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Pittsboro park to honor 'free man' Lewis Freeman

Early black settler's legacy alive 200 years later

> **BY CASEY MANN** News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — A long and rich legacy began more than 200 years ago when Lewis Freeman — a free black man — found his way to Pittsboro as one of the town's earliest settlers.

The actions he took would set his family and his descendants on a path of achievements that would be written in the history books and recognized throughout the country for their significance.

And now, Pittsboro is working to memorialize that legacy with a park in his honor.

Local architect Grimsley Hobbs is leading the effort to uncover what history about Freeman can be found. Hobbs serves as the vice president of the Chatham Historical Association and owns and operates his business, Hobbs Architects, in Freeman's former home — the Lewis Freeman

house.
"We know some and we're trying to find out more," Hobbs said.

Freeman's life

It's unknown whether Lewis Freeman was born a slave or a free man. What is known is Freeman was recorded on the 1800 census as "free" and that he was in Pittsboro by 1810, according to that census. He was likely in his 20s or 30s at that time, according to Lesley Richardson, who in conjunction with Beverly Wiggins both members of the Chatham Historical Association — is working with Hobbs on the project.

Deeds show that Freeman owned at least 13 parcels in Pittsboro, some of which were located on Salisbury Street and stretched to Fayetteville Street — across from St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, including the site of the current Pittsboro Baptist Church. At the time, those streets were considered the "main streets" in the town, according to the records. He also owned 20 acres elsewhere in the county.

His home, a modest one-room structure at the time, is one of four structures from the time period still remaining in Pittsboro. Over the years it was expanded, but enough of the original structure remained to qualify to be on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

But the fact that a free black man, who was likely born before the end of the Revolutionary War, was able to be one of the most successful first settlers of Pittsboro is only the beginning of his story.

Freeman also bought his family's freedom.

In 1814, Freeman purchased his wife, Maria, from Charles J. Williams. As a black man, Free-



A photograph of Robert T. Freeman, Lewis Freeman's grandson, who would become the first African American dentist in the United States after graduating from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 1869.



Photo courtesy of David Strevel/Capital City Camera Club

The Lewis Freeman house, one of four structures in Pittsboro from its founding years, is now the office for Hobbs Architects. The house is on the National Register of Historic Places.

man wasn't able to free her, but he could purchase her. It was "not unheard of for black family members to be bought and kept as slaves by other family members in these years," according to Henry Louis Gates Jr., the Director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University, in a letter he wrote to Freeman's descendants.

Lewis and Maria lived in the home on Salisbury "as man and wife" until her death, according to a probate record from 1868. Together they had a son, Waller Freeman, in 1800, prior to Lewis' purchase of Maria. As was the law at the time, the status of the mother determined the status of a child - so Waller was born a slave. Waller was purchased from the estate of James Taylor in 1829 by George E. Badger for \$388, according to the bill of sale. And one year later, Lewis Freeman purchased his son.

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CHATHAM VOTES 2020

Dasher, Hancock square off in Dem commissioner primary

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

The only Chatham-specific candidate primary in this year's election pits an incumbent commissioner against a political newcomer.

Former board chairman and current Commissioner Mike Dasher is seeking to retain his seat for another four-year term this year representing the county's District 2, but he first faces a challenge in the form of Katelin Hancock for the Democratic nomination.

District 2 covers the southeastern portion of Chatham County, including the town of Pittsboro, the Moncure area and the majority of Jordan Lake. It is also the most populous of the districts with 12,864 residents.

Originally from Ohio but now a Pittsboro resident, Dasher spent 2019 as the chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Perhaps most notably, he was the public face of the board's decision to remove the Confederate monument in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse. Under his chairmanship, the board also approved a property tax rate increase – a change approved unanimously by the four Democratic and one Republican commission members.

Dasher told the News + Record that he felt in his three years on the board — he was first elected in 2016 — the county has seen forward

"My three years as a commissioner have allowed me to build solid relationships with my colleagues and other elected officials, with community leaders, and with residents across the county," he

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CHATHAM'S SALES TAX REFERENDUM

Support for, against often a matter of political party

BY ZACHARY HORNER News + Record Staff

Editor's note: This is the third of a three-part series exploring the local option sales and use tax on this March's primary ballot.

Chatham County's referendum asking voters if they approve a quarter-cent increase to the local sales tax rate, on primary ballots now, has brought a myriad of opinions across social media and right-of-ways and lawns from Pittsboro

to Bear Creek. Days before early voting started, the Chatham County Republican Party began posting campaign-style signs advocating a "no" vote on the referendum. Within the last week, the Chatham County Democratic Party announced on its Facebook page it would soon be posting signs in favor of the increase.

The ballot states that the vote is for a "Chatham County Local Sales and Use Tax" and asks voters to choose "For" or "Against" on this item: "Local sales and use tax at the rate

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WHEN YOU'RE BORN ON FEB. 29TH

Leap Year baby Maness just now turning 18

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Jane Maness belongs to a very exclusive group.

She entered the world, a happy and healthy baby girl, about two hours before noon on a Sunday. The year was 1948. The month was February.

The date? That's where it gets interesting. Maness says her birth date is "like a 'Twilight

Zone' thing.' Consult your 2020 calendar and you'll find Maness' special day -Saturday, Feb. 29 — right where you'd expect it, nestled securely between Friday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, March 1.

But in most years, there's no such date, the 29th of February occurring - and so marked on calendars — only every four years.

That makes 2020 what's known as a leap year that is, a calendar year containing an additional day, added to keep the calendar year in sync with the astronomical, or seasonal, year. Leap day is always Feb. 29.

And that makes Maness, and all others who share the rarefied birth-

day, a leapling or, if you prefer, a leaper, though she herself uses neither of those terms.

"I've always just called myself a leap year baby,'

This month marks Maness' 18th birthday, going strictly by the inclusion of her birth date on calendars. In actual years, of course, she's preparing to celebrate her 72nd. But bona fide birthdays that fall on the precise date of her birth? This will be Maness' 18th.

"Most people," she said, "once they find out, they'll say 'Oh, that's

Retired now, Maness taught 6th-graders at Chatham Middle School in Siler City for all but one of her 32 years in the classroom, and her students, rest assured, enjoyed some silliness thanks to their teacher's

unusual date of birth. 'The kids would have a lot of fun and say things like they were older than me," she said. "Because, back then, I'd maybe be having my 6th birthday, or my 7th, since I only have one every four years. But I'd also explain it to them, that I'd been on this

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Staff photo by David Bradley

Retired educator Jane Maness is a 'leap year' baby, born Feb. 29, 1948. Above, she holds a 1952 newspaper clipping showing her at age 4, with then-Gov. W. **Kerr Scott** holding her, and a pin exclusive to members of the short-lived Leap Year Club.



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Folk Art Show returns this weekend. PAGE A12 Pollard's boys, girls handily win middle school basketball crowns. PAGE B1

501 Landing rezoning approved despite community objection. PAGE B14



COMMUNITY **CALENDAR**

ON THE AGENDA

 The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners has a regular meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24, at the Pittsboro Town Hall. 635 East St., Pittsboro.

THURSDAY

- Showcase contestants have been selected for "Sing and Play 20", scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20 at Jordan-Matthews High School. Fifteen musical acts were selected in earlier auditions and will perform in elementary, middle and high school competitions. "Sing and Play" is open to both instrumental and vocal acts, with a \$50 prize in each age division. Winners will be selected by audience vote during the showcase concert. General admission is \$5 per person and includes one vote in each age based competition. This event raises money for JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation a non-profit organization created to provide what student artists need to
- The Carolina Mountain Dul**cimer Players** meet at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month (Feb. 20), at the Seymore Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments are welcome. For more information and/or directions, contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol. com or 919-929-5359
- St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church - We provide a healthy, appetizing meal at no cost to those who come to us hungry at noon on Thursdays. We provide a place of hospitality and fellowship for everyone. All are welcome, regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religious preference, handicap, or income.
- **Chatham Community** Library - Volunteer genealogists are available to assist with family history research, whether your ancestors lived in Chatham County, the 50 states, or overseas. A genealogy volunteer is on site in the library most Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and other days and times by appointment. Call 919-545-8086 to make an appointment.

• The Pittsboro Farmers **Market** is open with seasonable items year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. They are located at 287 East St., Pittsboro.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Come to the Chatham County Historical Assn. at 2 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 23. in the Historic Chatham County Courthouse, to learn what interviews with local friends and neighbors has shown so far with the Language and Life Project at NC State. They have completed 40 interviews so far with participants ranging from 16 to 100 years of age. Come for a sneak-peek at the project's progress. you might even decide to sign up to take part.

 Meet for a NHAS Bird Walk (all these meet at the **Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Crossing Shopping Center** in Chapel Hill) Meet Sun., Feb. 23, 8 a.m. for about a 3 hour walk at an area site. Questions: contact Bo Howes at bohowes@gmail. com, or meet Wed. Feb. 26, for 3 hour walk in area. Questions, contact Fleeta Wilkinson @fleetalee@ gmail.com. Heavy rains will result in cancellation of individual walks. For walks, wear long pants and closed toe shoes with

socks. Bring snacks and

water if you like.

MONDAY

- Monday Morning Quilters invites you to join our group who share the love of quilting and other needle arts. We spend the time working on our own projects, sharing ideas, fellowship, and snacks with one another. We would like to welcome you to our group. We have people from all over - you don't have to be a member of our church. We meet on Monday mornings from 9 to noon at Piney Grove UM Church, 2343 Piney Grove Church Rd., Siler City.
- Writing Toward Resilience has resumed, at the UNC Hospice Home Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a respite from your day - to reflect and write. Just drop in. No registration necessary. This weekly group is led by Carol Henderson, a professional writer and facilitator. There is no requirement to read anything you write, but you may if you wish. SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Healthcare is located at 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro – behind Bojangles. Contact Ann Ritter with any questions, 984-215-2650.
- Circle City Squares is a square dance group in Pittsboro that usually dances from 2 to 5 p.m. on Monday afternoons, but verify the exact time and place. The usual meeting space is the Old Agriculture Building Auditorium, 65 East Chatham St., located downstairs in downtown Pittsboro. Cost is \$5 per person each week. For more information or to verify the time/ place, email: gunnhsd@ embarqmail.com.
- Big Band swing and jazz sounds from 2 to 5 p.m., every Monday at the Pittsboro Roadhouse and General Store. The dance floor is open and bands rotate. For more information, see our website: www.pittsbororoadhouse.

UPCOMING

 Census Countdown - The League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham and Chatham presents "Census 2020: Let's Make it Count!" from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27. at the Chapel Hill Public Library located at 100 Library Drive, Chapel Hill. The program will provide information about the Census, including volunteer opportunities

and the importance of an accurate count. Jessica Stanford, demographic analyst with Carolina Demography, will present an overview of the Census, why it is important and the consequences of an undercount. Orange County Commissioner Renee Price, who heads the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee for Orange County, will highlight the process and the logistics of the Census. This event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available.

 Explorer Hike, Saturday Feb. 29 from 12 pm until... Leap into the New Year on a trail less traveled! Join Ryan Cadwalader of the Friends of Lower Haw on our inaugural Explorer Hike. This hike series will take participants off-trail to SNA areas rarely visited. Participants should be able to hike uphill on uneven terrain, clamber over fallen trees or rocks in creeks, duck and dance thru underbrush. If this sounds like an adventure you would enjoy, join us. Leave your four-legged companions at home. We will be exploring the area south of 64, towards Roberson Creek. Hike distance may be up to 5 miles roundtrip. Meet at the Highway 64 parking lot on the West (Pittsboro) side of the river, 348 River Access Road, Pittsboro.

• The 85th annual Highfalls Old-Time Fiddler's Convention will be held Saturday, March 14, in the North Moore High School Auditorium in Robbins at 1504 N Moore Road. Registration from 4:30 to 7 p.m. - Admission will be \$7. - There will be a concession stand with BBQ sandwiches, Hot Dogs and Baked Goods; also a 50/50 Raffle. The ACC Basketball Tournament will be televised in the lobby. --For sponsorship opportunities, contact Highfalls Elementary School at 910-464-3600, HFEFiddlers@ gmail.com.

• Free performances of "The Lottery" will be offered as part of the second-annual spring theater workshop at Jordan-Matthews High School. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, March 18 to select the cast of about 13 actors. Rehearsals will be after school, about twice a week, during March. "The Lottery" will be performed for students during school on Wednesday, March 26., and then for the public that evening at 7 p.m.

 Award Winning Author Mrs. Cassandra King Conroy to appear at a Chatham **Literacy Event**. Known for humor and honesty, Mrs. Conroy, wife of former southern literary icon Pat Conroy, will speak at the Governor's Club April 29

for Chatham Literacy's Fall for Literacy event. She will discuss her new memoir about life with Pat Conroy. Go to www. chathamliteracy.org for tickets.

• The 3rd Annual Becoming **One Awards Ceremony and Banquet** will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro. For more information about being a part of the Celebration and Banquet or to be a sponsor, contact Sandra Reddick, Administrative Assistant at 919-663-3183 or email reddicksandra1945@gmail.com.

ALSO HAPPENING

 The Second Bloom of Chatham Thrift shop is having a **50% OFF** Winter Sale including winter wear and all shoes, boots, jewelry and purses. We have men's and women's clothing and shoes in all sizes. The sale will run until Saturday, Feb. 29. We now accept credit cards, with hours from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. We are in Pittsboro on the Courthouse Circle beside the Roadhouse. All proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration

with Chatham County.

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said. "I know the processes and procedures for getting things done. I've proven that I'm willing and able to do the work required to

bring about real progress." He defined his goals for his next term — if he wins the primary and defeats Republican Jimmy Pharr, who faces no primary opposition, in November as continuing to work off established foundations, like the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan and common values among board members like "good, safe schools," "quality affordable housing" and "a responsive and effective county government.'

"I believe government generally — and local government especially allows us the ability to do things together that we can't do individually," Dasher said. "When we pool our resources (through taxes), we can pay teachers and build schools, we can provide emergency and human services, we can protect our natural resources and determine appropriate land uses. I think Chatham County does an excellent job of doing those things and more in an efficient, effective and transparent way.'

As to his opponent, Dasher said it was "difficult" to respond to her positions, since he has not "had the opportunity to hear from the other candidate publicly and have seen only a couple written statements.

Multiple attempts by the News + Record to reach Hancock — from both her campaign phone and work phone, multiple email addresses and Facebook messages to her cam-





Photos submitted

Incumbent Mike Dasher, left, and challenger Katelin Hancock are competing to be the Democratic nominee for the District 2 Chatham **County Commissioner seat in this November's** general election.

paign's page — have not generated any response.

What is public about her is limited and relatively unspecific. Hancock's Facebook page — "Katelin Hancock for Chatham County Board of Commissioners" — includes the slogan "For Chatham, From Chatham." The biography section says she is a Chatham County native who has a bachelor's degree in hospitality management from East Carolina University. N.C. State Board of Elections records indicate that she currently lives in Apex and voted in the 2012 and 2016

Democratic primaries. Public knowledge of her platform is more or less limited to a January 30 post on the Chatham Chatlist forum and a short Q&A in the Chatham County Line monthly newspaper. On the Chatlist post, Hancock boasts of not being a "career politician" and having "no ties to private special interests.

"I want to see progress in Chatham but I don't want lifelong citizens left behind," the post stated. "I want to see modern options for goods and services in our city centers. I want to implement changes that will attract businesses with emphasis on the environment and support the community's needs.'

In the Chatham County Line story, Hancock said in response to a questionnaire she would meet with citizens at town halls and "face-to-face with community leaders" as part of "diminish(ing) the political divide in our county.

"News coverage of violence and arrests on Main Street in Pittsboro is not attractive for new residents or businesses looking to invest in our emerging megasites," Hancock said, according to the article. "As a moderate, I will separate myself from partisanship and seek compromise between extremes to further our common goals.'

Early voting in this race has already begun, and the official primary day is March 3.

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2020 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DEMOCRAT, DISTRICT 2

Mike Dasher

Date/place of birth: 1977, Toledo,

Current occupation: Chatham County Commissioner, builder

E-mail: info@mikedasher.org Campaign website/social media: mike-

Education and work history: B.S. Political Science, B.S. Economics, Barton College, 1995-1999; Commissioner, Chatham County, 2016- present; Managing Member, Orange Communities, LLC, 2011- present; Director of Construction, Builders of Hope, 2008-2010; Project Manager, Alphin Design/Build 2006-2008; Construction Manager, Habitat for Humanity Wake County, 2002-2006

Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members): Selbe Bartlett, 45, wife; Abilene Dasher, 15, daughter; Jude Dasher, 11, son **Party affiliation:** Democrat

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: Chatham County Commissioner, 2016-present

Campaign manager (if applicable):

Campaign treasurer (if applicable):

Why are you seeking this office?: I'm running for re-election because I want to continue the important work we're doing to move Chatham County forward. I'm proud of the progress we've made over the last three years, but there is still work to do.

What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in 100 words or less, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?: I had served on county advisory boards, worked with area non-profits, and majored in Political Science, so I came into office with a good understanding of the responsibilities and functions of local government. I was able to hit the ground running and immediately begin making the improvements I was elected to make. My three years as a Commission-er have allowed me to build solid relationships with my colleagues and other elected officials, with community leaders and with residents across the county. I know the processes and procedures for getting things done. I've proven that I'm willing and able to do the work required to bring about real progress.

Give us three goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected: My goal for my second term, should I be fortunate to serve, is to get to a place where we no longer feel like we're catching up but instead have established: 1) the ordinances that will allow us to grow and still protect our environment and rural character; 2) the programs and funding streams that will provide for schools, parks, affordable housing and all the things that make a community vibrant, and; 3) the staff and facilities that a growing, modern, progressive county needs.

What are the biggest challenges in Chatham right now and how would you address them?: In Chatham County, that depends almost entirely on where you live. Certainly on the east side the most pressing challenges continue to be around growth and development and its associated impacts. But farther away from the Pittsboro-Chapel Hill corridor the concerns are quite different. Understanding those differences and the unique opportunities they present is the biggest challenge for our Board right now. I want to continue working on the things we all value - good, safe schools and access to college and job training, quality affordable housing, clean water, opportunities for employment and a responsive and effective county government.

Chatham County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. What do you see as the major challenges due to growth and how would you address them?: Our recently adopted Comprehensive Plan does an excellent job of detailing our goals and priorities in the face of that growth, such as preserving our rural character and

concentrating development in particular areas, but the challenges will be in developing our Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and putting in place the rules that will give "teeth' to those priorities. We also need to adequately plan for needed schools, parks and other county services and facilities that additional residents will

Parts of Chatham County's future development plans are closely tied to the comprehensive development plan. What do you see as the next steps working toward Chatham's future and the role of the comp plan?: The adoption of the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan is certainly one of the most significant achievements of my tenure thus far. Plan Chatham calls for targeted growth and development in specific areas, and for maintaining the rural character of our county outside of those. We've now begun the process of developing a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) which will consolidate - and most importantly update our ordinances into one document, and will provide clear rules for smarter growth that protects our environment and keeps Chatham County the unique blend of landscapes it is today. I want to ensure that we are providing certainty but also flexibility so that we will see unique projects that reflect the vibrancy and diversity of our community.

What is your view of the expansion of rural broadband and how do you see the county's role?: This continues to be an area of incredible frustration for me, but more importantly for too many of our residents. We are very limited in what we can do locally due to state law, but we have seen some improvements and progress. Some private providers have expanded into Chatham County, and we are working with Chatham County Schools and other partners to leverage county facilities for potential use by private providers. I am optimistic about some promising news soon for our resi-

What's your overall view of the role of county government? Is it fulfilling its mission at present? If not, what needs to change?: I believe government gener-– and local government especial-- allows us the ability to do things together that we can't do individually. When we pool our resources (through taxes), we can pay teachers and build schools, we can provide emergency and human services, we can protect our natural resources and determine appropriate land uses. And yes, I think Chatham County does an excellent job of doing those things and more in an efficient, effective and transparent way

What differentiates you from your opponent which makes you the better candidate to represent your party?: I have not had the opportunity to hear from the other candidate publicly and have seen only a couple written statements, so it's difficult for me to ascertain any particular policy positions on which we agree or differ. I will let my record of accomplishments as a Commis-

sioner speak for itself. **Biographical Facts**

Political/government hero(s): Jimmy

Favorite book: "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck

Book most recently read: "Shortest Way Home: One Mayor's Challenge and a Model for America's Future" by Pete Buttigieg

Favorite film: For great filmmaking, "Chinatown." For all the feels, "Field of Dreams.

Hobbies: Designing stuff, building stuff, spending time with family and

friends Church/civic involvement: Board Member, Willow Oak Montessori;

Board Member, Main Street Pittsboro Personal motto or one-line philosophy: "It is what it is." I say that all the time, anyways.

Strongest childhood ambition: I thought I wanted to be an architect. Most significant life goal you've accomplished: My kids are happy

Goal you haven't accomplished yet: I'd like to see more of the world.

2020 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DEMOCRAT, DISTRICT 2

Katelin Hancock

Date/place of birth: Chatham County **Current occupation:** Assistant Banquet Manager, J.B. Duke Hotel

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Education and work history: Did not Family (names & ages, as of Election

Day, of immediate family members): Did Party affiliation: Democrat

Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service: Did not answer

Campaign manager (if applicable): Did not answer

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to growth and how would you address them?: Did not answer

Parts of Chatham County's future development plans are closely tied to the comprehensive development plan. What do you see as the next steps working toward Chatham's future and the role of the comp plan?: Did not answer

What is your view of the expansion of rural broadband and how do you see the county's role?: Did not answer

What's your overall view of the role of county government? Is it fulfilling its mission at present? If not, what needs to change?: Did not answer

What differentiates you from your opponent which makes you the better candidate to represent your party?: Did not answer

Biographical Facts

Political/government hero(s): Did not answer

Favorite book: Did not answer Book most recently read: Did not answer

Favorite film: Did not answer Hobbies: Did not answer Church/civic involvement: Did not

Personal motto or one-line philosophy:

Did not answer Strongest childhood ambition: Did not answer

Most significant life goal you've ac-

complished: Did not answer Goal you haven't accomplished yet: Did not answer



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VIEWPOINTS

Winter's fickle tease hasn't walloped us — yet

"Everyone's talking about the weather," a famous newspa-



BILL HORNER III From The Publisher's Desk

perman once remarked, "but nobody does anything about it.' That's

one of many quotes often mis-attributed to Mark Twain, but nevertheless a sentiment many

of us have probably pondered. As for me, I've been talking or at least thinking, about the weather a lot lately. Here's why: despite an abundance of gray and overcast days and lots of rain, which seems to be our lot this time of year, temperatures here have been mild enough the last couple of months to allow me to spend

quite a bit more time on our screened-in porch than I would have anticipated.

Last winter, I seem to recall, we barely darkened the door leading from our kitchen to the porch. It was just too cold for too long. Exposure to the elements, even when dressed for them, was decidedly unpleasant. To sit out on the porch, unless you were a snowman or training for an Arctic expedition, was unthinkable.

But this winter — is it winter, really? — I've been able to steal more than a few hours most Saturdays and Sundays (and even a generous handful of late weekday afternoons and evenings) on the porch since around Christmas. I've really taken advantage of this long stretch of unseasonably mild weather. And thanks to a new toasty throw blanket and some

deliriously comfortable furniture we picked up in Myrtle Beach a few months ago, the environment on our porch hasn't matched what the calendar might suggest. It was January, and it's supposed to be February now, but many days it feels more like March or April...or, on occasion, May.

I can't get enough of it. It's been a curious thing. We had that cold winter. And then I remember way too many afternoons and early evenings over this past summer when the heat of the porch, despite having two fans blowing, was simply too much to bear.

Unpleasant extremes, it seems, have been the rule, not the exception.

Then there was this past Sunday. Late that mild afternoon, as I worked comfortably in my cushy chair, watching the sun set while wrapped in my blan-

ket, I heard the unmistakable call of geese honking as they flew over my neighborhood north, mind you, way ahead of schedule.

Even they've been fooled, if indeed they were migrating

But that's weather, right? Winter, as we each will attest, can be a tease. Winter's fickleness, especially here in the south, often lulls you into a predictable trap: you smile and breathe a soft sigh because you think it's reaching out for a warm, loving hug, but instead you get walloped upside the head with an elbow and then get a knee to the gut.

We've not gotten walloped this winter — yet. But don't you think it's coming?

Or is it? It's practically late February, typically our worst-weather month in North

Carolina. And yet, as I look at the official extended forecast on The Weather Channel's website. I see only a few days with lows below freezing and high temps most days in our region set for the low 50s to the

Maybe our payback will come in the spring. Those professional prognosticators who practice such witchery have already suggested we're in for a rough spring, with higher-than-normal stretches of severe weather and above-average numbers of tornadoes, at least in the South.

Is that trade-off worth it? Time will tell. But whatever comes as March arrives, and April becomes May, we'll probably have a lot to talk about.

And you can believe I'll be doing something about it — observing summer's arrival from our screened-in porch.

March Madness too mad for me, but B-ball is still key

March Madness?

It'll soon be here. But not for me. Not this year. Not, in fact, in a long time.



RANDALL RIGSBEE Randall Reflects

I think I've grown immune.

Not that I was ever especially mad about March Madness, though I've had my moments.

Going back a few years, I used to fill out the brackets and sometimes when luck, more than my knowledge of the teams, was on my side, I did all right.

But I'm a fair-weather fan, and unless one of the local triumvirate (I'll pull for any Tri-

angle-area team; I'm not picky that way) makes it to the Final Four, as a spectator the sport, the season, and all the madness that ensues, is mostly lost on me.

As for the sport itself, however, I hold basketball in high regard.

I can't say likewise of most sports.

I never, for instance, caught the football bug, though it wasn't for lack of trying. I've pared my interest in football down to watching one game per year — the Big Game, as it's also known and I even skipped that this year, having no interest in the game itself, a halftime show that either by accident or by design is guaranteed to upset some sizable segment of spectators, or the celebrated commercials. Of that latter attraction, one aside: Isn't it amazing — mind-blowing, even — that we abhor commercials 364 days out of the year, fast-forwarding though them when we can as if they contained a contagion releasable on contact, yet covet commercials on that one day? It's all a bloated super bore. But I

I used to care a bit about baseball, but my interest in it started waning about the time steroids took root in centerfield and players' forearms began practically popping, a la Pop-

Though I still love the way James Earl Jones sublimely waxes poetic about the American pastime in "Field of Dreams," to actually sit in front of a television and watch a Big League baseball game would require more patience than I could

And I haven't followed hockey — a sport I once, at a much younger age, desperately wanted to play, since Bobby Orr's 12 seasons in the NHL.

But basketball, in spite of my disinterest in it as a spectator sport, is now and forever for me the greatest sport.

Of the three big sports that still, I think, capture the greatest attention in the United States, basketball is the best, the fastest paced, the simplest to follow, and — probably the primary reason I rank it tops — the most accessible to

As a kid, I played football — neighborhood bragging rights were on the line — and I tossed baseballs with my brother. But basketball was better, requiring only a ball, a backboard and a hoop (the net being optional and, very often,

No team — or even another person, though nothing beats a game of one-on-one — was required. When my buddies were too busy, I passed hours shooting hoops alone, enjoying the experience none the less. No big field needed. And with a school nearby with its outdoor courts always available, we didn't even need to own the backboard and hoop

It's easy to scratch the basketball itch, but try organizing an impromptu after-dinner game of football or baseball.

Coinciding with March Madness is the welcome warming of the weather. And for many, that means playing basketball again.

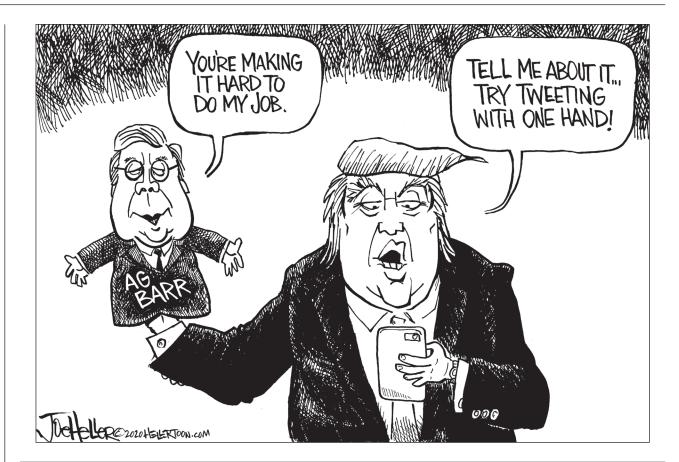
For me, one of the welcome touchstones of spring in my neighborhood is the thumping sound of dribbling basketballs.

So as indifferent as I've been to March Madness in recent seasons, and to sports in general, I'm on board for the return of what I consider true basketball season: spring and summer, the time of year all those backyard and driveway hoops — largely dormant during the winter season — are called back into action.

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Change more than coins in your pocket

It's been said change is the only thing that's constant in life. That



BOB WACHS Movin' Around

may be true because, as someone else has said, time and tide wait for no one. Change is all around and as Bob Dylan sang years ago, "The times, they are

a'changing. Some folks thrive on change, and the more dra-

matic, the better for them. However, even though change is a big part of life, at times it can be hard on our fragile egos and psyches, if we're that way. think I am.

Granted, we need to remember some changes are positive while others are...well, less so. Some changes are absolutes, affecting everybody. For instance, it's not a really good change when a hurricane hits the coast and destroys life and property and, in the aftermath, you see a different landscape. Other changes are relative. like when a monsoon makes it bad for the farmer who's trying to make hay and the sunshine disappears behind a week of heavy rain but good for folks selling umbrellas and raincoats.

It's a fact I've had some good changes all along — trading bachelorhood for my definitely better half, the arrival of our own brood and then in recent years the little ones who carry the description "grand." There have been some good careers and vocations, as well — this newspaper for years, an enjoyable period in agricultural journalism traveling the two Carolinas, a wonderful course of study in seminary and then the opportunity to live among and serve communities of love and faith.

By and large, then, it's been a good ride. So, sometimes I ask myself what am I complaining about. Well, for one, in my way of thinking. I could have done without the various visits with different surgeons during the past 20 years. But things — changes in the body over time — happen and it becomes something with which to deal. I try

to remember Mark Twain's line about "in my life I have known a great many troubles but fortunately, few of them happened."

So, most of the time, I — and probably maybe you and most folks — go along until something comes along and reminds us that life is changing and, as a result, so are we. My little growing up town of Pittsboro is a classic example.

Years ago, before there was a Pittsboro Ford, which has now gone the way of all flesh, there was a Ford dealership in town. There was also a General Motors as well, but that's a different story for another time. That Ford dealership was named Cooper-Harris, the "Cooper" being my Uncle Ken. At first, the new car display lot was on the main drag, Hillsboro Street, in a space now occupied by Virlie's Grill.

The used vehicle inventory was on the corner where now sits Hardee's. At various times, Uncle Ken would give me a job ranging from selling cars to washing them in the wash pit behind the used car lot where I hung out with Willie Womble.

Eventually, all parts of the business went onto the corner lot just east of the Masonic lodge, which years before had been held down by several abandoned houses, which finally the Pittsboro Fire Department burned in training exercises.

After the car business closed, mainly due to the deaths of family members, that lot became home to various enterprises, most recently a produce stand and ice cream trailer. I had gotten used to that scene, remembering people and events I'd encountered there. But over the past several months, I read in the paper about efforts to locate a convenience store/gas station there, over the objections of some town commissioners who said it would detract from the beauty of the town.

But it wasn't until a few days ago when I rode by and saw the chain link fence and mound of soil that I realized what a big change was happening.

There was also a similar feeling when I happened on down US 64 Business east and saw the demolition of Dan White's house on the

north side of the road, just past where Thompson Street intersects the main road. It's being razed as part of the Chatham Park development and I sort of knew it would be gone in time but to see it was quite

See, I often used to spend the night there with David, the younger son, about my age. We played in the woods, smoked rabbit tobacco. built fires in the root cellar fireplace and played checkers and carrom and rummy, read comic books and ate a million hot dogs his mother Lanie made for us. At least, there was some small comfort that the once-stately old house wasn't set ablaze.

Chatham Park, of course, is about the biggest change ever to Pittsboro all the way from Hearne Hill in Bynum where Henry cooked barbecue down to Gum Springs on the Moncure Road. Halfway, sort of, is the work being done on Firetower Road. Years ago, we could climb to the top of that tower and see for miles before the fence went up and the steps rotted. It was also a favorite spot for teenage lovers to go at night to watch the submarine races.

I had gotten over the demise years ago of the ice plant that was operated by Mr. Arthur Thomas. When I started driving, my folks would send me up there on Sunday after church with a quarter to drop into the slot to get a block of ice. Then I'd put the big paper bag under the funnel of the machine, turn it on and drop the ice in. As I remember, I didn't need the signs he had to post telling you not to put your hands into the grinder.

Hopefully, this all doesn't sound like I'm Atilla the Hun or Ogg the Caveman but I can't help but notice. No doubt, you've seen change and changes in your life. Sometimes it can be hard but I do take some comfort knowing that the Good Book says that in a world of change that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

But, still, because I'm human, sometimes I think I'd like to get one of Lanie's hot dogs, a glass of tea with that good shaved ice and maybe go by the Ford place or ride up Firetower Road.

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Mixing books and politics

"Politics and books don't mix well. You need to decide which



D.G. MARTIN One on One

one you're going to write about and stick to it. That is

what an editor and good friend told me recently. Maybe this friend is right about what I should

column, but it is not true that politics and books don't mix.

They run together all the

Take for instance former Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh who has pled guilty to corruption charges and is to be sentenced later this month. Part of the scheme that brought her down involved mixing books and politics.

Ms. Pugh wrote a series of self-published books aimed at children and designed to

promote healthy living. With titles such as "Exercising Is Fun!," "Vegetables Are Not Just Green," and "Fruits Come In Colors Like The Rainbow," these books became known as the "Healthy Holly" series. The central character, Holly, is a very nice young black girl who eats healthy foods and exercises

The quality of these books is at best questionable, according to one critic, Carlos Lozada of The Washington Post. He shared some of the dialogue: Holly's mother: "Exercising

Holly replies: "I will be healthy. I like having fun.'

But the target buyers were not individual book purchasers. When Ms. Pugh was a member of the Maryland legislature and when she was mayor, she sold a lot of these books. According to The Baltimore Sun, she made more than \$800,000 from book sales. This money did not come from a publisher or bookstore

sales. Instead, she sold vast quantities of her books directly to institutions, such as the University of Maryland Medical System and Kaiser Permanente, that needed her help with their government relations.

Kaiser paid \$114,000 for 20,000 copies of Ms. Pugh's books while it was trying to persuade Baltimore to use its health coverage for city employees. The sale did not look like a bribe, just a nice mixture of politics and books.

But Ms. Pugh is going to jail. Meanwhile, other political figures are joining the

books-politics mix. Late last year Donald Trump Jr's book, "Triggered," jumped to the top of the bestseller lists. That should not have surprised anybody because many Americans will buy anything that has the Trump name attached to it. But some anti-Trump skeptics quickly asserted that Republican groups manipulated the bestseller rankings by making

large bulk purchases.

For instance, the National Republican Senatorial Committee ordered about 2,500 copies. The Republican National Committee spent \$100,000 to buy copies in late October last year. Maybe their large purchases at the time of the book's release boosted the book's bestseller rankings, but it looks like their primary motivation was to use the book in their own fundraising efforts.

According to a November 20, 2019, article by The New York Times journalist Emily Eakin, there is a long history of politicians getting into trouble with their books. In 1988 U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright published his book "Reflections of a Public Man." By characterizing large payments from supporters as book sales rather then political contributions, the campaign contribution limits could be avoided. The resulting

scandal forced Wright to resign. In 2009, Sarah Palin had

her political action committee buy thousands of copies of "Going Rogue," her memoir. Presumably, the books were to be sent to supporters, but the royalties on the book sale could make their way into Ms. Palin's pockets.

Similarly, in 2011 presidential candidate Herman Cain spent \$64,000 in campaign funds to a company he owned for copies of his books to send to donors. Again, the book sales provided a smooth way to transfer campaign funds into the candidate's pocket.

There are more stories about questionable connections between books and politics. That is just one reason I am going to keep writing about both topics.

D.G. Martin hosts "North Carolina Bookwatch" at 11 a.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Tuesdays on UNC-TV. The program also airs on the North Carolina Channel at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and other

Rosy scenarios: that really isn't conservatism

President Donald Trump's latest budget contains some conservative proposals to save the taxpayers'



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money. But it relies on an unconservative practice - one that North Carolina's legislature has

wisely chosen not to use.

Everyone agrees budgets are about choices. Progressives and conservatives mean different things by that, however. Progressives say the government's budget reflects the collective choice of society about what, and whom, to value. Conservatives observe that "govern-ment" and "society" are not

synonymous, that the more government taxes and spends, the less freedom we have as individuals to make our own choices with our own money.

A fiscally conservative budget, then, is one that funds only a few core services that cannot be delivered through voluntary means through markets or civil society — and collects only enough revenue to finance those services.

Of course, this conservative view contains an ambiguous term of its own: "core services." We don't all mean the same things by it, and special-interest lobbying inevitably arises to protect programs from the budget ax even when their constituencies are relatively small and their effects are minimal or counterproductive.

In the real world of government budgeting, fiscal conservatives need more than just abstract principles or good intentions. They need rules and practices that encourage spending discipline even when interest-group politics will point the other way. One such tool is to assume something like

the worst, not hope for something like the best. Across the political spectrum, there is a strong temptation to use rosy scenarios to make your budget numbers add up. You assume artificially low expenditure growth or artificially high reve-

Unfortunately, the president's latest budget plan does both by assuming that the nation's economy will average 3 percent a year in inflation-adjusted growth over the coming decade. If true, that would indeed reduce entitlement expenditures and boost federal revenue growth enough to make a significant dent in annual deficits.

But it's not a reasonable assumption. Growth was about 2.3 percent last year. Most public and private forecasts put annual GDP growth at somewhere between 1.8 percent and 2.2 per cent over the coming decade. If that happens, President Trump's proposed reductions in defense, non-defense discretionary, and Medicaid spending will fall far short of taming federal deficits. Future presidents and Congresses will be compelled by fiscal and economic reality to raise taxes, enact savings in Social Security and Medicare, or some combination of the two.

In North Carolina, rosy scenarios are much rarer. We have one of the strictest balanced-budget requirements in the country, which serves to temper the use of unrealistic forecasts (if you purposefully overstate or understate, reality quickly and inescapably intrudes). Moreover, although it is not yet required by the state constitution, the North Carolina General Assembly has kept average growth in state expenditures at or below an annual combination of population and inflation.

Think tortoise over hare. North Carolina didn't ramp up spending after the Great Recession as fast as other states did. But when the next recession comes, North Carolina won't crash as hard, either. We have billions of dollars in savings and other reserves. And we haven't fallen into the trap of promising in good years what can't be delivered in lean ones

Still more heartening is the fact that today's state policymakers are finally paying serious attention to the one area where past leaders did engage in rosy-scenario thinking: employee benefits. Even under a generous assumption of future investment gains, North Carolina's pension fund for teachers and state employees has promised some \$10 billion in future benefits that cannot be funded by current assets and cash flows. Under more realistic assumptions, the pension hole would be tens of billions of dollars larger, as is the current unfunded liability for retiree health benefits (nearly \$30 billion).

Lawmakers have begun to adjust benefits and accumulate assets in response. But it will take many years of disciplined budgeting to eliminate these shortfalls. Future governors and legislatures will be tempted to wish them away. Fiscal conservatives should just say no.

Why do we have property taxes?

Sometimes we receive news that is both good and

bad. I did

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MIKE WALDEN You Decide

percent in the last four years.

The good news is my wife and I will likely get more money whenever we sell our house. The proceeds from the sale will be an important part of our retirement nest egg. The bad news: in the meantime we will likely pay more property taxes to our local governments each year. Notice I said "likely" pay

more property taxes. This is because your property tax bill depends on two factors. One is the value of your property, the most important of which is usually your home. The second factor is the tax rate per dollar of property value set by locally elected officials. This means it is possi-

ble your property tax bill could not change at all if local leaders reduced the property tax rate to counter the rise in property value. Yet while local leaders often do reduce the tax rate, they generally don't reduce it enough to prevent a jump in property tax payments.

There's a reason for this which goes to the core of why property taxes are used. Property is one of several economic bases that can be tapped to

generate public revenues. These include income, spending or sales and wealth. Of course, wealth includes the value of property but also comprises financial wealth such as stocks and bonds.

Some say there's been a kind-of unwritten agreement among different levels of government to reserve certain tax bases for certain governmental levels. For example, taxes on income produce the greatest amount of revenues for the federal government. Most states rely on sales taxes, with some — such as North Carolina — also administering a state income tax. Property taxes are almost exclusively used by local governments, like counties and municipalities.

There's a natural tie-in between property taxes and local governments. Two of the major functions of local government - police and fire protection — involve protecting private property. Therefore, levying a tax on the value of a household's property provides revenues proportionate to the amount of property protected.

Additionally, in North Carolina, local county governments are responsible for constructing and maintaining public school buildings. Building new schools usually involves purchasing local land as well as paying for building materials and labor. These are the same inputs that go into the value of local residential and non-residential buildings. Once again, it is therefore logical to use the same private source — here, private property values — to fund public property.

There are, however, challenges in using local property as a financing source for local governments. Perhaps the biggest challenge is measuring property values. Certainly, when a property sells, the sales value can be used as the same value for tax purposes. But most properties like homes don't sell every year. The last time our home sold was 34 years ago when we bought it. This means in the years between sales of a particular property, local governments must estimate the value.

Estimating property values is a tedious process, which is one reason why North Carolina counties are only required to do it every eight years. Yet this long lag between property revaluations creates another problem. In many counties, but especially those that are growing, property values rise over time. Using outdated property values to provide revenues paying for the current costs of land and construction materials creates shortfalls. To close the shortfalls, local leaders often increase property tax rates until the next property revaluation. This can create confusion among property owners over why the tax rates are

When I served on a Wake County citizens' group a dozen years ago we addressed this issue by recommending the county cut from eight to four - the time between property valuations. Wake County's board of commissioners adopted the recommendation, and several other counties also have shortened the time periods between the revaluations of local property values.

Some experts think modern information technology could eventually allow inexpensive annual revaluations of local properties. If this could be achieved in an acceptable way for property owners, it could allow property tax rates to remain more stable over time as values rose to keep pace with the property-related expenses of local governments.

I'll close this column addressing another issue related to property taxes. Although owners of properties with high values often have high incomes, this is not always the case. A good example is a retiree who owns a high-valued property, but who now has less income to pay the property taxes.

One option is for the owner to downsize by selling the high-valued property and purchasing a smaller, lower-valued property with more affordable taxes. Of course, there may be sentimental losses suffered when this is done, especially if the owner lived in the property for a long time. Another option is special reduced property tax rates for elderly households. But this option can create conflicts over fairness with non-elderly property owners who don't get the tax break.

Property taxes are the most important local tax in North Carolina. Understanding how and why they work can help you decide if they should be kept or changed.

How we can reform dull, ill-conceived political debates?

Have you been watching the presidential debates on TV? Fall-



TOM **CAMPBELL** N.C. Spin

ing viewer numbers indicate a growing number of us are tuning out and turning off these slickly produced spectacles that are dull, unhelpful, ill-conceived and poorly executed.

As we plunge into North Carolina's 2020 election

cycle I've been thinking about what is wrong with current debate models and what can be done to make them more interesting and informative.

I had a chance to test out my theories in moderating a debate of all the Democratic Lieutenant Governor candidates in Kannapolis recently. Judging by audience comments they were well received.

Let's start with the obvious problem that they are structured wrong. I suggest we do away with the tiresome traditional opening statements from each candidate, where each has one or two minutes to introduce themselves and tell why they should be elected. These openers are carefully scripted by and rehearsed with consultants to contain mostly buzzwords and campaign lines but are seldom instructive and waste our time. There are better ways to get to know candidates. How about asking each to share some disappointment, adversity or problem they have

encountered, what they did to overcome it and how the experience will benefit them if elected? In Kannapolis, audience members reported they really got to know the candidates after they recounted some of their life experiences.

The next may appear self-serving, coming from someone who does this for a living, but it's not. Next to the candidates the most important person on stage is the moderator. Note I said the singular moderator because multiple moderators destroy momentum and change any sequential thread of questioning. Sponsors of North Carolina televised debates have felt they needed to bring in nationally-known TV personalities and the mere fact they do it confirms that the debates are more show than substance. These big-name moderators don't know squat about our state, our issues or the candidates. Sponsors should stick with a local moderator who knows the landscape and can control the debate. A good moderator prioritizes debate topics, then carefully scripts questions in advance, understanding that a poorly posed question only gets a poor response.

The moderator is also a traffic cop ensuring each candidate is given roughly equal talking time, but also prohibits participants from not answering their questions. How many times have we seen candidates employ the technique known as a "pivot," giving carefully rehearsed answers to topics they feel it is to their advantage to answer,

but not the question being asked? A good moderator will interrupt and ask the candidate to answer the question asked or move on.

I would further suggest candidates spend more time understanding issues and less time being coached. Most campaigns devote far too much time coaching candidates what not to say or how to avoid making mistakes, all of which prohibits us from really knowing the candidates and their stances. It throws fear into candidates and destroys spontaneity.

And let's throw out those stupid time clocks. They may have been intended to promote fairness but end up limiting full responses. It's not how long a candidate is allowed to speak but what they say that matters. Good moderators won't allow lengthy and off-subject soliloquies.

In summary, we need less structure instead of more, less coaching, better moderators, better questions and candidates who know the issues. Voters can sort out the rest.

The following link will allow you to watch the entire Lt. Governor

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=doMOwvsbRZA&feature=youtu.be

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Seven years later, Freeman took what must have been a leap of faith and sold his son to R. Tucker, who took Waller to New York where he secured a deed a manumission, a document making Waller a free man. Waller then returned to Raleigh in an attempt to purchase his own wife, Eliza, and their six children from the same George E. Badger who had owned him previously.

A North Carolina law at the time stated that "it shall not be lawful for any free negro or mulatto to migrate into this State." Manumission was only available in northern states. So if a slave was able to gain manumission, he or she would not be allowed to return. If found to be in the state, they would have 20 days to leave, risking hefty fines, jail and even being sold back into slavery.

In 1840, Waller was forced to leave North Carolina, based on the writings of Lundsford Lane, another North Carolina slave who bought his freedom and became a vocal opponent of slavery, and in 1842 wrote an autobiography called "The Narrative of Lundsford Lane. According to Lane, this policy of no return was sometimes "winked at" in Raleigh, depending upon what your connections were. That is likely how Lane and Waller were able to stay and prosper for a few years.

Then things changed. In his autobiography, Lane recalls his narrow escape from North Carolina because of the "no return" law and writes about Waller suffering a similar fate.

"I should, perhaps, have mentioned that on the same day I received the notice to leave Raleigh, similar notices were presented to two other free colored people, who had been slaves; were trying to purchase their families; and were otherwise in a like situation to myself,' he wrote.

Lane wrote that Waller's family was "the property of Judge Badger." Badger was ap-pointed to as Secretary of the Navy following the election of President William Henry Harrison in 1840 and moved to Washington, D.C., taking Waller's wife and children with him. Waller followed his family there hoping to purchase their freedom. President Harrison's term was short, since he died of typhoid or pneumonia just 31 days into his presidency. Waller was able to secure \$1,800 and purchased his family from Badger in

Life with freedom

In Washington, Waller made a successful career for himself as a carpenter. The first child of Waller and Eliza to be born free was Robert Tanner Freeman in 1846. Robert Freeman went on to be one of the first of six people to enter Harvard's dental program. Soon after, in 1869, he became the first African American to graduate with a dental degree in the United States. In 1907, The National Dental Association created the Robert Freeman Dental Society, an organization that promotes "oral health equity among people of color," which still exists to the present day.

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine honored Robert Freeman last year by hanging a portrait of Freeman alongside portraits of deans and faculty dating back to the school's founding in 1867.

The legacy continues

Lewis Freeman's descendants would continue to make significant achievements.

Robert C. Weaver, Robert Freeman's grandson, would become the first African American appointed to the U.S. Federal Cabinet. On Jan. 13, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson

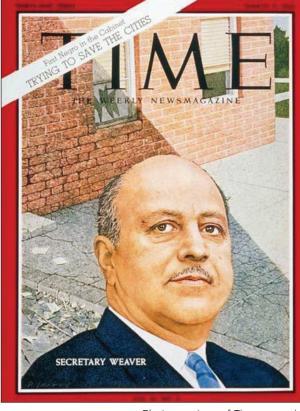


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Time Magazine cover from March 4, 1966, profiling Robert C. Weaver, the first African American to serve in a President's cabinet. Weaver was the great-great-grandson of Lewis Freeman.

'It's an America story. It's reflected in five generations of a family that started before the country was a country. Each generation and what they faced is related to this family continuum and what happened in America itself.'

DR. HAROLD FREEMAN, great-great-great-grandson of Lewis Freeman

appointed Weaver to the position of the secretary of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Weaver, a Harvard graduate with multiple degrees, had served as part of the "Black Cabinet" under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He later became the national chairman for the NAACP and was appointed by then-President John F. Kennedy to manage the Housing and Home Finance Agency, which would eventually become the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Weaver was also the author of four books and the one of the original directors of the Municipal Assistance Corporation, which was formed to help New York through financial crisis in the 1970s.

A family's search for its history

Several of Lewis Freeman's descendants have been working to discover their roots. Dr. Harold P Freeman of New York is the great-greatgreat-grandson of Lewis Freeman. He grew up in segregated Washington, D.C. during the 1940's and 50's. After getting his medical degree from Howard University, Dr. Freeman became an attending cancer surgeon at Harlem Hospital, eventually serving as director of surgery until 1999 while also a professor at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was appointed the head of the American Cancer Society in 1988 and served as chairman of the President's Cancer Panel for Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

After founding the National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, he went on to focus on patient navigation, the process guiding patients through the continuum of care. The Harold P. Freeman Patient Navigation Institute in New York is an accreditation program for doctors and nurses, one the American College of Surgeons has made a requirement for hospital cancer programs.

While in training at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in the 1960's, Dr. Freeman saw a Time magazine cover about Robert C. Weaver. Dr. Freeman knew that Weaver was a cousin, though he had never actually met him. In the article, some of the Freeman history was provided, including Weaver's grandfather, Robert Freeman. Dr. Freeman hadn't known about his family history and the revelations sparked an interest to learn more,

20 years. It was only seven years ago he learned about

especially over the past

Lewis Freeman.

"I was called by a wife of another cousin who said that Lewis might be Waller's father," Dr. Freeman said. "I got very interested and visited Pittsboro to see the house.

He wasn't the only descendant to make the trip to Pittsboro. Scott Pennington, a New Jersey attorney and greatgreat-great grandson of Lewis Freeman, was also searching about his family's history. Pennington's great-grandmother was Jane Freeman, who married Guy Booth, a slave who escaped a plantation eventually graduating from Howard University.

Pennington also visited Pittsboro several years ago to visit Lewis Freeman's home.

"It's one of the most emotional moments of my life, visiting Pittsboro with my cousin, John," Pennington said. "Touching the chimney, being able to touch the stones from a chimney he likely built, it was almost like shaking his

hand.' Dr. Harold Freeman had a similar experience while visiting the Chatham Community

Library. "I saw a plaque on the wall in the library about Lewis," he said. "It was very moving to me."

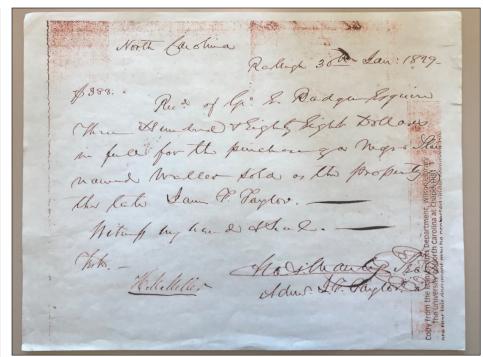
The search continues to honor a legacy

While we know a great deal about the success and achievements of Lewis Freeman's descendants. there is still much to learn about the man himself. It's not known how he made his money or what connections he had to be able to purchase and free his family, something that was not an easy task.

Freeman died in 1846, before ever knowing the greatness his descendants would achieve. He left his land and property to his second wife, Creecy. Sometime after his death, the land was deeded to a man named Thompson, who was the executor of Lewis' will. According to Lewis' will, his property was to go to Thompson after Creecy's death. However, Lewis had previously deeded some of the property to Waller. That land was subject of some dispute, but not much is known about how that hap-

pened. There are records from a military court during the Reconstruction period after the Civil War. Waller filed to regain the land that by deed Lewis had given to him. There was no documentation to support that there were debts or that it had defaulted. Regardless of a lack of documentation, Waller lost the case in appeal and the family land was lost with it.

But today, a small



The Bill of Sale documenting the purchase of Waller, Lewis Freeman's son, from the estate of James Taylor in 1829 in Raleigh by Judge George Badger. The price was \$388. Badger later became a Cabinet member in 1842 under President Harrison.

part of the land that was once owned by Lewis Freeman will be the site of a public park named in his honor. The Lewis Freeman Historic Park will be one-third an acre on the edge of the town's downtown district on Rectory Street. The land was donated by the estate of Jane Pyle, a noted historian and printer who, as the former owner of the Lewis Freeman house, worked to learn more about Freeman and secure the home's place on the National Register of Historic Places.

Two of our leading values are equity and access in our town's parks," said Stephanie Bass, chairman of the Pittsboro Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The park will be geographically accessible to downtown, schools, a senior center and several neighborhoods. And paths and boardwalks will ensure that it is accessible to all ages and abilities.

"And equity shines in the way this park tells an inspiring story that fills out the early picture of our community," Bass said. "We're all richer for knowing more about

Over many years, Chatham County Historical Association volunteers have pieced together whatever clues they could find about Lewis Freeman.

"The prospect of a town park on part of the property Freeman owned has inspired us to turn to a researcher who specializes in African-American genealogy to dig deeper and hopefully shed more light on the life of the man that began the legacy," Hobbs said.

The group is raising funds for that effort through the Chatham Historical Association.

Lewis Freeman's legacy

The consequences of Lewis Freeman's life choices created not only African American history, but also a lasting impact on his descendants.

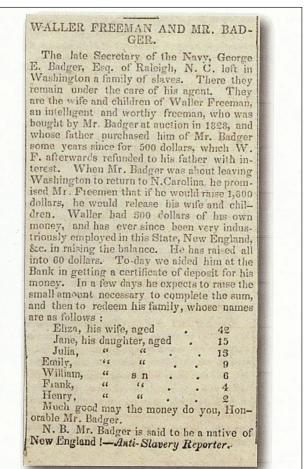
"A lot of Lewis Freeman's descendants went on to do well professionally," Pennington said. "Harold's [Freeman] side are doctors while my side are attorneys, including two of my

brothers and my son." Though successful, both Pennington and Dr. Freeman noted that both their childhoods were marked with struggle particularly financial insecurity. Pennington's mother was ill and he was a high school drop-out; determined to succeed, he joined the Air Force and later went

to law school. "We came from a position of poverty and yet three of us [his siblings] went on to become attornevs." Pennington said. "That's why I looked into it. I wondered if it was genetic. The more I look, not only did I find people that were able to excel, but those who can overcome adversity. I can only assume that's something that's handed down."

Dr. Freeman expressed similar feelings.

"That a man like Lewis could do what he did, Dr. Freeman said. "He conquered a hell of a lot in a lifetime and set it up so his family had



This is a copy of a new article addressing Waller Freeman's purchase of his family from George E.



Submitted photo

Freeman descendants Scott Pennington (left) visited Pittsboro with his cousin, John Freeman several years ago. Here they are touching the original chimney built at the Lewis Freeman house. Pennington noted that this was 'one of the most emotional moments' of his life.

a chance for education and to make it to higher

"It's an America story," Dr. Freeman said. "It's reflected in five generations of a family that started before the country was a country. Each generation and what they faced is related to this family continuum and what happened

in America itself. Lewis Freeman's living descendants are also pleased that the town of Pittsboro will be honoring that legacy with the Lewis Freeman Historic

Park. "I tell my children, we have something to be proud of," Dr. Freeman said. "It's good to see good people in Chatham embracing this, honoring this man who happens to be related to

"This means a piece of my DNA will live on in perpetuity," Pennington said. "That our family line counts to more people than just those in our family.

"Lewis Freeman's legacy is significant," Hobbs said. "These were impressive people. He had to be intelligent and energetic. He loved his family obviously and had enough sense to operate a system where strict laws governed the interactions of free blacks and slaves. He is one of the lesser known, but more interesting citizens of Pittsboro."

"No matter who you are, you can make it in this world," Dr. Freeman said. "Stay on point."

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Briar Chapel will likely wait until summer for wastewater future

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of stories on the proposed wastewater transfer from Fearrington Village to Briar Chapel. The News + Record willcontinue reporting on this story as it develops.

CHAPEL HILL — As of now, the proposed transfer of wastewater from the Fearrington Village neighborhood to the Briar Chapel development is more or less stagnant, not sure which way it's going

North Carolina Utilities Commission Staff Attorney William Grantmyre told the News + Record that the commission wouldn't likely discuss next steps until June, so for the time being, the proposed transfer which garnered more than 600 signatures against it, and a scathing NCUC staff report expressing concerns

about it, is on hold. Old North State Water

Company, the firm which oversees operations at the Briar Chapel Wastewater Treatment Plant, said in a report filed with the NCUC earlier this month that they believe the project will lead to "multiple benefits" for residents, particularly in upgrades to the plant and a larger customer base that would "help to mitigate pressures to increase rates to all customers in the future." The current proposal does not project a rate increase for the near future for either Fearrington or Briar Chapel residents.

What's next for ON-SWC, according to president Michael Myers, is a public relations campaign to restore what he termed a "strained" relationship.

"We're dedicated to re-build(ing) it," Myers said in a phone interview. "I know we have heard the concerns raised by the Briar Chapel residents,

and we are working very, very diligently to address those concerns.'

If the proposal is not approved, according to Myers and Fearrington Village developer R.B. Fitch, president of Fitch Creations, both neighborhoods will move on as normal. Myers said the current plant will have to be expanded anyway to accommodate further growth in Briar Chapel, and Fitch told the News + Record that his team would upgrade the current Fearrington facility.

graded and replaced as Fearrington has grown and it can meet the needs of the Fearrington community going forward," Fitch said. "If the transfer doesn't happen, we'd upgrade the facility again and continue as a wastewater utility just as we are now.'

"We've added, up-

However, Fitch added, the "best option" would be a merger, and would

benefit residents as Myers aid. nity Association Board President Thomas Steer

"Customers will benefit because costs can be spread over a larger base," he said. "Larger systems can hire more specialized staff and purchase more advanced and effective equipment. Managing a wastewater system isn't our core business and we believe at some point it should be handled by a dedicated wastewater utility.

Newland Communities, the developer of Briar Chapel, said in a statement that it "eagerly awaits" a "resolution of the challenges at hand so that Briar Chapel residents can continue to enjoy a high quality of

life."

"We trust the NCUC to oversee the private, regulated utilities of the Chatham County area, including this proposed transaction," the statement said.

On the residents' part, Briar Chapel Commu-

1980-2019 billion-dollar weather and climate of Source: NOAA/NCEI, Produced 2/12/2020

told the News + Record the group has hired an attorney as part of the BCCA's efforts "to further defend our opposition to

the request. "The delay is giving Briar Chapel Community the time that was needed to fully gather information and prepare additional testimony in opposition to the merger and expansion," Speer said. "We are very thankful for the delay that was granted. We do expect to gather and report additional testimony in the coming

He added that residents are "united" and will not change their perspective that "expansion is not beneficial to our community."

weeks."

In addition, a group called "StopChatham-North" has been formed by Briar Chapel residents and others. Group spokesperson Rusty Field says SCN, in shorthand,

has nearly 1,800 resident members and has similar motives to the BCCA Board.

"SCN hopes that the NCUC decisions will prevent any expansion of the BC wastewater plant beyond its current capacity until ONSWC/ Envirolink proves that it can eliminate all odor from plant and irrigation operations," Field said.
"Additionally, we want the NCUC to make ON-SWC/Envirolink comply with all Federal, State and local regulatory requirements. Finally, we want the Commission to consider the proximity of the BC wastewater facility to residents and provide relief to these residents."

He added that both groups have hired attorneys and those attorneys are in communication.

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CHATHAM BUSINESS ROUNDUP

The economic effect of weather events

Writing a business column was not my

first love in

journalism -

it was sports.

But through

writing about

business and

the economy

half years has

for around three-and-a-

taught me a

lot, and I've



ZACHARY HORNER

Corner Store

come to see what it means and how import-

So I keep going, endeavoring to bring you the most interesting, quirky or relevant news in business in Chatham County, North Carolina and across the country. If you have any suggestions for something for me to look into or include in these weekly columns, shoot me a note at zhorner@ chathamnr.com.

According to data gathered from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the 2010s had 119 billion-dollar disasters, double the number from the 2000s, with total costs exceeding \$800 billion.

The report, authored by climate change research firm Climate Central, looked into the amount of money lost due to damages from severe weather and climate events. North Carolina averaged 2.03 a year from 1980 to 2019. Last year, the state saw three, including Hurricane Dorian sweeping through the area in late August and early September.

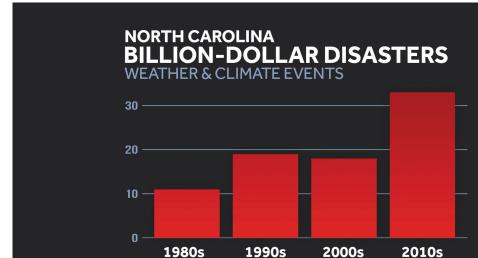
North Carolina was one of 34 states and territories to see more billion-dollar disasters in the 2010s compared to the previous three decades. States in the central U.S. saw the highest spikes, including Texas seeing 33 more last decade than in previous

"Many of these disasters are getting worse with climate change, although some extreme events are easier to attribute than others," the Climate Central report stated. "Warmer oceans are fueling the rapid intensification of hurricanes, while a warmer and wetter atmosphere intensifies their rainfall. Heavier downpours worsen inland flooding and crop damage; coastal flooding is heightened by sea level rise. And extended heat and drought can set the stage for more dangerous wildfires in the West and Alaska.'

Not as lucrative as you might think

Dwight Schrute from NBC's "The Office" once described his 'perfect Valentine's Day" like this: "I'm at home, three cell phones in front of me, fielding desperate calls from people who want to buy one of the 50 restaurant reservations I made over six months ago.

Well, sorry to say for those restaurants, Dwight may be making more from those reservations that you do. According to small business research firm Womply, Valentine's Day ranked 94th in customer spending at local restaurants across America last year, with



Graphic courtesy of Climate Central

According to data gathered by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, North

establishments making just 21 percent more revenue than an average day. For context, Cinco de Mayo was 93rd, the Friday before Memorial Day was 21st and the Saturday before Labor

Day was 52nd.

The best day money-making-wise was the Saturday before Mother's Day, with restaurants making 62 percent more than average, followed by Mother's Day which saw 60 percent more than average. Third was the Saturday before Father's Day. Fourth was March 30 and fifth was April 13.

According to the report, titled "The State of Local Restau-

rants 2020," Womply analyzed daily revenue for more than 36,000 local restaurants across America.

One example of coronavirus' effect on N.C. business

The Hickory Daily Record reported last week on how the spreading coronavirus has impacted a North Carolina business. Craftmaster Furniture in Alexander County is owned by China-based Samson Holdings, and company President and CEO told the Daily Record that his business' upholstery supply

could be in jeopardy.

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"The company imports much of its fabric and leather supply from mills in China, which have been shut down for several weeks for the Chinese New Year holiday," the Feb. 14 story in the Hickory paper stated. "The holiday was extended because of the coronavirus. Craftmaster built six to eight weeks of stock in preparation for the holiday. But that stock might not be enough, Calcagne said.'

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OBITUARIES

ALEXANDER BOYCHUCK



Alexander Boychuck, former resident of Fearrington Village in Pittsboro, North Carolina, passed away on January 6, 2020, at the age of 88. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Alex was born on January 10, 1931 in Shamokin, PA. to Ukranian immigrants Michael Boychuck and Eva Cramer. He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Daniel, along with siblings William and Helen. Alex graduated from Shamokin High School and then attended Bloomsburg State University for two years where

he was an All-State running back for the football team. His education at Bloomsburg was interrupted because he enlisted in the US Army. After serving for two and a half years, he attended Graceland University where he graduated with a BA in Education. He received his Masters in Counseling and Guidance from Ryder College, followed by a degree in Educational Administration from Southern Connecticut State University. After serving 25 years as a School Administrator, Alex retired from the Danbury Public Schools in Connecti-

In 1995, Alex and his wife Shirley moved to Fearrington Village in Pittsboro, NC. Nothing could keep Alex away from the classroom. He became a favored substitute at Northwood High School and was better known as "Mister B" for 19 years. Alex reflected, "My philosophy of teaching begins and ends with the students in my classroom. I believe that teaching is a calling and that as educators we have the rare opportunity to make the kind of impact that can mold individuals for good. I believe that true learning happens through a combination of study, hands on experience, communication, and commitment.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Shirley Hyde Boychuck; son and daughter-in-law Timothy and Beth Boychuck of Midland, Michigan; daughter and son-in-law Lydia and Kenneth Parson of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; grandchildren Nathan & his wife Chrissy of Kokomo, IN, Elisabeth and her husband Andrew of Fairfield, CT, Emily of Midland, MI, Lydia and her husband Jonathan of New Milford, CT, Abbey of Harbor Springs, MI, and Gil and his wife Katy of Morrisville, NC; and great grandchildren Ava, Emma, Johnny, Mason, Tenley, Liam, Jade, Holland, Colt, and Wellesley.

A memorial service will be held April 18, 2020 at 11a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Southern Village. The address is: 800 Market Street Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to UNC Chapel-Hill School of Medicine Department of Neurology Alzheimer's Research Fund at http://giving.unc.edu/gift/boychuck . You can also mail the gift to: UNC Health Foundation, Alzheimer's Research Fund, 123 W. Franklin Street, Suite 510, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 *Please put Alexander Boychuck in the memo to ensure the funds go to the correct account.

Condolences may be expressed online at http://www. cremnc.com/obituary and search Alexander Boychuck.

ROGER DALE CROWE, SR.

Roger Dale Crowe, Sr., 58, passed away on Friday, February 14, 2020 at his home in Sanford

Roger was born to Melvin Otis and Betty Jo Crowe on February 4, 1962 in Chicago, IL. He grew up in Danese, WV. Roger was preceded in death

JAMES ALTON DIXON



James Alton Dixon, age 88 of Siler City, died Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Clapps Assisted Living Home in Pleasant Garden.

Mr. Dixon was born in Chatham County on June 16, 1931 to the late Wilbert Dixon and Ometa Morris Dixon. He was an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church and former Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. He was employed with Welford Harris Ford and Pilgrim's Pride throughout many years of his career.

Alton was preceded in death by his wife Betty Brafford Dixon; sisters, Polly Dixon Flynt and Sarah Dixon Gillespie; brothers, Sam and David Dixon.

He is survived by two daughters: Pam Dixon Fowler and husband Greg of Thomasville and Teresa Dixon Loman and husband Jeff of Wilmington; grandchildren, Spencer Loman and wife Jordan; Caroline Fowler Wallace and husband Mike; Jake Fowler and Dru Loman; one sister; Matilda Brannock of Galax, VA.; and special friend, Faye Brooks.

The family received friends Friday, February 14, 2020 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, Fellowship Church Road, Siler City followed by a celebration of life service at 2 p.m. with Rev. Jason Golden and Rev. Jeff Loman.

Memorials may be made to Clapps Assisted Living Home Activities Dept. or Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.pughfuneralhome.com.

JERRY HOLLOWAY

ASHEBORO — Jerrel "Jerry" Ray Holloway, age 89, of Asheboro, went home to be with his Lord on Monday, February 10, 2020.

Mr. Holloway was born August 24, 1930 in Jonesboro, AR and was retired plant manager for Bassett Furniture after 43 years of service.

No services are planned at this time.

Pugh Funeral Home in Asheboro is serving the family. Remembrances and online condolences may be made at

by his mother, father, and two brothers, Casey and Danny.

Roger is survived by a granddaughter; daughter, Amber; son, Roger, Jr.; sister, Betty; and brothers, Gary and James.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

ALBERTA LASSITER GUNTER

Alberta Lassiter Gunter, 95, of Southport, formerly of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at SECU

Hospice House in Brunswick County.

A graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Lee Memory Gardens. Entombment followed the service.

She was born in Moore County on May 12, 1924 to the late Arthur and Maude Lassiter. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Jake Gunter; sons, Larry Gunter and Darrell Gunter; one grandchild; sisters, Nannie Lassiter, Allie Blake, Myrtie Elkins and Ollie Chrisco; brothers, Harold Lassiter, Floyd Lassiter, Leonard Lassiter and Arthur "Bug" Lassiter. Alberta worked for many years at Cornell Dubilier.

She is survived by a sister, Ruth Fields of Siler City; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to SECU Hospice House, 955 Mercy Lane SE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

HANNAH JEAN PARKER

Hannah Jean Parker, 30 of Moncure, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, February 14, 2020 at the New Elam Christian Church with Rev. Ed Earp, Rev. Gary Moore and Rev. Joel Murr officiating. Burial followed in the New Elam Christian Church Cemetery.

She was born on November 24, 1989, daughter of Gordon Parker and Vivian Worrell Parker. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Sted and Betty Jean Worrell and Atlas and Lola Parker. Hannah attended Grace Christian School and was a graduate of Northwood High School Class of 2008. She was a member of New Elam Christian Church and was a Client Service Manager for Standards - Based Solutions in Chapel Hill.

Surviving are her parents Gordon Parker and Vivian Worrell Parker of Moncure; son, Noah Sapienza of the home; and sister, Julia Parker Gumpert of Lillington.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial gifts are made to her son, Noah Sapienza for his savings account at State Employees Credit Union, c/o Gordon Parker, 3224 Corinth Road Moncure, NC 27559.

Online condolences can be made at www.smithfuneralhomebroadway.com.

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ROBERT "RICK" E. WEST, JR.

Robert "Rick" E. West, Jr, age 68 of Pittsboro, NC, passed away with his son, Andrew, at his bedside early Tuesday morning, February 11, 2020 at the Bryan UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro. Rick was born May 1, 1951 in Greensboro, NC to the late Robert E. West, Sr. from whom he learned tolerance and acceptance and Betty Jean Fortson from whom he learned faith and love of God.

Rick lived his entire childhood and young teen years in Greensboro where he enjoyed close relationships

with his family and many friends. Growing up, Rick cherished hunting trips with his father and other family to Lake Mattamuskeet in eastern NC.

He graduated from Grimsley High School in 1969 and returned to Greensboro in October 2019 for the Grimsley 50th reunion. Rumor has it that Rick was an inspirational star on the dance floor! At Grimsley, Rick played on the golf team as an exceptionally talented golfer. After high school, Rick studied political sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH). Post college, after working for years in various aspects of commercial and residential construction in the Chapel Hill area, Rick joined UNC Facilities Services in 1989 designing mechanical and electrical systems for new and renovated buildings on campus. Rick loved his work at UNC-CH and was an avid Tar Heel basketball fan. He retired from UNC-CH in 2010. In retirement, Rick was grateful to have more time for his beloved family, his many pets and his love of running. Rick recently calculated that he ran more than 30,000 miles over the course of his life. Jordan Lake was Rick's favorite running destination. The Lake was also Rick's sanctuary where he spent many hours in meditation, bird watching, and running with his dogs.

Rick was a friend to all and loved nothing better than to engage in a lengthy conversation about anything and every thing. Devoted father, friend and grandfather; Rick lived his life with great passion and intensity, frequently reminding us to be positive, embrace the beauty in life, and not to sweat the small stuff. He faced the last days of his illness with grace and peace, practicing his "rule number one" of "don't panic." We will miss Rick intensely and remember him always with

Rick is survived by his sons, Andrew R. West (Nikki) and Jefferson A. West; three granddaughters, two grandsons, his brother Donald B. West (Bonnie), his favorite Aunt Rosa, cousin Stanley W. West (Pam), a nephew and many friends. Family will host a celebration of Rick's life Saturday, Feb-

ruary 29, 2020 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Donaldson Funeral Home, 396 West Pittsboro St., Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Rick's family is profoundly grateful for the compassionate care and support of the staffs at the NC Cancer Hospital at UNC and, especially, the Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Healthcare in Pittsboro.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the UNC Hospice Home. Memorial gifts can be made online at go. unc.edu/unchospice, or checks made payable to the Medical Foundation of NC may be mailed to 123 West Franklin Street, Suite 510, Chapel Hill NC 27516.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

LINDA HANCOCK JONES



Linda Hancock Jones of Pleasant Garden, NC departed this life for her heavenly home on February 11, 2020.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday February 14, 2020 at George Brother's Funeral Service, 803 Greenhaven Dr. Greensboro, NC

The funeral service was held at Rocky Knoll Baptist Church, 501 Kirkland St. Greensboro, NC 27406 with Pastor Rodney Mitchell officiating. Interment followed at Guilford Memorial Park.

Linda was born in Chatham County on October 25, 1945 to the late George Graham and Mossie Wilson Hancock. She was a graduate of Chatham Central High School and Sanford Business College where she earned a degree in accounting She used her accounting ability as she worked for several firms in Greensboro, including her beloved Rocky Knoll Baptist Church where she served as financial secretary until December of this year when her health began to fail. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son Stephen Jones, two brothers, Raeford and Roy Hancock, three sisters, Ruby Hammer, Beulah Hammer and Augusta Gilliland.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Jimmy; daughter, Amy Price (Brian); daughter-in-law, Christy Jones; four grandchildren, Avery and Mitchell Price, Ashlee and Justin Jones. Also surviving are sisters, Jearline Brown and Joyce Headen (Tommy) and numerous nieces and nephews

Memorial gifts may be sent to Rocky Knoll Baptist Church at the address above.

Linda made the decision to trust Christ as her savior at age 10. Because of that decision, she is now enjoying all the wonders of Heaven.

SHIRLEY JEAN SMITH BREWER



Shirley Jean Smith Brewer was born on February 25, 1928 and passed away peacefully on February 12, 2020 at Cambridge Hills in Pittsboro, NC. Shirley was the eldest of five children born to J. Lyle Smith and Nell Perry Smith in Siler City. Heaven will be well fed and taken care of now that Mom is there and reunited with her family and friends. Dad will no longer have an empty glass of tea!

Shirley graduated as the Valedictorian of Siler City High School in 1945 and attended Women's College in

Greensboro. After her graduation, she went to work for Liberty Hosiery serving as the Executive Assistant to the owner, Mr. Watkins and also as the bookkeeper. She was a lifelong member of the First Methodist Church in Siler City where her grandfather was one of the first pastors in the 1800's.

Shirley married her high school sweetheart, James Lambe Brewer, on December 3, 1949 and moved to San Diego, CA. where James was deployed while serving in the Navy. They returned in 1955 and she returned to work at Liberty Hosiery. Shirley and James built Brewer Realty and Insurance in Siler City where she served as the bookkeeper for over 40 years and with James, built numerous homes in and around Siler

Mom was an extremely energetic person and always had to stay busy and excelled in whatever project she was working on or whatever job she was performing, usually humming or singing as she worked - she always said it was important to get it right the first time. She had an extremely funny sense of humor and always found something to laugh about, much of the time it was Beenie Weenie's hair!

Mom was a true Southern lady that was totally devoted to her husband, children, family, friends and community - her door was always open and her table always had a seat for more. She was an outstanding cook and famous for her meals whether planned or unplanned and often times she would prepare a meal for five and be able to feed any number of people that any of us brought home, especially Jimmy. Mom thoroughly enjoyed hosting her extended family gatherings of twenty or more for most holidays where she would prepare the entire meal, except for the "bullets". She was famous for "Shirley's pickles"- all the cousins showed up to visit in the late summer when the pickles were ready - her pimento cheese, her chicken salad, her homemade vegetable soup, her pound cakes and desserts and never let a glass empty of her very sweet tea. Mom always felt that if you didn't feel good, vou just needed something to eat!

Mom also enjoyed sewing and was always available to hem, take in or let out our clothes when needed and she took pride in the fact she made most of her clothes growing up, including her wedding gown. She loved to shop - a passion she enjoyed up to the last months of her life as evidenced by the closets of shoes and clothes. Her family and friends will always enjoy looking through the numerous scrapbooks and photo albums she compiled for her family and through all the periods of her life.

Shirley served various groups in town including the Art for the Hospital and the Ladies Auxilliary at the Hospital and she was most proud of her work with the First Methodist Church where she had the opportunity to chair the Parsonage committee she built the Methodist parsonage. Mom arranged meals for new residents in town and in the neighborhood, arranged many meals for families during a bereavement and cooked for many of her neighbors.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, husband James of 57 years; her son Jimmy; and three of her four siblings, Doug Smith, Christine "Beenie Weenie" Alston, and Patricia Adkins.

She is survived by her daughter Jennifer Brewer McBee of Siler City; her son Jeff C. Brewer and wife Stephanie of Chattanooga, TN; her daughter-in-law Jan M. Brewer of Siler City; her grandchildren Ashley Brewer (Brian) of Siler City, Mary E. Brewer and partner Stacy of Salisbury, Blair Brewer Baxter (Heath) of Siler City, Curt McBee of Siler City, Anna McBee of Seattle, WA, Calver Brewer of Greensboro, Christopher Brewer of Chattanooga, TN and Margaret Addison Brewer of Chattanooga; her great-grandchildren Harrison, Hadley, Ella and Nora Grace, all of Siler City; and a sister, Nell S. Barksdale of Jamestown, NC.

The family wishes to thank all of those that assisted Mom in her life and especially the close friendship and the outstanding care provided by her friend Jackie Headen. The family also wishes to thank the care given by Community Hospice and Dr. Byron Hoffman.

A memorial service and celebration of life was held at the First Methodist Church in Siler City on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at noon with the Reverend Carl Belcher and the Reverends Arnold and Jackie Headen officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Parsonage Fund, 1101 W. Raleigh St., Siler City, NC 27344 or to God's Way Fellowship Church, 1121 12th St., Siler City, NC 27344.

ROBERT FRANKLIN "BOBBY" EAST, JR.

Robert Franklin "Bobby" East, Jr., 47, of Mt. Airy, passed away Thursday, February 13, 2020, at Woltz Hospice Home in

Dobson.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Phillips Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Smith officiating. Interment

followed in Biscoe Cemetery.

Mr. East was born in Moore County on November 22, 1972, to Robert Franklin East, Sr. and Mary Florina Britt East Jenks. He was employed with Hanes Brand, Inc.

His father preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Tina Marie Burcham East, of the home; son, Bobby Lee East of the home; mother, Mary Britt Jenks (Allen) of Pittsboro; sisters, Michelle East of Randleman, Virginia East of Georgia, and Sherry Lee of Low Gap.

Online condolences may be left at: www.phillipsfh.com.

ELSIE LEE (MCNEIL) PETTY

Elsie Lee Petty, 71, of Sanford, passed on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Transition Life Care in Raleigh.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church with interment following the service at Lee Memory Garden.

WILLIAM J. NEWTON

William Jackson Newton, 'Bill", 87, passed away on Saturday, February 8, 2020 in Paoli Hospital, Lancaster, PA.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 15, 2020 with entombment following at Lee Memory Gardens.

CAMDEN ZLATAN **STRASEVIC**

Infant Camden Zlatan Strasevic, of Fayetteville, passed on Monday, February 10, 2020 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. Arrangements are incom-

Services Entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Chapel Hill.

ADRIAN HIGINIO RAMIREZ

Adrian Higinio Ramirez, 35, of Asheboro passed on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at his residence.

Arrangements are incomplete.

Services Entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

SARBAGA FALK

Mrs. Sarbaga Falk, 75 of Chapel Hill, passed on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Charles House in Chapel Hill. Arrangements are incom-

Services Entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Chapel Hill.

ALEXANDER ALSTON

Mr. Alexander Alston, 73 of Pittsboro, passed on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Durham VA Medical Center in Durham.

Arrangements are incom-

Services Entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.

RUBY MAE (MCAULEY) DANIELS

Ruby Mae Daniels, 82 of Sanford, passed Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Arrangements are incom-

Services Entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.

MARGARET M. KNOERR

Margaret M. Knoerr, 95, of Chapel Hill, died February 10, 2020.

Arrangements are incomplete.

Services Entrusted to: Cremation Society of NC. http://www.CremationSocietvNC.com

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Highfalls Old-Time Fiddlers' Convention upcoming March 14

The 85th Annual Highfalls Old-Time Fiddlers' Convention will be held at North Moore High School Auditorium on Saturday, March 14. The auditorium is located on North Moore Road between High Falls and Robbins.

Registration for participants will begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 7

person for an evening of entertainment that begins at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. A concession stand will be open throughout the evening. Cash prizes and ribbons will be given for the following categories: bands, fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, singer,

dancing, bass fiddle,

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p.m. Admission is \$7 per

promising young talent. Trophies will also be given for the first, second and third place bands.

sored by Highfalls Elementary K-8 School with the proceeds being used to benefit the school. J.J. Moore will emcee this event where some of the best musicians in the state can be heard. For more information, call Highfalls Elementary School during school hours at 910-464-3600 or visit our website at bit.ly/HFE-**FIDDLER**

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State elections board complaint against Chatham elections board member dismissed

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

The N.C. State Board of Elections dismissed a complaint Friday filed against a Chatham County Board of Elections member.

The SBE voted 3-2 along party lines to drop the complaint against Pittsboro resident Mark Barroso made by Pittsboro resident Mike Pool. In the complaint, Pool alleged that a Facebook comment made by Barroso and Barroso's operation of the "Chatham for All" Facebook page showed "a clear bias" and warranted removal or resignation.

The Facebook post Pool shared in the complaint showed three comments two from Pool, one from Barroso - regarding the first judge to handle a request for a restraining order filed by

the Winnie Davis Chapter County. of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The UDC had asked the court to intervene as the Chatham County government prepared to remove the 'Our Confederate Heroes" monument in front of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro. Pool spoke at multiple Chatham County Board of Commissioners meetings in favor of keeping the monument in place. (Chatham For All, of which Barroso is a member, has helped lead the fight to remove the monument.)

The "first judge" in the case, Republican Casey Viser of Mecklenburg County, had granted a temporary restraining order on Oct. 28 of last year, but by the time the case was dismissed on December 2, the presiding judge on the case was Democrat Susan Bray of Guilford

Posting on comments about the first judge, Pool mentioned Barroso and said "well you were fortunate..what happened to the 1st judge." In response, Barroso wrote, "As for the first judge, we stuffed him in a black Prius and took him to a re-education camp in California until he gets his thinking right.

Chapter 163 of North Carolina state law says that county boards of election members may not "make written or oral statements intended for general distribution or dissemination to the public at large supporting or opposing the nomination or election of one or more clearly identified candidates for public office." It was over this wording specifically that caused the state board to disagree on this case.

During the state

board's discussion Friday, pears to be someone that's multiple members said Barroso's comment was inappropriate.

"I think that any county board member should probably get off of Facebook because it results in things like this," said board member David Black, a Republican. "Mr. Barroso has some history in Chatham County. But based on what's within the framework of what we decide, that probably doesn't come into play.'

The board's decision hinged on whether or not Barroso's comment was specifically in reference to Viser — who is currently seeking re-election to his district judgeship on its face. Democrat Stella Anderson argued that it did not.

'He has come right up to the line, and should exercise very much caution to make any statements about someone that apa candidate for office, Anderson said. "Had I not seen Mr. Pool's statements in the complaint, and I just looked at the Facebook post about the judge, I would have had no idea what he was talking about or whether or not this

was someone elected or

seeking election."

The board's 3-2 vote saw the three Democrats — Anderson, Jeff Carmon III and Chair Damon Circosta — choose to dismiss the complaint while Republicans Black and Ken Raymond voted to move it forward. But something the board generally agreed upon was that Barroso and other county-level elections board members should be

careful in the future. 'I think if it were up to me," Circosta said, "every singe county board of elections member would be off of Facebook and off of Twitter and conduct their activities accord-

In a statement to the News + Record on Monday, Barroso said he was grateful that SBE did not proceed with the investigation.

"It's unfortunate that Mike Pool took a joke out of context and misrepresented facts to the state board," Barroso said. "That post never appeared on Chatham For All's Facebook page. In fact, I had to ban Mike Pool from our page because he continued to make personal attacks after warning him to stop. We don't give up First Amendment rights to be on the board of elections."

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

CHATHAM CHAT | DIANNE BIRCH, CHATHAM CONNECTING

Helping volunteers, nonprofits and needs all connect

'The change that happens with volunteering ... it makes a difference to up the game'

Dianne Birch says that throughout her life, she's always been a volunteer. That desire to help others led to her involvement in Chatham Connecting, an all-volunteer group which through the chathamconnecting.org website – matches organizations

in need of volunteers with people who want to volunteer. This week, we speak with Birch about Chatham Connecting and about how people — young and old — can make a different by helping others.

Birch grew up in Richmond, Virginia, and earned undergraduate and graduate nursing degrees there before earning a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy at Virginia Tech. She worked as a nurse and taught pediatric nursing at Radford University before going into private practice as a marriage and family therapist in Blacksburg.

She and her husband Bruce, who have two daughters and seven grandchildren, moved to Chatham County's Fearrington Village in 2003.

Birch has served on the boards of directors for Chatham County United Wav and the Triangle Community Foundation. Aside from her work with Chatham Connecting, she volunteers at the preschool at The Learning Trail in Chatham and serves on the Chatham Nonprofit Advisory Committee.

Chatham Connecting provides information about more than 120 nonprofit organizations and agencies that serve residents of **Chatham County. How did Chatham Connecting get** started?

The Chatham Connecting idea began with a conversation among friends about volunteering in our county. We discussed how difficult it is to know what is needed or what is happening in our large, diverse county as Chatham has few shared media sources, other than the News + Record, our weekly newspaper. Different parts of the county are oriented to the Triangle, the Triad or to the Sanford area. The

conversation evolved into what we could do to help connect the people within Chatham County. Others joined the conversation and developed the idea of an online, searchable database of county agencies and nonprofits that serve people of Chatham. After months of meetings and contacts with agencies, Chatham Connecting was launched in 2011. It was created by and still is maintained by volunteers.

Why is Chatham Connecting such a great resource for nonprofits and for those who enjoy reaching out to volunteer?

There are many agencies that serve Chatham residents, and finding out about the options and how to navigate those options one-by-one can be difficult. Chatham Connecting lists more than 120 nonprofits or human service government agencies that serve residents of Chatham, with at least some of their services at a free or reduced rate. Information about these diverse programs, their missions, and their volunteer and donation needs are on the website: www. chathamconnecting.org. Volunteer opportunities are listed by activity and interest areas. People of all ages can volunteer as individuals, family or work groups, or even volunteer to help from home.

In addition, Chatham Connecting can provide assistance for staff at county agencies and nonprofits looking to refer their clients in need to specific organizations, such as literacy organizations, that might be helpful. And if the clients would benefit from volunteering there are many opportunities listed. So we offer help in many

In Chatham County more than half of young people between the ages of 12 and 18 participate in volunteer activities, twice the rate of adults. Some schools require students to volunteers, but not all. Why is it important for young people to engage in volunteer



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Dianne Birch, one of the many volunteers who help connect other volunteers to needs in **Chatham County through Chatham Connecting.**

For young people it can be an especially important experience. With 43 programs across Chatham County, volunteering offers opportunities to meet new people, experience diverse work situations, make connections in a broader community of peers and adults, and develop new skills while using the skills they have. Some colleges look for

volunteer experience in applicants and often they continue to do so as part of campus life.

What are some of the other benefits of volunteering that young people may not recognize?

Volunteering helps young people become more aware of the needs of others and understand better how other people

live. They become more cognizant of their own power to do good in the

What are some of the volunteer jobs that students

The 42 youth volunteer opportunities currently listed on Chatham Connecting include working to care for animals, including horses (CAN-TR) or farm animals (Piedmont Farm Animal Rescue). Youth volunteers also help at food pantries (CORA and West Chatham Food Pantry), set up and work at special events (Shakori Hills, Farm Tour with Carolina Farm Stewardship Association), help with the environment, as in river cleanup (Friends of the Lower Haw River), work in construction (Carolina Tiger Rescue, Habitat for Humanity), and tutor (Hispanic Liaison), to name just a few. Students can help nonprofits with social media, websites, or designing publicity materials. Food drives and book drives can be organized by students to

Separate from the 120 organizations listed on Chatham Connecting, many religious communities are active in beneficial volunteer programs such as the weekly community meals offered by St. Bart's Church. There are roles for everyone in Chatham County who want to help; there are many possibilities.

What's the best way to keep abreast of opportuni-

Of course, our website, www.chathamconnecting. org, is one way. At the website we have news items on the home page. News items are about special events, which always need volunteers, and about timely needs in our community. Also, you can follow Chatham Connecting on Facebook or Twitter, where we provide news of nonprofit work in Chatham.

The bottom line is that volunteering for people of any age is a wonderful way to get to know other people in our community. In fact, research shows that people who volunteer are happier and healthier!





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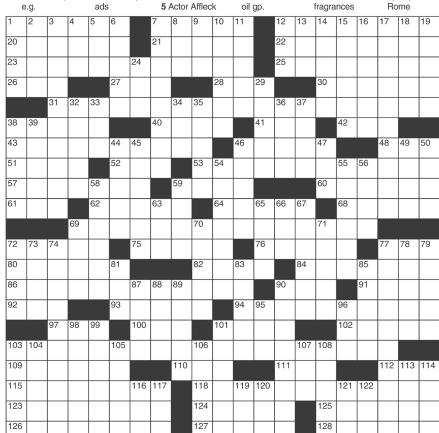
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CHURCH NEWS

BRUSH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

In the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Feb. 23. Doug and Joli Cullen from Pineville. KY will be the guest speakers at Brush Creek Baptist Church. Their ministry, "Choose Life Ministries", spreads the gospel and educates and equips churches to uphold biblical truth and Life.

The church is located at 5345 Airport

Rd., Bear Creek.

BROOKDALE, FELLOWSHIP, AND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCHES

A combined Ash Wednesday Service with Brookdale Baptist, Fellowship Baptist at the First Baptist Church of Siler City will be held at 7 p.m., Feb. 26. Participants will be given the opportunity to have a cross marked on their foreheads to symbolize repentance.

Ash Wednesday is a significant day on the Christian Calendar, denoting the beginning of the period of Lent, which precedes Easter.

Make plans to join this service. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The service will be held at the First Baptist Church, 314 N. 2nd. Ave.

LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

"Choose Life Ministries" will be welcomed to our Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. on Feb. 26. Join Doug Cullen for this informative service.

Bring your families and friends to learn about the Biblical teachings to follow on choosing life!

All are welcome. The church is located at 1745 East 11th St., Siler City.

CENTER METHODIST CHURCH

A country breakfast will be held Saturday, Feb. 29 at Center Methodist

Donations will be accepted. There will be sausage, bacon, country ham with homemade biscuits, country gravy, grits, eggs, stewed apples, coffee and drinks.

Everyone will be welcome. Thanks you for your support.

The church is located at 9203 Center Methodist Rd/. Green Hill Rd. off 87 South, Graham.

PINEY GROVE UM CHURCH

The Monday Morning Quilters share their love of quilting and other needle arts. We share ideas, fellowship and

snacks with one another. You don't have to be a member of our church, we have people from all over. Join us Monday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon. Check us out! The church is located at 2343 Piney Grove Church Rd.

MOUNT CALVARY HOLY CHURCH

A Black History program will be held during the 11:30 morning service at Mount Calvary Holy Church on Sunday, Feb. 23. The guest speaker will be youth mentor, Bro. Eugene Woodle, director of the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Asheboro. The youth will be in charge of this

We welcome you to attend. The church is located at 578 Stockyard Rd., Siler City.

CAMERON GROVE AME ZION CHURCH

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be hosted by Cameron Grove Church from 2:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21.

The Cameron Grove Youth Department presents "Church Family Feud" at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23, after the Soul Food Dinner.

The Broadway Community Ash Wednesday Service will be hosted at 7 p.m. by Cameron Grove Church on Wednesday, Feb. 26. The speaker will be Pastor Emily Blair of Broadway United Methodist Church.

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

UNITY POWERHOUSE

CHURCH

At 2:30 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 23, there will be a scholarship program in honor of the late Bishop William Goins. The speaker for the occasion is Pastor Phyllis Carter along with her church, New Beginnings of Siler City.

All are welcome to come and fellowship with us.

MARTHA'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN

The community is invited to join us at Martha's Chapel Christian Church for a gospel singing on Feb. 29, featuring the group Glory Bound Way, from Four Oaks. The old-fashioned gospel singing will begin at 7 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

Directions can be found at: http:// marthaschapel.com/home.html. We hope you will join us!

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Monday, February 24

BREAKFAST: Mini Waffles, Peaches (**Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit) LUNCH: Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Toast, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Mandarin Orange (**Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Chicken Alfredo w/Garlic Toast, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Box, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, February 25

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

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

Fruit *) Wednesday, February 26

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

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

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

BREAKFAST: Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Same)

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

Applesauce Cup, Fresh Apple)

Community engagement series on waste, recycling

Do you ever wonder what happens to garbage once it's thrown out? Are you interested in learning how to reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfills?

set for March

Join us at the Chatham Community Library for a four-part lecture series presented by Shannon Culpepper, Recycling and Education Specialist of Chatham County Solid Waste and Recycling, on Thursday evenings in March to learn about the waste process from beginning to end.

Thursday, March 5, 6-7

Where Does your Gar-

bage Go? You place your trash in the bin and someone takes it away. Then what? Join Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling to discover how trash is

managed in the coun-

ty. What is going in the

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trash? How is it hauled? Where does it ultimately get disposed? We will also discuss how the US in general manages waste and how global waste management effects your trash.

Thursday, March 12, 6-7

Why is Recycling so Confusing?

Have you found yourself asking, "Why can't I recycle this item that looks a lot like the others?" or "Why does it feel like the recycling rules change?" Join Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling to learn about how recycling markets work, what happens after recyclables go in the bin, what can and cannot be recycled, and why.

Thursday, March 19, 6-7

Composting: Turning Trash into Treasure

About 25 percent of what we put in landfill's each year can be composted. Join Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling to learn how easy it is to do at-home composting. Backyard composting options, tips to make the best compost, and the benefits of vermi-composting (composting with worms) will all be discussed.

Thursday, March 26, 6-7

Reducing your Waste: Waste Not, Want Not Looking for ways to re-

duce the amount of waste you create? Recycling and composting are wonderful disposal options, but there are ways to reduce the amount of waste before it is created. Join Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling to learn about some easy/ creative steps you can take to reduce your waste.

Chatham Community Library is located at 197 NC Hwy 87 N, Pittsboro, NC. This series of programs is free and open to the public. For information, contact Katy Henderson at (919) 545-8085 or katy.henderson@chathamlibraries.

--CN + R staff reports

Fearrington Folk Art Show returns for 18th installment this weekend

BY DAVID BRADLEY

News + Record Staff PITTSBORO — The

18th annual Fearrington Folk Art Show, which features the works of more than 30 self-taught artists, returns to Fearrington Village this weekend.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 2000 Fearrington Village Center. Admission is \$5, cash only, at the door, with children 12 and under admitted free. A special ticketed Friday preview from 7 to 9 p.m. is being held for an admission price of \$45, with an online purchase. The evening event includes hors d'oeurves, time with the artists, and a chance to buy art before the show opens to the general public.

The weekend art show is designed to showcase work created by self-taught artists, said Kerstin Lindgren. one of the event's co-coordinators

"It's about color and joy and fun, with a little bit of darkness thrown in for good measure, Lindgren said. "And maybe a chicken or



Submitted photo

Using tin cans as a medium for his collages, artist Thomas Graham uses the designs on pre-printed tin cans to represent feathers, the bill of the bird, and other areas in his work. Many of his works involve birds, as he has always loved them, he said. I have always loved them and for me they lend themselves to being rendered in tin.'

The annual art show was launched 18 years ago by Fearrington builder and developer R.B. Fitch as a way to offer artists a method of showing their work to the

The show has continued and expanded over the years, with more artistic media, and more artists exhibiting their creations, including paintings, sculpture, pottery, and more.

The fluid definition of "self-taught" means that the artists involved don't have art or Masters of Fine Arts degrees. This opens the range to more colorful and playful works, Lindgren said.

Thomas W. Graham, from Alamance County, will be displaying his works. He has been creating collages from tin cans since 2013. He took classes in the art form at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, and Pocosin Arts in Columbia.

"I began making tin can collages, exhibiting them and eventually selling them," Graham said. "I do this by collecting used tin cans (cookie tins, olive oil cans, etc.), disassembling and flattening them out, cutting them up and then nailing them to plywood to create images. By now I have made several hundred of them."

Prices for Grahams' original art range from \$95 to \$295.

Participating artists will offer work representing a wide price range, Lindgren said, Some pieces may be as low as

\$10, and some will sell for up to \$2,000 or \$3,000, depending on the artist and the piece.

Graham's work will be featured along with pieces by local artists including Hamidou Sissoko, Lara O'Keefe and Crystal King.

Lindgren said that about a third of the artists who exhibit are from North Carolina. The works are part of a curated collection by artists that went through a jury process before being accepted.

It's a unique show in that the artists themselves pay no fee to be in the show. There's a limited number of artists as well because the show is limited to the size of the Fearrington Village barn, where the works will be displayed.

Every artist has his or her own story about how they got into the craft.

Graham, for instance, had worked in psychiatry in Randolph County for many years, but got into the art of collage-making because of his fascination with the tin media.

"I have always been fascinated by tin containers — the colors and graphics, the shapes

and the fact that it is so light yet strong. I have a memory of trying to wheedle my mother out of the typewriter ribbon tin box that she kept her pins in at about age 5. As I recall I did eventually get a tin Sucrets box to keep treasures tiny in. I do now collect old tins just because they appeal to me — and have been for 50-plus years. I don't cut them up but have friends who do. I have tin friends across the U.S., in England and South Africa using tin in amazing ways.'

Lindgren said, "We hope that visitors will come to be inspired by what these artists created using just their imaginations and a compulsion to create, and that they will take support the artists by taking home something that connects them to that great feeling they get when they visit the

For more information about the show, visit https://fearrington.com/ folk-art/, or call (919)-542-4000. Tickets for the Friday night event must be purchased online at https://shop.fearrington.com/products/ fearrington-folk-art-preview-2020.

TAX:

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of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.

Among the county commissioners who put it on the ballot and the political parties they belong to, support for or against the measure tends to correlate with whether there's an "R" or a "D" at the front of that party's name.

A Republican opposition

The Chatham County GOP sponsored a post on the online forum Chatham Chatlist in late January advocating against the referendum. It claimed that the increase was "Another NO-NEED TAX INCREASE proposed by Chatham Commissioner Candidates (Mike) Dasher & (Karen) How-

The party did not respond to multiple requests for comment about the post from the News + Record, but did make a statement about the referendum in its February newsletter.

"We urge you to vote against the 2nd referendum that will raise taxes in Chatham County," the newsletter said. "This referendum raises sales taxes, but the county commissioners have stated they do not have a particular use identified for the money; this is just an opportunity to spend more tax dollars.

Two of the statements made by the party, however, are incorrect.

First, the option was brought to the commissioners by county staff — first in January 2019 during a budget retreat. Additionally. the referendum was placed on the ballot by all five commissioners in an October 2019 vote and was not the sole responsibility of Dasher and Howard — who just so happen to be seeking re-election this year.

Second, the newsletter comment misstates that the commissioners 'have stated they do not have a particular use identified for the money." In reality, like all the surrounding counties which have this additional sales tax, the commissioners unanimously passed a resolution saying the revenue "will be used to support and enhance the County's efforts in the areas of: Affordable Housing, Education, Parks & Recreation, and Agricultural Preservation & Enhance-

In a February 17 post on his "Crawford for Chatham" Facebook page, Democratic Commissioner Jim Craw-

ford stated that future boards are allowed to "change the use of this revenue," but "a solid BOC consensus," including Republican Commissioner Andy Wilkie, put the referendum in place.

There was a solid BOC consensus to increase funding for initiatives that already enjoy broad support," Crawford said. "Commissioner Wilkie advocated for agriculture and his colleagues supported the idea.

Democratic support

All four of the Democrats on the board of commissioners have advocated for support of the measure.

We have seen the hardship faced by other fast-growing communities across the state which have been hesitant to take necessary measures to generate sufficient income to stay abreast of the needs of their residents," Howard said. "As responsible leaders, we have decided to be proactive, rather than reactive.

Dasher said correctly that each \$100 purchase would only see an increase of 25 cents — but not on fuel or unprepared food like groceries and would bring in an additional \$1.6 million

in revenue. "It's a great way to provide some additional (and ongoing) funding without increasing our property tax rate," he said. "Anytime we can avoid doing that it's a good thing. And the nice thing about sales tax revenue is that it's paid by non-residents as well, so that means even less of a burden on Chatham residents."

Board Vice Chairman Diana Hales said - echoing sentiments from Dasher and Howard — she would like to see funds go into the county's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which recently distributed its first funds to support affordable housing projects in Chatham.

'We have a list of needs that we can address with this tax in our pay-as-you-go budgeting that could be met without a property tax increase," she said. "It is important to keep Chatham as a wonderful place to live and that depends on our rural character and the development of parks and trails.'

In a statement to the News + Record, Crawford said it was a "simple" decision.

"If voters want to fund county efforts in affordable housing, better schools, improved parks and support for agriculture they can signal it on March 3rd," he said. "If they do not, these efforts will continue. but at a much reduced

pace."

A Wilkie case

Wilkie's feelings on the referendum have been muted. In an email to the News + Record, the lone Republican on the board said that county employees were "restricted from supporting or opposing any referendum that is to be voted on in an election," and as such he declined to provide his position.

During discussion on the referendum last vear, county staff stated multiple times that commissioners were allowed to advocate for and against, but public money could not be used to do so. Additionally, to call commissioners "county employees" is not entirely accurate they are paid for their work, but the highest officer in the county government, the County Manager, reports to

As Crawford mentioned in his Facebook post, Wilkie was a somewhat active participant in the discussion, passing on a recommendation from the Agriculture Advisory Board to include agriculture-related expenses in the possible uses of revenue. He also voted in October for both the timing of the referendum, on the March primary ballot, and for the four uses.

But he told the News + Record that didn't reflect his true feelings.

"I supported putting the sales tax increase to a vote by voters in the general election when more voters will participate," Wilkie said. "I voted against it being on the ballot during the primary election because there is a much smaller turnout.'

The truth is somewhat complicated. In the October meeting when motions were made to put the item on the ballot and indicate the uses, Wilkie voted "yes" on both motions. İn November, when formal resolutions were presented before the board to be finalized, Wilkie voted "no" on the timing resolution. Asked about the October vote, Wilkie did not answer the question and said, "I don't have time to review the tapes.

As to the Republican Party's statements, Wilkie did not take a position on their truth or validity.

"I have no control over what the Chatham County Republican Party decides to promote," Wilkie said. "I guess they chose to single out Mr. Dasher and Mrs. Howard because they will probably be on the November ballot."

Voting on the referendum continues during early voting and on primary election day on March 3.

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Gosh Darn It! (The Kid was right)

Reading these missives each week, Gentle Reader,

you may

the misappre-

hension

that I'm

been under



DEBBIE MATTHEWS The Curious

either a paragon who never takes a Cook kitchen misstep, or I think that I am.

Honestly, nothing could be further from the truth. My culinary education was mainly trial and error, with about a 50 percent error rate. But I haven't killed anybody yet.

And, the latest example of my infinite ability to blow it is something I've been writing about a lot lately — sourdough.

I've made many loaves of basic sourdough, but

lately, I couldn't turn out a pretty loaf to save my life.

The surface would split during the final rise. And like taking a knife to a balloon, all the air would leak out. I was making gorgeous loaves of egg bread, but my basic sourdough loaves were bricks — good for nothing but bread crumbs and croutons.

The Kid was trying to help. The first thing my child suggested was more kneading. Yeah, I blew it off and kept tweaking little things that made not a bit a difference.

Brick after brick was being produced. It was breaking my heart.

But my starter has been crazy active lately, so the other day I decided to try again. Maybe its strength would produce a beautiful, intact, airy loaf.

Except after kneading it looked exactly the same. Dimpled, pitted, ripping before it even



Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews

Completed sourdough bread, a delicious addition to most any meal.

got in the pan. So, I kept kneading.

...and kneading. ...and kneading.

Finally, after about 10 minutes of robust machinations, the dough looked smooth and had a healthy,

almost springy feel. With

about triple the kneading I had been doing, I had cracked the code.

Yeah. Just like The Kid said.

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

Classic Sourdough Loaf

If you want to get into bread-making, I highly recommend a bread maker. You can use the dough setting and in 90 minutes or so, it's ready to knead and put it in a pan. You can pick up a like-new one at a thrift store for as low as \$10.

2 cups bread flour 1/4 cup vital wheat gluten

1 tablespoon sugar

1 tablespoon oil

2 cups active starter, fed the day before

11/2 teaspoon salt

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

After dough cycle finishes or mixer-made dough has doubled, put on counter and knead until it's smooth and stretchy (at least seven minutes, and up to 10). The surface of the dough should be smooth and won't rip when manipulated. Place into greased loaf pan, put a thin coat of oil on

Let rise in warm place. Check it every 20 minutes or so — it will rise pretty fast with a vigorous sourdough starter. Test for baking readiness by pressing in with finger. When the dough springs back, but slowly, start the oven.

Preheat oven to 400° for 30 minutes. Place inside oven a large oven-safe vessel filled with water - steams helps form a good crust. Leave water in oven throughout process.

Before baking, slice down the middle about Đ inch deep and 1Đ inch from either end. Bake for 15 minutes, then turn oven to 350°. Place probe thermometer into center of bread set to

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

Pets of the Week: **BROWNIE & SUGAR**



Photo courtesy of the Chatham Sheriff's Office

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office would like you to meet a darling senior duo - a 16-yearold chihuahua named Sugar and a 15-year-old brown Labrador retriever named Brownie. These two lovable gals came to the Animal Resource Center just before Valentine's Day and are looking for a new home to share together. The two are tightly bonded after years of friendship and rarely venture more than a few feet from each other. Like most aging canines, both females prefer the quiet life and enjoy cuddling up for comfort and companionship. They don't have much interest in long walks or playing fetch, even though they're still young at heart; all these sweet old girls want is to stick together for the rest of their days! They would do best in a peaceful home without children or other pets to disrupt their daily naps. For more information on how to meet or adopt this loyal pair, swing by the office at 725 Renaissance Dr. or call 919-542-2911 to speak with an animal resource officer.









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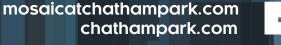
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OPENING FALL 2020







Free books for anyone



Staff photo by David Bradley

Page Vernon Park in the busy community of Pittsboro got a new addition Feb. 13 with a new Little Free Library box off Hillsboro Street, with free books for passersby. One aspect of the program is designed to get books into the hands of children from low-income homes, and to instill a love of reading. The U.S. Department of Education says that 'less than half of families read to their kindergartenage children on a daily basis.' The Department went on to say that getting books to young children can make positive changes in their futures.



Staff photo by David Bradley

In a peaceful garden off Hillsboro Avenue in Pittsboro, a new Little Free Library kiosk stands ready to provide reading free enjoyment to all persons. **Imagine finding** a new author, sailing the ocean waves, or climbing the highest mountain without leaving the comfort of your home. Children and adults can pick up a book for free any day at the Pocket Park in Pittsboro.

LEAP YEAR:

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earth longer. But the day I was born doesn't exist except every four years. On the 28th, I'd not been born yet. But on the 1st, I'm already a day old. It's like a 'Twilight Zone' thing.

The odds of being born on any given day are 1 in 365. The odds of being born on February 29 are considerably greater at 1 in 1,461.

"In my 32 years of teaching, I had only one student who was a leap year baby," Maness said.

From an early age, she knew her birthday was a special date. In the northern Moore County town of Robbins, where she was born and raised, only one other person shared her unusual birthday.

"It's a small town," Maness said, "but there were two of us. There was one other girl. I remember at least once or twice we celebrated our birthdays together, and everybody came."

As a child, Maness was also an official member, for the few years of its existence, of the Leap Year Club, an organization formed in 1952 and "composed only of persons with birthdays on February 29," stated a contemporaneous write-up about the group published in the Greensboro Daily News.

Attending the first meeting of

the Leap Year Club, held in the Guilford County town of Julian, was then-Governor of North Carolina W. Kerr Scott, who spoke to the special group, saying "I'm not here as a member of your club but am here representing my grandmother, whose birthday was the same as yours."

Maness was only 4 (or a mere 1-year-old, if strictly adhering to calendar dates) at the time the club was organized and doesn't remember the event. But she has a yellowed newspaper clipping, which includes a photograph of her being held by Gov. Scott.

As a member of the exclusive club, she also was given a round lapel pin, about the size of a button, with the club's name encircling a large "4."

"It's just a piece of memorabilia," she said. "I don't ever wear it."

So rare are leap year birthdays, only a handful of household name celebrities — the late Dinah Shore being one, rapper Ja Rule another — share the birth date.

The unusual distinction, however, has never posed real problems or complications for Maness

"Sometimes, I've had to repeat my birthday for somebody because people would realize there aren't 29 days in February," she said. "But mostly, I

never really had any problems. Never had any trouble at the DMV, or anything like that.'

Being a leap year baby, Maness said, has always been "fun," though probably a little less so when she was very young.

"When I was a child, I probably felt like I didn't have a birthday," she said. "My parents always were good; they always did something. But when I actually had a birthday, that was like a special time."

As an adult, she's made the most of her recent birthdays. "It's become a tradition that my daughter and I do something special," she said.

They usually travel somewhere, as they did for her 17th birthday four years ago when they visited Asheville. (Maness' husband, Donald, isn't fond of travel and stays home on these birthday outings to look after the couple's cats.)

On her 16th (64th) birthday, Maness' daughter Laurin bought her mother a sash with "Sweet 16" emblazoned across

"She made me wear it," Maness said, the memory producing a laugh. "I got some looks."

She and Laurin are planning what Maness calls a "bucket list experience, something special" for her upcoming birthday celebration, which makes sense.

Some interesting things *about*

- The practice of adding an extra day (Leap Day) began in 46 BC with the creation of the Julian calendar and a decree by Julius Caesar. The Julian calendar creates an extra day every four years.
- 4 million people in the world are leap day babies, aka leaplings or leapers.
- Tradition holds that in Ireland and Britain, women may propose marriage only in leap years. In Greece, however, it is considered unlucky to marry on a leap day.
- Hattie McDaniel, the first African-American to win an Oscar, did so on February 29th, 1940, receiving the historic honor for her portrayal of Mammy in "Gone With the Wind."
- Leap year is used as a plot device in Gilbert and Sullivan's 1879 comic opera "The Pirates of Penzance," which features a character apprenticed to a band of pirates until his 21st birthday which, by virtue of his leap day birthday, translates to his servitude until age 88.
- American serial killers Aileen Wuornos (1956-2002) and Richard Ramirez, aka "The Night Stalker" (1960-2013) were both leaplings.
- Davy Jones, musician and member of the Monkees, died on leap day, 2012.
- St. Petersburg, Florida was incorporated on February 29, 1892.

Graphic by Jason Justice/Text by Randall Rigsbee

Something special is what you'd expect of someone turning 18.

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

CHATHAM PARK DONATES \$3.5M PARK

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

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

A True Family Park

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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The 2020 Boys Middle School Tournament Champions, the Margaret Pollard Mustangs, pose after their victory over Bennett Middle School. The two teams were tied at 30-all near the end of the third quarter before the Mustangs broke free to a 59-48 victory.

Stevenson, Pollard power past Bennett for boys tourney title

BY DON BEANE

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO - Jarin Stevenson put the exclamation point on the 2020 Chatham County Middle School Tournament title here Monday evening in front of a packed house with a monstrous one-handed jam to close out a 59-48 victory by Margaret Pollard over a determined Bennett squad.

Stevenson, a 6'7 eighth-grader, closed with 12 of his gamehigh 26 points in the final stanza while adding a dominating 21 rebounds and six blocked shots in the Pollard win.

The contest was the proverbial David versus Goliath match up as Bennett, with just 71 students in the 6th-8th grades, trying to unseat annual champion Pollard, by far the biggest middle school in the county with 739 students in the 6th-8th

Bennett, the No. 3 seed overall, had taken down No. 2 seed Horton last Thursday night at Pollard 59-32 in the semifinals after trouncing No. 6 seed Moncure 48-23 to open the tournament.

Pollard, meanwhile, was

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Pollard girls take fourth straight middle school tournament crown with rout of Horton

BY DON BEANE

News + Record Staff

 ${\bf PITTSBORO-For\ the\ fourth\ season}$ in a row the Margaret Pollard girls completed a perfect 17-0 season with a dominating 47-30 triumph over rival Horton in the 2020 Chatham County Middle School Tournament finals on Monday evening in Pittsboro.

The game wasn't as close as the final score indicated as Pollard coach Harold Baldwin cleared the bench throughout the second half after his club bolted to a 16-4 lead after one period of play, a commanding 35-12 advantage at the intermission, and a 47-14 cushion entering

"I thought we came out focused and played really well from the start,' Baldwin commented after the win. "I'm proud of this team. They worked hard and tonight capped it off. As a program, we've won 68 straight games with our last loss coming in the tournament finals to Bennett five years ago.'

In the final period, Horton outscored Pollard 16-0 to make the final 47-30.

The Pollard duo of Skylar Adams and Gabby White were too much for Horton to handle on Monday evening as the duo combined for 35 points.

Adams sandwiched a pair of treys

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Staff photo by David Bradley

The Margaret Pollard Middle School girls 2020 championship team poses with cheerleaders and coaching staff after winning their finals game with Horton, 47-30.



The Northwood Lady Chargers posed after clinching the 2019-2020 3A Big Eight Conference championship. Northwood finished the regular season with 10 straight victories.

Northwood earns conference title after winning 10 straight

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

HENDERSON — It's official. The Northwood girls' basketball team downed Vance County 42-30 Friday night in Henderson after hammering East Chapel Hill 58-33 and Northern Durham 42-21 earlier in the week to close the regular season at 13-1 in league play and at 19-5 overall. The Lady Chargers have won 10 consecutive games.

Those wins sealed the squad's 3A Big Eight Conference championship.

Against Vance County on Friday evening, it was anything

"Big win over a very talent-ed Vance team," NW coach Cameron Vernon said after the victory. "We have heard this is a tough place to play and the two-hour drive doesn't help, but I thought we just really executed well tonight. We got good shots against their zone and really capitalized on our offensive execution.

Vernon pointed out the second quarter as the key to the

"The second quarter was

huge outscoring them 15-1 and building the big lead into half time," Vernon said. "Looking at the stats we didn't shoot well

27 percent (12/44) — but we went 15/21 (71 percent) from the free throw line. We made more free throws than they attempted so that is always a stat that a coach loves to see."

Vernon was also happy his team took the message he preached to heart on Valen-

"I told the girls before the game that even though we had

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Northwood boys make history in conference clinching victory over Vance County

BY DUCK DUCKSON

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Capturing its first conference championship since the 2011-2012 season — and first-ever in the 3A ranks since entering that classification in 2013 Northwood took the lead for good on Jack Thompson's jumper in the lane with 6:59 to go in the second quarter, then had to hold off a stubborn Vance County squad the rest of the way before securing a 66-61 Big Eight 3A Conference victory on Senior Night in the regular-season finale for both teams Friday evening in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

Riding a five-game win streak into next week's conference tournament, the Chargers finished 13-1 atop the final league standings and lifted their overall record to 22-2, whereas the Vipers fell to 10-4 in the conference while sustaining only their sixth

loss in 24 outings. Deuce Powell notched 20 points to lead a trio of Northwood players in double figures, while Aaron Ross tossed in 19 and Justin Brower added 10 off the bench. The Chargers shot 42 percent (21-of-50) from the field while turning

the ball over 19 times. Phadol Jordan registered 15 points, Thomas Townes contributed 12 and Traon

Lyons chipped in 10 for Vance

County, which connected on

attempts from the floor and

held a 30-25 advantage on the

48 percent (25-of-52) of its

dozen turnovers. "I thought we played well in spurts tonight but we let Vance County dictate the tempo while their 1-3-1 zone gave us fits," stated Northwood coach Matt Brown. "Their effort on the defensive board limited our second-chance opportunities, while we allowed them to stay close by having a few defensive breakdowns, taking ill-advised shots and turning the ball over. But we managed to keep our composure down the stretch and made our foul shots count, hitting 23-of-28 attempts from the free throw line, including nine-of-10 in the final period.

glass while committing two

'Deuce and Aaron always seemed to be there when we needed them," Brown added, "while Justin gave us a great game at both ends of the court.'

Vipers' coach Wilton Baskett felt he could sum up his team's plight in one word -

turnovers. "It was a good game between two good teams, but too many turnovers (on our part) was the difference," said Baskett. "We shot well, defended well and did a good job on the boards against the best team in the conference, but not taking better care of the ball cost us the game.'

Behind six points from Powell in the first three minutes of action, the Chargers jumped out to a 7-0 advantage before Vance County rallied

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Chatham **Central's Taylor** Hughes (20) takes a fast break for two past North Moore defender Kennedie Mercer in the bottom of the fourth quarter Feb. 14 in Bear Creek. The Lady **Bears soundly** defeated the **Mustangs 55-**13, moving the Bears into fourth place in the conference with one game left in the regular season.





Hudson hoop helps hard-charging Lady Bears to win over Eagles

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — After Uwharrie Charter Academy rallied from a 12-point third-quarter deficit to seize a 40-39 advantage with 3:05 left in the contest, Chatham Central's Olivia Hudson buried a jumper off the right baseline with 1:17 to play to give her team the lead for good before the Lady Bears put the game away at the charity stripe while registering a 45-42 Yadkin Valley 1A Conference victory in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium Saturday afternoon in the regular-season finale for both schools.

The outcome left both teams tied for third place in the final league standings with an identical 11-5 record against conference opponents, with Chatham Central drawing the higher seed for next week's YVC tournament. The Lady Bears, who improved to 13-10 for the year, will host Albemarle Monday night in first-round tourney action, while the Lady Eagles, who posted their first winning season in seven years of existence, fell to 15-8 overall and will host North Stanly the same evening.

Mary Grace Murchison led the victors with 17 points and Danielle Vaughn chipped in 12 as Chatham Central shot 37 percent (14-of-38) from the floor while turning the ball over 23

Kristen Jensen tallied 10 points for Uwharrie Charter.

while Natalie Beeson and Mia Leonard finished with nine apiece. The Lady Eagles connected on 29 percent (14-of-49) of their field goal attempts and held a 28-21 advantage in rebounding while committing

19 turnovers. "We were able to score this afternoon when we ran our offense the way it's intended to go, especially in the second quarter, but at times when we went rogue we didn't do so well," remarked Lady Bears' coach Lynda Burke. "Defensively we did a good job stopping Uwharrie's penetration inside and limited their kick-outs for perimeter shots. We rebounded well most of the game except when they picked up their defense in the second half and made their late run

Lady Eagles' coach Austin Davis stated his team knew the implications of playing for third place this afternoon, but noted his squad was a bit worn out playing its fourth game in five days.

"I thought we started off well before Chatham Central got hot in the second quarter and opened up a double-digit advantage," said Davis. "We came out and played harder the second half and made a nice comeback to take a brief lead before we lost our composure and made some costly turnovers, while they hit some big free throws down the stretch to hold us off."

Leonard's three-pointer from the right corner capped off an

11-3 start for Uwharrie Charter before the Lady Bears rallied to pull even at 13-all following Vaughn's trey from the left wing with eight seconds to go in the initial period.

After a pair of Bre Brooks free throws to begin the second stanza put the Lady Eagles back in front by two, Chatham Central launched a 12-0 run, fueled by three-pointers from Murchison and Kailey Green, to forge a commanding 25-15 advantage with 2:17 remaining in the quarter prior to Leonard's trey from the right corner with 28 seconds left in the frame that narrowed the gap to 28-22 at halftime.

Following a put-back in the lane by Eliana Phillips that allowed the Lady Bears to construct their biggest lead of the game at 35-23 with 3:09 left in the third period, Uwharrie Charter closed out the stanza with a 7-0 burst to trim its deficit to five entering the final eight minutes.

The visitors from Asheboro then proceeded to stun their host by outscoring Chatham Central 10-4 over the first five minutes of the fourth quarter to claim a one-point advantage before Hudson's clutch basket put the Lady Bears ahead to stay, and they finally managed to sew up their triumph when Vaughn and Murchison canned both ends of one-andone opportunities over the last 24 seconds to offset a lane putback by Brooks in the closing

Biggs bucket lifts Warriors over Jets 56-54

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — In a hard-fought contest that featured nine lead changes besides four ties, Austin Biggs' layup with 2.3 seconds left provided the winning margin as Wheatmore overcame a four-point deficit with under three minutes remaining to spoil Jordan-Matthews' Senior Night while escaping John Phillips Court with a 56-54 PAC 7 2A Conference triumph over the Jets Tuesday evening.

Completing a sweep of the season series, the Warriors even their league record at 5-5 while improving to 13-9 over-all, whereas J-M plummeted to 3-8 in the conference and 7-15 for the year.

Wheatmore placed four starters in double figures, led by Biggs' 18 points, while Zach Berrier registered 13 points, Jake Tuggle contributed 11 and Matt Craddock added 10. The Warriors connected on 62 percent (23-of-37) of their field goal attempts and held a 22-19 rebounding advantage while committing 18 turnovers.

Lanice Hedgepeth came off the bench to lead the Jets with 14 points and Camden Fuquay finished with 11 as J-M shot 45 percent (22-of-49) from the floor while turning the ball over a dozen times.

'Austin Biggs gave us a big inside presence tonight, and we always want to give him a lot of touches in the paint,' said Wheatmore coach Doug Tuggle. "But this is an unselfish group of guys who play on the same page and like to share the ball to find the open man, as that's an integral part of our game.

"After having the lead most of the night we eventually fell behind by four down the stretch," said Tuggle, "but I was proud how we didn't fold and instead battled back to pull out a victory. Defensively we were comfortable in our 2-3 zone until J-M began hitting some three-pointers in the fourth quarter, which caused us to go man-to-man to put more pressure on the ball and force some big turnovers that aided our comeback."

Jordan-Matthews' coach Rodney Wiley remarked despite what he felt was a good defensive effort on the part of his team, the Jets used a lot of energy fighting uphill a large portion of the night.

"I thought we pressured Wheatmore real well and wore them down, especially on the perimeter as we held them to only four three-pointers after they hit 12 treys against us at their place," noted Wiley. "I like the patience we showed against their zone to get good looks at the basket, while we wanted to get the ball in Camden's hands down the stretch to attack more inside. A big key that helped us take the lead in the fourth quarter was pushing the ball into the paint and getting Wheatmore to collapse on defense while we made extra passes to get some open outside shots.

With Berrier and Tuggle combining for nine points in the initial stanza, the Warriors never trailed while forging a 14-10 advantage after one period before the Jets grabbed their first lead at 18-17 following Huston Causey's trey from the right wing with 5:32 to go in the second quarter.

But Wheatmore reclaimed the advantage 19 seconds later on Berrier's layup and went up by as much as five (24-19) on Craddock's fast break layup with 4:24 left in the frame prior to carrying a 28-25 lead into intermission.

After the advantage went back and forth over the first four minutes of the third stanza, the Warriors surged to a 41-34 lead on Berrier's trey from the left wing with 2:08 remaining in the period before a Hedgepeth free throw and layup cut the margin to four by the end of

With Wheatmore clinging to s 48-45 advantage with five minutes to play, Fuquay scored all of J-M's points during a 7-0 run over the next two-plus minutes that vaulted Jordan-Matthews into a 52-48 lead with 2:49 left in the

But a 6-0 Warriors' burst then put Wheatmore back on top prior to the Jets' Jayden Davis tallying a layup to tie the count at 54-all with 41.2 seconds to go, setting the stage for Biggs' deciding bucket as time was about to

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clinched the conference on Tuesday that 13-1 sounded a lot better than 12-2 in conference and rankings are still being accounted for," he said. "So they answered the challenge to stay focused and get the job done. This two hour bus ride is going to be a lot better too after a win like this.'

Natalie Bell canned a trev on the way to four points in the opening period and Tekeyah Bland added three more to offset a trey from Vance County's Ålexis Mimms as Northwood took an 11-9 lead after one.

The 15-1 spurt in the second was the difference in the game as Hannah Kanapkey drained a pair of treys to ignite the run.

Leading 26-10 at the half, Northwood never could turn the game into a complete rout as Vance County outscored the locals 12-10 in the third behind seven points from Yumyah Hargrave

including a trey. Caitlin Bailey countered with four points in the third for the Chargers.

The scoring would slow down in the fourth but Bland would score four points to cap the 42-30 Northwood victory.

Bland paced Northwood with 11 points and three steals while Bell chipped in eight points, Kanapeky and Rae NcClarty six points each, and Chandler Adams added seven rebounds.

Hargrave led all scorers with 12 points.

Three nights earlier in Pittsboro, Northwood crushed East Chapel Hill 58-33 to clinch the Big Eight title.

The Chargers built leads of 17-4 after one period of play and 36-11 at the break to cruise to the win.

"With this win we clinched our first Big 8 Championship since 2016 (co-champions that year with Chapel Hill), noted Vernon. "If you would have told me before the season I would have thought you were crazy that we would be in this

position. In October I was having trouble sleeping thinking about how we would handle Chandler Adams missing the start of the season with a knee injury. We also lost our starting guard Myla Marve to a torn ACL and a key forward Kaya Hill to a knee injury. But for this team to handle the adversity and accomplish this with two freshman starters is really something else.'

Vernon expressed his feelings on his club's accomplishments through all the trials and tribulations of the season as well as the continuing progression of his talented freshman in Bland.

"I told them after the game that I am thankful that they have allowed me to join them on this journey through the regular season," the coach said. "To accomplish this regular season championship, in this league, with those injuries I mentioned says a lot about the will of these ladies. Tonight Tekeyah Bland was huge. She came out like she was possessed

having 15 in the first half. Kanapkey seven. She went after their best player (Kayla Characklis) and got her in foul trouble. After Tekeyah it was then just a solid effort by everyone. We shared the ball, got after it on defense, a typical Northwood Lady Charger performance.

Bland scored nine in the opening period and Mckenna Snively drained a trey to spark the Chargers to the 17-4 lead after one.

In the second, Bland had six more to go with four points each from Gianna McManaman and Micah McClarty, and a three-pointer from Bell. Riley Ellis had three points for East Chapel

From there Northwood controlled the game en route to the easy victory as Bland added four in the third to go with a trey from Kanapkey, before Kanapkey chipped in four more in the fourth.

Bland led all scorers with 19 points while McClarty added eight and

McManaman chipped in five rebounds and five assists in the triumph for the Chargers while Mc-Clarty and Bland added three steals apiece.

Kavla Characklis led East Chapel Hill with eight points while Catherin Waters chipped in seven, including five in the third on the strength of a trev.





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to take its first lead at 10-9 on Zyshawn Appling's put-back off the left baseline

with 1:29 to go in the initial period. Brower's twisting shot in the lane and Powell's turnaround bucket in the paint then offset Appling's layup as Northwood concluded the first quarter up 13-12 prior to the Vipers regaining the advantage one last time when Jordan opened the second stanza with a driving

basket off the right baseline. But following Thompson's hoop that put the Chargers in front to stay, the winners increased their lead to 21-14 on a pair of Brower charity tosses with 4:35 remaining until intermission.

After Vance County closed the gap to 23-21 on a three-pointer from the right corner by Adrian Durham-Thomas with 1:28 left in the half, two foul shots plus a layup from Brower, separated by a Powell free throw, stretched Northwood's advantage to seven at the

The Chargers managed to maintain a six-to-eight point lead over the first five minutes of the third period before Powell's three-pointer from the left wing with 1:43 remaining in the frame gave Northwood its biggest advantage of the night at 41-30.

Following Jordan's dunk that trimmed the difference to 43-35 with 26.4 seconds to go in the stanza, a Ross jumper from the left wing with 1.5 seconds left on the clock extended the Chargers' lead back out to double digits while putting the senior guard over the 1,000-point plateau for his career.

But the Vipers wouldn't let Northwood's triumph come easy, rallying once more to pull within 51-50 on Jordan's layup with 3:18 to play prior to the Chargers fashioning a 7-0 run over the next minute-and-a-half to forge an eight-point advantage before sealing the win from the charity stripe.

CROWN

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by White to open the game with two driving hoops before White, a seventh-grader, laid in a basket off a steal with 1:52 left in the opening stanza to give Pollard a 12-0 lead.

Horton finally got on the board at the 1:07 mark when Neah Henry scored on a rebound before Mikaylah Glover scored moments later to close the deficit to 10-4.

Jenna Thompson countered with a three-pointer for Pollard with:10.2 seconds remaining in the quarter to cap a 4-0 surge that sent the hosts up 16-4 after one

A steal and basket by Avery Fauth to open the second period put Pollard up 18-4 before Anna Bolejack and Shaylah Glover added two foul shots each to trim the deficit to 18-8 at the 4:57 mark.

Pollard would embark on a 15-0 run over the next three minutes to all but put the game away at 33-8. White had eight points in the run including a pair of trevs while Adams had seven points while also draining a three-pointer.

Shaylah Glover, a 5'10 sixth-grader, and twin sister of MiKaylah, tallied a pair of low post baskets to end the frame to counter another driving hoop from Adams to make the score 35-12 at

the intermission. Pollard outscored Horton 12-2 in the third as White scored off a drive, Edwards swished a trey from four feet behind the arc, and Fauth scored off a drive to open the period to give the hosts a commanding 42-12 advantage before Baldwin pulled the starters for almost the entire remainder of the contest.

Bailen Fauth, the seventh-grade twin of Avery, and Callan Perchinsky added buckets in the period while Sofia Ramirez chipped in a foul shot to make the score 47-14 after three.

In the fourth, a glimpse of things to come in the future was on display as Shaylah Glover posted 10 points in the fourth for Horton while Bolejack, an eight-grader, added six points to make the final 47-30.

White led all scorers with 19 while Adams chipped in 16, Avery Fauth four, and Jenna Thompson three on a trey. Adams chipped in eight rebounds and seven

steals in the win. Shaylah Glover had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Horton while Bolejack added 10 points, seven boards and five steals, and MiKaylah Glover eight points and 10 rebounds.

Lady Chargers thrash Knights in Big Eight action in Pittsboro

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Despite missing its first eight attempts from the field, league-leading Northwood opened up a ninepoint advantage over Northern Durham after one quarter and was never seriously threatened en route to thrashing the Lady Knights 43-21 in a Big Eight 3A Conference matchup Monday evening in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

Corralling their eighth consecutive triumph while ascending to 10-1 on their home court this season, the Lady Chargers celebrated their Senior Night by improving to 11-1 against conference rivals and 17-5 for the year. In the meantime, Northern Durham, which has never beaten Northwood in 13 meetings on the hardwood, dropped to 3-8 in the league standings and 7-12 overall.

Chandler Adams tossed in a game-high 11 points and TeKeyah Bland chipped in 10 off the bench for the winners, who connected on 34 percent (17-of-50) of their field goal attempts and commanded a 32-23 advantage on the boards while turning the ball over a dozen times.

Maya Hood and Zaria Pittman led the Lady Knights with nine points apiece as Northern Durham shot just 20 percent (six-of-30) from the floor while committing 18 turnovers.

'It wasn't pretty, but a win's a win, and tonight's victory puts us one game away from clinching our first regular-season conference championship in four years," remarked Lady Chargers' coach Cameron Vernon. "While I think the strain of holding onto first place throughout the season has resulted in us being mentally and physically fatigued at this point in time, we continue to find ways to win.'

Ådded Vernon, "I thought we rebounded well this evening, which gave us a lot of second-chance opportunities to put the ball in the hole, and we got our transition game going. Another big key was Rae McClarty's defensive effort on Hood, who came into the game averaging 20 points an outing. By Rae holding her in check it forced others to handle and shoot the ball.

Lady Knights' coach Tim Crutchfield stated he felt his young team showed a lot of grit against a talented opponent.

"Our starting five is made up of freshmen and sophomores except for one senior, and although the final score might not indicate it, I thought they played their hearts out," said Crutchfield.

"I was pleased with our press that at times forced Northwood to take bad shots," Crutchfield said, "but they are so big inside and do such a good job setting picks. They also wore down our weak-side rebounding in the second half while denying Maya from getting her usual amount of touches on the offensive end.'

Following Nia Boney's free throw with 6:14 to go in the initial period that gave Northern Durham a 1-0 advantage for its only lead of the night, baskets by McKenna Snively, Adams and Bland put the Lady Chargers up by five with 2:43 left in the frame.

After Natalie Bell's jumper from the right side expanded Northwood's advantage to 12-3 with 1:02 remaining in the first stanza, Hood's conventional three-point play 14



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Northwood's Caitlin Bailey (4) plows through the outstretched arms of Northern Durham players early in the first quarter of their game Feb. 10 in Pittsboro. Bailey, a two-sport athlete, added her points to the team score in their victory 43-21.

seconds later cut the difference to six before Snively's trey from the right wing with 2.6 seconds on the clock boosted the Lady Chargers' lead to 15-6.

Even though Northwood only managed to register six points in the second quarter, holding the Lady Knights to a lone foul shot by Hood allowed the Lady Chargers to enter halftime with a 21-7 advantage.

Following an Adams layup that capped a 5-0 Northwood spurt to begin the third period, elevating Northwood's spread to 19, Northern Durham closed the gap to 26-13 on a pair of Hood free throws with 4:46 to go in the stanza prior to Adams draining a three-pointer from the left wing at the buzzer that stretched the Lady Chargers' lead to 31-14.

Northwood would then proceed to outscore the Lady Knights 12-7 in the fourth quarter, seizing its biggest advantage of the night at 42-18 on a pair of Jamaria Faucette charity tosses with 2:15 remaining in the contest.

POWER

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dominant as expected in the opening two rounds as the No. 1 seeds toppled No. 8 Bonlee 74-18 in the quarterfinals before getting past J.S. Waters 42-26 in the semifi-

On Monday night it appeared the game would be a rout in the initial three minutes of action as Pollard bolted out to leads of 4-0 and 8-2 behind six points from Stevenson and a short jumper from Evan Dean.

A jumper from Matthew Murchison and a trey from Jacob Gilliland closed the gap to 8-5 for Bennett before Gus Ritchey sandwiched a two-handed dunk by Stevenson with a pair of buckets to 14-5 by Pollard with just :38 ticks remaining in the quarter.

Gilliland would spark a 5-0 spurt by Bennett in the waning moments of the period, however, with a three-ball from the left wing and a pair of foul shots with just :04 seconds left on the clock.

In the second, the game continued its course for the day with Pollard again gaining some breathing room only to see the gritty Bennett boys come roaring back.

Baskets by Lulz Ziemke, Stevenson and Matthew Lucas sparked a 6-2 spurt by the top seeds to open up a 20-11 cushion with 2:30 left in the half before the Panthers countered with an 8-0 run of its own highlighted by two baskets and a pair of free throws by Joaquin Gordon, and the second basket of the period by Logan Maness.

Stevenson would stop the run with a short lay in just before the buzzer sounded for intermission to give Pollard a precarious 22-19 advantage at the break.

With all the talk throughout the regular season and tournament centered around the talents of Stevenson, and deservedly so, it was a pint-sized 5'1, 95-pound 7th grader in Noah Lewis that stole the show to begin the third quarter for Pollard. The shifty point guard exploded out of the gates with a tenacious attacking of the goal which resulted in six points, including a conventional three-point play off a fast break which gave Pollard a 28-19 lead at the 4:46 mark and forced Bennett to call a timeout.

Stevenson would score down low after the timeout, however, to cap an 8-0 surge out of the half to give Pollard a 30-19 lead.

But just when you thought Bennett was done for, again, the Panthers answered, using quick ball movement to begin bombing treys, including three in a row at one point by Murchison, Gilliland and Maness to set the black and yellow clad Bennett crowd into a frenzy. And when Maness converted on a bast break with 2:10 left in the quarter, Bennett had tied the game at 30-all with an 11-0 run which forced Pollard to call a timeout.

William Little stopped the bleeding for Pollard with a rebound basket after the timeout but Murchinson responded with a trey from the left wing to give Bennett its first lead of the game at 33-32 with 1:27 left

in the quarter. Pollard answered with a 7-2 spurt down the stretch, however, ignited by another rebound basket from Little, and a basket each from guards Lewis and A'bram Paige.

Leading 39-35 at the start of the fourth, the final period would be owned by Pollard as its height advantage began to take over including a 15-4 advantage on the boards in the final six minutes of action. Bennett, meanwhile, cooled off from behind the arc, making just 3-of-9 attempts including a pair from Maness and a final one from Murchison which closed the deficit to 55-46 with:37 seconds remaining.

Earlier in the frame Pollard had used a 12-0 run to start the quarter to take a 51-35 cushion behind six points from Stevenson, four more from Ritchey and a basket by Paige.

By the time Bennett finally scored in the period on a driving hoop from Gordon at the 2:39 mark, the Panthers trailed 51-37.

Dean would can a pair of foul shots in the closing minute before Stevenson closed things out with the rim-rattling slam to set the green and gold-wearing home stand crowd into an uproar as the horn sounded to end the 59-48 Pollard victory.

Pollard saw eight players score in the contest with Ritchey adding nine, Lewis eight, Paige six, Dean and Little four, and Lucas and Ziemke two each.

The victors out-rebounded Bennett 26-9 in the second half, and 40-16 for the game as Ritchey chipped in eight more boards for Pollard.

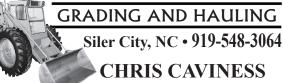
Maness paced Bennett with 17 points offensively while Murchinson added 13, Gilliland 11 and Gordon seven.





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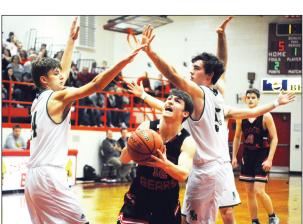


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Margaret Pollard's Gus Ritchey goes for a basket past Bennett's Joaquin Gordon in the first half of play in Monday's final game for the 2020 Middle **School Tournament.**

Chatham Central's Riley Lagenor, a triple-sport athlete for the Bears, gets through the outstretched arms of North Moore's **Cole Luther and Justis** Williams for a deuce on the scoreboard. The Mustangs caged the Bears in the first half of play Feb. 14 in Bear Creek before the Bears broke free with a 44-35 victory.

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Margaret Pollard's Jarin Stevenson (24) goes up for a dunk past Bennett's Zane Overman in the first half of their final game in the 2020 Middle School Tournament Feb. 17.



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Chatham Central's Olivia Hudson (40) tries to maintain control of the ball during a shot for 2 points in the third quarter of the Bears' Feb. 14 game with North Moore in Bear Creek.



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Margaret Pollard's Evan Dean (20) attempts to avoid being stripped of the ball near the end of the teams Feb. 13 game by J.S. Waters' Reid Albright (12) in Chapel



Pollard's Olivia Nash (10) shoots for two in the final second of the second quarter in their semifinal game against Bennett Feb. 12 in Chapel Hill.



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With seconds to go in the first quarter, Northwood's Gianna McManaman (24) attempts a pass that gets blocked by the Northern Durham defense of Nia Boney and her teammate in Pittsboro Feb. 10.



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Chatham Central's Micah Gurley puts it up high for two over the head of North Moore's **Cole Luther. The Bears** got off to a poor start before climbing out of the hole with a 42-35 victory in Bear Creek Feb. 14.



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'Civil War Today' event in Pittsboro focuses on Confederacy, monuments in modern context

BY ZACHARY HORNER

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PITTSBORO — Saturday's "The Civil War Today" program presented a stark contrast in ideologies mere feet from each other.

More than a dozen people waving Confederate flags and "Trump 2020" stickers and banners posted themselves outside the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center. On the inside, more than 200 people attended a panel discussion — billed as 'A House Divided" — on the place of the Confederacy in history and in the 21st century, particularly in North Carolina.

Co-hosted by Chatham for All and AbundanceNC, "The Civil War Today" featured three UNC-Chapel Hill professors who spoke on historical context of Civil War, the Confederacy and Confederate monuments in an attempt, according to the panel's moderator, share the whole truth about a past that included slavery.

'We're all caught up in that," said Tracy Hanner, the chairman of the Department of Animal Sciences at NC A&T State University. "Will you tell your daughter, your children that truth about the past? You should tell your children the truth — not distort that truth, but tell them the whole truth."

The first to present was Joseph T. Glatthaar, an adjunct professor of the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense. He argued that, based on multiple resolutions of secession from the North, the Confederacy was really based on protecting slavery and fighting the Civil War was for protecting slavery.

Mississippi's resolution: "Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery — the



Staff photo by Bill Horner II

More than 200 attendees listen to a discussion about Confederate history and monuments Saturday at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro. The panel featured three UNC-Chapel Hill history professors and was organized by Chatham For All and AbundanceNC.

greatest material interest of the world." Georgia's argued that the state seceded due to "numerous and serious causes of complaint against our nonslave holding confederate states." Texas proclaimed in its resolution that Africans were subservient to whites, and that state was "a relation that had existed from the first settlement of her wilderness by the white race, and which her people intended should exist in all future time.

Glatthar also spoke of the 37.2 percent of soldiers in the Army of Northern Virginia, the largest Confederate army, who owned slaves or lived with parents who owned slaves.

'These soldiers have a tremendous attachment to the institution of slavery," he said. "They also don't necessarily have to own slaves to be attached to the institution. Slavery is at the heart of the war.

Next, Assistant Professor of American History William Sturkey spoke about the process of Reconstruction and how some Southerners fought to preserve the status quo.

"Many Southerners were quite happy with the presence of black people, he said. "The problem was all the rights these black people now had."

Sturkey specifically referenced Black Codes, the predecessor to Jim Crow laws, and the role of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in preserving the so-called "Lost Cause" narrative — what Sturkey described as "a broader educational mission...to reshape the reasons behind the war, promote the morality behind slavery and promote the Ku Klux Klan." He also referenced the Winnie Davis Chapter of the UDC, which erected the Confederate monument that formerly stood in downtown Pittsboro, and the people who spoke on the day of its erection in 1907.

"This entire group has one thing in common as they stand there in 1907 as they honor the Confederacy," he said. "All of the leaders who led the effort to erect the monument came from a wealthy

slave-owning family. Another tidbit, from



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Confederate flag-waving protestors and antimonument protestors debate Saturday outside at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro. Inside, a panel presentation on the subject of the 'Civil War Today' drew more than 200 attendees.

a newspaper account Sturkey shared: the monument's face was covered with black shoe polish within 10 days of the dedication.

Later in the discussion, Sturkey spoke about the protestors standing outside and how they symbolized the Lost Cause narrative

The architects of that narrative, it's quite amazing to me how effective they are in enforcing that we are simply torn apart in that way," he said. "We're still torn apart by this American cancer

known as race. The third panelist, W. Fitzhugh Brundage, the William Umsted Distinguished Professor in UNC's Department of History, presented about Confederate monuments and public spaces. He said white Southerners pushed to establish monuments in response to the North's objects of remembrance. As Southern towns became more urbanized and centralized, public spaces became places for these Confederate monuments. Additionally, the purpose shifted from honoring dead soldiers to something else. The framing of the monument, what it is that it's trying to communicate, changes," Brundage said. "The earliest monuments articulate their purpose in terms of mourning. It shifts more and more toward celebrating the Confederate cause. They're to celebrate that the men fought for a noble cause.

The discussion ended with panelists talking about how to move forward and how to approach truth and reconciliation. Sturkey said it was essential for all to "reconcile" with the past, that racism is a real thing and that "we are all beneficiaries of the system of slavery." Hanner said it was important to focus on educating the next generation and change the narrative.

'What we are trying to do is understand the psyche behind hatred and understand we were not there," he said. "I have a lot to do with the future and how I can change our public spaces and us together, and I think that's what we're trying to do today with this truth and trying to under-

stand how a monument can be there for cultural heritage and at the same time represent something not good. Can we educate our people to understand both sides of that thing?

County allays concerns of voter intimidation

Social media activity and a WRAL story with the headline "Protesters at a polling site during early voting wave Confederate flags, shout slurs" aroused some allegations of voter intimidation at the event.

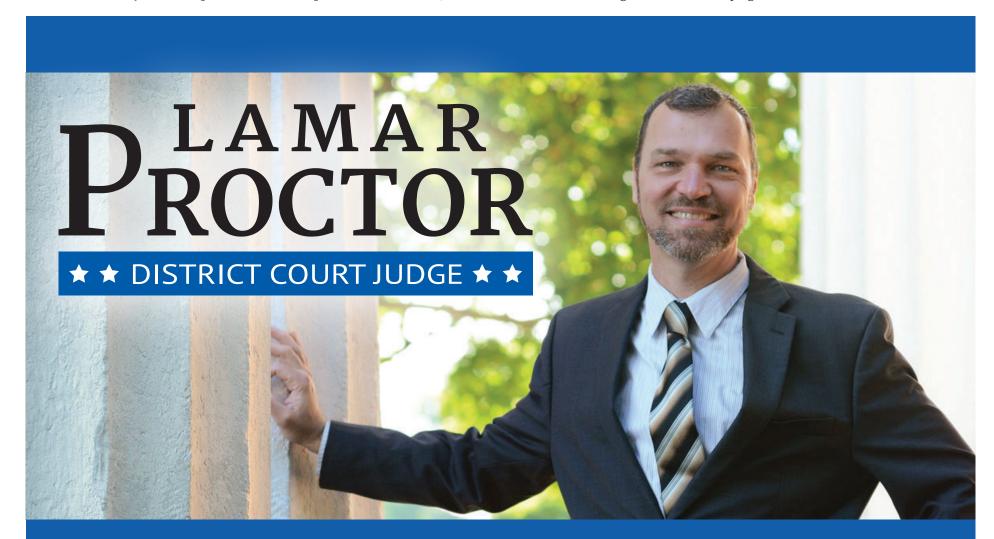
While the "Civil War Today" discussion was occurring, early voting was taking place on the other side of the building. County Human Resources Director Carolyn Miller, who also oversees operations at the Ag Center, said the county had no concerns about the protests affecting voting.

"This was a response we believe was specific to the event," Miller told the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday afternoon, "We did not have any type of response at any of our other early voting sites. The first two days of early voting were quiet. Today is quiet. So we do believe this was a response specifically to that event. and it was an expected response to that event.

Later in the evening, board Vice Chair Diana Hales, who attended the event, said she was happy with the Ag Center's performance.

'I'm always impressed every time I go into the Ag Center how well-organized, how well-run it is," she said, "and that it's always very welcoming, even to flag wavers.

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Joshua Smith, 32, of Siler City, was charged February 7 with cyberstalking. He was held under a \$3,000 bond with a February 12 court date in Carthage.

Dayna Lucas, 41, of Pittsboro, was charged February 7 with obtaining property by false pretense and financial card fraud. She was held under a \$2,500 bond with a March 9 court date in

Robert Bruer, 23, of Siler City, was charged February 8 with possession of stolen goods and not displaying a registration plate. He was issued a written promise with a March 2 court date in

Jose Solorzano, 28, of Sanford, was charged February 9 with assault on a female and injury to personal property. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a March 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Alexander Murray, 26, of Chapel Hill, was charged February 9 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a March 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Samrawit Krogmann, 23, of Chapel Hill, was charged February 9 with violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a March 4 court date in Pittsboro.

Candice Nickerson, 35, of Pittsboro, was charged February 10 with battery of an unborn child. She was held under a \$5.000 bond with a March 4 court date in

Jordan Bryarley, 33, of Siler City, was taken into custody February 10 on a true bill of indictment for delivery of cocaine, selling cocaine and possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine. He was released on a written promise with a March 4 court date in Rocckingham.

Gary Clifton, 30, of Moncure, was charged February 11 with failure to comply with a court order. He was held under a \$4,000 bond with a March 11 court date in Pittsboro.

Agustin Baltazar Jr., 29, of Wilmington, was charged February 11 with failure to appear on charges of driving while impaired and having a fictitious/altered title/registration card/tag. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a March 13 court date in Raleigh.

Mangal Monger, 31, of High Point, was charged February 11 with failure to appear on charges of driving while impaired. He was held under a \$740 bod with a March 18 court date in Pittsboro.

Wendy Hart, 48, of Siler City, was charged February 11 with failure to appear on child support. She was held under a \$20,000 bond with a February 14 court date in Pittsboro.

Jonathan Covington, 49, of Pittsboro, was charged February 13 with statutory sex offense with a child, sex act by a substitute parent, indecent liberties with a child, sexual battery and crimes against nature. He was held under a \$250,000 bond with a March 2 court date in Pittsboro.

Carson Lucas, 18, of Pittsboro, was charged February 13 with failure to appear on consumption of alcohol by an individual under 19. He was held under a \$2,000 bond with a March 3 court date in Chapel Hill.

Gregory Brooks, 59, of Siler City, was charged February 13 with failure to appear on charges of possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce and maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance. He was held under a \$20,000 bond with a March 12 court date in Pittsboro.

Sergio Preciado-Maldonado, 40, of Ramseur, was charged February 13 with failure to appear on charges of fraud. He was held under a \$300 bond with a March 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Tyler Wall, 24, of Chapel Hill, was charged February 13 with failure to appear on charges of possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce. He was held under a \$300 bond with a March 25 court date in Pittsboro.

Bryan McDaniel, 43, of Apex, was charged February 14 with failure to appear on child support. He was held under a \$500 bond with a February 28 court date in Pittsboro.

Michael Spencer Jr., 26, of Carrboro, was charged February 14 with failure to appear on charges of possession of marijuana up to one-half ounce. He was issued a written promise with a March 11 court date in Raleigh.

Rodney Lopossay, 26, of Bear Creek, was charged February 16 with failure to appear on charges of injury to personal property and injury to real property. He was held under a \$1,000 bond with a February 18 court date in Siler City.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Osahon Eruza Benites of Sanford was cited February 12 for failure to maintain lane control on U.S. Highway 421 in Siler

Eric Wyrick of Apex was cited February 13 for safe movement violation on Farrington Road in Pittsboro

Erlinda Zuniga Flores of Lombard, Illinois, was cited February 13 for failure to reduce speed on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Ricky Stallings of Apex was cited February 13 for failure to reduce speed on N.C. Highway 87 in Pittsboro.

Christa Lineberry was cited February 14 for failure to reduce speed and operating a vehicle with no insurance on Piney Grove Church Road in Siler City.

Patsy Black of Bennett was cited February 17 for failure to yield on Old U.S. 421 N in Siler City.

Sheriff: Requests for new staff are 'really needs, not wants'

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson took his plea for additional staff — as well as better pay — directly to the Chatham County **Board of Commissioners** Monday.

In the heads-up budget document presented to the commissioners last month, Roberson had asked for 22 new full-time staff and two new parttime employees to cover needs in the sheriff's office, detention center and animal services wings of the department.

"I do look forward to working with county staff through this, Roberson said. "I want to give you the facts of where I think we are. It's an important thing for me and I just wanted to be real with you for

where we're at. During his presentation, Roberson said the county has a lower officer-to-1,000 residents ratio than places like Durham and Lee counties and the Towns of Pittsboro and Siler City. And while crime is low, he said, the number of calls to the sheriff's office has increased in recent years. In 2019, CCSO received 29,642 calls for service — approximating to 81.2 calls per day, 3.4 per hour and 1 call every 17 minutes.

"We have more calls than we can answer, and we're stacking them on the computer screen,' Roberson said. "We go to the crimes in progress first and the crimes against people first. That's happening a lot on

That was one of the reasons he asked for more patrol deputies — four in this year's budget request, and he even termed that a "Band-Aid."

Additionally, Roberson made his case for new officers at the county detention center (and an expansion to the building because of an increasing inmate rate) as well as adding 10 new employees to the Animal Services sector of the department. He said it was necessary to have those employees if the county were to open the planned new Animal Shelter.

"I know this is probably not the politically correct thing to say, but if you can't fund these positions, don't fund the building, Roberson said. "It really puts me in a worse situation than I am now. It is a very difficult thing to say because I think the building is going to be nice, but I have to have the people to come with the building to run it if we're going to He also argued for bet-

ter pay. He said his office has "average pay" and isn't "underpaying people," but the rising cost

of living in certain parts of Chatham and higher pay in nearby jurisdictions could lead to future turnover.

'Pay does not increase performance. If you gave us all a 10 percent raise today, it would not increase performance. But fair and equitable pay is the right thing to do, Roberson said. "I think we're not below average (in pay), but I feel our people perform above average."

He said he was not expecting a response to his concerns during the presentation, but the commissioners said they understood the problem.

"I think we all agree that these services are critical," said board Chairman Karen Howard. "It's helpful to know what you deal with. From a lay person's perspective, I just feel safe and I appreciate that. To understand the back working is important, and to get a better sense of positions and demand."



Chatham **County Sheriff** Mike Roberson, right, presents his case for more employees and higher pay Monday afternoon to the Chatham County **Board of** Commissioners.

Staff photo by Zachary Horner

The county's budget draft will be released in May, at which time the commissioners will begin discussions on adjustments. That draft will include the recommendation for new employees for the Sheriff's Office.

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To be eligible to apply, the student must be in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the upcoming school year, have permission from a parent or guardian to attend the overnight camp and must provide their own transportation if selected to attend.

The deadline for all applications is March 31.

Visit CEMCPower.com to apply, or to find out more information on the scholarships.





Early voting steady through first week

Democratic ballots outnumber Republican

BY CASEY MANN

News + Record Staff

Early voting for the 2020 primary has been steady but "slow" in Chatham County with 1,726 residents casting votes by the beginning of this week.

Voters choosing the Democratic Party ballot outnumber those requesting a Republican ballot by three to one -1,299Democratic ballots versus 415 Republican ballots, with only 12 for other ballot types.

With the Democratic Presidential nominee still undecided, that ticket could be driving some primary voters. In addition, there are Democratic Primaries for Chatham County Commissioner, currently held by Mike Dasher, and the Fourth Congressional District seat, currently held by Congressman David Price. In addition, there's also a Republican primary for the Fourth

Congressional District seat and two county-wide referenda on the primary ballot including one for a sales tax increase and one to allow malt beverage

sales in the county.
Chatham County Board of Elections Director Pandora Paschal said that the turnout for early voting 'seems slow.'

"I'm not sure people realize there's a primary going on as we typically have them in May and this year it's in March," Paschal said.

She also noted that since many of the local candidates aren't facing primary challengers, they may not have started their campaigning in earnest, which also drives voters to the polls.

Protesters were on-site at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, an early voting location, on Saturday. The protesters, waving Confederate flags, were there to demonstrate against a different event going on at the center — "A House Divided – The Civil War Today," sponsored by Chatham For All and Abundance NC.

Paschal said that when she learned of the event coinciding with the first Saturday of early voting,

she had concerns that it may cause a disruption. She corresponded with the State Board of Elections, the county, and the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, making all of them aware of her concerns. But she did not receive complaints via her poll workers about the protesters. She did note that she had heard things after the fact via press reports and social media, but nothing that reached the Board of

Elections office. "Outside of the 50-feet buffer, there's not much we can do unless they are shouting and jeering at the voters," Paschal said.

She said it was fortunate that voter turnout was low on Saturday throughout the county, though she was unsure whether the protest had any bearing on it. On Saturday, just over 230 residents cast their votes in Chatham County versus the 493 residents who voted on Monday.

Early voting continues Monday through Saturday until Feb. 29 at four locations in the county.

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



Early Voting Availability

DAY	DATE	HOURS
Thursday	Feb. 20	8 a.m 7:30 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 21	8 a.m 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 22	9 a.m 1:00 p.m.
Monday	Feb. 24	8 a.m 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 25	8 a.m 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 26	8 a.m 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Feb. 27	8 a.m 7:30 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 28	8 a.m 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 29	8 a.m 3:00 p.m.

NEW POLL LOCATION

Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center 1192 US HWY 64 West Business, Pittsboro

NEW POLL LOCATION

CCCC Health Science Building 75 Ballentrae Court. Pittsboro

Earl B. Fitts Community Center 111 S. Third Ave., Siler City

> **Goldston Town Hall** 40 Coral Ave., Goldston

Staff graphic by Jason Justice



Town of Siler City to Perform Annual Temporary Switch to Chlorine Disinfection January 20,2020

Beginning March 3, 2020, the Town of Siler City Water Plant will temporarily suspend the addition of ammonia to its water treatment disinfection process, as required by North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR). Siler City will resume the addition of ammonia to the water treatment disinfection process on Aprīl 7, 2020.

Siler City uses both ammonia and chlorine to form chloramines for its disinfection process. Ammonia is added to the water in a carefully regulated dose and reacts chemically with the chlorine to produce chloramines. Chloraminated drinking water is safe for drinking, bathing, cooking and many other daily uses. NCDENR requires all systems using chloramination to suspend the addition of ammonia for a one month period annually.

During the changes in our disinfection process, three groups of people need to take special precautions for higher concentrations of chlorine – kidney dialysis patients, pretreatment owners and aquatic pet owners using City water. Dialysis patients and aquatic pet owners already treat the water they use for chlorine removal. Any customer who pre-treats City water for any process should be aware of their change and consult the manufacturer of any pretreatment equipment for recommendations.

Customers with concerns may contact the Town of Siler City at 919-742-4731 or cmccorquodale@silercity.org.

Ciudad de Siler Realizará el Cambio Temporal Anual a la Desinfección del Cloro Enero 20, 2020

A partir del 3 de Marzo de 2020, la Planta de Agua de la Ciudad de Siler City suspenderá temporalmente la adición de amoníaco a su proceso de desinfección del tratamiento de agua, como lo requiere el Departamento de North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR). Siler City reanudará la adición de amoníaco al proceso de desinfección del tratamiento del agua el 7 de Abril de 2020.

Siler City utiliza amoníaco y cloro para formar cloraminas para su proceso de desinfección. El amoníaco se añade al agua en una dosis cuidadosamente regulada y reacciona químicamente con el cloro para producir cloraminas. El agua potable cloramiada es segura para beber, bañarse, cocinar y muchos otros usos diarios. NCDENR requiere que todos los sistemas que utilizan cloraminación suspendan la adición de amoníaco durante un período de un mes al año.

Durante los cambios en nuestro proceso de desinfección, tres grupos de personas necesitan tomar precauciones especiales para mayores concentraciones de cloro – pacientes de diálisis renal, propietarios de pretratamiento y propietarios de mascotas acuáticas que utilizan agua de la ciudad. Los pacientes de diálisis y los dueños de mascotas acuáticas ya tratan el agua que utilizan para la eliminación de cloro. Cualquier cliente que pre-trata el agua de la ciudad para cualquier proceso debe ser consciente de su cambio y consultar al fabricante de cualquier equipo de pretratamiento para recomendaciones.

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District's Beta Club students blaze trail to Fort Worth, Texas



Members of the Bennett School Beta Club shown are, first row, from left:

Submitted photo

Shelley Brooks, Mattie Underwood, Karaleigh Dodson, Gabby Phillips, Emily Armstrong, Landry Allen; second row, from left: Taylor Ritter, Bristol Ferguson, Mattie Caviness, Hallie Webster, Courtney Caviness, Carter King, Matthew Murchison, Katherine Oldham, Madison Jones, Kelsey Hussey, Ethan Armstrong, Willie Beers; back row, from left: Kent Owens, Joaquin Gordon, Logan Maness, Jacob Gilliland, Zane Overman, Ben Wilson.

From Chatham County Schools

PITTSBORO — A host of **Chatham County Schools** students qualified to compete at the National Junior Beta Club Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, in June, after turning in strong performances during the 28th Annual North Carolina Junior Beta Club Convention earlier this month in Greensboro.

Fundraisers are expected to help offset the cost of getting students to Fort Worth.

Here's how the students did in Greensboro:

Bennett School

Kelsey Hussey, Landry Allen 2-D Design, first place Courtney Caviness — 3-D Design, fifth place

Matt Murchison, Zane Overman, William Beers, Bristol Ferguson, Ben Wilson, Carter King, Gabby Phillips, Kent Ow-

ens — Living Literature, second place

Emily Armstrong, Shelley Brooks — Portfolio, second

Gabby Phillips, Mattie Underwood, Karaleigh Dodson Book Battle, third place Mattie Caviness, Woodwork-

ing, first place Kelsey Hussey — Digital Art, second place

Hallie Webster, Matti Caviness — Service Learning Show-

case, second place

Peyton Mashburn.

Educator Emily Collins, who helps sponsor Bennett's Junior Beta Club, received an award acknowledging 25 years of service. Educator Tami Henson, who helps sponsor Bennett's Junior Beta Club, received an award acknowledging 10 years of service.

Members of the J.S. Waters School Beta Club shown are, first row, from left:

Brooklyn Collins, Kymani Wagner-Jatta, Vance Edwards, Jeremiah Young,

Connor Kitchings; back row, from left: Reid Albright, Luke Gaines, Jagger

Emerson, Brandon Rives, Joseph Carter, William Carter, Luke Burkhead,

Sydney Sellers, Abby Cunnup, Andrea Chavez-Soriano, Skylar Breedlove,

James Bain; second row, from left: Wesley Clewis, Tyler Rives, Simon

Sabbagh, Carolyn Belk, Riley Maynor, Shelby Holder, Peyton Douglas,

J.S. Waters School Tyler Measamer — Digital

Art, first place Simon Sabbagh — Recyclable Art, third place

Riley Maynor, Shelby Holder - Technology, fifth place

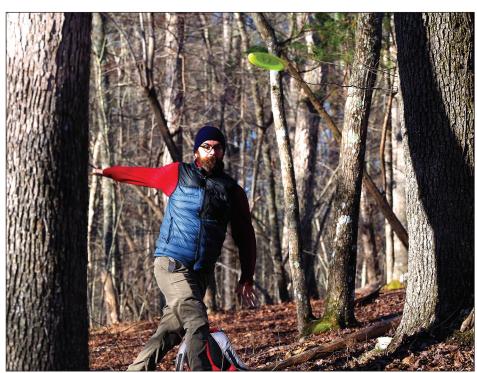
Bonlee School Performing Arts — Solo, Duo,

Trio Junior **Chatham Middle School** Kameron Gooch — Black

& White Photography Junior, fifth place

Silk Hope School Hannah Mitchell — Color Photography Junior, fourth place

7th Annual Rock Ridge Rumble in Pittsboro



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

More than 70 disc golfers came out to Rock Ridge Park on Saturday for the Professional Disc Golf Association's Rock Ridge Rumble. Players competed in one of nine different divisions. Kyle Tush of Durham came in 4th in the Advanced division.



Landing your disc in the basket is what it's all about in disc golf. Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Four women played in two divisions on Saturday. Donna Stanley (left) of Chapel Hill is 3-time disc golf champion in the Women's Masters 60+ division and won the Advanced Women's division Saturday. Rachel Glendenning, of Carrboro took first in the Recreational women division. Mitchelle Cable, from Greensboro and Lynne Gerber of Chatham County also



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Several of the founding members of the Chatham Disc Club attended the event on Saturday. From left to right, Noah Becker, Jeff Baldwin, Daniel Coward and Van Towle were all smiles in advance of the event, despite the cold temperatures. The Chatham Disc Club helps to maintain the disc golf course at Rock Ridge.

There are many types, colors and designs of discs available which include drivers, midranges and putters.

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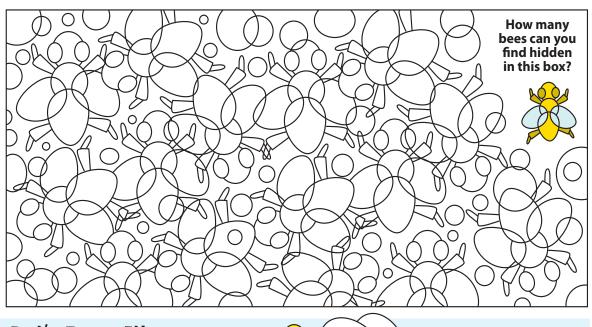
Bees are disappearing in large numbers. Scientists have discovered that tiny mites attack

some hives. Diseases and pesticide poisoning also cause hives to empty. Entomologists call this colony collapse disorder.

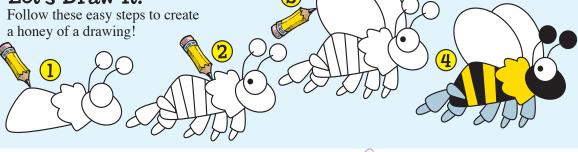
has the agriculture world buzzing!

Our plants and crops need bees to pollenate and produce seeds. Scientists and beekeepers are all working hard to find solutions.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know ways in which organisms interact and depend on one another in an ecosystem



Let's Draw It!



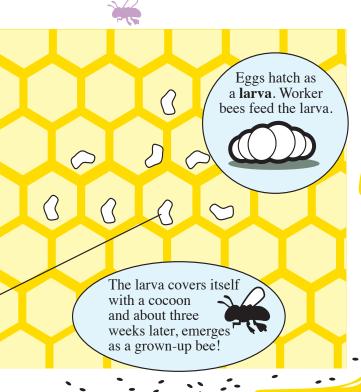
Inside the Hive

honeybee hive is made of honeycombs. A honeycomb is a large sheet made up of sixsided wax boxes called cells.

There are thousands of these cells in one hive. The little cells are used as both nurseries for young bees and storage for honey and pollen.

The queen bee lays eggs in the cells near the middle of the honeycomb

Standards Link: Science: Students know that animals progress through life cycles; life-cycle details are different for different organisms.

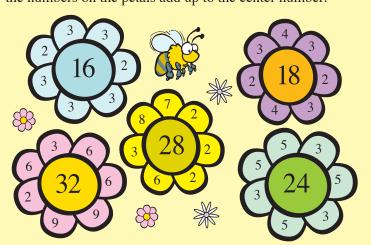




List the names of as many different crops as you can find in the paper. Which crops need bees to pollinate their blossoms?

Standards Link: Science: Living things are found almost everywhere in the world and distinct environments support the life of different types of plants.

The numbers on the flower petals add up to the number in the center of the flower. *Oops!* All but one, that is! Figure out which petal on each flower needs to be plucked so that the numbers on the petals add up to the center number.



Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve problems involving addition and subtraction.

HIVE HONEYCOMBS HONEYBEES SURVIVE

BEEKEEPERS LARVA **BLOSSOM**

POLLEN COLONY SEEDS CELLS HATCH HELP

HUNT

EGGS

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

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

Kid Scoop Together:

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the honey-making steps below and circle the eleven errors you find. Then rewrite it correctly on the lines below the text.

How to Make Honey

- 1. A bee sucks in nectar from a blossom and stores it in its honey stommach.
- 2. The bee that gathers the nectar takes it back to the hive and gaves them to a household bees.
- **3.** The household bee rolls the nectar arond in her mouth for a while, and then puts them into an empty cell.
- **4.** In the honey cell, the water in the nectar evaporates and becames thick, sugary honee.
- 5. The cell is then covered with waxx and the honey is stores until it are needed.

Everyone

should! When

honeybees travel

from blossom to

blossom, they

also spread

pollen. This makes it

possible for a

plant to produce

seeds or fruits. Bees play an important role in agriculture, helping in the production of about one-third of the foods we eat.

While scientists are working hard to learn how to stop colony collapse disorder, beekeepers are starting more hives to help bees survive.



What a Character!



Standards Link: Writing Applications: Edit for grammar, spelling and conventions.

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Kid Scoop RUILDERS This week's word: **COLONY**

One meaning of the noun colony is a group of insects living together.

There can be 60,000 bees living in one colony.

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

What's the buzz?

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to know what's the latest thing people are discussing.

What is the "buzz" in your

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CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Elizabeth (Liz) Hamm | Perry Harrison Elementary School

Grades/subjects you teach: kindergarten instructional assistant

E-mail address: hamme@chatham.k12.

Date, place of birth: June 14, 1986, in Chapel Hill

Education (high school & college attended, degrees): Northwood High School, 2004; Pitt Community College, associate's degree in business; UNC-Greensboro, business adminis-

tration (in progress) **Brief work history:**

Instructional assistant/ bus driver at Pittsboro Elementary School 2010-19; instructional assistant/bus driver at Perry Harrison Elementary School 2019-current

Honors/awards: 2015 Chatham County Schools **Instructional Assistant** of the Year; 2015 Chatham County Schools Bus Driver of the Year; 2019 Chatham County Schools Instructional Assistant of the Year

Hobbies/interests outside of educating: I love working out and watching my kids play sports. I love going to the beach and the mountains. Kayaking down the New River, in Todd, just north of Asheville, is a hobby my boys and I both love.

Family: I have two sons. Sadler, 10, is in 5th grade, and Anderson, 9, is in 3rd grade. Both boys attend Perry Harrison Elementary School.

What led you to a career in education? Truthfully. I never wanted to be in education, because I grew up in a house of educators. Some will say it's in my blood and it iust comes natural.

Who were your favor-



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Perry Harrison Elementary School's Liz Hamm works with students in the classroom.

ite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them? In 4th grade, at Pittsboro Elementary, I had Mattie Smith. Mrs. Smith gave us life experiences in the classroom and outside the classroom. She pushed us to be our best. I was a very shy kid in school (no one ever believes me when I say that). I can still remember my writing prompt from the EOG that year. It was my worst subject, but Mrs. Smith had taught me that I had a voice when it came to writing. I remember being excited about going to school, knowing Mrs. Smith would be there.

Many others made an impact on my life, including Mrs. Ameila O'dell, Mrs. Carol Jean Hurley, Mr. Jason Johnson, Mrs. Elsbeth Johnson, Mr. Phillip Little and Ms. Amy Salter.

Has becoming an educator been all you expected it would be? Being an educator always has its ups and downs. You want every child to succeed and believe in themselves.

How has education changed since you were a student? Education today can sometimes forget that children are still children and not a number on a chart. The standards and expectations of a student today start earlier and earlier.

What "makes your day" as an educator? When I walk in the door every morning and see the students excited to see me; even if it was a struggle to get out of bed at 5 a.m.

What's working in schools today? Our county does an amazing job at providing our students with various forms of online platforms that support differentiated learning experiences in both literacy and math. In addition, there are online platforms, such as Seesaw, that allows parents to connect and see what their child is learning each day in school. This provides students who may not have internet access at home to still be able to have access to resources while

they are at school.

What's not working? What currently isn't working is that there is a need for more support for parents to not only support teachers but to get involved with their child's education. The opportunities are endless when it comes to parent support and helping out in our school communities. Educational staff are doing a phenomenal job at their jobs, but there is always a need for an extra pair of hands within the classroom to support the already great things that are occurring in Chatham

What's your favorite memory of your first year in education? My favorite memory from my first year is being able to join Chatham County Schools and be able to have such a positive affect and change so many lives of the children of Pittsboro.

County Schools.

How would your "educator" persona handle you as a student? I was a shy kid that needed just a little more. I am drawn to students that need just one more scoop. My educational persona would handle me by providing the extra support needed to help keep me on track

Best piece of advice for other educators? Give yourself grace. The most important thing to remember is to be flexible. Planning is important, but a teacher needs to be able to quickly modify plans when new situations arise. Also, it's important to give all you can to your job, but you need to take care of vourself mentally and physically as well!

For students? You will succeed. I believe Wiliam Spady said it best: "All students can learn and succeed but not in the same way or on the same day."

For parents? Get involved. Teachers give

their all to your kids every day, even on difficult days. Teachers are only with your child for 180 days. Your child is yours forever.

What about your job would most surprise your friends who are not educators? Most are surprised to know how demanding school has become for even kindergarteners, and that I just don't go to work and play all day.

If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be? "In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

When you think about today's kids, you: They're exposed to technology and have lost the social

and emotional aspect of being a kid.

If one of your students was asked for a one-word description of you by a student who hadn't had you as an educator, what would that one word be? Hardworking.

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

How would you summarize your philosophy as an **educator?** I believe that the classroom within itself is a living community. In order for said community to thrive, everyone — administration, teachers, students and parents, must contribute to this community in order to maintain a positive atmosphere and make not the classroom community but the school within itself thrive.

What five things must every educator know?

1. Not every lesson is perfect.

2. Your students are watching you, even when vou think they aren't. 3. Drink one cup of HOT coffee every morning.

4. Self-care isn't selfish.

5. Show up.

What's special about your education space at your school? It is welcoming and inviting to not only my students but to anyone who may need the space.

What's special about your school? Perry Harrison is a family like none other and I have been welcomed with open arms. It's almost as if I have been here for years.

Most unusual question you've ever gotten from a student? "What are you doing in Food Lion? Why are you not at school?"



Funds being raised after house loss

Bobby D. Johnson, right, wipes away a few tears as he talks with Red Cross disaster team member Patrick McKenna after his rental home was partially crushed by an oak tree in his front yard on Feb. 7. Red Cross services quickly came to assist with housing, medications and other needs for the 80-yearold, who has since moved into the assisted living facility at Cambridge Hills. Johnson's personal belongings are molding inside his former home, which is too dangerous to enter. Former Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry is leading an effort to raise funds to replace Johnson's tape player and radio, his music, clothes, personal items. Help Johnson settle into his new home by sending contributions to Cindy Perry at 259 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.



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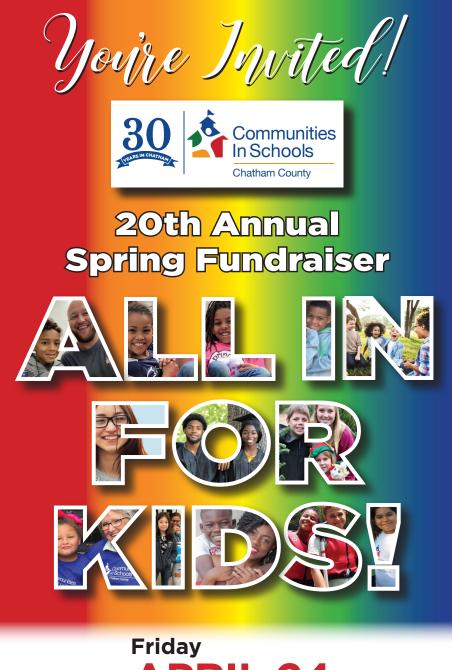
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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Having qualified as Executrix of
the Estate of JANIE JOHNSON

SUTTLES deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before April 30, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 30th day of January,

Janie Michelle Suttles-Brown, Executrix 4102 Old Greensboro Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27516 J30,F6,F13,F20,4tp

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istrator of the Estate of **GWEN-DOLYN ARLENE McDUFFIE**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of April, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 24th day of January,

2020. Nathan Daniel McDuffie, Administrator of The Estate of Gwendolyn Arlene McDuffie Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 Moody, Williams, Roper & Lee,

Attorneys at Law Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 (919) 542-5605

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against IONA GERTRUDE SCANLAN, aka IONA S. SCANLAN, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on December 10, 2019, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before May 6. 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate This 30th day of January, 2020,

Karen Ann Swift-Scanlan, Executrix c/o Alisa Huffman, MSW, JD, 311 S. Academy St.

Cary, NC 27511 J30,F6,F13,F20,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against DAVID BURSIEK, aka RALPH DAVID BURSIEK, deceased, of Chapel Hill, Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before April 30, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the Decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This 30th day of January, 2020. Judith A. Bursiek, Executor c/o Elizabeth K. Arias, Esq. Womble Bond Dickinson (US)

555 Fayetteville Street, Suite

Raleigh, NC 27601 J30,F6,F13,F20,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against GWENDOLYN C. MORRIS, aka **GWENDOLYN COSMINI MORRIS,** deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before May 3, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 30th day of January, Lisa Marie Morris, Executrix c/o Andrea L. Hinshaw

2626 Glenwood Ave., Ste. 560 Raleigh, NC 27608 J30,F6,F13,F20,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of UVA RICH-ARDSON HOLLAND a/k/a UVA LEE RICHARDSON HOLLAND, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of May, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 21st day of January,

Bruce Thomas Holland, Sr. Executor of the Estate of Uva Richardson Holland a/k/a Uva Lee Richardson Holland c/o Linda Funke Johnson

Attorney at Law P.O. Box 446 114 Raleigh Street Fuquay Varina, NC 27526 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 54 NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of ERNEST THUR-MAN HANNER, JR., deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 6th day of February,

Deborah Smith, Executor 41 E.T. Hanner Road Bear Creek, NC 27207 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of ETHEL M. **BUCKNER**, of Chatham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons firms or corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 6th day of February,

2020. Jan C. Buckner, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ethel M. Buckner 1235 Yale Place, Apt. 210 Minneapolis, MN 55403 Ritchie W. Buckner, Co-Execthe Estate of Ethel M. Buckner

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Jonathan Lucas Nicks, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **GLENN PATILLO NICKS, II,** deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 29th day of January, 2020. Jonathan Lucas Nicks, Executor 211 Sycamore Lake Drive Siler City, NC 27344 919-200-3013 W. Ben Atwater, Jr., Attorney P.O. Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344 919-663-2850

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Joseph L. Boles, Jr., having qualified as Personal Representative for the Estate of CLARA S. PHILLIPS, deceased, late of St. Johns County, Florida and formerly of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 6th day of February, 2020. Joseph L. Boles, Jr., Attorney

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY All persons having claims against **GERALD UNKS** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 9th day of November, 2019, are notified to present them to Daniel Todd Greiner, Executor of the Estate of Gerald Unks in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.,1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before May 14, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being plead-ed in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Gerald Unks. Those indebted to Gerald Unks are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. Dean P. Broz, Attorney

Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadow-

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified on the 29th day of January, 2020 as Executrix, of the Estate of VIRGINIA D. PEARCE a/k/a VIRGINIA MARIE County, North Carolina does hereby notify all persons,

PEARCE, deceased, of Chatham firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of May, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 6th day of February 2020.

Sarah J. Pearce, Executrix of the Estate of Virginia D. Pearce a/k/a Virginia Marie Pearce PO Box 51579 Durham, NC 27717-1579swG.

Rhodes Craver, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the

Estate of ROSELLA P. SPIVEY deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corpora-tions having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 6th day of February,

Herman Spivey Limited Personal Represen-4978 Cox Mill Road

Sanford, NC 27332 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tp NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 31st day of January, 2020, as Co-Executrix of the ESTATE OF **JOSEPH ED**-WARD GEOGHEGAN. Deceased. of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of May, 2020 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 6th day of February, 2020.

KELLY-ANNE E. CALAMUSA and MARY ALTHEA MCANUFF CO-EXECUTRIX, ESTATE OF JOSEPH EDWARD GEOGHEGAN c/o Jennifer E. Dalman, Attor-

Walker Lambe Rhudy Costley & Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 F6,F13,F20,F27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of CHESLAVA
IDZIKOWSKA MANN deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

recovery. All persons, firms and

corporations indebted to the

said estate will please make

immediate payment. This the 6th day of February, Joanna Karwowska, Executrix 121 Wild Iris Lane

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 49 NORTH CAROLINA



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the undersigned on or before May 6, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment This the 6th day of February, 2020. Eric M. Webster, Executor

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **EDWARD EDUWIGIS MARTINEZ, late**

of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of May, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 28th day of January,

Kimberly Martinez Jensen, Administrator of the **Estate of Edward Eduwigis** Martinez c/o Linda Funke Johnson, Attorney at Law P.O. Box 446 114 Raleigh Street

F13,F20,F27,M5,4 EXECUTOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA

Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against PHILIP W. ALDERKS deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on December 25, 2019, are notified to exhibit the same to undersigned on or before the 14th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 13th day of February, 2020. Claire Alderks Miller, Executor

Manning, Fulton & Skinner, P.A. c/o Stephen T. Byrd P. O. Box 20389 Raleigh, North Carolina 27619-

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of GUY M. SICKMOND, Deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representative listed below on or before May 13, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 13th day of February, 2020. CELESTE YEATES, Executor c/o JOHN R. SLOÁN Ward and Smith, P.A. Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 7068 Wilmington, NC 28406-7068 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of TINA **RENEE SMITH**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery This the 6th day of February,

Alvin Lee Smith, Administrator

Estate of Tina Renee Smith Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina

MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP Attorneys at Law Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

(919) 542-5605 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 66 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of BRENTLEY CALEY **GOODWIN**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before May 13, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 13th day of February, Jason Goodwin, Executor

568 Olives Chapel Rd Apex, NC 27502

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 36 NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JOHN FRANCIS** STONE, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before May 13, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 13th day of February, 2020.

Mary Ann Stone, Executrix 200 St. Andrews Dr Greenville, NC 27834 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **JOANNA MOORE** LEACH, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before May 13, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 13th day of February,

Peggy Ann (Leach) Berry, Limited Personal Represen-4206 14th Street, NE

Washington, DC 20017 F13,F20,F27,M5,4tp

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 18 SP 59 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by James E. Lawrence, Jr. and Mary E. Lawrence to G. K. Byrd, Trustee(s), which was dated January 28, 1998 and recorded on January 30, 1998 in Book 741 at Page 626, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Ser vices of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or **the** usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on March 2, 2020 at 1:00PM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE NORTHERN MARGIN OF THE GEORGE MAY ESTATE PROPERTY, SAID STAKE BEING ALTUATE NORTH 76 DEG 30' EAST 225.29 FT FROM AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE CORNER OF THE BISHOP LEACH, JR. PROPERTY (DEED BOOK 371, PAGE 749) IN THE GEORGE MAY ESTATE LINE; AND RUNNING THENCE FROM SAID BEGIN-NING POINT NORTH 16 DEG 15' WEST 565 FT TO AN IRON STAKE IN THE SOUTHERN MARGIN OF EAST CORNWAL-LIS STREET; THENCE WITH THE MARGIN OF SAID STREET NORTH 76 DEG 30' EAST 154.37 TO AN IRON STAKE, CORNER WITH OLIVER MARSH; THENCE WITH MARSH'S MARGIN OF THE GEORGE MAY ESTATE PROPERTY; THENCE WITH THE MAY ESTATE LINE S 76 DEG 30' WEST 379.68 FT TO THE POINT

AND PLACE OF BEGINNING

CONTAINING 2 ACRES, MORE

OR LESS ACCORDING TO A SUR-

VEY AND PLAT PREPARED BY SMITH & SMITH SURVEYORS ON SEPT 29, 1983 AND RECORD-ED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 89, CHATHAM CO REGISTRY. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as 356 East Cornwall St, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS
MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED.

Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, spe cial assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/ are All Lawful Heirs of Mary E.

Lawrence.

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Trustee Services of Carolina,

Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 19-12930-FC01 F20,F27,2tc

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

19 SP 189 Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Christopher Todd Berry to TRSTE, Inc., Trustee(s), dated the 28th day of June, 2007, and recorded in Book 01344, Page 0517, and Affidavit in Book 2056, Page 889, in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing

said indebtedness having

directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on March 5, 2020 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron stake in

the southern margin of North

Ivey Avenue Extension, Northeast corner of Lot #3, Block X, as designated by Plat entitled Property of Dewey Britson", Mathews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, which plat is dated April 16, 1960, and prepared by James D. Hunter, RLS, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina, and running thence with the Southern margin of said street, South 84 deg. 38' East 123.90 feet to a point in the southern margin of said street, which point is five feet South 84 deg. 38' East from an iron stake, thence South 5 deg. 22' West 219.11 feet to a point in the norther margin of Lot #3, Block D of Homewood Acres, which point is 5.66 feet North 67 deg. 17' East from an iron stake; thence South 67 deg. 17' West 79.80 feet to an iron stake in the northern margin of Lot #2, Block D of Homewood Acres; thence North 22 deg. 43' West 113.28 feet to an iron stake; thence North 5 deg. 22' East 156.95 feet to an iron stake, the point of BEGINNING, and being all of Lot #4, Block X, and a portion of Lot #5, Block X as designated by Plat entitled Property of Dewey Britson" which plat is duly recorded in the Chatham County Registry. And being a portion of that certain real estate described in a deed from Homewood Acres. Inc., to L.D. Briston, which deed is dated the 14th day of May, 1960, and recorded in

City, North Carolina. Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23.

Book 263, Page 593, Chatham

County Registry. Together with

improvements located thereon;

said property being located at

709 North Ivey Avenue, Siler

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

required by NCGS §7A-308(a) The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in ay relating to any condition expressly are dis-claimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at

the time of the sale If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SER-

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Case No: 1273283 (FC.FAY) F20,F27,2tc

NOTIFICATION OF SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW IN ALA-MANCE COUNTY The Town of Swepsonville had

a Sanitary Sewer Overflow beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020 and ending at 8 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020, of an estimated 20.000 gallons at 1060 Hugh Doss Lane, due to extreme downpours beyond the pumping capacity of the adjacent pump station. The untreated water was discharged into the Haw River.

The Division of Water Quality was notified of the event on February 6, 2020 and is reviewing the matter. For further information contact the Town of Swepsonville during regular business hours at (336) 578-5644.

This notice was required by NC General Statutes-Article 21 Chapter 143.215.C.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**

HAVING QUALIFIED as Exec-utrix of the Estate of **JACK** ALLRED, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 11th day of February, 2020. Joann Allred, Executrix of The Estate of Jack Allred Post Office Box 665

Siler City. North Card MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP Attorneys at Law

Box 665 Siler City, North Carolina 27344 (919) 742-5614 F20,F27,M5,M12,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

19 E 606 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM NEWS

Having qualified and been duly appointed as executor of the Estate of **ALLEN EUGENE** DOYLE, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to present the same on or before May 20, 2020 to Jeffrey A. Doyle, Executor, 4131 Parklake Avenue, Suite 300, Ralegh, NC 27612, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 20th day of February,

Jeffrey A. Doyle, Executor of the

Estate of Allen Eugene Doyle 4131 Parklake Avenue, Suite 300

Raleigh, North Carolina 27612 F20,F27,M5,M12,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified on the 14th day of February, 2020, as Executrix of the Estate of **DIANE JACKSON** TAYLOR a/k/a DIANE J. TAYLOR, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of May, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of February 2020. Diane Meredith Conley Adams, Executrix of The Estate of Diane Jackson Taylor a/k/a Diane J. Taylor 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, NC 27707 G. Rhodes Craver, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC

4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 F20,F27,M5,M12,4tp TOWN OF GOLDSTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners

of the Town of Goldston, North

Carolina has scheduled a Pub-

lic Hearing as follows: DATE: March 2, 2020, TIME: 6:00

p.m., PLACE: Goldston United Methodist Church, 185 Hillcrest Ave, Goldston, NC The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive com-ments from the public on the following: Request from the Goldston Town Planning Board to adopt the Land Use Plan and the Unified Development Ordinance Including the Zoning and Watershed Protection Maps Please note the following: A. During regular business hours, the full text of the proposed Land Use Plan and the UDO will be available on the Chatham County website under the Planning Department page on a tab named Town of Goldston and can also be viewed at the Goldston Public Library. B. If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, prior to the Public Hearing you may submit written comments to Annie Kay King-Gaines, Town Clerk, at Town Hall, 40 Coral Ave, Gold-ston, NC 27252 or to P.O. Box 527, Goldston, NC 27252, or via email to Annie Kay King-Gaines at akkgaines@americansouthgc.com

C. Substantial changes in the proposed Land Use Plan and the Unified Development Ordinance Including the Zoning and Watershed Protection Maps may be made following the public hearing.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of WADE PALMER

aka WADE JUNIOR PALMER, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before May 20, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 20th day of February.

2020. Alan Palmer, Limited Personal Representative

206 Olde Salem Drive Jamestown, NC 27282

F20,F27,M5,M12,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 2020 E 78 **NORTH CAROLINA** CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of MARK S. PARKER, deceased, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at 319 Brody Park-er Road, Sanford, North Carolina, 27330, on or before the 20th day of May, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 17th day of February, 2020. Diane J. Parker Limited Personal Representative

319 Brody Parker Road Sanford, North Carolina 27330 Gunn & Messick, LLP Post Office Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 83 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Co-Exec-utrix and Co-Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM G. RUGER AKA WILLIAM GEORGE RUGER, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before May 20, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of February, 2020. Lydia Ruger Voorheis, Co-Executrix 100 Widecombe Ct Cary, NC 27513 William G. Ruger, Co-Executor

3640 North Ocean Dr. #427 Singer Island, FL 33404 F20,F27,M5,M12,4tp





501 Landing development rezoning approved, controversially, over some community objection

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The decision did not come easy. The Chatham County **Board of Commissioners** debated the merits of the change for the better part of an hour on Monday.

And in the end, it was a split vote that did not fall along party lines.

A 5-acre parcel of land on U.S. Highway 15-501 in front of the Polk's Landing neighborhood was approved for rezoning from residential to Neighborhood Business, making way for a new 14,400 square-foot mixed use pair of buildings slated to feature retail, offices and restaurants.

Commissioner Chairman Karen Howard and Vice Chairman Diana Hales voted against the move, saying the development would possibly lead to a continuance of "strip malls" along the highway corridor, while Commissioners Jim Crawford, Mike Dasher and Andy Wilkie voted in favor, arguing the rezoning was consistent with the county's Comprehensive Plan.

It was the end of a several-month-long process that, as Dasher said, didn't have a win-win conclusion.

'These are difficult decisions for all of us," he said.

The origins of the project

Working under the name "Pitt Hill X," the applicant submitted the plan for the development and an application for a zoning change to the Chatham County Planning Department on Sept. 30, 2019. Pittsboro Town Commissioner Michael Fiocco represented the development group, which includes News + Record co-owner Chris Ehrenfeld.

When the item was first presented to the commissioners during a legislative public hearing on Nov. 18, several community members came out in opposition to the rezoning. Those comments, along with follow-up emails and letters to the county government, cited concerns about too much development in a residential area.

'Many Polks Landing residents have lived in our neighborhood for decades and have experienced increasing pressure from growth in recent years,' wrote Chris Thommerdahl. "As a result, we are deeply concerned that rezoning this parcel would set a precedent and 'pave the way' for the other four narrow lots leading up to Polks Landing Rd and Polks Village to be converted to similar 'strip' commercial development."

Adjacent property owner Carolina Hock wrote, "The people who decided to live in this beautiful neighborhood felt attracted to living surrounded by trees and wildlife. With the approval of this development, a considered number of trees will have to be cut down in order to build the septic tank and the buildings. We want our quiet neighborhood to stay residential, we don't want the noise and pollution from 15-501 (trees are a natural barrier for noise and pollution), we enjoy the trees and the wildlife that live there.'

But citing the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan — which labeled that intersection of 15-501 and Lystra Road as a "Community Center node" designed as "retail hubs along key roadway corridors"

– the county planning department recommended approval of the use. Notes from the department said existing uses in that node, including a Harris Teeter grocery store and Marco's Pizza restaurant, make the intersection "the location adopted by the Commissioners as an area for additional non-residential growth."

"In order to keep tax revenue in the county, locating non-residential development in areas identified for growth in Plan Chatham is needed," the staff report stated. "While many residents travel outside of the county for work these retail establishment provide them additional options to obtain goods and

Additionally, planning staff said, the project was 'designed with consideration given to the residential area to the west"

meaning Polks Landing - by moving building and parking areas "as close to the US 15-501 as allowed by the ordinances" and stating that the developer would maintain as many trees as possible in developing the septic field and stormwater pond areas.

Planning board disagreement

But the Chatham County Planning Board, a group made up by citizens, voted 8-3 against the rezoning request. A summary of the board's conversation, which Planning Board Chairman George Lucier said took up an hour, stated that the majority of the board echoed the shared community concern's of over-development. Additionally, it cited the Comprehensive

"The Land Use Plan states there should be variability and flexibility in Community Centers, the report stated. "Therefore, not all four corners of community centers should necessarily be filled with high impact commercial activities.'

In the county's Comprehensive Plan, on page 47, the description of Community Center nodes includes a bullet point saying they were designed to "allow flexibility to provide a variation and mix of centers at quadrant intersections" and that "mix of uses include retail, restaurants, services and office uses." It does not require a residential area in such intersections.

The Planning Board's report said the minority of members emphasized that the proposed spot for 501 Landing was within a Community Center node "which should allow retail activities to the full

"The minority and the applicant also stated that developers and landowners should be able to look at the Land Use Plan and decide where to seek approval for commercial activity," the report stated. "Those who supported the rezoning also felt that none of the property currently approved for commercial development meets the needs of small local businesses and that the site plan concentrated the most intense aspects of the development close to the highway providing a buffer for neighboring residences and property owners.'

In a response to the Planning Board's report, the developer, on the letterhead of Durham-based land planning and civil engineering firm Civil Consultants, said it believed 501 Landing "addresses many of the Plan Chatham Comprehensive Plan goals which the Plan identifies as necessary presently.'

The Plan was adopted roughly two and a half years ago and it speaks to the importance and necessity of implementing the vision," the response stated. "It is well known there is an imbalance in the tax base of Chatham County which relies primarily on the residential base. Residential building permits continue to be issued as subdivisions are approved at a rapid rate that far exceed the rate of commercial development which only serves to further exacerbate the tax base imbalance.'

Commissioner discussion

Monday's discussion began in the public comments with four people speaking in opposition to the project. Chatham **Economic Development** Corporation President Alyssa Byrd followed with comments of support.

Through the development of the county's Comprehensive Plan, this area was identified through public input for retail and shopping development,'



Courtesy of Chatham County Planning Department

A site plan for the proposed 501 Landing, slated for location near the Lystra Road-U.S. Hwy. 15-501 intersection in northeast Chatham County.

Byrd said. "This area is particularly attractive because there is a demand for service and a particularly growing population. This plan is consistent with the vision we adopted and I encourage you to approve its rezoning.

Byrd had the backing of a unanimous resolution from her EDC Board which stated that it "supports the land use, growth management and economic development strategies described in the Plan, and supports the best and highest use of land within the Centers.

Planning Department Director Jason Sullivan said the proposal was "smaller in scale and scope" than a previously-proposed Publix grocery store that never made it to the commissioners for a vote. Answering a question from Dasher, he said disagreement between planning staff and the Planning Board was not

'Usually the planning board and the staff are consistent, but this happens from time to time, Sullivan said. "I expect for that to happen. If we're always in lock-step, then there's probably something wrong. These issues are going to come up when you have a controversial

Lucier then stepped to the microphone to share a bit of the planning board's perspective, but that conversation was diverted. Dasher and Crawford questioned one of the Planning Board's reasons for opposition: there's other land already zoned for Neighborhood Business available.

'It's not fair to make rules over a case as it comes across the board," Crawford said. "You're issuing criteria that have not yet been part of any formal public plan. I'm figuring how this does not match up with the nodes that were in the larger plan. There are other nodes, to be sure, but it's not our job to pick when and how they get filled up.'

Howard argued that the commissioners are "the single barrier against strip malls" in Chatham County and allowing over-development would be irresponsible, even in northeast Chatham where there is already a lot of develop-

"There was concern from the community that northeast Chatham in general would be over-developed," Howard said. "We (said) we were going to finesse the rules that no part of this county would be sacrificed. They value that sense of place, and we can't discount northeast Chatham having its own sense of charm. There is some value in systematically and cautiously moving forward with development.'

Hales expressed issues with the scale of the project, citing the planned 99 parking spaces and a cross access easement that would make it easier for development to come alongside 501 Landing. Fiocco, who was present at the meeting along with Ehrenfeld, said the group was willing and even preferred to eliminate the easement.

Ehrenfled spoke at one point and said the area would be anchored by an office of his company, Bold Real Estate, and that the development group has "been in communication with many very interested parties" about the other

"We've done everything we can to work with the neighborhood," Fiocco said. "I think we've done a good job protecting a lot of the interests of the area."

A difference of opinion

The board agreed on one thing: a proper Unified **Development Ordinance** would make these decisions much easier.

'I don't know if there are simple things, but I feel like there are small things we could do that would ensure that we are addressing residents' concerns," Dasher said. "Absent those things, I have a difficult time saying yes, it's in an area that we want commercial development, but we haven't written the rules yet, so just wait."

Howard agreed, say-

ing that "these kinds of debates and decisions are essential until we have a

Hales made a motion to approve a consistency statement, the first step in the process, saying the proposed use was not consistent due to "residential development proximity.' She was joined by Howard in voting "aye," with Crawford, Dasher and Wilkie, who said nothing during the discussion, against.

Crawford then motioned to both approve a consistency statement saying the project was consistent with Plan Chatham — which, he added, was adopted "at great expense and effort." The same vote occurred but in reverse. The commissioners then voted similarly to formally approve the rezoning.

Both Dasher and Howard — each of whom are seeking reelection this fall – made final statements summing up their deci"I certainly understand the planning board's position. I understand the chair and the vice chair's position, and I understand the residents' concerns on this," said Dasher, who represents District 2, which is Pittsboro and southeast Chatham. "But I do think personally, when in doubt, I'm going to stick with the land use plan that we've adopted. That is how I have justified this vote on that.'

Howard, whose District 1 includes the half of the intersection opposite 501 Landing, said, "I understand and I appreciate the work that each of the members of this board (did). When there is a question of doubt, I am going to err on the side of the community. I regret this time we were not successful, but we will plow on.'

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