. That includes a proposed historical park honoring the town's best-known freed man of color, Lewis Freeman, who was one of the town's first residents. In addition, he wants to work with the Chatham Community NAACP to memorialize the sites of the six lynchings which occurred in the county.

"I believe that together, the board and I can come up with a solid path forward with ways to measure our progress," Nass said.
"We can work to create a town organization that can overcome its current challenges and move forward to celebrate the things that make Pittsboro unique.'

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

CHATHAM PARK DONATES \$3.5M PARK

If you listen, you can almost hear the sounds of children playing together, the crack of the bat during a baseball game, and music notes floating on a summer breeze. The first park to be built by Chatham Park is in development. When complete the structures, land and amenities will be donated to the Town of Pittsboro by the developers in the hopes that this 10-acre park will produce happy memories for decades.

"The creation of the first park in Chatham Park is an investment in the Town that will benefit future generations for years to come."

A True Family Park

The new park will be located along Vine Parkway, just off Thompson Street, where children of all ages will find diverse opportunities for fun, adventure, exploration, and learning. A variety of play areas have been designed to create a broad range of experiences. They include the Play Garden where multi-functional elements in the natural play area will be used to complement equipment-based, age-targeted play zones to provide a mix of active and imaginative play; the large multi-use play field where you can throw a frisbee or play a game of soccer; and the Town of Pittsboro's first Bark Park where your dog can run free, safely and legally, without a leash in a fenced space.

Curvilinear pathways respond to varied topography and views allowing visitors to experience a series of landscape episodes that evolve as they walk, not only through the park, but also on the connecting public greenways extending into the nearby neighborhoods.

A large covered pavilion that includes bathrooms, picnic tables and grills can be used by larger groups for community events or programmed activities by the Town.



"The creation of the first park in Chatham Park is an investment in the Town that will benefit future generations for years to come" says Chuck Smith, VP of Planning for Preston Development, the development company managing the project. "Recreation and open space amenities that can be used by all to gather, play and exercise provides a much needed community focal point."

This recreational space is truly designed to be enjoyed by all. "Once complete, this park will be open and accessible to all local citizens providing an important recreational amenity for the community," Smith emphasises.

More recreational areas are already in the works in the North Village and will be located within a 5 minute walk of every home. Chatham Park will build at least two more neighborhood parks, a variety of mini parks and gathering spaces, and over 10 miles of paved greenways connecting these and other public spaces in North Village.

This first park in the Vineyard is expected to be complete in the Fall of 2020. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates.



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Woods Charters' **Patrick** Deegan goes up for a layup and gets blocked by Chatham Charter's **Trevor Golden** in the first half of their matchup last Friday in Siler City. Chatham **Charter added** another win to their winning season, 85-47, adding another win to their impressive season record, Staff photo by David Bradley



No. 8 ranked Chatham Charter crushes **Woods Charter 85-47**

BY DON BEANE

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Jordan Hamilton pumped in 24 points and hauled down 13 rebounds here on Friday night to lead No. 8 ranked Chatham Charter to a convincing 85-47 victory over Woods Charter in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference action.

Trevor Golden chipped in 18 points and seven rebounds for

the Knights who improved to 10-0 in league play and to 21-1 overall.

Woods Charter (1-9, 3-11) battled hard at the outset and trailed just 21-13 after one period of play.

But 10 points by Hamilton ignited a 28-10 surge in the second quarter that sent the hosts up by a commanding 49-23 count at the intermission and the game was never close

Chatham Charter, which won the third quarter 22-16 and the fourth 14-8), also received 14 points from Connor Murphy, eight points from Ryan White, and seven more from Amir Mapp. Murphy added seven boards in the win while White, Golden and Dashon Sutton each hit a trey for the Knights.

Chatham Charter was scheduled to host Eno River Academy on Tuesday, February 4 in Siler City.

Middle School basketball tournament set in place

It's that time of year when one of the most anticipated sport-



DON BEANE Sports Editor

ing events in Chatham County gets under way: the annual Chatham County Middle School Basketball Tournament.

Year in and year out the tournament showcases the

top talent in the county and this year should be no exception. The stars of tomorrow in the high school ranks will be on display for area sports fans and the attendees rarely leave disappointed.

More often than not the giant middle school of the county in Pollard enters both the boys and girls events as the prohibitive favorites. The Pollard girls are unbeaten at 14-0 while the boys are 13-1, earning both squads the top seeds.

Action gets under way with the girls on Monday at the top seeds with tip-offs slated for 5p.m. at each site.

In girls action, Pollard hosts No. 8 seed Bonlee (2-12) while on the same side of the bracket No. 4 seed Bennett will entertain No. 5 seed Silk Hope (5-9).

On the other side of the bracket No. 2 seed Moncure (11-3) welcomes No. 7 seed J.S. Waters (3-11) to the eastern side of the county while No. 3 seed Horton (10-4) hosts No. 6 seed Chatham Middle (4-10).

In the boys bracket at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, top seed No. 1 Pollard (13-1) will host No. 8 seed Bonlee (0-14) while on the same side of the bracket No. 4 Bennett (10-4) will host the No. 5 seed which will be determined from a trio of 4-10 teams in Chatham Middle, Moncure and Silk Hope.

On the other side of the bracket No. 2 seed Horton (11-3), battles the No. 7 seed out of Chatham Middle, Moncure and Silk Hope. Also on that side, No. 3 seed J.S. Waters (10-4) entertains either Chatham Middle, Moncure or Silk Hope.

On Wednesday at Pollard Middle School, it will be the girls semifinals as No. 1/No. 8 winner versus the No. 4/No. 5 survivor at 5 p.m. before the No. 2/No. 7 winner and the No. 3/ No. 6 victor plays at 6:15.

On Thursday at Pollard Middle School it will be the boys semifinals as No. 1/No. 8 winner versus the No. 4/No. 5 survivor at 5 p.m. before the No. 2/No. 7 winner and the No. 3/No. 6 victor plays at 6:15.

The championships will be held back at Pollard Middle School on Monday, Feb. 17, with the girls squaring off at 5 p.m. and the boys following at 6:15 p.m.

So as area fans take in the action, it's always one of the most anticipated events in the county year in and year out. And the games are action-packed in front of large crowds.

The cost of admission for the first round of the tournament will be \$3 for adults and schoolaged children. The cost for the semi-final and championship rounds will be \$5 for adults and school-aged children, while fans 4 and under will be admitted free in all of the rounds.

Organizers will accept Chatham County Schools employee identification badges and Chatham County Schools Senior Citizen passes for admission into the tournament as well.

Historic season for Lady Knights continues in defeat of Woods



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chatham Charter's Rebecca McGaughnea (41) and Adelia Rickman defend against the powerful moves of Woods Charters' Emi Hutter-DeMarco last Friday as fellow Knight Tamaya Walden (4) watched for backup. The two charter schools battled it out on a rainy evening in Siler City, with a victory by Chatham Charter. The final score, 47-36, showed a valiant effort by both teams as they worked until the last minutes of the game. The victory brought the Knights' season record to 18-2.

BY DON BEANE

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Chatham Charter girls basketball team used a 14-5 spurt in the opening period to cruise to a 47-36 triumph over Woods

Charter Friday night in Siler

Chatham Charter moved to 10-0 in the 1A Central Tar Heel Conference and to 18-2 overall with the win. Every victory adds to a record-high win total by the Knights.

Woods Charter fell to 5-5 in the league and to 7-5 overall with the loss.

The teams battled to a 12-all tie in the second quarter to make the score 26-17 at the half before Chatham Charter took a 12-10 advantage in the

third to go up 38-27 entering the fourth.

Morgan Lineberry tallied 17 points to lead the Knights offensively Tamaya Walden chipped in 12 points, Lillian Jones eight points and Rebecca McGaughnea seven.

Lady Chargers cage Tigers to seize sole possession of first place in Big Eight Conference

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — While some may debate the best things in life are free, when it comes to basketball, the ability to convert your freebies at the charity stripe often means the difference between winning and losing.

In a battle for supremacy atop the Big Eight 3A Conference, Northwood opened up a nine-point lead after one quarter and proceeded to sink 21-of-26 free throws - compared to eight-of-14 for Chapel Hill – while avenging its only league loss by caging the Lady Tigers 52-41 Friday night in Lewis Norwood

Gaining a split in the season series besides capturing their sixth victory in a row, the Lady Chargers improved to 9-1 in the league standings and 15-6 for the year, while Chapel Hill slipped to 7-3 in the

conference and 13-7 overall The Lady Tigers had won the previous meeting between the two long-time rivals

48-40 back on January 7. Chandler Adams fired in a game-high 15 points for the winners, while TeKeyah Bland and Rae McClarty finished with 10 points apiece. Northwood shot 42 percent (15-of-36) from the floor and commanded a 31-24 advantage in rebounds to help offset 21 turnovers.

Laney Beale tallied 12 points and Cecilia Calhoun added 10 for Chapel Hill, which connected on 30 percent (16-of-54) of its field goal attempts while turning the ball

over 16 times. 'I thought we brought good intensity on defense from the start and closed out hard on their shooters, doing a good job on their point guard (Beale) by staying between her and the goal,' remarked Lady Chargers' coach Cam-

"Not only did we handle their press and attack the basket well," said Vernon, 'but our foul shooting was phenomenal, as we made more free throws than Chapel Hill took. Chandler gave us a big lift on the court tonight with her senior leadership by scoring, rebounding and taking charges, and along with McKenna Snively was strong around the boards all night."

Lady Tigers' coach John French stated one of the big keys was Northwood's ability to hold one of his best offensive players without a point.

"They did a good job keeping Morgan Korfas off the three-point line and never let her get into the flow of the game," said French. "Free throws were a big difference tonight as we couldn't keep Northwood off the foul line, while they were active on the boards and kept us from getting into our transition game.'

Behind Avery Look's layup and Cal-

houn's trey from the right wing, Chapel Hill jumped out to an early 5-0 advantage and was still ahead 7-4 midway through the initial period before Bland and Adams combined for eight points during a 12-0 quarter-ending run that thrust the Lady Chargers into a 16-7 lead.

Following Calhoun's layup that drew the Lady Tigers within 19-13 with 3:45 left in the second stanza, Northwood outscored the visitors from Orange County 9-4 over the remainder of the frame to forge a 28-17 halftime advantage.

McClarty's layup with 5:41 remaining in the third period boosted the Lady Chargers' lead to 32-19 prior to Chapel Hill whittling the margin to 34-25 on a pair of Anna Newman charity tosses with 1:08 left in the quarter.

But after McClarty's pull-up jumper from the left wing at the buzzer restored an 11-point advantage for Northwood, the Lady Chargers matched their biggest lead of 13 on three occasions in the fourth stanza, the last time at 46-33 following two McClarty free throws with 2:25 to play.

Five points from Calhoun then sparked an 8-2 Lady Tigers' surge over the next two minutes that trimmed the gap to 48-41 on her put-back off the right baseline with 25.3 seconds to go before Northwood sealed its triumph with two foul shots each by McClarty and Gianna McManaman in the time remaining.

Fuquay, Jordan-Matthews outgun Eastern Randolph 86-80

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Camden Fuquay poured in 24 points to lead a Jordan-Matthews quartet in double figures, while his fast break layup with 1:54 to go in the third period put the Jets in front to stay before they managed to hold off a feisty Eastern Randolph squad down the stretch to secure an important 86-80 PAC 7 2A Conference victory on the road Tuesday night.

Scoring its most points since an 87-74 triumph over Graham back on January 30, 2015, J-M improved to 7-12 for the year whereas the Wildcats dropped to 8-11 overall, while the outcome left both clubs with a 3-5 record in the conference. If the teams should end up tied in the final league standings, Jordan-Matthews would receive the higher seed in the conference tournament by virtue of the Jets sweeping the regular-season series.

Lanice Hedgepeth tallied 22 points for the victors, while Huston Causey and Jayden Davis came off the bench to contribute 16 and 13 points, respectively. J-M connected on 29-of-56 (52 percent) of its field goal attempts while turning the ball over 18 times.

Osiris Ross tossed in 24 points to top three Eastern Randolph starters finishing the evening in double figures. Cade Snotherly chipped in 15 points and Landon Collins added 10 for the Wildcats, who shot 28-of-61 (46 percent) from the floor and held a 27-26 advantage on the glass while committing 23 turnovers.

"It was a fast-paced game where we got caught up in Eastern Randolph's aggressive style of play, but we were able to push the ball when we had the opportunity,"

noted Jordan-Matthews' coach Rodney Wiley. "We did a nice job breaking their press in the third quarter for some easy wide-open baskets that allowed us to eventually take the lead for good before our ability to hit free throws in the final period, coupled with Eral Jones' strong play on the boards in the closing minutes, kept them from ever reclaiming an advantage.'

Wildcats' coach LaShawn Robinson was unavailable for comments following the game.

After the Jets fashioned a 7-0 lead in the first two minutes of play, Eastern Randolph battled back to pull even twice in the opening frame, the last time at 14-all on a Collins jumper in the lane with 2:18 left in the initial period, prior to J-M closing out the quarter with a 9-5 run to forge a 23-19 advantage.

Following Jacquez Thompson's jumper from the left wing that extended Jordan-Matthews' lead to 28-22 with 6:35 to go in the second stanza, the Wildcats managed to trim the difference to 31-30 on Carter Moore's layup a minute-and-a-half later.

Then after the Jets surged ahead 39-32 on Timothy Eubanks' jumper off the left baseline with 1:54 remaining until intermission, Eastern Randolph fought back to narrow the gap to 40-39 on a Snotherly free throw with 9.8 seconds left in the period before Hedgepeth's lane drive with 1.1 seconds on the clock gave J-M a threepoint cushion at the break.

After a Ross three-pointer from the left side gave the Wildcats their first advantage of the evening at 45-42 with 5:41 to go in the third frame, the lead changed hands six times prior to Fuquay's wide-open layup that put Jordan-Matthews ahead for good at 58-57, and the Jets went on to stretch the margin to 65-62 entering



Staff photo by David Bradley

Eastern Randolph's Carter Moore (22), stands by as his teammate Landon Collins attempts to strip the ball from Jordan-Matthews' Camden Fuquay as he powers through the blocks of the Wildcats to score. The two teams fought neck-and-neck throughout the Jan. 28 game in Ramseur.

the final eight minutes. A pair of Fuquay

free throws and his three-pointer from the right wing over the first minute of the fourth quarter permitted J-M to equal its biggest advantage of the night and

Eastern Randolph never came closer than three the rest of the way, cutting its deficit to 80-77 on a Collins trey from the left corner with 1:58 to play before Jordan-Matthews wrapped up the win at the

Northwood swimmers qualify for states

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

GREENSBORO —The Northwood swim team had a strong performance at the high school 3A Central Regional swim meet at the Greensboro Aquatic Center last Friday evening as the

fourth place overall. All told, Northwood had 11 swimmers qualify for the

Lady Chargers captured

Central Regional meet. Top three finishers at the regional qualified for the upcoming states and the Chargerrs saw these swim-

mers advance. 1st place: Girls 200 Medley Relay (Mia Corrado, Suzanne Earnshaw, Gwen Hoeg, Julia Earnshaw)

1st place: Girls 400 Free Relay (Mia Corrado, Suzanne Earnshaw, Gwen Hoeg, Julia Earnshaw)

3:40.09 1st place: Girls 200 Individual Medley (IM) - Su-

zanne Earnshaw (2:12.09) 2nd place: Girls 50 Free -Julia Earnshaw (24.48)

1st place: Girls 100 Free -Julia Earnshaw (53.51)

2nd place: Girls 500 Free -Mia Corrado (5:11.85) 2nd place: Girls 100 Back -

Mia Corrado (59.61) 1st place: Girls 100 Breast - Suzanne Earnshaw (1:07.30)

The NCHSAA State Championships will be held at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary. The 1A/2A event will be held on Thursday, February 6, the 4A on Friday, February 7, and the 3A on Saturday, February 8. The daily schedule has Preliminaries starting at 9 am and Finals at 3:30 pm.

3A GIRLS RESULTS

- 2. Chapel Hill 301 3. Northern Guilford 274
- 4. Northwood 210
- 7. Orange 147
- 9. Southwest Guilford 103 10. Rockingham County 91
- 12. Eastern Alamance 66 13. Union Pines 58
- - 1. East Chapel Hill 356
 - 5. Western Alamance 180
 - 6. Mount Tabor 164
 - 8. Northern Durham 105
 - 11. Southeast Guilford 67

- 14. Parkland 48
 - 15. Western Guilford 35 16. Walter M Williams 18
- 17. Cedar Ridge 14
- 18. Asheboro 8
- 19. Eastern Guilford 7
- **3A Central Boys Results**
- 1. Chapel Hill 375 2. East Chapel Hill 334
- 3. Orange 220 4. Mount Tabor 213
- 5. Northern Guilford 207
- 6. Southwest Guilford 192 7. Parkland 101
- 8. Northern Durham 100 9. Western Guilford 97
- 10. Cedar Ridge 81 11. Rockingham County
- 12. Harnett Central 55
- 13. Southeast Guilford 45
- 14. Union Pines 42
- 15. Triton 41 16. Eastern Alamance 32
- 17. Southern Alamance 18. Lee County 18
- 18. Montgomery Central
- 20. Northwood 11 21. Asheboro 8
- 21. Western Alamance 8
- 23. Western Harnett 6 24. Walter M Williams 5

Chargers stampede back for monumental win over Spartans

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

DURHAM — Natalie Bell swished a clutch trey and Rae McClarty added five points and Chandlers Adams four more in a wild fourth period here on Tuesday night as Northwood stormed back from 10 points down with just under four minutes to play to take a thrilling 44-42 triumph over Southern Durham in 3A Big Eight Conference play.

For the Chargers, it was their first-ever seasonal sweep of the Spartans since entering the 3A Big Eight Conference seven years ago while improving Northwood to 8-1 in the league and to 14-5 overall.

Southern Durham, now 5-2 in the conference and 12-6 overall, trails first place Northwood in the standings and stands in second place.

Veteran NW coach Cameron Vernon didn't think his club played well. but he was pleased with the resilience shown by the Chargers.

"This is one of a handful games in my 11 years I am thinking back and don't know how we just pulled that out," said Vernon. "We shot 22 percent from the field and 46 percent from the free throw line, and we just struggled mightily on offense, but somehow we pulled it out. I told the girls, down 10 with 3:50 seconds to go in the game and playing as bad offensively as we did, to pull this game out indicates how tough of a team we are.'

In the opening period Tekeyah Bland tallied five points but Southern Durham owned a 13-10 advantage after eight minutes of action as Kayla Cadlett pumped in four. lead the Chargers offen-The Lady Chargers battled back with a gritty defensive effort which held the Spartans to just eight points in the second to while Bell had four to lead NW back to a 21-all tie at the intermission. Taylor Robinson and Imayah Ingram had four apiece for

the Spartans in the period. "We really didn't do anything particularly well on offense and their athleticism, defense and style of play definitely factored in to that," added Vernon. "But Tekeyah Bland again had a solid night and Chandler Adams has been a huge boost inside while Natalie Bell and Micah McCLarty continue to defend well. Although the offensive numbers weren't there Gianna McManaman and McKenna Snively handled the pressure very well while they were handling the ball.

But in the third quarter the Chargers went ice cold, scoring just five points in the stanza, with Bland accounting for four. Robinson had five for the Spartans, who took a 30-26 lead into the final quarter of action.

In the fourth, Calett scored four early points to spark a 10-4 Southern Durham run which pushed the host's advantage to 40-30 with 3:52 remaining in the contest.

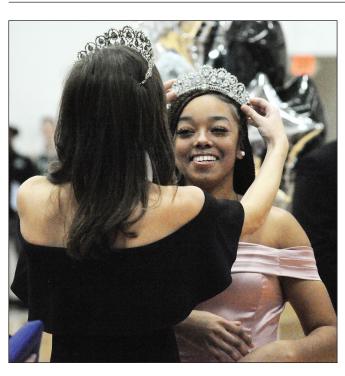
wood stormed back for the improbable 44-42 victory. Bland had 14 points to

sively while Bell, McClarty and Adams all tallied seven each with Adams adding seven rebounds and Bell six more boards, and McClarty three assists.

Robinson paced Southern Durham with 14 points while Ingram added nine.

"This is a huge win as Southern is 2nd in the conference and it gives us a tiebreaker against them," closed Vernon. "Super proud of our girls and we have another big test as we take on Chapel Hill Friday night.'

Alterations



I Crown Thee...

Amber Vaughn, the **Chatham Charter** 2019 Homecoming Queen, crowns **Tamia Lipford the** 2020 Homecoming **Queen at Senior Night last Friday** at Chatham **Charter in Siler** City. Lipford was chosen from girls representing classes at the school, as well as clubs and organizations.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Hems Zippers & Buttons Ripped Seams Letting Pants & **Dresses Out Pro-Kleen Dry Cleaners 601 East Third Street** A key trey by Bell **Siler City** sparked the rally and North-(919) 663-3667

On the mat!

In the four school matchup Jan. 29, Northwood's **Andrew** Kimbrell takes down Southern Lee's Gage Reynolds with a big take down in the 126-pound weight class, with a 12-0 score in their individual match. All four teams competed with each other, with Northwood winning all four events.

Staff photo by David Bradley



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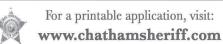
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NCPreps/Media **Basketball Poll**

8. Carson 15-2 - 23

9. East Rowan 15-3 - 21

9. Charlotte Catholic 13-4

HM: Enka - 8; Rocky Mount

CLASS 4A

9. Asheville 15-2 - 21

GIRLS

CLASS 1A

- 1. Murphy (6) 14-0 78 2. Pamlico County (2) 16-1
- 3. Vance Charter 17-1 57 4. Gray Stone 13-0 - 47 5. Bishop McGuinness 14-2
- 6. Community School of
- Davidson 14-2 31
- 7. East Surry 9-4 29
- 8. Weldon 13-1 26 8. Alleghany 16-2 - 26 10. Mitchell 12-4 - 18
- HM: Robbinsville 9; Cherokee - 6; Princeton - 1; Chatham Charter - 1; Langtree Charter - 1.

CLASS 2A

- 1. Forbush (6) 16-2 74 2. Salisbury 16-1 - 65 3. Farmville Central (2) 12-3
- 4. Newton Conover 15-2 47 5. Randleman 14-1-42
- 6. St Pauls 17-0 35 7. Fast Burke 15-3 - 27
- 8. Shelby 13-1 25 9. Mountain Heritage 14-5
- 10. West Stokes 14-2 16 10. Kinston 15-3 - 16 HM: North Lenoir - 5; North Davidson - 2; Bertie -2; Wilkes Central - 1; Franklin - 1; Croatan - 1.

CLASS 3A

- 1. Freedom (7) 18-0 79 2. DH Conley (1) 16-0 - 64 3. EE Smith 18-1 - 61
- 4. SE Guilford 16-1 60 5. SW Randolph 18-1 - 35
- 6. Cuthbertson 17-1 31 7. West Rowan 15-2 - 25

Worth knowing:

- 1. SE Raleigh (8) 16-1 80 2. Glenn 15-1-69 3. NW Guilford 17-2 - 63 4. Providence 16-2 - 39 5. Ashley 13-4 - 36 6. Mallard Creek 15-2 - 34
- 7. Ragsdale 15-3 25 8. West Forsyth 11-5 - 22 9. Holly Springs 12-6 - 20 10. Vance 14-4 - 13 10. Millbrook 15-3 - 13
- HM: Apex Friendship 9; Laney - 7; North Meck - 5; South Meck - 2; Jordan -2; Myers Park - 1.

BOYS

CLASS 1A

- 1. Washington County (6) 13-0 - 78
- 2. Lincoln Charter (2) 17-2
- 3. West Columbus 15-2 60 4. Winston Salem Prep 11-6
- 4. Holmes 16-1 43 6. East Carteret 11-3 - 39 7. Pender 11-6 - 32 8. Hayesville 15-2 - 31 9. Chatham Charter 19-1 - 20 10.Andrews 14-1 - 11 10. Granville Central 14-4
- HM: North Edgecombe 8; South Stanly - 1.

CLASS 2A 1. Farmville Central (6) 16-2

- 2. Forest Hills (1) 17-0 69 3. South Granville (1) 18-0
- 4. West Caldwell 17-0 53
- 5. Kinston 15-3 46 6. Mountain Heritage 16-1
- 7. Goldsboro 14-2 31 8. West Stokes 12-3 - 25

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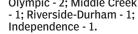
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Snotherly shines as Lady Cats shoot down Jets

BY DUCK DUCKSON

News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Coaches will often remark how strong defense creates offense, and such was the case for Eastern Randolph Tuesday night.

The Lady Wildcats relied on relentless pressure to force a number of Jordan-Matthews turnovers early-on in jumping out to a 19-5 advantage after one quarter, and behind 26 points from Brecken Snotherly cruised to an easy 63-34 PAC 7 2A Conference triumph over the Lady Jets on their home court.

With a sweep of the season series, Eastern Randolph climbed to 5-3 in the league standings and 9-10 overall, whereas J-M was sent spiraling to its fifth straight loss while falling to 1-7 in the conference and 5-14 for the year.

Joining Snotherly in double figures for the winners were Amya Brooks with 13 points and Savannah Beaver with 10, as the Lady Wildcats connected on 49 percent (24-of-49) of their attempts from the field and held a 26-19 advantage on the boards while turning the ball over 16 times.

Jasmine Scotten notched a career-high 20 points for Jordan-Matthews as the Lady Jets shot 32 percent (13-of-41) from the floor while committing two dozen turnovers.

"I'm proud of our defensive intensity tonight, especially in the first half, which was the key to our fast start," said Eastern Randolph coach Brett Snotherly. "Ball pressure led to a lot of our points coming on transition baskets resulting from J-M turnovers.

"I thought we let up a bit in the third period, while Jordan-Matthews made adjustments on offense and found success getting the ball inside to Scotten for layups. But I challenged our team to regain its intensity on defense in the fourth quarter, and they responded by doing a good job closing off both the



Staff photo by David Bradley

Eastern Randolph's Savannah Beaver, front, and her teammate Fallon Cain cage Jordan-Matthews' Ashlyn Ray as Wildcat team Captain Lilly Whitaker watches in a bruising rout in Ramseur Jan. 28. The Wildcats were victorius in the home game, 63-34, and brought their season record to

middle and baseline, giving J-M a different look when we switched to a 2-3 zone.

Lady Jets' coach Charles Byrd explained ball handling mistakes and not taking high-percentage shots put his team in a huge hole at the outset and it never could

"To start the game we turned over the ball a ton and took a number of questionable shots," stat-ed Byrd. "That allowed Eastern Randolph to gain confidence and kept us scrambling all night.

'The difference in the third quarter was that we really began to attack more offensively and get the ball inside where our strength is," Byrd said. "Although Jasmine did a great job around the basket, Eastern Randolph hurt us most in transition, putting pressure on our guards and driving hard to the rim."

Following Scotten's layup that tied the score at five-all with 4:28 remaining in the initial stanza, Snotherly and Brooks tallied six points

each during the Lady Wildcats' 14-0 quarter-ending run, and the rout was set in motion.

After back-to-back layups by Snotherly and Brooks to open the second period increased Eastern Randolph's advantage to 18, Ellia Wright finally halted J-M's scoring drought with her three-pointer from beyond the top of the key with 5:23 left in the stanza, but the Lady Wildcats would then close out the quarter with a 14-6 burst to seize a 37-14 lead at intermission.

With Scotten registering 12 of her team's 14 points in the third frame, Jordan-Matthews reduced the gap to 45-28 entering the fourth period, but following her layup with 4:42 to go in the contest that brought the Lady Jets within 52-34, Eastern Randolph proceeded to close out the game with an 11-0 run, forging its biggest advantage of the evening on Kyania Brower's jumper from the left wing with 30.9 seconds showing on the clock that accounted for the final margin.

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Oscars 2020: Predicting the winners

Before the Academy



evening, here is my annual primer of what/ will and should win each

of the six Film Critic main cat-

plus what actor or film was robbed of their rightful Oscar nomination.

Best Picture

Nominees: "Ford v Ferrari"; "The Irishman"; "Jojo Rabbit"; "Joker"; "Little Women"; "Marriage Story" "1917"; "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"; "Parasite" What Will Win: A series

of wins that began at the Golden Globes and culminated last month with the Producers Guild award has thrust the World War I epic "1917" into the unquestioned front-runner. I do not see a way it does not win. What Should Win: The

twisty class-conflict parable "Parasite" was the best film of last year, and while it is a shoo-in to win Best Foreign Language Film, it deserves the overall Best Picture Oscar, too.

What Got Snubbed: The modern-day murder-mystery

"Knives Out" was one of the most entertaining and thought-provoking films of the year. It snared a Best Original Screenplay nomination, but it definitely deserves to be in the big category, too.

Best Director

Nominees: Martin Scorsese, "The Irishman"; Todd Phillips, "Joker"; Sam Mendes, "1917"; Quentin Tarantino, "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"; Bong Joon-ho, "Parasite"

Who Will Win: The last time the Directors Guild award winner did not also win the Oscar (when nominated sorry, "Argo" Ben Affleck) was Rob Marshall for 'Chicago" in 2002. The trend will continue this year when Sam Mendes wins his second Oscar, this time for "1917."

Who Should Win: Bong Joon-ho directed the best film of the year. But Martin Scorsese's "The Irishman" was the second best, and this long-gestating, sweeping saga again shows Scorsese at the top of his game.

Who Got Snubbed: J-Lo got all the attention for the underrated "Hustlers," but the real star of that show was director Lorene Scafaria, who crafted a compelling film with echoes of a feminine 'Goodfellas.

Best Actor

Nominees: Antonio Banderas, "Pain and Glory"; Leonardo DiCaprio, "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"; Adam Driver, "Marriage Story"; Joaquin Phoenix, "Joker"; Jonathan Pryce,

"The Two Popes" Who Will Win: Adam Driver and Antonio Banderas were the darlings of the critics associations. But the big guilds have gravitated back to Joaquin Phoenix for "Joker," and that film's sizable haul of Oscar noms portends a

Phoenix win Who Should Win: Driver's heart-wrenching portrayal of a flawed husband and father on the brink of divorce in "Marriage Story" deserves the golden statue.

Who Got Snubbed: I cannot believe I am typing this, but Adam Sandler deserves an Oscar nomination. His manic, unlovable hustler in "Uncut Gems" was one of the year's best performances and most memorable characters.

Best Actress

Nominees: Cynthia Erivo, "Harriet"; Scarlett Johansson, "Marriage Story"; Saoirse Ronan, "Little Women"; Charlize Theron, "Bombshell"; Renée Zellweger,

Who Will Win: Renée Zellweger has steamrolled through the pre-Oscar awards for her portrayal of Judy Garland, and she will

win her second Oscar (but her first for Best Actress) this weekend.

Who Should Win: I try to shy away from garish impersonations for these awards, but Zellweger's affecting performance of an aging, boozy Garland was quite good and the most deserving winner

among the nominees. Who Got Snubbed: How Lupita Nyong'o was not nominated for "Us" is beyond me. Still, my best actress of the year (and biggest snub) was Aisling Franciosi's raw, captivating turn as a mother and wife suffering and then avenging tragedy in "The Nightingale.'

Best Supporting Actor

Nominees: Tom Hanks, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"; Anthony Hopkins, "The Two Popes"; Al Pacino, "The Irishman"; Joe Pesci, "The Irishman"; Brad Pitt, "Once Upon a Time in Holly-

Who Will Win: It is a power-packed category. While the SAG Award winner in this category has been a slightly less reliable predictor of the Oscar winner, Brad Pitt seems to be the odds-on favorite, and there appears

Laura Dern co-stars in **'Marriage** Story.'

Photo courtesy of Netflix Entertainment

award the popular Pitt his first Academy Award for his fourth nomination.

Who Should Win: Of the listed nominees, I would award Joe Pesci for his haunting yet affecting return to acting in "The Irishman.

Who Got Snubbed: All that said, none of the nominees were among my favorite three supporting actor performances. Wesley Snipes was terrific in "Dolemite is My Name," and in most years Shia LaBeouf would deserve to win (you read that right) for his work in "Honey Boy." But Willem Dafoe was otherworldly, and thus massively snubbed, in the otherwise inscrutable "The Lighthouse.'

Best Supporting Actress

Nominees: Laura Dern,

Johansson, "Jojo Rabbit"; Kathy Bates, "Richard Jewell"; Florence Pugh, "Little Women"; Margot Robbie, 'Bombshell"

Who Will Win: Laura Dern has swept most of the pre-Oscar awards, and she is going to win her first Academy Award for playing a smiling yet savage divorce attorney in 'Marriage Story.

Who Should Win: This is the one major category this year where the nominee who wins is also the one who should win. Dern was fabulous and the clear winner.

Who Got Snubbed: Zhao Shuzhen's affecting role as a dying grandmother in "The Farewell" merited consideration. But all the awards guilds unjustly overlooked Da'Vine Joy Randolph and her outsized, scene-stealing performance in "Dolemite is



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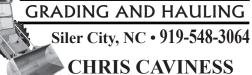
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off of East Third onto

North Avenue, which

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Commissioners

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Tony Siler asked how

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North Street. Siler City

Planning Director Jack

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Mountaire. Commis-

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Commissioner

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Mountaire continues its attempt to close Third Street

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — A presentation on Monday about Mountaire Farm's request to close a portion of East Third Street and East Fifth Street drew concerns and questions, but no decisions, from the Siler City Board of

Commissioners. Mountaire, the Delaware-based poultry processing company which built and operates a plant on East Third, first requested in October 2018 that the town consider closing the road in front of its facility to "increase safety" around the property, according to a letter sent to the town by Rose Law Firm, which represents Mountaire in the matter. Mountaire also submitted a "partial traffic study" conducted before the plant was operational which estimated truck and regular traffic at and around the facility.

Since that time, Mountaire, town staff. representatives from the N.C. Dept. of Transportation and emergency management officials have been working to address concerns to create a final proposal for the board's consideration.

Mountaire is again

businesses such as MAS Acme, from which only right turns would be allowed out of the facility if the closure is approved.

There are a lot of unintended con-sequences for this," Haiges said.

Commissioner Chip Price also voiced numerous concerns about the proposal. He noted the challenge for Third Avenue businesses to have tractor trailer deliveries with the closure. In addition, he was concerned with the increased response times for emergency management. Price also noted that he makes a point to travel on Third Avenue at different times of the day to do his own "informal traf-fic study" and thought it "seems to be working pretty well" as it is.

With the concerns raised, the board directed Meadows to work during the next month to contact other stakeholders including MAS Acme, NCDOT and business interests on Third Avenue. In addition, the board requested a more upto-date traffic analysis that reflects current traffic patterns rather than estimates. The board will likely revisit the subject in one of its March regular meet-

Reporter Casey Mann can be reached at CaseyMann@Chathamnr.

Some great ideas for your sourdough

So you've created sourdough and have made a beau-



DEBBIE MATTHEWS The Curious Cook

you've gone to the store and bought a beautiful loaf of lightly sweetened brioche or challah. Or eggy potato bread, that would work,

(*You do you. I am not here to judge Gentle Reader, but to encourage. Bake or buy — your choice.)

The really interesting thing about this type of bread is that it can have it both ways. It's delicious with a salty filling, or you can double down on the sweetness.

When I was a kid living in Puerto Rico, the ubiquitous grocery store bread, the local version of WonderBread was an eggy, slightly sweet soft sandwich bread. And I ate mountains of ham sandwiches on it.

The contrast of the salty ham and the sweet of the bread surrounding it, with creamy mayo and the light funk of cheese, is actually a pretty sophisticated combination of flavors. And my dad's ham salad is perfect for this bread.

A grilled cheese with bacon or ham added is great on this bread, and even better if you skip the butter on the outside and use mayonnaise instead.

French toast made with it is like a beautiful love child of breakfast and dessert. Slicing thick gives it body and heft. But frying alone won't cook it all the way through. That's why I use Alton Brown's trick of baking it.

Another wonderful result of AB's genius trick is that it all finishes at the same time, and it's nice and hot. So everybody eats



French made from sourdough bread is a particularly delicious treat.

Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews

together, and the mountain of butter I spread on mine melts right into that sweet, pillowy scrumptiousness.

Pair this with some scrambled eggs and a $good\ long\ walk--this$ dish should definitely be an infrequent treat.

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

Dad's Ham Salad

2 cups ground or finely chopped ham 1/4 cup sweet pickle relish

1/2 white onion, grated 1/3 to 1/2 cup mayonnaise

Stir together ham, relish, and onion. Mix in enough mayonnaise to make a sandwich spread. Refrigerate for one hour before serving. Serves 4-6. Store tightly covered in fridge for up to three days.

Decyphered French Toast

6 1-inch slices sweet egg bread - fresh is good, stale is much

better 3 large eggs 2 cups dairy (skim

milk to heavy cream; your choice)

3 tablespoons brown sugar 2 teaspoons vanilla extract 10-12 gratings fresh

nutmeg 1 teaspoon salt 6 tablespoons butter Preheat oven to 350°. Place a cooling rack on

a large, rimmed baking sheet and set aside. Beat eggs in a blender or with an immersion blender so that the whites are completely smooth. Gently stir in dairy, brown sugar, vanilla, nutmeg, and salt. Pour this custard into a shallow dish not too much bigger than the bread slices.

Soak the bread slices about 45 seconds per side. The goal is for the custard to be fully absorbed by the bread so there isn't a strip in the center that's dry and unflavored. Heat heavy skillet on medium and melt 2

tablespoons of butter. Place 2 slices of bread in pan and cook until it has browned (about 1-2 minutes). Flip and cook the other side. Between batches assess your pan. Does it

need more butter? Add it. Has the butter turned dark, which will then make the French toast burned and unattractive? Wipe out the skillet. As they finish, place the toast onto the cool-

ing rack. Continue with the rest. When all the toast has finished frying, place the baking pan and loaded rack into the oven. Cook for 12 minutes or until cooked through and slightly puffed.

Dress to your taste. Serves 3.





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David Owens Jr., 53, of Pittsboro, was charged January 29 with misdemeanor probation violation. He was held under a \$2,500 bond with a \$2,500 bond with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Zackery Hamilton, 20, of Sanford, was charged January 29 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$200 bond with a February 26 court date in

Donald Hawks, 71, of Hillsborough, was charged January 29 with assault on a female. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Tina Smith, 31, of Staley, was charged January 30 with larceny of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm, larceny of a motor vehicle, first-degree burglary, injury to real property, larceny after breaking/entering and possession of stolen goods/ property. She was held under a \$5,000 bond with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Walter Cozart Jr., 31, of Sanford, was taken into custody January 30 on a true bill of indictment for first-degree kidnapping. He was held under a \$70,000 bond with a March 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Xavier Clayton Jr., 27, of Sanford, was taken into custody January 30 on a true bill of indictment for discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling or moving vehicle. He was held under a \$50,000 bond with a March 9 court date in Pittsboro.

Allen Wiggins, 38, of Siler City, was taken into custody January 30 on a true bill of indictment for violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a March 9 court date in

Joshua Franks, 30, of Siler City, was taken into custody January 30 on a true bill of indictment for second-degree kidnapping. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a March 9 court date

Jamie Edwards, 23, of Haw River, was charged January 30 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a February 13 court date in Hillsborough.

Hillary Garrett, 36, of Selma, was charged January 31 with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and communicating threats. She was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a February 3 court date in

Shontay Cotten Jr., 36, of Siler

City, was charged January 31 with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. He was held under a \$100,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Annie King, 36, of Bear Creek, was charged January 31 with simple assault. She was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

Russell King, 39, of Bear Creek, was charged January 31 with assault on a female. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a February 5 court date in Pittsboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ricky Brooks, 54, of Siler City, was charged January 28 with felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Roy Brim, 59, of Siler City, was charged January 29 with assault on a female. He was held under no bond with a February 4 court date in Siler City.

Reginald Harris, 31, of Siler City, was charged January 30 with breaking and/or entering and injury to personal property, for which he was given a \$5,000 bond with a February 3

court date in Pittsboro; failure to appear, for which he was given a \$300 bond with a February 11 court date in Siler City; and two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, for which he was held under no bond with a February 3 court date in Pittsboro.

Todd Brown, 32, of Siler City, was charged January 31 with possession of marijuana from less than one-half ounce to one and a half ounces and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was released on a written promise with a March 10 court date in Siler City.

Santiago Eleuterio of Sanford was cited February 1 for safe movement violation and no operator's license on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Siler City.

Carlos Moreno, 27, of Asheboro, was charged February 1 with felony probation violation for which was held under a \$50,000 bond with a February 18 court date in Asheboro; and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, for which he was released under a written promise with a February 4 court date in Siler City.

Latonya Moore, 41, of Siler City, was charged February 3 with second-degree trespassing and resisting a public officer. She was released on a written promise with a February 18 court date in Siler City.

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Vernon Parks of Siler City was cited January 28 for failure to maintain lane control and driving left of center on U.S. Highway 64 in Siler City.

Lori Sisco of Pittsboro was cited January 28 for failure to reduce speed and driving with a suspended license on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Paul Miller of Sanford was cited January 30 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Nannette Baker of Pittsboro was cited January 31 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro.

Emily Clausi of Chapel Hill was cited January 31 for exceeding safe speed for conditions on Grandale Drive in Pittsboro.

Mwenebato Kiza of Greensboro was cited February 1 for failure to maintain lane control, no operator's license and unsafe tires on U.S. Highway 421 in

Emeterio Peralta of Sanford was cited February 1 for driving while license revoked and failure to maintain lane control on N.C. Highway 42 in Pittsboro.

THE CN+R Q&A: 'A HOUSE DIVIDED' FORUM SET FOR FEB. 15

'Chatham For All' event to focus on removal of Confederate monuments, symbols

Chatham For All's Mark Barroso is a life-long Southerner who grew up in Virginia and lived in Florida before moving to North Carolina in 1998. His mother's side of the family settled in Franklin County in North Carolina the mid-1700s. He has been an investigative television journalist, a producer for national news networks, a documentary filmmaker and a soundman for films and television shows. He has a lifelong interest in history, politics, current affairs and justice for all. This week, the News + Record speaks to Barroso about the upcoming "A House Divided" panel discussion, set for 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Chatham Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro.

In the "A House Divided" flyer, it's written that the controversy over the removal of Confederate monuments is "challenging family histories, estranging neighbors, and distressing businesses and communities." What's most unique about how this has played out in Chatham County?

If you have believed your entire life that your ancestors fought and died for a noble cause, it's very distressing to hear evidence and arguments to the contrary. It cuts to the core of a person's identity, and I get why there is a lot resistance and anger. However, we are proud that the process for removal was done legally, peacefully and with respect after months of debate.

What's the goal of this event on the 15th, and what can those who attend expect to hear and learn?

There were a lot of inconvenient facts and truths about the Civil War, Reconstruction and the Jim Crow era that were ignored when we went through school. A lot of these were made by people we loved and respected. It still stings a little, like I was betrayed by them to find out how racism was the foundation of a lot of what I knew



Submitted photo

Mark Barroso is a member of 'Chatham For All,' which is cosponsoring the 'A House Divided' event Feb. 15 in Pittsboro.

about America, but if you're swimming in a fish tank it's hard to know about the bigger pond.

Our long-term goal is that people, particularly the next generation, have the facts, and not myths that gloss over history that make us uncomfortable.

Who should attend?

Everyone who is open to truth should attend. But the truth is complicated. Sometimes our leaders deceive us about why we go to war, or the purpose of a public policy, or a monument in the town square, and it's not until sometime later that the truth comes out. Plus, it's free and open to the public.

How were the speakers scholars from UNC and Duke - chosen?

We reached out to a professor at UNC, who then recruited colleagues who are nationally renowned for their knowledge about this period in history. One is even a military historian. They have followed the events here and wanted to contribute to the conversation. We're lucky to have them. The speakers include Dr. W. Fitzhugh Brundage, William Umstead Distinguished Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill; Dr. William Sturkey, Associate Professor of American History, Faculty Advisor of the UNC Center for the American South; Dr. Thavolia Glymph,



Law, Duke University; and we will continue to support Dr. Joseph T. Glatthaar, the County's decision to Stephenson Distinguished defend themselves in court. Professor and Adjunct Professor of the Curriculum in

Given the tenor of the protests in Chatham prior to and after the removal of the monument in Pittsboro, are you anticipating protesters at your event?

Peace, War and Defense at

UNC-Chapel Hill.

We hope that people come to listen, learn and be respectful of other people's right to do the same. We're asking people to leave their signs and flags at home. If someone cannot be respectful, they will be asked to leave and possibly be escorted out by a sheriff's deputy.

Chatham For All is producing this in association with AbundanceNC. What's **Chatham For All working on**

As you know, the UDC has appealed the decision to remove the monument, and

DURA-BUIL

Some people think that the people behind this are all newcomers who want to erase history and change **Chatham County. How do** you answer that?

Well, yes, the influx of newcomers certainly is changing Chatham County and it's only going to increase. I'm glad there are more choices of where to eat, more jobs and opportunities for people, and more diversity. The traffic in Pittsboro, however, not so much. You'd be surprised, however, how much support we've gotten from long-time residents, and many-generational Southerners, many of whom want to stay in the background because they think it's too risky for them personally to rock the boat. As for erasing history, come on the 15th and find

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PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Sheriff's Office



Cotton

Shontay Cotton, 36, of Pittsboro, is facing a charge of felony assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious

a Jan. 28 incident off of Evie Lynn Road in Pittsboro. The Sheriff's Office re-

ported that the victim of the assault, who was not named, received "several stab wounds." The victim was transported to a medical facility with non-life-threatening injuries, according to the report.

Cotton was held under a \$100,000 bond in the Chatham County Detention Center. He is scheduled to appear March 2 in county District Court in Pittsboro.



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Chatham **Community Library** continues Black **History Month** event series

The Chatham Community Library is hosting a month-long observance of

Black history in February. At 2 p.m. Saturday, Dr. Charles Johnson, associate professor of history and director of the Public History Program at North Carolina Central University, will discuss "Black Chatham: Its People and Institutions." Johnson was a guest speaker at the 2018 and 2019 Chatham County Juneteenth observances, where his engaging and informative discussions have been audience favorites.

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

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

The Black History Month observance will culminate at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, with a performance by the North Carolina Association of Black Storytellers. The organization promotes and perpetuates Black storytelling as an

art form that embodies the histories and cultures of Africans and African-Americans, especially those in North Carolina. Enjoyed by audiences of all ages, these storytellers weave tales of humor, home and hearth in ways that transport and delight.

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

Nominations for the **CCS Distinguished Alumni Program** easier, phone call away

PITTSBORO — Now it's easier to nominate individuals for the Chatham County Schools Distinguished Alumni Program. Dialing (919) 545-7975 takes callers to a voicemail where they can leave the name of a nominee. It's that simple.

'Once I receive their message, I will contact them and complete their applications for them," said Sarah Campbell, the administrative assistant for CCS' Public

Relations Department. Online nominations may be submitted at bit. ly/CCSDA2020. Forms for handwritten nominations are available at the district's headquarters and high schools, and they can be downloaded at bit.ly/CCS-DA2020PRINT.

NEWS BRIEFS

The deadline for nominations is March 6. Nominees need to have attended their CCS high school for at least two full academic years and must be at least 10 years removed from their high school graduation.

CCCC announces **SECU Foundation Bridge to Career Scholarship** recipients

SANFORD — The Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) Career and Technical Education Department has announced the recipients of the State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) Foundation Bridge to Career Scholarship for the 2019 Fall Term.

Chatham County recipients, listed with course of study, include: Keona Alston – Nurse

Kimberly Beck - Cardiovascular Monitor Technician Rachel Blankenship -Phlebotomy Technician

Melissa Brewer - Phlebotomy Technician

Tyasha C. Holloman -

Phlebotomy Technician Michelle Martinez -Nurse Aide I

Megan Meyers - Nursing

Assistant I Stephanie Scotton -Cardiovascular Monitor

Technician Sabrina Spruiell - Phlebotomy Technician Jazmine Taft – Nurse Aide I

For more information on the scholarship, contact CCCC Education Navigator Nikia Jefferies at njefferies@cccc.edu or by phone at 919-545-8071.

Gary Beasley is recipient of CCCC **Excellence in Teaching Award**

SANFORD - Gary Beasley, Central Carolina Community College Lead Instructor in Laser and Photonics Technology, has been selected as recipient of the 2019-2020 CCCC Excellence in Teaching Award.

I feel so humbled and honored," said Beasley, who was a finalist for state honors. "Especially to be recognized and awarded for something I enjoy doing so much and have so much fun doing it."

CCCC President Lisa M. Chapman says that Beasley

"is well-respected among his peers and known for having a heart of gold. He practices what we preach by engaging students early on — as early

as middle and high school - and educating them on career pathways in lasers and photonics as a means to gain a fruitful career and earn a living wage. You will not find a more compassionate, hands-on, and personable instructor."

"Gary cares for his students like he cares for his own children," said Brian Merritt, CCCC Vice President of Learning & Workforce Development, Chief Academic Officer. "Gary's technical knowledge combined with his passion for his students lives sets him apart.'

"I loved, and enjoyed, my 30 years of industry, but after retiring from industry, I feel so fortunate to have been allowed a second career teaching, especially working with the caring

CCCC family," said Beasley. Beasley received his Associate in Electronics Technology at Fayetteville Technical Community College, his Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering at North Carolina State University and his Master of Science in Industrial Technology from East Carolina University.

— CN+R staff reports

Honoring a family for a new park

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution Dec. 16 to name a proposed park in the southeastern part of the county in memory of Atlas and Lola Parker. Members of the Parker family, who are trustees of the Lola Tart Parker Trust, sold 147 acres of land on Pea Ridge Road in Moncure at a reduced cost to Chatham County. The land will be used to develop a park that will be named Parker's Ridge Park. Chatham County has immediate needs for property dedicated to recreation in the southeastern part of the county, and this land will directly address this need. The preservation of this land for recreation and green space also will help protect the rural beauty and character of Chatham County. 'We appreciate the generosity of the Parker family and are thrilled to be able to honor Mr. and Mrs. Parker with the naming of the southeast park in their memory,' said Tracy Burnett, director of Chatham County Parks & Recreation. 'We look forward to providing a great recreational experience for residents in the southeastern part of the county and our entire community.'









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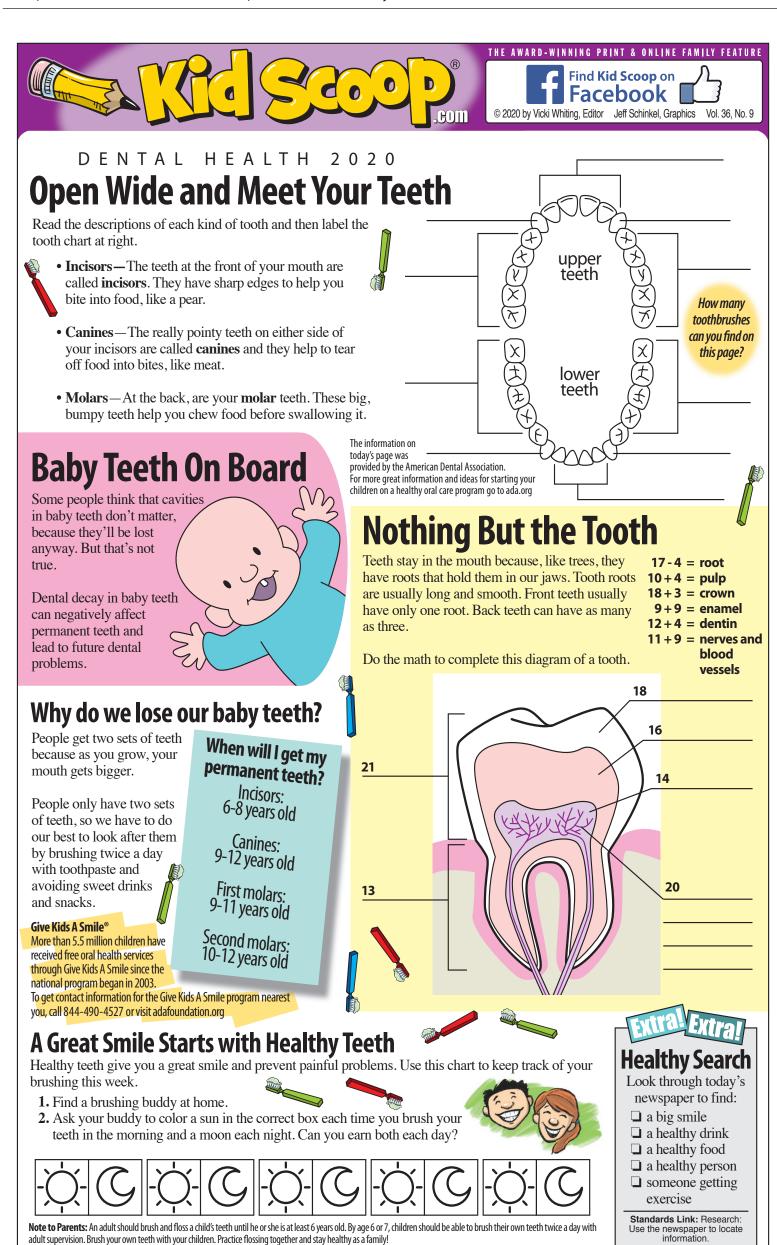
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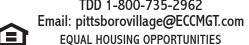
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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 621 NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Exec utrixes of the Estate of DORIS MARIE HUBBARD deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before April 16, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 16th day of January,

1. Tiffany Kay Holloman 1465 Lystra Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27517 2. Brittany BeAnna Holloman 1465 Lystra Rd Chapel Hill, N 27517

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 12

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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Donald Besner, having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of DONOVAN **FLOYD DIEHL,** Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on January 6, 2020, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Administrator on or before April 16, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of January, 2020. Payments and claims should be presented to Donald Besner, 26676 Lope De Vega, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. Donald Besner, Administrator

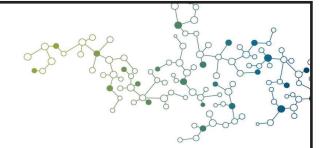
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CRED-ITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **COUNTY OF CHATHAM**

against the estate of KRISTINE **LINDHAL CURRIE** of Chatham County, NC, who died on May 14, 2019, are notified to present them on or before April 15, 2020 to John Stuart Currie Executor, c/o Alexander, Miller, Schupp & Hamilton, P.L.L.C., P. O. Box 3200, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3200, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MURIEL EDWARD RIDER aka MURIEL GARNER **RIDER** deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before April 16, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 16th day of January,

Olivia Rider Jones, Executor 1 Grand Army Plaza Apt 6D Brooklyn, NY 11238 J16,J23,J30,F6,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **NORTH CAROLINA** CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Adminis-

trator of the Estate of REBEC-CA MAE CHAMBERS, 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 23rd day of April, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 15th day of January, Floyd C. Chambers, Administra-

tor of The Estate of Rebecca Mae Chambers Post Office Box 1806

Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW

PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA (919) 542-5605

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 591 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **LORA H. LYALL** 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 23, 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 23rd day of January, 2020.

Carrie Waffa, Executrix Ashley D. Fox, Attorney at Law c/o W.G. Alexander & Assoc. 3717 Benson Drive Raleigh, NC 27609 J23,J30,F6,F13,4tp

LEGAL NOTICE DECLARATION OF INDEPEN-

I, Kevin James Welsh in the name of the Almighty Creator, by my Declaration of Independence solemnly Publish and Declare my right to expatriate absolute, my res in trust from the foreign jurisdiction known as the municipal corporation of the district of Columbia, a democracy, and return to the united States of America, a Republic. Any political ties implied by operation of law or otherwise in trust with the democracy is hereby dissolved. I, Kevin James Welsh have full power to contract, establish commerce as guaranteed by the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution known as the Bill of Rights of the united States of America, a Republic. So done this 12th day of December, 2019. S: Kevin Welsh Kevin James Welsh Acknowledgment State of North Carolina County of Chatham

Affirmed and subscribed before me this 12th day of December,

Roderick W. Parker, Name of

Notary Notary Public Seal applied! Commission Expires Nov. 7, 2022 J23,J30,F6,F13,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of JUDITH ANN DUSCH, deceased, of Chatham County North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before April 28, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 23rd day of January, 2020. Estate of Judith Ann Dusch

c/o Shea Maliszewski Barringer Sasser LLP 111 Commonwealth Court, Suite Cary, NC 27511

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF EMMA BASS **NORTH CAROLINA** CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as the Executor of the Estate of EMMA BASS, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Emma Bass to exhibit them to the undersigned Executor at the address below on or before the 4th day of May, 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

This the 10th day of January,

Henry B. Bass, Executor of Estate of EMMA BASS c/o Ted A. Greve & Associates, PA 1201 North Tryon St Charlotte, NC 28206 Telephone: (704) 326-7688

J23,J30,F6,F13,4tc **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JOAN LOUISE AMBROSINO** 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 23, 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 23rd day of January,

Joseph F. Ambrosino, Executor 113 Olive Park Drive Holly Springs, NC 27540 J23,J30,F6,F13,4tp

NOTICE OF CONSTITUTION PRIMARY ELECTION **CHATHAM COUNTY**

NORTH CAROLINA A Constitution Primary election will be held on March 3, 2020 in Chatham County, North Carolina to vote for the Constitution party nominee for US President, and 2 Referenda's - Malt Beverage and Local Sales and Use Tax. Seventeen year olds who will be eighteen years of age by November 3, 2020 are eligible to vote in Party primary elections. Voters who are 17 are not permitted to vote for the Referenda elections. All voters registered with the Constitution Party in Chatham County are eligible to vote in this election. Unaffiliated voters are not eligible to vote in the Constitution Party Primary. You may only vote in one Party Primary. In a December 31 order, a federal district court blocked North Carolina's voter photo ID requirement from taking effect. The injunction will remain in place until further order of the court. Voters will not be asked to present identification when presenting to vote in person at the polls; however first time voters who did not provide ID when completing the voter registration application will need to show some form of ID. Polls will be open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm.

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NOTICE OF 2020 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION CHATHAM COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

A Republican Primary election will be held on March 3, 2020 in Chatham County, North Carolina to vote for the Republican party nominee for US President, US Senate, US House of Representatives District 4, NC Governor, NC Lieutenant Governor, NC

Attorney General, NC Auditor. NC Commissioner of Insurance, NC Commissioner of Labor, NC Secretary of State, NC Super-

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NOTICE OF 2020 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION **CHATHAM COUNTY**

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absentee ballots or other election matters, please call the Board of Elections office at 919-545-8500. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. **Exercise Your Right To Vote**

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NOTICE OF LIBERTARIAN PRIMA-RY ELECTION CHATHAM COUNTY **NORTH CAROLINA**

A Libertarian Primary election

will be held on March 3, 2020 in

Chatham County, North Carolina to vote for the **Libertarian party** nominee for US President, and 2 Referenda's – Malt Beverage and Local Sales and Use Tax. Seventeen year olds who will be eighteen years of age by November 3, 2020 are eligible to vote in Party primary elections. Voters who are 17 are not permitted to vote for the Referenda elections. All voters registered with the Libertarian Party in Chatham County are eligible to vote in this election. Unaffiliated voters are eligible to vote in the Libertarian Party Primary, You may only vote in one Party Primary. In a December 31 order, a federal district court blocked North Carolina's voter photo ID requirement from taking effect. The injunction will remain in place until further order of the court. Voters will not be asked to present identification when presenting to vote in person at the polls; however first time voters who did not provide ID when completing the voter registration application will need to show some form of ID. Polls will be open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm.

Polling places are located at the following addresses: Albright Precinct - Silk Hope Fire Station at 5226 Silk Hope Liberty Rd. west of Crutchfields' Xrds Bennett Precinct – Bennett Fire Department at 55 East Raleigh

Bonlee Precinct - Bonlee Fire Department at 185 Bonlee Bennett

Bynum Precinct - Bynum Ruritan Club at 28 Charlie Fields Road **Goldston Precinct** – Goldston Fire Department at 486 South Church Three Rivers Precinct - Liberty

Chapel Church at 1855 Old US Highway 1 in Moncure Hadley Precinct - Brown's Chapel Church at 355 Chicken Bridge Road off Highway 87 North **Hickory Mountain Precinct** Pleasant Hill UM Church at 7019 Pleasant Hill Church Road **Harpers Crossroads Precinct** Harpers Crossroads Community Center at 20079 NC Hwy 902 **Manns Chapel Precinct**- CCCC Health Science Building at 75 Ballentrae Ct, Pittsboro NC New Hope Precinct - Holland

Burgess Road
Oakland Precinct – Pittsboro Fire Station #3, 60 Walter Bright Rd., Sanford NC Pittsboro Precinct - Central

Chapel AME Zion Church at 360

Carolina Community College Multi-purpose Rm at 764 West St., Pittsboro East Siler City Precinct - Earl Fitts

Community Center at 111 South Third Avenue in Siler City **West Siler City Precinct** - West Chatham Senior Center at 112 Village Lake Road in Siler City East Williams Precinct Hope Church at 581 New Hope Church Road in Apex West Williams Precinct - The

Gathering Place at Fearrington off Villageway North Williams Precinct - Carolina Meadows Auditorium at the Club Center Those residents who are not

registered to vote must register by **Friday, February 7, 2020**. You may register to vote at the Board of Elections office located at 984 Thompson Street, Suite D in Pittsboro or you may pick up a mail-in voter registration form at any public library or print a form on line at www.chathamnc.org/ boe and go to the Elections page. Any voter that has moved must notify the Board of Elections office. Any voter that wishes to change your party affiliation must do so by **February 7, 2020**. Persons wishing to register and vote after the registration deadline may appear in person at a one-stop absentee voting site, complete the voter registration application form and provide proof of residence by presenting

valid documents showing current

Absentee ballots by mail will

be available starting Monday

name and address.

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January 13, 2020. To receive an absentee ballot a request form must be submitted in person or by mail to Chatham County Board of Elections office. The request must be on the new State Absentee Ballot Request form. The form can be found at the Elections webpage at www.chathamnc.org/boe or call the BOE office to obtain a copy. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is **Tuesday, February 25,** 2020. All mailed absentee ballots must be in the Board of Elections office by 5:00 pm on March 3, 2020 - Election Day in order to be counted. Any ballot received by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 6, 2020 is eligible to be counted if postmarked by Election Day. You can vote One Stop Absentee voting in person beginning February 13, 2020 at four sites in Chatham County: the Chatham County Agriculture and **Conference Center, 1192 US HWY** 64 West Business, Pittsboro, NC 27312 in lieu of the Board of Elections office, at the Earl B. Fitts Community Center at 111 S. Third Ave in Siler City, NC 27344, at CCCC Health Science Building, 75 Ballentrae Court, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or at the Goldston Town Hall at 40-A Coral Avenue, Gold**ston NC 27252.** Any registered voter in Chatham County may vote at any of the One Stop early voting sites. All four early voting sites are open on the following

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA Having qualified as Executor of

the Estate of LARRY GEORGE **OWEN** 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 23, 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 23rd day of January,

Geoffrey Lawrence Owen, Executor 4876 Bernal Ave, Apt B Pleasanton, CA 94588 Maria M. Lynch Lynch & Eatman, L.L.P. PO Box 30515 Raleigh, NC 27622-0515

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 17 SP 128 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Angela C. Cole and Michael L Cole to Jackie Miller, Trustee(s), which was dated July 10, 2008 and recorded on July 15, 2008 in Book 01413 at Page 1013 and rerecorded/modified/corrected on March 26, 2009 in Book 01449, Page 1006 and rerecorded/modified/corrected on July 25, 2016 in Book 01870, Page 0213, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the 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: ALL that certain tract or parcel of land containing 4.295 acres, more or less (0.562 acres being within the right-of-way of SR 1532) and being all of Lot No. 1, and more particularly shown and defined upon that plat entitled "Michael Lamont Cole

and Angela Christina Cole.

prepared by Smith and Smith

Surveyors, dated March 31, 2005

and recorded at Plat Slide 2005-

255, Chatham County Registry

made for a more particular and

reference to which is hereby

complete description Save and except any releases. deeds of release or prior convey ances of record.

Said property is commonly known as 81 River Forest Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312. 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 Angela C. Cole and husband,

Michael L. Cole. 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 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 File No.: 17-13315-FC01

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 19 SP 214 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by David Lee Green and Brooke Smith Green to Jackie Miller, Trustee(s), which was dated December 18, 2009 and recorded on December 18, 2009 in Book 01493 at Page 0283, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the 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 convevance "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. title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of

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remedy. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587

File No.: 19-18938-FC01 J30,F6,2tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 526 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 J30,F6,F13,F20,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of GWENDO-LYN 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, Nathan Daniel McDuffie, Administrator of

The Estate of Gwendolyn Arlene McDuffie Post Office Box 1806

Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 Moody, Williams, Roper & Lee, Attorneys at Law Box 1806

Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 (919) 542-5605 J30,F6,F13,F20,4tp

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **COUNTY OF CHATHAM** IN THE GENERAL COURT OF

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 19 JT 24 IN RE: "C.A.." DOB: 12/27/18 **NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PRO-**

CESS 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 STEPHESON, Attorney for Petitioner, CHATHAM COUNTY DEPART-MENT 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 Citv. North Carolina 27344. or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity. org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY 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 December 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

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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)

555 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1100 Raleigh, NC 27601

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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 J30,F6,F13,F20,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of UVA RICHAR-DON HOLLAND a/k/a UVA LEE RICHARDSON HOLLAND, late 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 the 8th day of May, 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 21st day of January,

2020. Bruce Thomas Holland, Sr. Executor of the Estate of Uva Richardson Holland a/k/a Uva Lee Richardson Holland c/o Linda Funke Johnson

Attorney at Law P.O. Box 446 114 Raleigh Street Fuquay Varina, NC 27526 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE A public hearing will be held

by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, February 17, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 9 Hillsboro Street.

Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www. chathamnc.org by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input,

both written and oral, on the issues listed below: Legislative Request: 1. A Legislative public hearing request by Paul Brewer for a conditional district rezoning

from R-1 Residential to CD-CB **Conditional District Community** Business, for an indoor/outdoor storage facility, Parcel No. 60167 being 38.4 of 48.8 acres. located off Jordan Dam Rd, Haw River Township. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions.

Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham **County Planning Department** at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **ERNEST THUR**-

MAN HANNER, JR. 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 be-fore May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 6th day of February, 2020.

Deborah Smith, Executor 41 E.T. Hanner Road Bear Creek, NC 27207

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having

qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **ETHEL M. BUCKNER**, of Chatham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of February 2020. Jan C. Buckner, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ethel M. Buckner

1235 Yale Place, Apt. 210 Minneapolis, MN 55403 Ritchie W. Buckner, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ethel M. Buckner

5458 Siler City-Snow Camp Siler City, NC 27344 Martha T. Peddrick

Johnson, Peddrick, & McDonald, P.L.L.C. 440 West Market Street, Suite 300

Greensboro, North Carolina Telephone: (336) 574-9720 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Jonathan

Lucas Nicks, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **GLENN** PATILLO NICKS, II, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the under-signed on or before the 7th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immedfiate payment to the undersigned. This 29th day of January, 2020.

Jonathan Lucas Nicks, Executor 211 Sycamore Lake Drive Siler City, NC 27344 919-200-3013 W. Ben Atwater, Jr., Attorney P.O. Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344

919-663-2850 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Joseph L. Boles, Jr., having qualified as Personal Representative for the Estate of CLARA S. PHILLIPS, deceased, late of St. Johns County, Florida and formerly of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immedfiate payment to the undersigned. This 6th day of February, 2020. Joseph L. Boles, Jr., Attorney

19 Riberia Street St. Augustine, Florida 32084 1-904-824-4278 W. Ben Atwater, Jr., Attorney at Law P.O. Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344

919-663-2850

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 8

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons having claims against **GERALD UNKS** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 9th day of November, 2019, are notified to present them to Daniel Todd Greiner, Executor of the Estate of Gerald Unks in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.,1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before May 14, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Gerald Unks. Those indebted to Gerald Unks are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. Dean P. Broz, Attorney

Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified on the 29th day of January, 2020 as Executrix, of the Estate of VIRGINIA D. PEARCE a/k/a VIR-GINIA MARIE PEARCE, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of May, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 6th day of February 2020. Sarah J. Pearce, Executrix of the Estate of

Virginia D. Pearce a/k/a Virginia Marie Pearce PO Box 51579 Durham, NC 27717-1579swG. Rhodes Craver, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 51 **NORTH CAROLINA** CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the **Estate of ROSELLA P. SPIVEY** 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 May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corpora-tions indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 6th day of February,

Herman Spivey Limited Personal Representative 4978 Cox Mill Road Sanford, NC 27332

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **COUNTY OF CHATHAM**

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 31st day of Jan-uary, 2020, as Co-Executrix of the ESTATE OF **JOSEPH EDWARD GEOGHEGAN**, Deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of May, 2020 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 6th day of February,

KELLY-ANNE E. CALAMUSA and MARY ALTHEA MCANUFF CO-EXECUTRIX, ESTATE OF JOSEPH EDWARD GEOGHEGAN c/o Jennifer E. Dalman, Attorney Walker Lambe Rhudy Costley &

Gill, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 F6.F13.F20.F27.4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 58 NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of CHESLAVA IDZIKOWSKA MANN 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 May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 6th day of February,

Joanna Karwowska, Executrix 121 Wild Iris Lane Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 49 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **BILLY EDWARD WEBSTER** 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 May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 6th day of February, 2020.

Eric M. Webster, Executor 3119 Mt. Vernon Springs Rd Siler City, NC 27344

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