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## GOVERNMENT BUDGET SEASON

### Chatham sheriff requests 22 new staff for next fiscal year

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
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PITTSBORO — A new responsibility, Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson 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.

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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 three-part series examining the proposed local sales tax option on Chatham County's March 3 ballot.*

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?

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



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  
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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 off."

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 door."

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



Staff photo by David Bradley

Pat Sullivan teaches a group of dog owners about how to work with their canine companions last Friday at CCC. 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

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Sara Brinson with her dog Brassy, an English shepherd, works with Pat Sullivan in their dog obedience class at CCC 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  
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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 Village 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  
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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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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 obedience class at CCCC Jan. 24.**

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 fun.”

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 than 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 increase to 2.25 percent.

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

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

they would like the funds 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.

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

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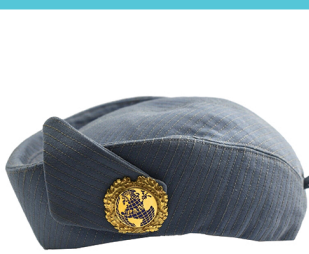
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# Chatham health officials: New tobacco rules good, but not good enough

**BY ZACHARY HORNER**  
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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 tobacco 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 reported “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 pack. 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 fruit-flavored 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 airwaves 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/tobacco](http://chathamnc.org/tobacco) 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**  
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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 prize.

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

In the episode entitled “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 which air online for the



Photo by Scott Gries

**‘Worst Cooks in America’ contestant Lulu Boykin 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 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 17, 3 a.m.

**‘I love barbecue ribs. I just thought you slapped some sauce on them and cooked them. But actually you need 1 zillion 50 ingredients.’**

**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 challenging.”

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 fruit.

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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 inspire.

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 April.

"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 competition.

"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 been formed."

If Wright wins at the state competition, he will compete

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 City
- Maricarmen Landa from Wren Family Center
- Gabrielle "Mei-Lin" Marshall 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 were:

- OT Sloan Park Club: Kaitlyn Newell
- 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](http://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 platforms," 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.

"Once plans are finalized, Arauco will provide competitive severance packages to all affected personnel," Schworm said.

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 partners 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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**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., Feb. 16.

Anyone interested in participating with modeling in the fashion show, you 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 details.

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 fun!

**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 church.

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 919-933-6812.

**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**

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**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 Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Birthday Treat)

**Thursday, February 13**

**BREAKFAST:** Pancake Wrapped Sausage Bites, Peaches (\*\*Pancake Wrapped Sausage, Fresh Fruit)  
**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 Workday

**CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

# The Super Bowl, video games and upcoming referenda affecting business

The biggest event in the world of sports and business (arguably) just happened over the weekend. And while



**ZACHARY HORNER**  
Corner Store

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 millennials. 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 three-part 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 change.

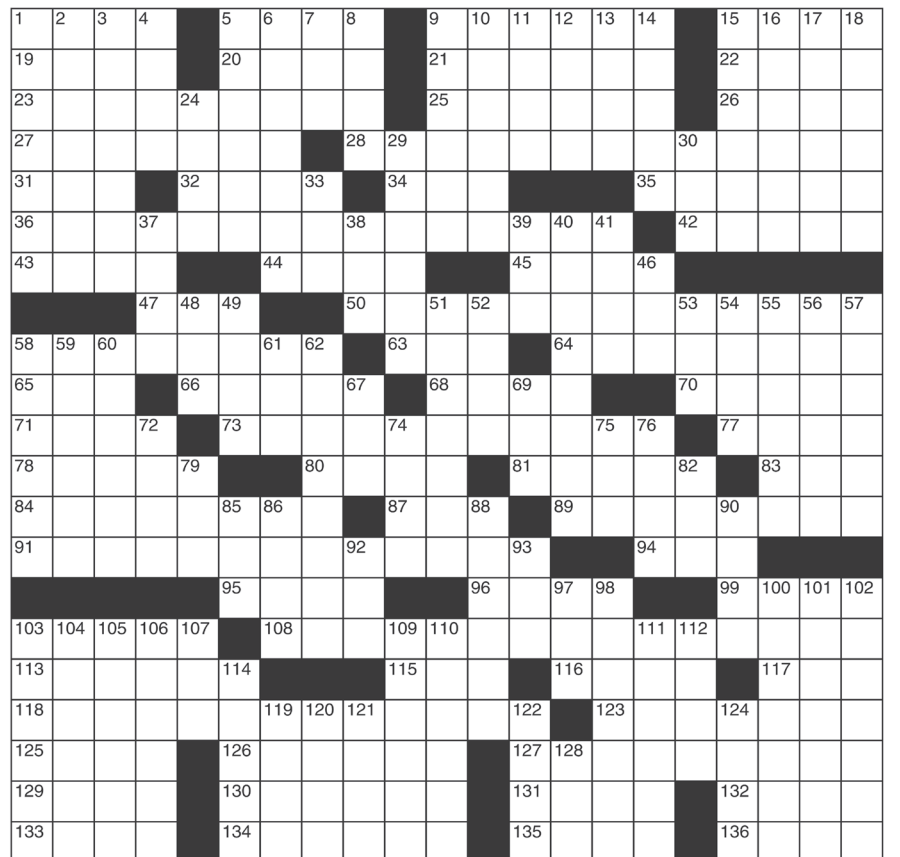
Keep an eye out in this newspaper over the coming weeks for more, and head to the polls on March 3 to make your voice heard.

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**PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo**

**SLICK MIDDLE**

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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.



**ANNUAL GOSPEL SING**  
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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 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 time, according to state law.

There is no voter identification requirement for the 2020 primary election.

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/boardofelections](http://www.chathamnc.org/government/departments-programs/boardofelections).

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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 development 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 strip.

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.**

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# NASS:

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cal residents, business owners and developers have complained about, among other things, phone calls and emails going unanswered 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 constrained.

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 ahead.

## 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 just 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 attorney 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 be 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 TO THE TOWN OF PITTSBORO

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, 21-1.**

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 again.

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

DON BEANE  
Sports Editor

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 5 p.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 school-aged 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 City.

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 Gymnasium.

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 Cameron Vernon.

"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 Korfias 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.



# NCPreps/Media Basketball Poll

## GIRLS

- CLASS 1A**
- Murphy (6) 14-0 - 78
  - Pamlico County (2) 16-1 - 74
  - Vance Charter 17-1 - 57
  - Gray Stone 13-0 - 47
  - Bishop McGuinness 14-2 - 36
  - Community School of Davidson 14-2 - 31
  - East Surry 9-4 - 29
  - Weldon 13-1 - 26
  - Alleghany 16-2 - 26
  - Mitchell 12-4 - 18
- HM: Robbinsville - 9; Cherokee - 6; Princeton - 1; Chatham Charter - 1; Langtree Charter - 1.

- CLASS 2A**
- Forbush (6) 16-2 - 74
  - Salisbury 16-1 - 65
  - Farmville Central (2) 12-3 - 62
  - Newton Conover 15-2 - 47
  - Randleman 14-1 - 42
  - St Pauls 17-0 - 35
  - East Burke 15-3 - 27
  - Shelby 13-1 - 25
  - Mountain Heritage 14-5 - 20
  - West Stokes 14-2 - 16
  - Kinston 15-3 - 16
- HM: North Lenoir - 5; North Davidson - 2; Bertie - 2; Wilkes Central - 1; Franklin - 1; Croatan - 1.

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

- Carson 15-2 - 23
  - East Rowan 15-3 - 21
  - Asheville 15-2 - 21
  - Charlotte Catholic 13-4 - 21
- HM: Enka - 8; Rocky Mount - 1.
- CLASS 4A**
- SE Raleigh (8) 16-1 - 80
  - Glenn 15-1 - 69
  - NW Guilford 17-2 - 63
  - Providence 16-2 - 39
  - Ashley 13-4 - 36
  - Mallard Creek 15-2 - 34
  - Ragsdale 15-3 - 25
  - West Forsyth 11-5 - 22
  - Holly Springs 12-6 - 20
  - Vance 14-4 - 13
  - Millbrook 15-3 - 13
- HM: Apex Friendship - 9; Laney - 7; North Meck - 5; South Meck - 2; Jordan - 2; Myers Park - 1.

## BOYS

- CLASS 1A**
- Washington County (6) 13-0 - 78
  - Lincoln Charter (2) 17-2 - 73
  - West Columbus 15-2 - 60
  - Winston Salem Prep 11-6 - 43
  - Holmes 16-1 - 43
  - East Carteret 11-3 - 39
  - Pender 11-6 - 32
  - Hayesville 15-2 - 31
  - Chatham Charter 19-1 - 20
  - Andrews 14-1 - 11
  - Granville Central 14-4 - 11
- HM: North Edgecombe - 8; South Stanly - 1.

- CLASS 2A**
- Farmville Central (6) 16-2 - 76

- Forest Hills (1) 17-0 - 69
  - South Granville (1) 18-0 - 68
  - West Caldwell 17-0 - 53
  - Kinston 15-3 - 46
  - Mountain Heritage 16-1 - 37
  - Goldsboro 14-2 - 31
  - West Stokes 12-3 - 25
  - Shelby 13-3 - 12
  - Reidsville 13-2 - 9
- HM: Hibriten - 7; East Lincoln - 4; Lake Norman Charter - 1; Lexington - 1.

- CLASS 3A**
- Westover (8) 18-0 - 80
  - Cox Mill 16-2 - 71
  - Freedom 17-1 - 57
  - Parkland 15-1 - 55
  - Northwood 17-1 - 44
  - Mt Tabor 17-1 - 41
  - Ben L. Smith 14-3 - 31
  - Clayton 16-2 - 26
  - Rose 14-1 - 19
  - Huss 15-2 - 6
- HM: Weddington - 4; Eastern Guilford - 3; Charlotte Catholic - 2; South Johnston - 1.

- CLASS 4A**
- North Meck (6) 17-1 - 78
  - Millbrook (2) 18-1 - 74
  - NW Guilford 16-3 - 62
  - Pinecrest 16-2 - 55
  - Hillside 14-2 - 38
  - Lumberton 14-2 - 35
  - Ardrey Kell 14-4 - 33
  - Vance 15-3 - 25
  - Garner 14-5 - 20
  - Apex Friendship 17-3 - 11
- HM: South Central - 4; Olympic - 2; Middle Creek - 1; Riverside-Durham - 1; Independence - 1.

# 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 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 victorious in the home game, 63-34, and brought their season record to 9-10.

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 recover.

"To start the game we turned over the ball a ton and took a number of questionable shots," stated 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



**NEIL MORRIS**  
Film Critic

Before the Academy Awards are handed out this Sunday evening, here is my annual primer of what/who will and should win each of the six main categories, 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, "Judy"

**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 Hollywood"

**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 to be some sentiment to



**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, "Marriage Story"; Scarlett

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 My Name."

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# Road request draws commissioner concerns

*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

requesting a partial closure of East Third Street in front of its facility, a portion of East Fifth Street and all of Johnson Avenue. The proposal indicates that traffic would be routed off of East Third onto North Avenue, which would be extended, to connect to U.S. Hwy 64 with a traffic light.

Commissioners raised concerns immediately upon hearing the request. Scott Thompson, a representative of Mountaire, noted that he anticipates 50 percent of Mountaire's regular truck traffic would use North Avenue with the other half using a private Third Street entrance which would allow "no interaction with the public" at its facility.

Commissioner Tony Siler asked how this change of traffic pattern would impact North Street. Siler City Planning Director Jack Meadows noted that specific impact was not included in the traffic analysis submitted by Mountaire. Commissioner Bill Haiges noted numerous concerns about traffic, the impact of the proposed "super highway" NCDOT project on U.S. Hwy 64 and the effect the change would have on other

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 consequences 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 traffic 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 up-to-date traffic analysis that reflects current traffic patterns rather than estimates. The board will likely revisit the subject in one of its March regular meetings.

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

## Some great ideas for your sourdough

So you've created sourdough and have made a beautiful loaf of lightly sweetened, sourdough egg bread.



**DEBBIE MATTHEWS**  
The Curious Cook

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

(\*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 toast 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 cooling 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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## A House Divided?



The ongoing controversy over the removal of Confederate monuments and symbols across the country is causing a stir by challenging family histories, estranging neighbors, and distressing businesses and communities. Why?

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as we explore this question and how it impacts our own community with scholars from UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University.



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William Umstead Distinguished Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill



**Dr. William Sturkey**  
Associate Professor of American History, Faculty Advisor UNC Center for the American South



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# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

David Owens Jr., 53, of Pittsboro, was charged January 29 with misdemeanor probation violation. He was held under 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 Pittsboro.

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 Pittsboro.

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 in Pittsboro.

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 Pittsboro.

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.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

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 Siler City.

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 of 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 co-sponsoring 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 some time 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, Professor of History and

Law, Duke University; and Dr. Joseph T. Glatthaar, Stephenson Distinguished Professor and Adjunct Professor of the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense at UNC-Chapel Hill.

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?

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 next?

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

we will continue to support the County's decision to defend themselves in court.

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 out.

# Pittsboro man arrested in alleged stabbing

## CN+R STAFF REPORTS

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

injury in connection to a Jan. 28 incident off of Evie Lynn Road in Pittsboro.

The Sheriff's Office reported 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/CCSDA2020PRINT.

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 Aide I
- 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 CCC 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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# Kid Scoop

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## DENTAL HEALTH 2020

### Open Wide and Meet Your Teeth

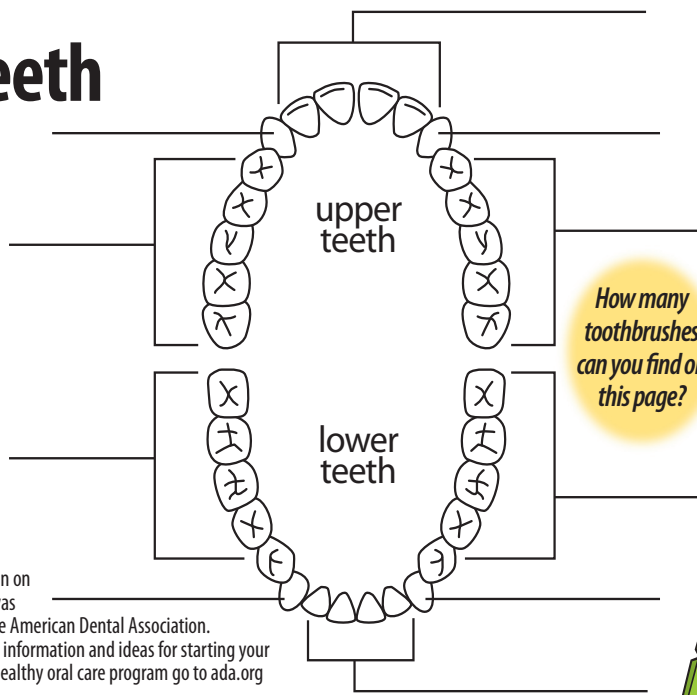
Read the descriptions of each kind of tooth and then label the tooth chart at right.



• **Incisors**—The teeth at the front of your mouth are called **incisors**. They have sharp edges to help you bite into food, like a pear.

• **Canines**—The really pointy teeth on either side of your incisors are called **canines** and they help to tear off food into bites, like meat.

• **Molars**—At the back, are your **molar** teeth. These big, bumpy teeth help you chew food before swallowing it.



### Baby Teeth On Board

Some people think that cavities in baby teeth don't matter, because they'll be lost anyway. But that's not true.

Dental decay in baby teeth can negatively affect permanent teeth and lead to future dental problems.



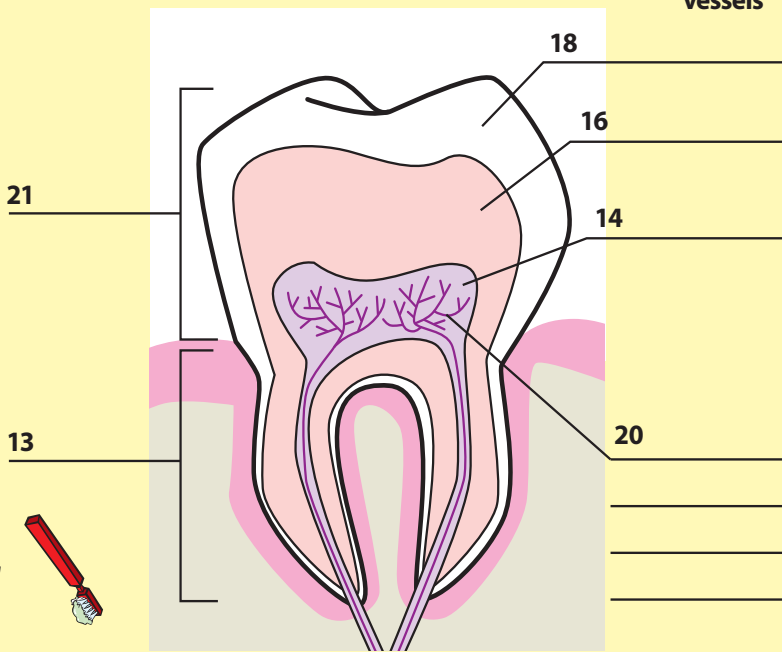
The information on today's page was provided by the American Dental Association. For more great information and ideas for starting your children on a healthy oral care program go to [ada.org](http://ada.org)

### Nothing But the Tooth

Teeth stay in the mouth because, like trees, they have roots that hold them in our jaws. Tooth roots are usually long and smooth. Front teeth usually have only one root. Back teeth can have as many as three.

- 17 - 4 = root
- 10 + 4 = pulp
- 18 + 3 = crown
- 9 + 9 = enamel
- 12 + 4 = dentin
- 11 + 9 = nerves and blood vessels

Do the math to complete this diagram of a tooth.



### Why do we lose our baby teeth?

People get two sets of teeth because as you grow, your mouth gets bigger.

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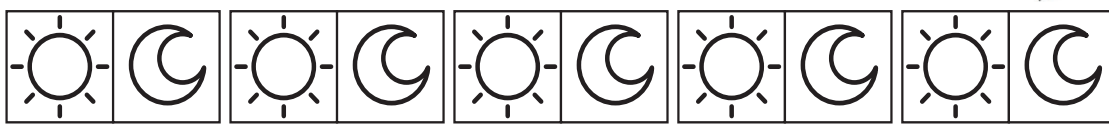
#### When will I get my permanent teeth?

- Incisors: 6-8 years old
- Canines: 9-12 years old
- First molars: 9-11 years old
- Second molars: 10-12 years old

### A Great Smile Starts with Healthy Teeth

Healthy teeth give you a great smile and prevent painful problems. Use this chart to keep track of your brushing this week.

1. Find a brushing buddy at home.
2. Ask your buddy to color a sun in the correct box each time you brush your teeth in the morning and a moon each night. Can you earn both each day?



**Note to Parents:** An adult should brush and floss a child's teeth until he or she is at least 6 years old. By age 6 or 7, children should be able to brush their own teeth twice a day with adult supervision. Brush your own teeth with your children. Practice flossing together and stay healthy as a family!

### Extra! Extra! Healthy Search

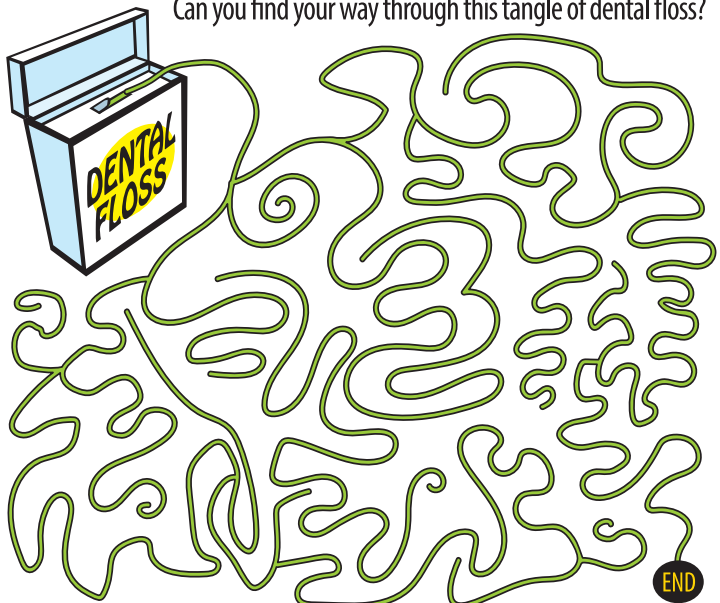
Look through today's newspaper to find:

- a big smile
- a healthy drink
- a healthy food
- a healthy person
- someone getting exercise

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

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you find your way through this tangle of dental floss?

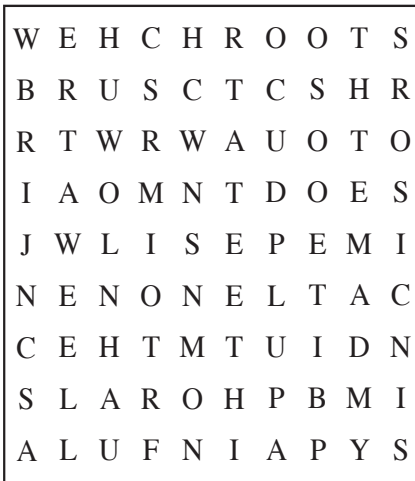


**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

- INCISORS
- CANINES
- PAINFUL
- DENTAL
- TEETH
- SMILE
- MOLAR
- MOUTH
- ROOTS
- CROWN
- ORAL
- JAWS
- PULP
- BITE
- CHEW

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



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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Opposites

Select and clip a photo from today's paper and glue it to a piece of paper. Next to the photo, write five words that describe it. Next to each word write its antonym.

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Understand and use antonyms.



### Write On!

#### What's your opinion?

Should kids be allowed to vote? Why or why not?

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