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'UNPRECEDENTED SITUATION'

COVID-19 presenting a major challenge for Chatham restaurants

BY ZACHARY HORNER News + Record Staff

 ${\bf PITTSBORO-Greg\ Lewis}$ was rather blunt about what the spread of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, and government orders to close dine-in options at restaurants across North Carolina has mean for his business.

"It's an unprecedented situation for the world," said Lewis, the owner of Pittsboro Roadhouse. "This is something nobody's ever dealt with in our lifetime."

Some restaurants have laid off employees. Some have changed their operating hours and menus. And some are trying to serve those in need during what is admittedly a strange time.

Lewis and Pittsboro Roadhouse have done all three. He said he has laid off 34 employees as his operation has lost, by his count, "basically 100 percent of our catering business" and "70 percent of our restau-



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

rant business." Additionally, all scheduled music acts for the Roadhouse for the foreseeable future have been canceled.

"We're a venue, that's a big draw for us," Lewis said. "We had music Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays and they were big draws for us. We're doing what we can to have our hole

not be as deep."
But the folks at the Roadhouse have pressed on. Lewis shifted the menu to all fam-

COVID-19 and is providing patrons takeout service from its location downtown Pittsboro.

Like many

restaurants, Pittsboro

Roadhouse is

the operational

constraints of

adapting to

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ilv-sized meals designed to serve four, available for order and pickup at the Roadhouse. "I can't offer my full menu because I'm not doing the amount

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Technology utilized,

SCHOOLS RESPOND TO COVID-19

meals served as students stay away

BY ZACHARY HORNER News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Through the first week of public schools being closed because of the spread of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, districts around North Carolina work to adjust to a nearly-unprecedented situation.

Now that the "break" from in-person teaching has been extended to May 15, teachers and administrators across Chatham County have been trying to find a rhythm. Teachers across the county have been teaching their students via webcam, email and other digital resources, and the district has set up an "at-home learning" site with pooled resources.

"They have been as hands on as possible," Valencia Toomer, principal of Horton Middle School in Pittsboro, said about her staff.

Horton has nearly 450 students from 5th to 8th grade, all children who still need to learn and grow academically even though they're not at the campus just outside downtown Pittsboro. While some students and their families have been able to make it to campus to pick up instructional packets, some haven't.

So on Monday, administrators and other staff hopped on bus routes to deliver those packets to kids.

"We let them know that we're coming," Toomer said. "What we've noticed is that the students that were unable to pick up the packets are some of our most at-risk kids. So we need to meet kids where they are, in this case out of the building.

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SILER CITY'S ZANE MORGAN

Teen shagger becoming a sensation

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — If you thought shagging, the regional swing dance originated some 70 years ago in the coastal Carolinas, was in danger of becoming a relic of the time in which it was born, you'll be encouraged to know the beach music dance staple still has ardent champions — even some young ones — nurturing it in the 21st century.

One of them is 13-year-old Zane Morgan.

"He is an amazing young man," said his grandfather, Bunkey Morgan, a local businessman and former Chatham County commissioner. While a grandfather's opinion may be a bit biased, he's also not wrong.

Though still in his early teens, Zane has, for several years, been an accomplished shagger, competing in dance events throughout the Southeastern United States

including showing off his shagging moves on a stage in Florida's Disney World — and as far away as Paris, France. He's also competed in his home state (he's a Chatham County native), South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and California.

"He's won and placed in many dance contests," Morgan



Staff photo by David Bradley

Siler City's Zane Morgan has won multiple awards for his skill as a shag dancer. He's competed and performed around the Southeast and as far away as Paris. Now 13, he will be moving to the Junior II level of competition after he turns 15.

Along the way, Zane has claimed a number of prizes and trophies for his skilled footwork, distinguishing himself on the shagging circuit.

"I'm decent, but there's always room for improvement," Zane modestly allowed of his dance skills, but the many prizes and trophies he's earned back him up.

"I've won a couple of first places," Zane said. "And some

second and third places."
His most cherished trophy, so far, is the third place finish he and his partner claimed in the 2019 National Shag Dance Championship, held last year in Myrtle Beach, the epicenter of shagging.

At 13, he's already a veteran dancer. He was first drawn to

shagging at the age of 5. Introduced to the dance by his older brother — 19-year-old Cody, a student at Appalachian State and a distinguished shagger in his own right -Zane immediately took to the activity.

"I tagged along with my



In this screen grab from a video, Zane Morgan dances the shag with his partner Maci Walters. Some competitions pair partners picked at random, while other dance events allow a dancer to work with his or her specific partner. Competitors are judged on skill levels to win the trophy.

older brother, and that's how I got into it," Zane said. The appeal was simple: it

was fun. "It's a lot of fun," he said. "I'm still enjoying it."

At the time the shagging bug first bit him, pop music acts

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COVID-19 IMPACT GROWING

N.C. schools closed until May 15, new restrictions on businesses instituted

BY ZACHARY HORNER News + Record Staff

RALEIGH — Gov. Roy Cooper issued an executive order Monday extending the closure of all K-12 public schools across the state to in-person instruction until May 15 as part of an extension of restrictions and guidance to try to slow the spread of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus.

"During the Great Depression, North Carolina's leaders made sure that, because education was vital to our state's future, all of our public schools stayed open in spite of tremendous funding challenges," Cooper said during a Monday press briefing. "In the spirit of that accomplishment, I am not ready to give up on this school year. However, we know that the effects of this pandemic will not subside any time soon.'

An order from Cooper on March

14 had closed school facilities for two weeks, which was set to expire on Saturday. The extension includes Chatham County Schools' spring break, which was scheduled for April 6-13.

The news came alongside an announcement that the State Board of Education was seeking a one-year waiver from the U.S. Department of Education for all federal student testing and accountability requirements for the current school year. State Board of Education Vice Chairman Alan Duncan said education officials have been reaching out to state legislators about possibly seeking the same relief for state testing.

"We expect that (the federal waiver) will be granted in short order," Duncan said. "The State Board is in close contact with the General Assembly. We

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A Wilson Bros. truck with a cargo of chickens pulls up to the **Mountaire Farms** plant on East Third Street in Siler City.

Staff photo by David Bradley

Mountaire, food production roll on as shortage fears linger

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — As people make runs to grocery stores, clearing shelves,

fears of a shortage of food prevails. But in reality, workers in food and agriculture sector — that means agricultural production, food processing, distribution, retail and food service

are named as essential critical

infrastructure workers, according to guidance issued by the Dept. of Homeland Security on March 19.

In Siler City, Mountaire Farms' poultry processing plant is continuing to operate, producing 280,000 chickens per day, or 2.2 million pounds per week, according to Mark Reif, Mountaire's North Carolina community

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COMMUNITY **CALENDAR**

Events are subject to change based on closures due to coronavirus. Verify with organizers prior to

CLOSURES

- Chatham County Council on Aging: Both centers are closed at this time until further notice. If you need to pickup supplies, call the Siler City or Pittsboro location or check our website: chathamcoa.org.
- · Chatham County Historical **Museum**: For the safety of visitors and volunteers, the Chatham County Historical Museum is closed until further notice. See our website: https://chathamhistory.org.
- **Chatham County Library:** Closed to the public at this time. Online resources are available at https://www.chathamnc. org/government/departments-programs/library.
- State Employees Credit Union branches statewide have temporarily transitioned to drive-thru only. Members who need to access safe deposit boxes, drop off tax return

- information, or inquire about a loan should call the branch to schedule an appointment.
- 2020 Easter Eggstravaganza - The Town of Siler City Department of Parks and Recreation has canceled the Eggstravaganza scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at the Bray Park Sports Complex.
- The Second Bloom of **Chatham Thrift Shop** will be closed for shopping and donations in March. We hope to re-open in April. We are in Pittsboro, on the Courthouse Circle, beside the Roadhouse. All proceeds support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.
- · The Chatham County Council on Aging - the 2020 Senior Games and **SilverArts** competition will be postponed until further notice. We are working to reschedule all athletic and art events for a later date when restrictions have lifted. We will keep our participants. volunteers, venues and sponsors informed as more information about event dates, times and location that become available. We will also

keep you informed as we learn more from the North Carolina Senior Games about State Finals, traditionally held in the fall. We hope to have information to share with you in mid-April. Please check the Chatham County Senior Games website at https://chathamcouncilonaging.org/activities/senior-games/for updates. Once the new event calendar has been finalized, we will send an event confirmation email and letter, by mail to all parties.

THURSDAY

- 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.
- 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.

UPCOMING

UNC Hospice Spring

Support program, Sharing Our Stories, will be held Wednesday, April 1 - May 20 in the sunroom of SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC, 100 Roundtee Way, Pittsboro. This grief support group is scheduled for eight consecutive Wednesdays to supply educational resources and mutual support to help participants explore their grief in a non-presured environment. There is no fee, but registration is required. Cotact Annie Ritter at 984-215-2650

 Siler City Lions Club will host a Blood Mobile from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 at the First United Methodist Church in Siler City.

ALSO HAPPENING

- Chatham Habitat for Humanity is seeking groups -corporate, school, neighborhood, etc. – to volunteer on their Siler City build sites. Build days are on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For more information, visit chathamhabitat.org/volunteer, or email rachelh@ chathamhabitat.org
- Adult volunteers needed at Chatham Hospital in Siler City, a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located

in Siler City and part of the UNC Health Care System. All prospective volunteers must complete an on-line application, a criminal background check, an orientation and have documentation of required immunizations. To learn more go to: www. chathamhospital.org/ch/ about-us/volunteer.

 Volunteers needed – Nonprofit agencies in Chatham seek teen volunteers to help with many projects. Teens can help at food pantries, in gardens, fundraising projects, office work, and care for animals. Chatham Connecting website lists many volunteer opportunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community: www.chathamconnecting.

 Meals on Wheels drivers are needed in Chatham County. Regular and substitute drivers are needed. We are looking for individuals or teams to deliver meals as a regular driver for our routes. Meals are delivered between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Routes take about an hour. Substitutes will likely deliver 1 to 2 times per month. Contact Allison Andrews with Chatham Council

on Aging, phone: 919-542-4512, ext. 226. Allison. andrews@chathamcouncilonaging.org.

 Foster and/or adoptive **information** — Give children a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent. Call 642-6956 to learn more.

 Alcoholics Anonymous — North Carolina District 33, call the Help Line at 866-640-0180 for the meeting schedule for this

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

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

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

For those at home, Chatham Libraries can still keep you connected

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

With Chatham County's public libraries closed and more residents working from home than ever, one might think accessing books from the libraries' catalogue would be impossible

Not so.

Library staff have been working to get resources online and ensure access for residents when many are living life increasingly from home, with just a Chatham County Library card, something you can now also get online.

Libby app

The Chatham County Libraries employ Libby, an application that works as an interface to the library's online repository. Libby users — whether through the mobile app or accessed through a web browser on a computer allows library card holders to borrow e-books and digital audiobooks from the public library for free. Overdrive, the database that holds the library's collection of e-books and e-magazines, has simple dropdown menus to see what books and audiobooks are available for checkout.

Instructions how to download the application can be found on the Chatham County Library's website under the "Download e-books" tab. The database of available content is accessible by a desktop computer or laptop without downloading Libby app. But if you use a smartphone or an e-reader device, such as a Kindle, the Chatham County Library's website provides detailed instructions on loading the application.

Smartphone users should go to their application options on their phones and search "Libby." For e-reader devices and laptops, the instructions show how to access the "Overdrive" system. (Users may need to update the Adobe

software on their laptops or desktops to access the information.)

When downloading on a phone, a simple prompt will walk you through the process of accessing the materials. Most require a library card, but residents can now get a card online.

Getting a library card

Many of the digital and online learning resources are available without having a Chatham County library card. But if you need one, residents can now apply online for a library card by going to www.chathamnc.org/ government/departments-programs/library. And it you've already applied for a card, but lost your number, you can call the Chatham Community Library at 919-545-8084 the library is staffed despite being closed and they will provide it to you. All you need to get a

Chatham County library card is to be at least 5 years old and live in Chatham, Alamance, Durham, Harnett, Lee, Moore, Orange, Randolph or Wake County. Also, anyone who works in Chatham County despite living outside the county can get a library card. Students in Chatham County Schools also have

access to the library's online accounts through their ChathamPASS program using the Power-School ID.

After submitting an application, library staff will contact you to issue you a library account number. Previously, this had been done in person. Once libraries reopen for public use, in-person access, those who applied online will be able to pick up a physical card with a valid photo ID in order to borrow on-site materials.

Other digital and online resources

The staff at the Chatham County Libraries have continued to work even as public access to the facilities has ceased. There are a wealth of resources, updated regularly, to provide the public with services. Some require a Chatham County library cars while others are free and open to public access.

These resources, which can be found on the Chatham County Library's website, include movies, arts and culture, reading and education sites. Sites for resources are updated regularly and available for use — some require a library card, while others do not.

Each of the libraries in Chatham — Wren

Library in Siler City, Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro and the Goldston Library - should have internet access for residents from their parking lots. But access to online materials doesn't stop with internet. Internet access should be labeled with "guest" and

available for public use. To follow updates on what the Chatham County Libraries are doing, follow their social media sites at: Facebook: https://www.facebook. com/ChathamCommunity Library, Instagram:https://www.instagram. com/chathamlibrary/, and Twitter: https:/ twitter.com/ccplib. The Chatham County Library website is: https://www. chathamnc.org/government/departments-programs/library.

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The Chatham PTA Thrift Shop would like to thank all of our loyal customers, employees and volunteers for your continued support as we navigate through this unusual time in our country. It has been a difficult decision, but for the health and safety of our employees, customers and volunteers we decided to close all three locations on Saturday, March 21 at 5:00pm until this pandemic subsides. As always, we appreciate your donations however during this time that the stores are closed we are asking you to please keep your donations at home until we are back to normal hours. Please DO NOT leave them outside of the store or drop boxes during this

Thank you for all your community support throughout the years and we look forward to being back to normal as soon as possible.

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'Caremongering Pittsboro' becoming a hub for help

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

When Pittsboro residents and real estate agents Yvonne Beal and Lisa Skumpija started the Facebook group "Caremongering Pittsboro" last week, they did not realize how far it would reach.

Caremongering — a purposeful verbal antithesis to fearmongering, according to Beal — was created as a platform for "sharing and organizing community resources in response to Covid-19.' And despite its name, Beal and Skumpija said the goal is for it to serve all of Chatham County, including Siler City, Pittsboro, Goldston and all surrounding areas.

For Beal, it all started with worry about the virus and its potential impact on Chatham County residents. Unable to sleep one night, and stressing about all the uncertainty of the world right now, Beal got on Facebook. where she noticed a caremongering movement that began in her native Canada.

It was called about the same time Skumpija saw a Facebook post about a Raleigh wholesale vegetable seller whose customers are restaurants that

> closed to in-dining. The whole saler was selling its goods to the public, and Skumpi-

ja began thinking about the local farmers who are in similar circumstances

The next day, Beal and Skumpija — who work together at Realty World — created the Facebook page in hopes of helping to connect local businesses, farms and residents who were struggling. Within the first hour, the page had 100 followers and in just over 24 hours, there were 1,000. As the page grew there are more than 1,700 members now did its mission.

and went to everything," Skumpija said. "We were concerned about kids who were at home they rely on schools for meals and how to connect with local food. Then came homeschooling ideas. And then there was the bread shop giving away excess bread connecting to a Siler

'It started with food

City daycare. And then it was pharmacy mobile

It all came

together in

"We're

not a 'for

sale' site,'

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Skumpija

ja said. "There's plenty of sites for that. We are about helping each other and helping local small businesses and farms survive. This is more of a neighborly, community place.'

It's also not a page for COVID-19 updates, news or other information; the pair urges residents to seek out reliable news sources for that type of information. Instead they want the page to be used for the "redistribution of resources in the case that stockpiling prevents people from accessing basics" as well as requests for aid or support. It has also become a hub for residents to organize to help in community efforts in some way

For example, a local resident posted that they were immunosuppressed and needed a face mask to go to the doctor. Quickly, local residents

volunteered to give their spares and deliver on the person's front porch. It also includes homeschooling options, updates of food and supply availability from local stores, restaurants that are serving take-out and delivery and ways to support food banks. There is also a significant effort for those with the ability to make homemade masks for local hospitals.

"It's been unbeliev-able," Skumpija said. "It's been rewarding to see the community come togeth-

"I think it's been heartwarming," Beal said. "I'm not super-involved in the community though I love living and working here and all this community affords me. This is a big county, people are losing their jobs and this is a good way to bring people together. It's been great to see all the people willing to chip in and help each other.

Facebook users can visit the page by searching for "Caremongering

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Lisa Skumpija and Yvonne Beal started the **Facebook group Caremongering Pittsboro to** help Chatham residents find resources during the COVID-19 epidemic.

MOUNTAIRE

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relations manager. The company, Reif notes, "immediately created a Coronavirus Task Force to prepare," which includes leadership from every department. The group meetings regularly "to coordinate and communicate our response."

"As a critical part of our nation's food supply, we must be prepared for situations like this because families across our nation and around the world depend on us for food," Reif said. "We are proud of how our employees have rallied around this company and our mission. They are working long hours to make sure people have food on the

The Food and Drug Administration notes on its website there are "no nationwide shortages of food, although in some cases the inventory of certain

foods at your local grocery store might be temporarily low before stores can restock. Food production and manufacturing are widely dispersed throughout the United States and no widespread disruptions have been reported in the supply chain."

The FDA also notes that all food production facilities are required to follow "current good manufacturing practices" which include use of sanitizing practices and disinfectants. In addition, currently "there is no evidence of food or food packaging being associated with transmission of COVID-19."

Under normal circumstances, the Mountaire plant undergoes required cleaning and sanitation every night before starting operations every day. With the spread of COVID-19, the plant is expanding its cleaning practices and has introduced new policies to ensure production can continue, according to Reif. Mountaire has changed its travel policy, banning teams from all international travel and domestic travel

through airports for the next 30 days. And they are encouraging the use of technology for meetings to avoid groups having to get together to do

For workers on the production line, the company has installed additional sanitation stations and increased the frequency of deep cleanings of common areas at all facilities, especially restrooms and cafeterias.

"We've encouraged all our employees to stay home if they're sick, and we've adjusted our attendance policy, so they don't have to fear losing their jobs if they do so," Reif said. "We are working with high-risk employees and allowing them to work from home if their job allows.

Reif also noted that each plant has trained medical staff at its facilities and Health and Wellness Centers on site with doctors who are trained on how to recognize the signs of COVID-19 and actions to take to prevent the spread of the virus.

"We've been in communication with the State Health Departments and are following CDC guidelines in everything we do," Reif said. "We've increased how often our employees can purchase chicken at discounted prices, so they don't have to find empty shelves at the grocery store when they get off work. And we are working with our food vendors in our cafeterias so employees can take food home with them to their families.

While working to keep food production going, Reif notes that the company is continuing to look for other ways to serve the communities where they

We know our communities are in need, so we're also reaching out to help," Reif said. "We've been in touch with community groups, churches, food pantries and more to see where we can donate chicken to those in need."

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SHAG

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like Beyonce and Rihanna ruled the airwaves and inspired folks in their own contemporary ways with their own contemporary rhythms to take

to dance floors, but Zane Carolina coast a few was drawn to a dance generations back to begin that moved instead to the partnering up and movcoastal-influenced sounds ing together in the dance of more venerable musithat came to be known as cal acts like the Chairmen of the Board and General Johnson and other purveyors of the "beach

music" that inspired folks

on the North and South

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Akin to the Jitterbug, and inspired by several popular African-American dances, shagging is a partner dance; and as dances go, shagging isn't very complicated, Zane said.

"It depends on the moves," he explained. 'Some are harder than



others. But it's mostly in vour legs."

While shagging doesn't necessarily require great athleticism, to excel at it — like one would with any undertaking — requires practice.

Zane has a regular dance partner—his friend Maci Walters, also 13, who lives in Trinity; they met at a regional shagging competition a few years ago — and the two get together routinely, usually at her home, to practice. Their practice schedule intensifies a week or two in advance of any upcoming dance events, but they practice

together year-round. It's a commitment, but it offers rewards, too.

"It teaches maturity," Zane said. "You have to show up for all the practices. You have to be committed to it."

Once the young man realized shagging was something he was serious about, Zane was tutored

in the dance moves by

professional instructors. "I went to private lessons," he said, "and I just kept at it.'

Now, eight years after first recognizing shagging's allure, the Siler City teenager's interest in it isn't abating.

Just a couple of weeks ago, he competed in a shagging event in South Carolina, the unofficial epicenter of shagging. The Palmetto State made shagging its official dance in 1984. North Carolina, likewise, officially embraced shagging in 2005 as the official state popular dance. (Clogging was selected the same year as North Carolina's official

folk dance.) When he's not dancing, Shane is an "A" honors

student at Chatham Charter School in Siler City. where he is also a member of the school's tennis team, and a clarinetist with the school band. He's also a voracious reader and a pianist.

"Yes, I'm very proud of him," said his granddad.

Temporarily practicing social distancing in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic while his school is temporarily shuttered, Zane's dancing is understandably on hold. But it's not something he plans on giving up.

"I'm staying in shape, or trying to," the teenager

And once conditions allow, he said he's looking forward to getting back to the dance floor.

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Screengrab from Twitter

Gov. Roy Cooper speaks Monday afternoon during a press conference where he announced the closure of all K-12 public schools until May 15 due to COVID-19.

CONCERN

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will continue to collaborate to address any policy and legal issues that arise during this time."

Cooper's order Monday also lowered the mandatory threshold of mass gatherings to no more than 50 people and mandated the closing of gyms, movie theaters, sweepstakes parlors, health clubs, hair and nail salons, barbershops and massage therapists, effective Wednesday. He added that at least 8,438

with 297 confirmed cases in more than 40 counties, and around 10,000 more tests "waiting to be run."

people have been tested,

Mandy Cohen, the state's Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, said North Carolina has reached a point of "community transmission,' meaning that not all cases have a known origin.

This is the role testing should play in the first phase of an outbreak has helped us understand the virus," she said. "Confirmed community transmission signals that

we need to move into the

next phase of our response."

Additionally, new guidelines from the CDC indicate that there were more people groups at risk, including people 65 and older, those with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma and people with severe obesity, and added that some studies have shown a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 among infants.

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VIEWPOINTS

GUEST EDITORIAL | CHUCK FULLER

COVID-19: An opportunity for leadership

Without question, the United States of America and countries around the globe face tremendous pressure to withstand the seemingly inevitable economic threat posed by COVID-19.

Business leaders must ask themselves: Where do we, our company and the State of North Carolina stand, and what needs to happen going forward? The fear across our state

and nation is palpable. We live under uncertain government actions, disheartening media coverage and overwhelming financial difficulties — and that fear is understandable. According to an NPR/Marist poll conducted last Thursday and Friday, nearly one in five (18 percent) households already reported someone being laid off or having hours reduced because of the coronavirus outbreak, with women hit harder (21 percent) than men (16 percent), and people who earn less than \$50,000 hit harder (25

percent) than those earning \$50,000 or more (14 percent).

But amongst the dread of something going awry and the sense of being out of control, the opportunity for real leadership arises.

Monetary efforts to combat this pandemic are already on display, nationally and locally. Bank of America has pledged \$100 million for relief. Truist Financial Corp., the result of the BB&T/Sun Trust merger, has pledged \$25 million, and will be giving \$3 million to local United Way organizations. Facebook is giving employees an extra \$1,000 and plans to provide \$100 million in cash and advertising credits to small businesses. The City of Winston-Salem will be donating \$1 million to local nonprofits, and Carolina Panthers owner David Tepper has made a \$1 million donation straight to Charlotte-area hospitals

Medical advancements are being made daily. A French study found an anti-malarial and antibiotic combo that could reduce COVID-19 duration. Our local universities, Duke and UNC, are currently working on possible vaccines and cures that hold much promise, and others have announced progress on testing.

The energy on the ground to combat this pandemic is encouraging — a true display of faith and resiliency. The unfortunate reality, however, is that shutdowns across the country mean millions of small and mid-sized firms are under threat of closure. A Goldman Sachs survey found that 51 percent of small business owners say their business will only be able to continue to operate for 0-3 months.

There is a distinct balance between mandated action to reduce the spread of this virus and minimizing economic pain. Each decision made by officials carries implications far greater than perhaps understood.

Overreactions that restrict the hands of businesses looking to solve issues may only make the situation worse and prolong economic distress.

We stand with President Trump and Governor Cooper in their call to "flatten the curve" for a 15-day period. Afterwards, however, the shackles on businesses and our battle tested American resiliency must be released. Now is the time for strong collaboration between the public and private sector. Executive orders and policy must incorporate the valuable knowledge of the business community. As stated by James Freeman in the Wall Street Journal on Friday, "The magic of the markets and the can-do spirit of Americans can solve many problems if only we will liberate them.

There is still hope among Americans — a majority approve of the White House's management of this crisis, and a strong majority trust what they hear from their state and local governments. That said, there is an urgent call for leadership during these truly trying times. Today is a new opportunity. Let each of us lead with the hopes for what is not yet visible. Let us rely on the friendships we cherish. Let us show the faith we have in each other and the resiliency of our great country, America.

We're standing with each of you in this time.

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Keep sight of the silver linings

Very suddenly, I felt it. And it felt something like...despair.

RANDALL RIGSBEE Randall Reflects

I'm not used to that.
We were in the middle of watching the evening news
— something I'm doing every night now, in addition to the

— something I'm doing every night now, in addition to the many other ways I'm constantly keeping up with rapidly moving COVID-19 developments — when I relaxed my tense body and sunk deeper into the recliner, took a long breath and exhaled slowly, and felt throughout my being as I performed these physical

actions an overwhelming sense of hopelessness. I don't think it was any one aspect of this overall horrible situation we're all of us dealing with — no particular moment in the news coverage that night — that cemented this feeling. It was more likely the totality of everything, all the grim news piled on top of all the other grim news.

As I remained in this reclined state of what, to any casual observer, would be considered comfort, inside my resting body my mind was anything but settled and still.

It reeled with scenarios of how this pandemic might play out and with questions to which the only answers I could reasonably supply only increased my anxiety.

Anxious isn't an adjective I'd normally use to describe myself.

But these aren't normal times.

Not even close. So, anxious I've been, at least a bit.

And at that moment on the couch, I felt depleted. I went to bed a few hours later, the feeling largely still present.

Anxiety can be can't-get-out-of-bed paralyzing, but fortunately overnight my brain seemed to work things out.

The next morning — we'd set our clock for an

early a.m. alarm to make a grocery run — and after coffee, I was back in git-r-done mode, or something closer to it, because that's what we have to do.

Until we can't, we will continue to do because, again, that's what we have to do, even if we're doing it while sheltered in place in this war that all of mankind wages against COVID-19.

Maybe it's to keep that terrible feeling from recurring that I've been looking for silver linings. Thankfully in my scanning the horizon, I've observed a few.

One is that in the span of only a few days, I reversed my wasteful habit of using too many paper towels. A month ago, a year ago, five years ago it would have been normal for me to routinely wash my hands and pull two paper towels off the rack, dry my hands, and throw the damp paper towel on the counter along with a pile of paper towels already used for the same purpose. Eventually, I would re-use them (to clean the counter, or wipe up a spill), but that doesn't mean I wasn't using too many paper towels too frequently.

Now, with a supply that is no longer easily replaced with a routine trip to the store, I'm using a mere fraction of the paper towels I once used to conserve.

It's a personal silver lining that I'm being less wasteful.

I've read about aquatic life returning to the now-clear-water canals in Venice as tourism came to a halt in the midst of Italy's overwhelming COVID-19 troubles.

A silver lining for our great Earth. Social media, which I've grown increasingly less engaged with in the last few years, has a renewed meaning and purpose, keeping us connected as the very necessary practice of social distancing keeps us physically apart.

A silver lining that this gift of social media is giving better than ever now.

China, birthplace of the COVID-19 pandemic, is returning to normalcy as new cases of the

virus slow.

A silver lining for us to see there is an end.

There are many silver linings if we look for them.
But silver lining means there's still a cloud looming, and from here at this moment the cloud is still

growing and there's more darkness than silver.

No one promised us that life — with all its ups and downs, joys and pitfalls — would be easy, and right now it isn't.

But there are silver linings and it's important
— vital, even — to keep them in our sights. The
alternative, which is that sinking feeling I felt in
my recliner the other night, isn't a viable option.



Some lessons in life require getting all wet

Sunday night, I sat at my desk beside the window and listened to

the rain.



BOB WACHS Movin' Around

Nice...and it sure beats \$80 an hour for a therapist. I like rain. I like to hear it hitting

the windows, to smell the air when it first starts, to feel it... except when I'm having a bad hair day or have just

day or have just washed the car, which isn't all that

When I was a child I wasn't all that crazy about too much rain because it made the grass grow and mowing the yard was under my jurisdiction. Simply put, the more rain, the more I had to cut it. Now that I'm trying to feed a few cows I like it because the more it rains, the more the grass grows and the

more there is for the cattle to eat. Funny how things change through the years, isn't it?

The poets tell us we ought to run barefoot in the rain. That sounds like something that could hurt your feet, depending on where you frolic, as in the gravel driveway. But I think I get the point. We

So what do we do? We can't turn back the clock to those thrilling days of yesteryear. And we can't stop the world and get off. Dropping out is also not really an option. And now that a vicious virus threatens us all, there is a "new normal" to consider.

might do better, they're saying, if we were a bit more spontaneous, wound a bit less tightly. So what if your hair gets wet? Dry it when you come in. Just don't run around outside

when the lightning is about.
Lately as I've become more
conscious of my age and the fact
I am not immortal — at least on
this side of the Great Divide — I've
wondered why it took this long for
me to get this smart. Lest you think

me to get this smart. Lest you think that last statement was too much ego, let me explain by saying what I mean is that finally I've learned some life lessons, things I think I would like to have known, say, about 47 years ago.

Of course, upon further reflection, I think the reality is I — and all of us — had to go through the learning experiences to gain the insight and wisdom and understanding. But still, I think it would have been nice. The old adage "We get too soon old and too late smart" fits more and

more.

So what do we do? We can't turn back the clock to those thrilling days of yesteryear. And we can't stop the world and get off. Dropping out is also not really an option. And now that a vicious virus threatens us all, there is a "new normal" to consider.

The answer, it seems to me, is multi-fold. First of all it behooves us to keep on trucking. And secondly, as we truck or run or whatever, to take those insights and bits of wisdom with us. And thirdly, as we go, resolve to do better, to take more risks (but not stupid ones like lying on a railroad track) — to love more deeply, to say one more kind word or do one more good deed.

And last, but certainly not least, to keep on working at it all by running — or at least jogging or even standing — in the rain.

What's the forecast for the next few days?

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One human body: a metaphor of healing

(For Drs. Sally Wood, Rosanne Jones, and Eli Tiller, three of my

Words matter. This is especially true in a crisis. How we talk about the coronavirus impacts how we think and react to this pandemic.

I say we should avoid all language that evokes the metaphor

I realize people often use this imagery in reference to disease she battled cancer, he fought to the end. Certain people are courageous when facing their own mortality. I also believe that doctors, surgeons, nurses, and other healthcare workers are heroes in every sense of the word. They are "in the trenches" and "on the front lines."

But the metaphor of war is problematic. It is violent. It evokes fear.

I do understand the urgency of our times and that, in some

cases, people in (so far) less-affected areas may treat such practices as social distancing with a cavalier attitude. Such naivete will cost lives. I understand that people evoke the war metaphor as a means to rally the troops and instill the deadly seriousness of this crisis.

But we can motivate people more positively and more effectively with a different metaphor.

The body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body (1 Cor. 12:12).

You may recognize this verse from the New Testament, but the metaphor is even older than the first millennium. Today, when we speak of the body politic, we are evoking the ancient Greek idea of citizenship. When we speak of anything that is "corporate," we draw on the Latin root for "body." The metaphor for a group of

people as one body is found in a variety of world religions and indigenous cultures. The idea that we are all connected and reliant upon one another is trusted wisdom that has stood the test of time.

How, then, could this body metaphor change how we talk about the coronavirus?

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it (1 Cor

Each person is aware of his or her own personal health, whether it is good or bad, and no one is immune to suffering. Not everyone is sick or hurt in the same ways, yet a person can relate to the experience of illness. During a national and global pandemic, we need to cultivate these powers of empathy.

My wife and I have three young children. In my nuclear family, I know that if one person suffers, then we all suffer

together. But the bodily and spiritual connections are not as readily apparent with people, say, in China or in Seattle or even in my own neighborhood. Despite all of our social networking technology, we Americans are increasingly isolated. Recently, poet Sherman Alexie diagnosed our culture:

Maybe the true pandemic is the loss

Of a shared and common decency.

War is, at best, a necessary evil. "A shared and common decency" is one of the first casualties. Yet, if we conceptualize ourselves as part of the same body where another's suffering is actually our own, then empathy can lead beyond mere decency to compassion - literally "suffering with" others. And compassion is a form of love.

The passages I have quoted from 1 Corinthians precede the famous love poem in Chapter 13: Love is patient, love is kind... This "kind" of love, however, is not only familial or romantic. It is also sacrificial love, meaning that individuals care for others even at the expense of their own health. This is the true heroism of healthcare workers. An ancient rabbi went so far as to claim that there is no greater love (John 15:13).

For all of us, words matter. Rather than talking as though we are war with an invisible illness, we must inspire healing care for one another — the one human body in the one, shared

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Pandemic tests our institutions

The COVID-19 outbreak has already taken lives, disrupted families and communities, and



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inflicted significant damage on our economy. Will it also inflict significant damage on the core

institutions of our free society?

It need not. Indeed, I think many of our institutions are holding up surprisingly well. I see hospitals and other medical providers doing stressful and sometimes dangerous jobs with skill and grace. I see charities and community groups mobilizing, families pulling together, neighbors helping

neighbors. I see businesses struggling to make good choices among horrible options — trying to deliver necessary goods and services and keep their workers employed while also coping with public-health mandates and declining revenues.

As for government, I see many public officials working tirelessly to gather information, communicate it effectively, eliminate bottlenecks, expand testing, and protect the public without imposing unbearable costs.

However, I also see public officials taking advantage of the situation to score partisan points or to convert short-term panic into enough votes to enact permanent policies. And I see public officials who may be acting in good faith but who are letting their anxieties overwhelm their better judgment.

Our core institutions of self-government were never intended to apply only when convenient. They weren't designed only for "normal" situations. We enjoy free speech in wartime as well as peacetime. We enjoy freedom of the press and assembly at stressful moments as well as relaxed moments. We enjoy the right to own and dispose of our own property during economic recessions as well as economic expansions.

None of these rights is, strictly speaking, absolute. Free speech in wartime doesn't extend to the right to leak sensitive intelligence to the enemy. Freedom of assembly doesn't extend to forming a mob to engage in vandalism, larceny, or violence. Our property rights do not shield us from paying taxes or obeying regulations that have been properly enacted by the proper authorities to ensure the delivery of true public goods — very much including public health, as we are seeing right now.

But under a federal system of republican government, there are rules that must be followed in such cases. Discarding them in the interest of speed or expedience is unwise and unconstitutional

For example, in the first few weeks of the COVID-19 crisis, a number of media figures, activists, and state and local politicians demanded that the federal government "take over." They wanted Washington to set uniform, nationwide closures and operating times for all public and private entities.

Washington has no such authority. Americans have never wanted Washington to have any such authority. States are the proper level of government to exercise such "police power," which they can either employ themselves or extend to local governments as provided for by their respective state constitutions.

For the most part, I think America's governors and legislatures have exercised their powers appropriately during the COVID-19 outbreak. I see no reason why all 50 states and thousands of local communities should have exactly the same policies and responses. Their needs and circum-

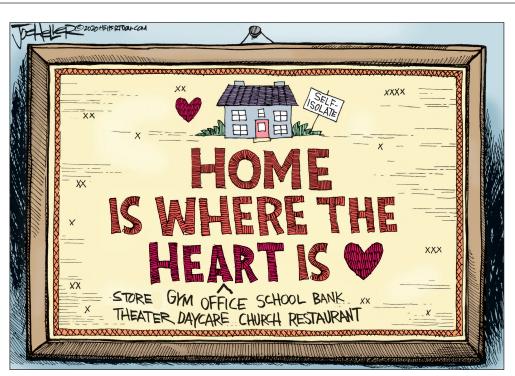
Here in North Carolina, I would count Gov. Roy Cooper and his team among those who have exercised their power well, for the most part. A glaring exception would be the executive order Cooper issued on March 14.

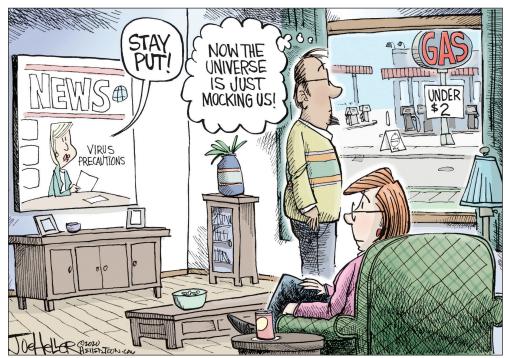
It prohibited "mass gatherings" of more than 100 people. Many institutions were excluded, however: transportation infrastructure, medical facilities, libraries, factories, offices, even shopping malls and other retailers. What wasn't excluded? Houses of worship.

Cooper's order was patently unconstitutional. The government can't shut down church services while leaving malls open for business. I suspect he never expected the order to be enforced on churches. And, indeed, I think churches and other religious institutions should move their services online. But the governor cannot compel them to with an order that exempts other organizations.

Pandemics, wars, and other disasters have always tested the durability of the institutions that form free societies. If they are to pass the test, we must all do our part — and keep our heads.

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Fight virus confinement boredom with these books

"Smart people don't get bored," my friend announced when I told



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her that a lot of people were getting bored from the home-confinement imposed by the ongoing pandemic.

"Smart people can find all kinds of things to keep them occupied. Like reading," she continued.

My friend is correct. In my case there are shelves of books I need to read or read again.

Then I thought about you. Just in case you might ask, I have assembled a few recent books about North Carolina history that will entertain, educate, and keep you from being bored while you are staying home during the pandemic.

1. "The Secret Token: Myth, Obsession, and the Search for the Lost Colony of Roanoke" by Andrew Lawler.

Every North Carolinian should be familiar with the state's founding myth, the story of Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colony and the unsolved puzzle of what happened to Virginia Dare, the first child of English parents born in America. But most do not know the details of the colony's founding, the struggles English colonists faced, and the different ideas about what really happened to Dare and other colonists. In gripping detail, Lawler tells the story and the 430-year search to determine what happened.

2. "A Delicious Country: Rediscovering the Carolinas along the Route of John Lawson's 1700 Expedition," by Scott Huler.

In 1700, English-born John Lawson was a newcomer to North America. Almost immediately upon arriving, he set out from Charleston to explore the endless forests of backcountry Carolinas. His travel notes became the basis of "A New Voyage to Carolina," first published in 1709 and still a classic for its rich descriptions of flora and fauna and the conditions of the native peoples.

Durham author Huler followed Lawson's footsteps across the modern-day Carolinas. His book gives a good summary of Lawson's findings and the challenges faced by today's people who live along that pathway.

3. "The Tuscarora War: Indians, Settlers, and the Fight for the Carolina Colonies" by David La Vere.

John Lawson's book enticed a group of Europeans to settle near today's New Bern. Their growing community threatened the Tuscarora Indians and their allies. In 1711, the Tuscaroras attacked the settlers and began a conflict that ended in a battle that devastated the Indians at their stronghold in Neoheroka, near present day Snow Hill in Greene County.

4. "The Lumbee Indians: An American Struggle" by Malinda Maynor

When North Carolinians read newspaper reports about Lumbee Indians, they wonder — who are these people and where did they

come from? Lowery answers these questions. As a member of the Lumbee Tribe with deep family roots in the community, she brings more than scholarship to explaining her people's origins and history. She weaves her family's experience with the defining events in Lumbee history. The main characters turn out to be a fascinating blend of heroes and scoundrels, preachers and bootleggers, lawyers and lawbreakers, and farmers, all deeply attached to the swampy lands along the Lumber River in Robeson County.

5. "Tar Heel Lightnin": How Secret Stills and Fast Cars Made North Carolina the Moonshine Capital of the World" by Daniel Pierce.

Some of Lowery's Lumbee family were accomplished bootleggers. Pierce tells the story of many other Tar Heels from every region of the state who made us number one in moonshine production. That story began in colonial times, with farmers using techniques their families had learned in the British Isles to distill their corn and fruit into whiskv and brandv.

Read just one of these books during your COVID-19 confinement and you will have a richer understanding of our state's history. Read them all and you will be an expert, and an un-bored one.

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

Unemployment filings increase dramatically with COVID-19

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

As the country grapples with controlling COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, a growing number of workers are finding themselves out of work as businesses close and travel restrictions increase

Silk Hope resident Zoila Rauda is one of them. Last week, Rauda was informed that both of her employers were laying her off. One of her jobs, a greenhouse that grows microgreens, had a dramatic reduction in orders. The greenhouse typically sells to restaurants and its "biggest clients stopped ordering," Rauda said.

The next day, the City Tap, a restaurant and bar in Pittsboro, told her they needed to let her go for similar reasons

Rauda said that both of her employers had all of the paperwork for its employees to file unemployment claims at the ready and were hopeful that they would be able to bring their staff back on "when the time comes." She said both of her former bosses were "preparing us for what's happen-

ing."
"Many of my friends are having to go through this as business owners and I'm sure it's heartbreaking for each one of you," Rauda wrote in a Facebook post about the layoffs. "For yourselves and your employees."

David Choi, an economist for the American multinational investment bank and financial services company Goldman

Sachs, wrote in a research brief published March 20 suggests that "U.S. employment claims could surge by 700 percent and hit 2.25 million" for the week of March 15-21. Jobless claims may end up at their "highest level on record," even surpassing those during the 2008 financial crash.

Last week, Gov. Roy Cooper announced that COVID-19 would be added as an accepted reason for seeking unemployment benefits, whether for total work loss or reductions in hours. Within the first 17 hours of the option being available, the state received 4,721 unemployment claims related to the virus, according to Larry Parker, a public relations officer for the Division of Employment Security. Those numbers have continued to increase, rising to more than 140,000 by the end of Monday.

"This is an unprecedented situation and we are experiencing extremely high call volume and website traffic," Parker said. "That has put a strain on our system. To give you an idea of volume, last week the average traffic on our online claims system was 6,000 people a day. On Tuesday, we had 39,395 people accessing our claims system. On Wednesday, that number increased to 68,572 people accessing our claims system.'

The actual numbers of unemployed workers in Chatham County so far is unclear. Chatham Economic Development Corporation President Alyssa Byrd said she has reached out to local businesses to help



Zoila Rauda of Silk Hope is one of the tens of thousands of North Carolina residents who have been laid off with the spread of COVID-19. She lost two jobs, including one at this greenhouse that grew microgreens for restaurants, in two days.

"track layoffs" asking for companies that have "laid off any employees due to COVID-19, to let the Chatham EDC know how many.

Unfortunately, Rauda initially filed for unemployment when the first job separation occurred and before COVID-19 was an option. After receiving the second notice and the option was available, she strug-

Unemployment filing basics

Where can I file for unemployment?

The fastest way to file a claim for unemployment insurance benefits is online at des.nc.gov. The majority of people are able to successfully file a claim online.

For assistance with filing a claim, you can call the DES Customer Call Center at 888-737-0259. However, due to a large number of calls related to COVID-19, the center is currently experiencing long wait times.

How long will it take to get my unemployment benefits?

After you file your claim, your employer has 10 days to respond before payment can be released to you. However, waiving the wait week, as was directed in the Governor's order, will speed up how fast you'll be paid for your first week of benefits. Additional FAQs can be found www.des.nc.gov.

gled to find ways to edit her application. She said she spoke with local employment folks to seek assistance in updating her application and was told to reach out to the state. She then spent four hours on two unsuccessful calls to the N.C. Division of Employment Security Commission. The next day she tried again, only to find the system so overwhelmed that it wasn't taking calls.

Parker said that the state was working to improve capability by increasing server capacity to handle more traffic, has added a "frequently asked questions" listing on its website to reduce phone traffic and is taking steps to increase staffing and extend work hours including posting 50 available jobs on Thursday to help process claims with an expectation that more positions

will be posted. Though she is still navigating her way through the system, Rauda said she is remaining positive.

"If I do get unemployment insurance, that's going toward my health insurance and my bills," she said. "Everything else? I have started my garden and it's coming along and I'm hoping to rely on that. And I have some dry goods.

She hopes that, if things get too dire, she can ask her parents for support and has already heard from many members of the community offering assistance

"If it wasn't for the community and my family I don't know what I would do," Rauda said.

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She added that the school will also be taking its "fuel-up" food packets to some of those homes as well. That's just one part of a statewide effort to provide meals to students who rely their schools serving breakfast and lunch during the school week.

Gov. Roy Cooper said during a Monday afternoon press conference that public school systems across N.C. have served more than 1 million meals in the past week. According to Chatham County Schools Public Relations Coordinator John McCann, the district served 9,384

breakfasts and lunches from Tuesday to Friday last week — growing from 305 on Tuesday to 4,676 on Friday. Additionally, the schools are beginning to serve weekend meals on Friday, and the district's website will post updated locations and mobile sites.

"The turnout grew and grew each day," McCann said. "Families are inconvenienced. We understand that. We're

glad to fill in some gaps." Jennifer Özkurt, CCS' school nutrition director, added, "Every day, we're doing more and more to increase our reach."

That reach extends beyond food for many educators, Toomer said. Teachers at Horton have daily office hours for students to get in contact, and Toomer herself has a weekly staff meeting, just like they do when classes are in session.

But the reality now is that class is "in session," even though the building is closed to students and will be for at least another month and a half. That leaves

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teachers worried, Toomer said, and wanting to do more to stay in touch. She said Horton staff is planning to write "thinking of you" cards to students and drive around neighborhoods to stay

"School is one of the safe spaces for kids," she said. "We worry about kids if they're not in the building — we wonder if they're eating, we wonder about their social-emotional needs. This is the rea-

son we got into education, for the kids.

"We're teachers at heart. Everybody wants to do what they can to make sure they reach the kids. Right now with the kids being at home, the teachers are doing as much prepping on the front end so they can get works to students as much as possible."

It's important, Toomer added, to continue that relationship-building between students and staff as if the bell was still ringing and teachers were teaching students face-to-face.

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Pandemic got you anxious, depressed or uncertain? You're not alone

BY KRISTIN KRIPPA News + Record Contributor

Editor's note: Kristin Krippa, a Pittsboro-based psychologist, reached out to the News + Record to share some helpful tips on managing anxiety, depression and other mental health issues during a pandemic.

The certainty and predictability of our daily lives has suddenly become unpredictable, uncertain, and chaotic thanks to COVID-19.

Every day we awaken to new information that changes or limits choices of how we live our lives. Expectations of our present and immediate future have clashed with the cold hard reality of an unseen virus and social isolation. Fear of getting sick has suddenly taken on a new meaning. Worrying about your children and teen's behavior or academic performance has suddenly become a constant companion. If you are feeling stressed out, anxious, depressed and uncertain about the future, you are not alone.

Experiencing unpredictable change can lead to irritability, anger, frustration and sleep problems. Children may report nightmares and teens may experience increasing moodiness and angry outbursts. They may be sleeping more than normal or significantly less. They may develop anxiety about health concerns. Given the uncertainty of the situation, anxieties and fears are increasing even in people who are typically unfazed. Here are some

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tips for dealing with these feelings



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every day. Being outside can help you feel calmer and reduce

outside

depression. Exercise daily. Even housebound individuals can exercise with the aid of a YouTube video or old school body weight exercises. Get creative and use a video platform like Google Hangouts to exercise with a friend or

coach. **Enjoy time with family** and reconnect.

Take time to play board games with your children and teens. Read to young children and bake cookies or do crafts together.

Limit social media cov-

Take in what you need to know and then turn off the scroll.

Set up a daily routine but enjoy flexibility as well.

Know that the world will not end, and your kids will not fail to get into college if you let them play outside for several hours a day right now. Worrying about not spending seven hours a day perfecting school at home? It's OK to learn without assignments and worksheets. Read, write and practice living math. Khan academy has many great lessons for free. Know that your children will learn the most useful lessons from how they see you handle this crisis.

Practice mindfulness techniques.

Take slow, deep breaths, inhaling through you hear a clock ticking,

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KRISTIN KRIPPA, owner and clinical director, Krippa Family Psychological & Wellness Services

your nose. Notice what you are feeling as you inhale. Does the air feel cool or warm as it enters your nose? Notice your chest rising as you inhale. Do you feel any places of tension? Just notice them and move on. Notice how your body feels as you exhale through your mouth. Can you feel tension leaving your body? Continue this for 5-15 minutes.

Another breathing technique I like is 4-7-8 breathing; inhale to the count of 4, hold your breath to the count of 7, and exhale to the count. of 8. Do this for several rounds until you feel the tension leaving your

Another mindfulness technique that works very well is 5-4-3-2-1. This technique is great for someone experiencing anxiety, even acute, intense anxiety or panic. Look around the space you are in and find five things you can see and name them. I like to find five things of one color. For instance, find five blue things. Next identify four things you can feel. This might be the chair under your legs, your shoes, or your clothing. Next identify three things you can hear. Can

a fan, or someone talking in another room? Next. notice two things you can smell. Smell your clothing, a flower, or perhaps a favorite scent. Finally, notice one thing you can taste. Take a sip of water or even brush your teeth. You can do this for several rounds to help bring down your anxious feelings.

Hum or sing.

The act of singing or humming can stimulate our vagus nerve which can reduce anxious feelings.

...slowly rubbing one palm over the other starting at the heel of your hand and stroking toward your fingertips. Or cross your arms as if you were giving yourself a hug. Stroke from your shoulders to your elbows. Do this for 5-10 minutes while focused on the feeling of your hands on each other or your hands on your arms. This action increases delta wave production in the brain which is normally present when we are in deep sleep. This can be deeply calming.

Identify potential cognitive distortions and change your mindset.

Cognitive distortions are thoughts and beliefs that we hold that may not be accurate. Common cognitive distortions include:

• Negative predictions: Overestimating the likelihood that an action will have a negative outcome.

 Underestimating your ability to cope with negative events.

 Catastrophizing: Thinking of unpleasant events as catastrophes.

 Assuming current feelings will stay the same in the future: For example, "I feel unable to cope today; therefore, I will feel unable to cope tomorrow.

· Worry and overthinking: The belief that worry and overthinking will lead to problem-solving insights. Actually, overthinking can impair problem-solving ability and may lead to avoidance.

A shift in mindset can be the difference between feeling depressed and anxious to feeling calm and capable of coping with your present situation. Examples of mindset shifts: Instead of thinking "I'm stuck at home," try: "I get to stay safe at home with my family and enjoy doing things together.

Instead of "I am going to get sick!" try: "I am washing my hands and taking needed precautions to keep myself safe and healthy."
Instead of "I will run

out of things that I need!' try: "I have prepared well, and I have what I need right now".

Instead of "I don't know what to do, I can't handle this!" try, "I am doing everything that I can to stay safe. I can use mindfulness skills, practice breathing techniques, exercise, use calming

techniques, connect with people through phone or video, and enjoy some relaxing down time. This too shall pass.'

In the event of symptoms that are severe, persist longer than two weeks, or do not respond to coping strategies, seek support from a licensed clinician who can provide assistance via video sessions during this current crisis.

Despite these unpredictable and worrisome times, there is solace in knowing the whole world is experiencing this. It is a very rare time in which we all truly are in this together and we can overcome together.

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The Bread Shop's big giveaway



Staff photo by David Bradley

Co-owner Paula Toogood pulls out a loaf of focaccia bread from the vast array of baked goods at The Bread Shop's recent giveaway in Pittsboro. Her customer, Jacqueline Farrar, picked up sub rolls, multigrain bread and burger buns as part of the free giveaway to the community. Farrar said that she had been to the grocery stores for bread, but 'there's not much there.'

BY DAVID BRADLEY News + Record Staff

The "staff of life" is in

short supply. Grocery stores in the Chatham County area are experiencing a run on bread, and restaurants have drastically reduced their need for it in this

time of COVID-19. So when The Bread Shop, a commercial baker located on West Salisbury Street in Pittsboro, switched its bread-baking schedule to twice a week, they found themselves with an oversupply of already-baked bread.

We had lots of bread we were unable to sell, said co-owner John Toogood. "We didn't have to dump it — we put out to the local community to pick up, to help themselves."

The bakery made a social media post to let people know that free bread would be available for pick-up last Thursday. Scores of people came to The Bread Shop and carried away bags of the fresh-baked bread.

Some customers were specifically looking for submarine sandwich bread, others just for multi-grain bread. Pizza-sized focaccia bread loaves were available too, as long as they lasted.

"It's important," customer Jacqueline Farrar said about the bread. "In grocery stores there isn't much [bread] there. It's nice to have people in the community helping [those] that really need

"I've been to all kinds

of grocery stores," another customer, Bridgett Mitchell, said. "I can't find it [bread] anywhere."

Mitchell was wanting the extra bread for her growing family.

Toogood estimated that The Bread Shop gave away about 500 loaves of bread, 500 dozen burger buns, focaccia bread, and an array of bread products such as rye, sunflower, sun-dried tomato and sourdough.

The shop bakes dinner rolls, sub sandwich rolls, multi-grain bread and other products for sale across the Triangle and Triad. Because no preservatives are used, the bread doesn't have the shelf life of many grocery store brands.

The bakery's future depends on the demand for its bread from its customers, but Toogood and his staff are still baking just on a smaller scale.

'We usually bake based on predictions," Toogood said about the shop's normal schedule.

The shop has stopped baking on Fridays, but hopes to go back to a normal schedule in six weeks or so. Much of that will depend on demand from local restaurants.

"After six weeks, I think we should be able to come out of it," Toogood said. "Our customers may say, 'Forget it, I'll do something else.' If they do, it will be hard to continue.



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OBITUARIES

MARY MASTIN TOWNSEND



Mary Mastin Townsend, 93, of Goldston died Thursday, March 19, 2020 at UNC Hospice, Pittsboro.

Mrs. Townsend was born in Banner Elk on March 22, 1926, the daughter of Carson and Camoline (Ward) Mastin. Mary worked in the packaging department of a poultry processing plant for over 20 years. She was a member of Goldston Baptist Church and their Sunday School. Mary enjoyed crocheting and reading. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carson S. Townsend; daughter,

Jane T. Hicks; son, Bobby S. Townsend, Sr.; her parents; brother, Ray Mastin; sisters, Clara Ward, Carolyn South and Jean Banner.

She is survived by son, Carson Lewis Townsend of Bear Creek; sisters, Ruth Townsend and Juanita Carpenter; brothers, Howard and Charles Mastin, all of Banner Elk; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter.

The body laid in repose on Friday, March 20, 2020 from 12 to 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC. A celebration of life will be held

Memorials may be made to Goldston Baptist Church, PO

Box 100, Goldston, NC 27252.

Due to the COVID–19 outbreak, we are asking the public to limit any gatherings to under 50 individuals. There we encourage you to pay your respects through our website or visit during the non-peak hours of 12 to 5 p.m.

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

ARCHIE PALMER ADCOCK



Archie Palmer Adcock, 84, of Siler City died Monday, March 23, 2020 at Chatham Hospital, after 3 1/2 years of declining health.

Mr. Adcock was born in Chatham County on February 17, 1936, the son of Paul C. and Pauline Marie (Smith) Adcock. Archie began his work career at Dependable Hosiery in Liberty and later transferred to the Siler City Plant and worked hard and tirelessly during a 50-year career. He diagnosed and maintained the factory machines, a job that was never quite complete. When the plant was sold in the 1990's the new owners told

Archie he had done an amazing job.

Archie was an avid NASCAR enthusiast from the age of 14, spending time in Daytona, watching and learning the skills and talents required for the sport. He had attended the races in Daytona for 57 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Pat

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Louise Buckner Adcock; sisters, Cathren "Chigger" Tillman, Clara Langley, Carol Hammer (Garrett), Ann White (Bob), Brenda Fields (Gary); brother, Bill Adcock (Barbara), all of Siler City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The body will lie in state, Tuesday, March 24, 2020 from 12 to 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. A private graveside service will be held with Rev. Jim Whitaker and Rev. Carl Belcher officiat-

The family wishes to thank their friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness, phone calls, and meals shared

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to West End United Methodist Church, 1104 N. Chatham Ave., PO Box 1017, Siler City, NC 27344 or First United Methodist Church. PO Box 212, Siler City, NC 27344 or Chatham County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels, PO Box 715, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-

home.com.

BOBBY EARL MANESS

Bobby Earl Maness, 79, of Bennett, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Universal Health Care in Ramseur.

A private graveside service was held on Saturday at Beulah Baptist

Church. He was born on August 25, 1940 to Early Clinton Maness and Vermont Brady Maness. He was a member of Beulah Baptist Church and a field supervisor for Townsend for 47 years. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Geraldine Welch.

He is survived by his wife, Elva Lou Garner Maness; sons, Greg Maness of Eagle Springs, Chris Maness of Bennett; sisters, Louise Spencer of Ramseur, Betty Wainwright of Asheboro; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ebenezer Children's Home c/o Beulah Baptist Church, 8454 Howard Mill Rd., Bennett, NC 27208.

Condolences may be offered online at www.joycebradychapel.

ELLIS MAX MANSFIELD

Ellis Max Mansfield, 73, of Moncure, passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the New Elam Christian Church Cemetery with Rev. Ed Earp and Rev. Emerson Woodall officiating.

He was born in Chatham County, son of the late Garland Lee Mansfield and Thelma Lee Ellis

Mansfield. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Oscar Mansfield and sisters, JoAnn Stephens, Betty Jean Worrell and Christine Rosser. Ellis was a member of New Elam Christian Church and was the husband of Lisa Strief Mansfield, Ellis was employed as Project Supervisor for over 20 years with D&S Con-

struction. He is survived by daughters. Patricia Joann Mansfield of Swansboro, Elizabeth "Libby" Mansfield Thomas of Sanford; three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at: www.smithfuneralhomebroadway.com

LISA STRIEF MANSFIELD

Lisa Kay Strief Mansfield, 54 of Moncure passed away on Sunday, March 15. 2020.

Graveside services were conducted on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the New Elam Christian Church Cemetery with Rev. Ed Earp and Rev. Emerson Woodall officiating.

She was born in Iowa County, Iowa, daughter of the late Roger Allen Strief and the late Beatrice Kay Colton Strief. She was preceded in death by her mother, and her maternal and paternal grandparents. She was married to Ellis Max Mansfield for thirteen years. She was a member of the New Elam Christian Church and was the office manager at Center and Air.

Survivors include her father. Roger Allen Strief of Marengo, Iowa; sister, Wendy Sueann Kaplan of Marengo, Iowa; and

LOUISE WEBB BROOKS



Louise Webb Brooks, 89, passed on Sunday, March 22, 2020 surrounded by family at her home in Siler City.

Due to the corona virus, a private funeral service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Siler City. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City.

Louise was born October 4, 1930 in Henderson, NC. She grew up in Louisburg, NC as the mayor's daughter and graduated from Greensboro College.

She was a proud member of the Cheerwine 9. After marriage, she interrupted a teaching career to raise four children but returned to teaching as a U.S. History instructor at Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City.

Preceded in death by her father, William C. Webb, mother,

Louise Ellis Webb, and husband, Frank "Yank" Brooks, Jr., she is survived by daughter Leah Brooks Kearney and Lisa Brooks Morse, sons, Frank "Gib" Brooks, III and William 'Bill" Webb Brooks, and a beloved granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth Morse.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929.

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

step-daughter, Patricia Mansfield of Swansboro.

Online condolences may be made at: www.smithfuneralhomebroadway.com.

WILLIAM DENNIS DOWDY

Mr. William Dennis Dowdy of Siler City passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

Mr. Dowdy was born on June 27, 1938, in Goldston, to McKinnley D. and Wilma Tysor Dowdy Thompson. He graduated from JS Waters School. William was employed by the New York Times as a Delivery Foreman, retiring after 27 years of service. William is preceded in death by siblings, Billy Joe Dowdy and Emma Jacqueline Dowdy

Survivors include his wife, Doris Howze Dowdy; children, Yolanda Shark, Gary, Warren, and Tammy, and adopted twins, Hakim and Kasiem Dowdy; a sister, Bertha Mae Turman of Goldston; two grandsons and one great-grand-

RUBY GERALDINE FOX

Ruby Geraldine Fox, 93, of Sanford, passed on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at her residence.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon Friday, March 20, 2020 at Knotts Funeral Home. Interment followed at Lee Memory Garden.

Mrs. Fox, the daughter of the late Buck and Liner Johnson, was born on March 22, 1926 in Warsaw, NC. She was a member of New Zion Church in Sanford. She was licensed as an LPN and served in that capacity for many years. Mrs. Fox was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a daughter, Lina Beck and a granddaughter.

Surviving are children, Dianna Donaldson of Greensboro, Gerald Fox of Philadelphia; brother, Sim Bowden; ten grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren and greatgreat-grands.

MARVIN LEON MCIVER

Marvin Leon McIver Jr., 78, formerly of Sanford, passed Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020 at Fair Promise AME Zion Church. Interment followed in Lee Memory

Marvin was born June 20, 1941 to the late Marvin McIver, Sr. and Therecie McMillian McIver. He was preceded in death by wives, Thelma McIver and Darlene Beasley McIver. A graduate of W.B. Wicker School, he joined the US Army, serving 16 years, including service in the Vietnam war. After that, he attended Central Carolina Technical College, then worked various construction jobs. Marvin attended Fair Promise A.M.E. Zion Church.

Survivors include sisters, Brenda McIver Barnes of Sanford, Sarah McIver Stackhouse of Raleigh; and four grandchildren.

DORIS L. MCLEOD

Doris L. McLeod, 90, passed on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford.

Funeral services were held at 11.m. Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Blandonia Presbyterian Church. Interment followed in Lee Memory

Mrs. McLeod was born on May

18, 1929 in Montclair, NJ to the late Louise Johnson and Earl Garrett,

She was predeceased by her husband, Berene McLeod; brother, Robert Allan Garrett, and sister Ruth Garrett Washington. Doris was a member of Blandonia Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her children, Sandra Person of Sanford, Jeannette McLeod of Montclair, NJ, Diannette Jackson of Cary; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and brother, Dr. Earl Garrett, Jr. of Columbia, SC.

EVERETTE (SNOOK) ARNOLD PENNY

Everette Arnold Penny, 48, of Pittsboro, passed away at his residence on Thursday, March 5, 2020.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Hamlet Chapel CME Church.

Mr. Penny was born to the late Marvin and Mary Delois Penny. He attended Northwood High School, He was employed by Chatham Ridge Assisted Living and most recently K&W cafeteria. Snook was a member of Hamlet Chapel CME Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jenny Crump Penny of Moncure.

LARRY DON RAY

Larry Don Ray, 66, of Moncure, passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at his home.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date. He was born in Selmer, TN, son

of the late Zollie "Bud" Elbridge Ray and Maxine Stanfield Ray. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Linda Ray and brother Zollie "Buddy" Ray. Larry retired from Performance Fibers.

Surviving are his sons, Adam Shane Ray and Shawn Jeremy Ray, both of Moncure; sisters, Tina Ray Breeland, Rebecca Ann Stanton, Rachel Ray Hickman, and Virginia Ray Moore.

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

JEANIE MASON RAY

Jeanie Ray, 67, of Moncure departed us unexpectedly on March

Final rites of burial were held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 2 p.m. at New Elam Christian Church Cemetery in New Hill.

Jeanie was born January 6, 1953, to Robert and Helen Mason, She was the artist of the family and was well known for her sketches of the local river basin areas. She also had a skill for fine woodwork-

Donations to the GoFundMe. com site, flatwoodboysstaystrong for the Sanderford family may be made in lieu of flowers

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HELEN PEELE MASON

Helen Mason departed us unexpectedly on March 15, 2020. Final rites of burial were held

on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 2 p.m. at New Elam Christian Church Cemetery in New Hill.

She was born on October 12, 1922. Survivors include daughters Linda Childress, Jeanie Ray, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Donations to the GoFundMe.

com site, flatwoodboysstaystrong for the Sanderford family may be made in lieu of flowers. Online condolences may be

made at www.smithfuneralhomebroadway.com.

PAUL AND NICOLE **SANDERFORD**

John Paul Sanderford, Jr and Nicole Childress Sanderford left this world Sunday, March 15, 2020.

The rites of burial were held Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 2 p.m. at New Elam Christian Church Cemetery in New Hill.

Paul was the son of John Paul and Francis Sanderford of Corinth, born March 22, 1978 in Goldsboro. He had worked with his father in the lumber business until he began doing online marketing of anything glass, that had four small wheels, or was not nailed down.

Nicole was born to Jerry and Linda Childress on May 17, 1980. She was a Dental Assistant in

She and Paul were the parents of two sons, Blake and Tyler.

Donations to the GoFundMe. com site flatwoodboysstaystrong for the Sanderford family may be made in lieu of flowers.

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

JOHNNY LOGAN LEE

Johnny Logan Lee, 63, Lillington, passed Thursday, March 19, 2020 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at Moore Union FWB Church in Broadway with burial at Paradise AME Zion Church.

Mr. Lee was born on December 1, 1956 in Harnett County to the late Henry Watson Lee and Annie Ruby Lee. A graduate of Boone Trail School, he worked at Redman Mobile Homes for 25 plus years, then Gene's Pipeline and Pilgrim Pride. He was a member of Paradise Church, where he served as a trustee and sang with the Male Chorus. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Henry L. Lee.

He leaves survivors, his wife of 40 years, Shirley Ray-Lee; daughter, Rhonda Michelle Lee-Martin of Lillington; son, Johnny Brandon Lee of the home; sister, Ethelene Lee of Broadway; brothers, John Lee (his twin), Bruce Lee, and Calvin Lee, all of Broadway, and Rev. Fitzgerald Lee of Lillington.

ROBERT LEE COTTEN JR.

Robert Lee Cotten Jr., 54, of Lee County passed away on Monday, March 16, 2020 at his home.

Mr. Cotten was born March 2, 1966 in Lee County to the late Robert Lee Cotten, Sr. and Helen Kornegay Cotten.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2020 at Christian Provision Ministries with interment folowing at Lee Memory

ERNESTINE BREWER

MAGNUM Mrs. Ernestine Brewer Magnum, 84, of Rutherford, NJ, passed

away at her residence. She was born in Pittsboro on August 7, 1935, the daughter of the late Robert and Patsy Brewer. There are no immediate survivors. Submitted by Knotts Funeral

SHARON JEAN CONKLIN

Sharon Jean Conklin, 76 of Sanford, passed on Monday, March 16,

Home, Pittsboro.

Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home. **BILLY RAY JONES** Billy Ray Jones, of Goldston,

Cameron, died March 23, 2020 at UNC Hospitals. Arrangements are pending at this time with Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home and will be an-

formally of Lemon Springs and

nounced later. Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

RAYMOND BARNES

Raymond Barnes, 58, of Sanford, passed Sunday, March 22, 2020 at The Laurels of Chatham in Pittsboro.

Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.

TAMMY S. DOWDY

Tammy S. Dowdy, 54, passed on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at Chatham Hospital, Siler City.

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you want a little more. If you only want a little more, tell her you don't want any more. And if you really don't want any more, you have to get up and flee the house — and she'll likely meet you on the porch with a huge plate of food, "for a snack when you get home."

My mom is an Italian girl from Jersey. She makes two dozen rolls for six people and 10 pounds of potato salad for four. Growing up there wasn't only enough food for an extra place at the table, there was enough for the entire cast of Ocean's 11, 12, 13, and most of 14.

Growing up watching this messed me up. When Petey and I were

married I had not the slightest clue on how to cook for two (to be honest, I didn't have much of a clue about cooking at all). I couldn't figure out why we always had so many furry leftovers crowding our fridge. Who knew four pounds of meatloaf and six or seven pork chops was a tad excessive for two diners?

The other night was my Dad's birthday. We went up to Greensboro to celebrate with him.

I brought up his favorite treat of mine, pecan shortbread with toasted white chocolate glaze (recipe to come). The Kid and I were making our secret chicken tenders (recipe also to come). There were seven of us at dinner.

Mom made the side that everybody loves; her baked mac and cheese. It's on the table every holiday. When I was a kid and she made it, you could find me in the kitchen in the middle of the night, eating it cold, straight out of the fridge.

There were seven of us at Dad's birthday dinner. She tripled the recipe. Thanks for your time. Contact me at dm@ bullcity.mom.



Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews.

A look at the dish before it goes into the oven.



Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews

2 cups Velveeta "cheese," cut

into small cubes

The finished mac and cheese, fresh out of the

Mom's Baked Macaroni and Cheese

- Dash of pepper 1 pound large ridged elbow 2 cups whole milk

- macaroni 3 tablespoons butter

4 cups shredded cheddar 1 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons flour cheese, divided Boil pasta for five minutes in very salty water and drain. The pasta should be about half-cooked so

it adsorbs cheesy flavor and it doesn't get mushy while baking. Drain and pour into buttered, 9×13 oven-safe dish.

In large heavy pot, melt butter and whisk in flour. Cook for three minutes to cook out the raw taste of the flour.

Pour in milk and cook until it just comes to a very low boil. Season with salt and pepper. A little bit at a time, stir in 2 cups cheddar and 2 cups Velveeta, about Đ cup at a time. When one addition of cheese has melted, stir in the next addition. When all the cheese has been added, check for seasoning, reseason if necessary, and remove from heat.

Add the cheese sauce to the macaroni, holding back a little, so that you can adjust if needed. The mixture should be pretty loose before baking because the sauce will be absorbed by the pasta, and some of the liquid will cook out while baking.

Preheat oven to 350°. Sprinkle the remaining 2 cups of cheddar on top and place into oven. Bake for 45-60 minutes or until the cheese on top is melted, it's bubbly, and the internal temperature is

Let sit, lightly covered for 10-15 minutes before service. Serves 8-10. It can be doubled, but you'll need to increase baking time by 10-15 minutes.

A CHATHAM REFLECTION It's time for a little faith

BY MARK STINSON

Special to the News + Record

Like most Chatham folks I was caught off guard by the COVID-19 pandemic. I think I would like to share what I have noticed about the people of this county. The online discussion boards I am part of normally have ongoing conversations about everything from politics to potholes on county roads. There has been for sometime a big divide in this county that seamed would only get worse. People were talking at each other instead of too each other. Different groups with different opinions all pulling in different directions while pointing fingers and tossing insults caused me to become a bit disenchanted with life in Chatham.

After the first executive orders by the president and our governor were issued on the pandemic I saw some of what I expected to happen. Lots of folks started preaching gloom and doom while fertilizing panic every chance they could with rumors and misinformation. Shortly stupidity and ignorance with just plain greed started to show up most anywhere I went. I saw a lady in a green SUV with toilet paper stacked to the ceiling of the back seat with the rear hatch open stuffing four full shopping cart loads more in the back. I thought this was a pandemic not an "a-potty-lypse.'

I have been up late at night trying to keep our Chatham County online community aware of everything from COVID-19 updates to what grocery store has fresh meat. As many of us discussed where to find toilet paper I saw people start to talk to each other rather than *at* each other. With each new online post people started stepping up and volunteering to help

I made a comment during an online discussion that we were not fighting the virus yet but the pollen. We were stuffy with sinus headaches and watery eyes but fine otherwise. I had a wonderful lady I didn't know offer to bring us allergy medicines and all of a sudden Chatham felt like home again. I declined her kind offer as we are well-supplied for pollen allergies but I encouraged her to continue help others not as fortunate.

Time and time again I am continuing to see people selflessly step up to help out their neighbors regardless of political or religious affiliations. People are networking with each other across the county to help each other and the many small businesses that are suffering. It's truly amazing and heartwarming to me.

My daddy always told me things always work out. We may not like how they work out sometimes but they will work out. God moves mountains for those with the faith of a mustard seed so no problem you have is too big for God to resolve – just have a little faith. I have survived car wrecks, floods and hurricanes on top of many health problems from being hit by lightning. I have faith in God. COVID-19 doesn't scare me a bit but how people react to it does. I haven't had a lot of faith in many of the people of this county for a good while but what I am seeing now has restored some of that faith in people. If the people of this county continue to talk to each other and look out for each other during and after this pandemic we will all be just fine. Just have a little faith.

Mark Stinson is "Goodnite Mark," a frequent poster on Chatham Chatlist and Facebook group moderator of Chatham County NC Community.





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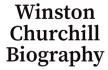
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A group of Briar Chapel residents under the moniker 'StopChathamNorth' have asked to be part of the N.C. Utilities Commission's deliberations in allowing Old North State Water Co. and Chatham North, both entities owned by Michael Myers, to take on wastewater from Fearrington Village.

Briar Chapel resident group petitions to intervene in regional wastewater decision

BY ZACHARY **HORNER**

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CHAPEL HILL — A group of Briar Chapel homeowners want in on the N.C. Utilities Commission's deliberations over allowing the neighborhood's wastewater treatment plant to become a regional one.

StopChathamNorth, a quasi-homeowners association of more than 1,700 Briar Chapel residents, filed a petition before the NCUC on Thursday seeking to "participate fully as a party in these dockets.'

Old North State Water Company, which operates the Briar Chapel Wastewater Treatment Plant, is seeking NCUC approval for redirecting wastewater from Fearrington Village to Briar chapel and expanding the WWTP's footprint to handle the new intake. Large numbers of Briar Chapel

residents have expressed concern over ONSWC's previous handling of wastewater within the neighborhood, citing poor customer service, bad odor coming from the current treatment plant and improper dispersion of reclaimed water.

The petition said the

purchase of the BCW-WTP by Chatham North, a separate entity owned by ONSWC President Michael Myers, "could affect rates associated with the Briar Chapel wastewater system and adversely impact what Petitioner's members already consider to be unsatisfactory wastewater treatment services." Additionally, residents say that "on information and belief" additional developments could access the plant waste water treatment facility located in the Briar Chapel subdivision.'

The petition was filed by lawyer Brady Allen of The Allen Law Offices in Raleigh.

According to commission documents, the NCUC is slated to conduct an evidentiary hearing starting at 10 a.m. on June 16 in the Commission's Hearing Room in Raleigh. Prior to the meeting, Chatham North, ONSWC and Fitch Creations, the entity that owns Fearrington Village, can "file supplemental direct expert witness testimony" related to resident complaints by May 1. NCUC Public Staff and any intervenors, including StopChathamNorth if approved, can file expert testimony by May 14, and Chatham North, ONSWC and Fitch Creations can reply by May 29.

"In effect, Chatham North Reporter Zachary Horner er@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR.

Pet of the Week: BIGGINS



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Chatham's social services, Council on Aging and health departments keep on rolling despite COVID-19-enforced changes

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — They serve as three of the most front-facing agencies of Chatham County's government that interact with thousands of residents every week.

But now, the Chatham County Department of Social Services, Public Health Department and Council on Aging are being forced to adjust their procedures and still provide services, despite restrictions placed on them by the spread of COVID-19, or the novel coronavirus.

"It definitely has been strange," said Jennie Kristiansen, director of Chatham DSS. "Every day we've made modifications to how we're doing business, recognizing that we need to be really proactive in reducing our community's risk. The reason people come to DSS is because they need help, and we are here to provide that help. We're working on ways to connect and serve people while minimizing the amount of face to face

contact." DSS normally serves approximately 1,000 clients each month with Medicaid applications, food and nutrition services and other programs like the foster and adoption systems. To help cope with the needs still out there, Kristiansen said her department has tried to step up phone service and keeping her employees available by phone much more, while reminding people of the option to email or snail mail applications and other paperwork.

The department has also set up a table in front of the DSS building on Camp Drive in Pittsboro for people to pick up and



The Dunlap Building, which holds the Chatham County Departments of Public Health and Environmental Health, among others, has no visitors right now, but the lobby is home to drop-off boxes for paperwork and other items.

submit applications, and there's also a dropbox available. Last Monday, March 16, more than 50 people stopped by.

"We do have staff out in front of our office. but we're really trying to limit the number of people coming in to reduce everyone's risk," Kristiansen said. "(We're) really trying to keep people physically out of our waiting area.'

Across the street and across the county, the Council on Aging has scaled back its operations at its Pittsboro and Siler City locations, something that Executive Director Dennis Streets said was devastating.

"The first thing is that we've remained focused,' he said. "It's been heartbreaking that we haven't been able to have those who are regular participants in our two centers."

The COA served an average of 1,334 congregate meals and 1,340 home meals per month during 2019, according to an organization report, along with hosting more than 40,000 exercise and fitness opportunities for its participants throughout the year. To counter that all being canceled, at least the in-person options, the organization has been delivering food to Meals on Wheels participants, working to the N.C. Diaper Bank on incontinence supplies and storing shelf-stable food with the county's **Emergency Management** Department.

Streets said the agency is still doing medical rides and encouraging those who "don't need to go' to not "so that the health practitioner can deal with what they need to be dealing with." Additionally, the COA's Facebook page has hosted virtual workout videos to try to makeup for those in-person events being canceled. An hour-long workout video

on Monday morning with East Chatham Senior Center Fitness/Wellness Specialist Jackie Green had nearly 400 views just four hours after it started.

Other types of interaction that utilize technology, like FaceTime and video conferencing, are ways Streets say can help with one of the larger challenges that seniors in Chatham are facing.

'So many of our folks live alone," Streets said. "Social distancing, social isolation is what's really worrisome. We asked (participants) if they wanted a call each day or how often, and we're meeting that with our staff and then we have a friendly caller volunteer group.

The Chatham County Public Health Department is on the front lines of the COVID-19 response in the county, but Public Health Director Layton Long says the department has still been able to



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Jackie Green, the fitness/wellness specialist at the Eastern Senior Center in Pittsboro, conducted her first virtual exercise last week on Facebook Live with 15 participants through the Chatham County Council on Aging. The room she is in is normally filled to capacity with people exercising.

perform most of its usual responsibilities. The department sees around 150 people in its clinic per week, Long said.

"We have been able to keep most of our services running despite the demands and challenges posed by COVID-19." Long said. "However, we have made some changes to continue to serve the public while reducing face-to-face contact and practicing social distanc-

Among actions: asking individuals to drop off vital records like death certificates instead of face-to-face interactions; postponement of inspections of long-term care facilities and childcare centers; and not conducting asthma home trigger assessments or lead investigations. The department, Long said, has still taken efforts to

still provide guidance and resources to those who ask for them in these areas while minimizing personal contact.

But COVID-19 is, perhaps understandably,

taking up a lot of time. 'CŎVĪD-19 has certainly had a large impact on our day-to-day efforts, with staff from across all divisions being pulled into response efforts,' Long said. "Preparing for and responding to public health emergencies is a critical function of local public health. While COVID-19 is of a magnitude that we have not seen, we have been working with our partners and staff to prepare as best we can for a long time."

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CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

State report: Schools saw 37% increase in short-term suspensions

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

Chatham County Schools doled out more than 37 percent more short-term suspensions during the 2018-19 school year than the year before.

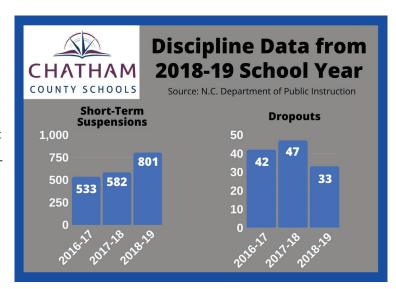
That's according to a recent report from the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction, which provided the numbers of shortterm suspensions, long-term suspensions, criminal acts and dropouts, among other data, from the last school

CCS handed out 801 shortterm suspensions — defined as when a student is suspended from school for 10 days or less

in the 2018-2019 school year. compared to 582 the prior year and 533 in 2016-2017. DPI's data is the total number of suspensions, including when the same student was suspended multiple times

The number of students was not included in the DPI report. Overall, the state saw a 3.8 percent decrease in short-term suspensions.

"Of course, we don't like to



Staff graphic by Zachary Horner

see that number go up," said John McCann, the district's public relations coordinator. 'But we continue to work on it. Our goal is to have kids in school.

District officials have spoken often in recent months about instituting the practice of restorative justice, something discussed at the Chatham

County Board of Education's mid-year retreat this past January. Katie Rosanbalm, a senior research scientist at the Duke University Center for Child and Family Policy. told the board that discipline is best not just for the sake of punishment but with the goal of improved behavior.

"The goal of discipline is

teaching a different behavior next time," Rosanbalm said. "If we can have a plan of

consequences that we know that we're going to do when the behavior shows up, we're going to do it calmly, with respect. That's going to teach a child a different way to behave.'

Amanda Hartness, the district's assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support, added that the schools have been focusing on pairing suspensions with restorative circles to help students understand the effects of their behavior on others and make a plan to avoid that behavior.

McCann said those efforts have played a part in some of the other data in the DPI report, particularly dropouts decreasing from 47 in 2017-2018 to 33 in 2018-2019.

"A good bit of what's reflected in the numbers are onetime offenses," he said. "We believe those students didn't repeat those offenses due to the way we implemented restorative practices. Consider the dropout rate that's down.

Again, we believe our restorative practices played a part in that."

The introductory statements in the DPI report echoed the efforts taken by Chatham's public schools.

"School discipline should not be viewed as a way to manage students and deliver a punishment, but instead a chance to grow students in reinforcing expectations," the report stated. "If a school community has intentionally set the expectation that certain behaviors are not in alignment with a positive school culture, students will strive to meet the high expectations that the adults in their lives have set for them.

The full report and district-specific data are available for viewing at dpi. nc.gov/data-reports/dropout-and-discipline-data/discipline-alp-and-dropout-annual-reports.

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of sales I used to do," he said. "What kind of comfort food do people want? If you're sitting at home having dinner with your family, what will appeal to most of your family? You've got to put something on the table to please them all.

Comfort food it is: barbecue chicken, pot roast, meatloaf, pulled pork, chicken wings and beef brisket, with sides including gouda mac 'n' cheese, mashed potatoes and green beans. Lewis added that the Roadhouse has partnered with, or is in the process of partnering with, nearby bakeries to sell baked goods alongside toys and games from nearby Pittsboro Toys.

The Roadhouse and other restaurants like Town Hall Burger & Beer in Briar Chapel have used this opportunity to

give back to their communities. Lewis said his restaurant is giving a meal to a family in need, working with the schools, for every two meals purchased, and Town Hall Burger is redirecting the generosity of one its regular patrons

David Sadeghi, an owner at Town Hall Burger, said a customer came to the restaurant ownership offering \$5,000 as a fund for the restaurant's employees. Working with the anonymous donor, the restaurant's owners set up a \$15,000 fund -\$10,000 of which is going to Town Hall Burger employees to help them during the restaurant's adjusted hours and service and \$5,000 for meals cooked for front line employees at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

"I think we give them a bit of a smile," Sadeghi said. "You can't keep saying you want to be part of the community. You have to act like it, and we're trying to do that.'

Other restaurants across Chatham have had varying reactions to this new

"normal." Angelina's Kitchen in Pittsboro said on its website that it has suspended hot food service and is making food to be wrapped and sealed cold or frozen. Nericcio's Family Restaurant in Siler City is only opening from 3 to 7 p.m. from Monday to Saturday and offering free delivery up to 10 miles from the store.

And starting last Tuesday, The Root Cellar Cafe in Pittsboro closed its doors "through at least the end of the month," according to a post on its Facebook page, citing "the latest advice from health experts and a desire to keep our staff and customers safe and healthy.' Family-size dinners are still available for pick-up at the restaurant on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Just how long restaurants will have to stay closed to dine-in business and restrict to takeout, curbside and delivery services is unknown — that's a decision made at the state government level.

"We hope that is a short time," Sadeghi said. "It's scary not knowing when this is going to finish up its course."

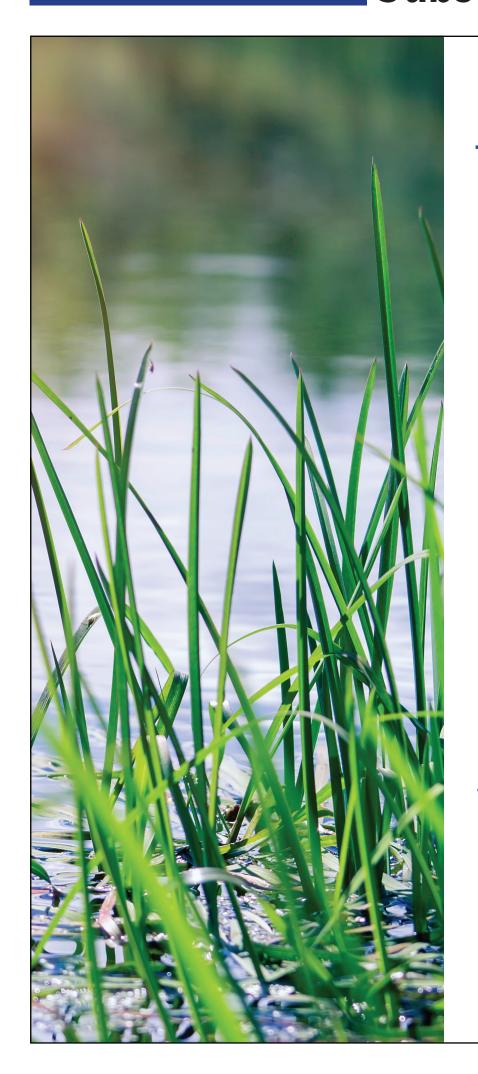
Lewis said the situation has brought the best out of people — a customer came in and bought 100 \$30 gifts cards for others, he said — and it's left him a bit philosophical.

'Îf everybody does a little bit, it everybody helps those around them, everyone will be taken care of," he said. "If everybody does the next right thing, everything will fall into place. The way to move forward is to just do the next right thing."

But that hasn't fixed everything. "There's absolutely nothing we can do about it," Lewis said. "I don't even know what to think about it. If you think about it too much, it makes you want to cry.

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Area leagues honor winter All-Conference selections

BY DUCK DUCKSON

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The NCHSAA recently announced its 2019-2020 Winter Sports All-Conference teams, with Chatham County having a number of individuals from four area high schools (Northwood, Chatham Charter, Chatham Central and Jordan-Matthews) recognized for their athletic achievements in men's and women's basketball plus wrestling as well as men's and women's swimming, where applicable.

Regarding just how successful the winter season was for local teams, it's interesting to note a total of seven basketball squads advanced to the state playoffs, while five coaches received the distinction of being named "Coach of the Year" in their respective sport.

In the Big Eight 3A Conference, the Northwood men captured the basketball regular-season championship with a record of 13-1 and finished 27-3 overall.

advancing to the 3A East Regional Finals. Named to the All-Conference team were Aaron Ross, Jalen McAfee-Marion and Deuce Powell, while Jack Thompson and Alex Snively were selected to the Honorable Mention squad. In addition, Matt Brown was tabbed as men's 'Coach of the Year.'

The Northwood women also claimed the basketball regular-season title with a mark of 13-1 while concluding the year at 22-6 after advancing to the third round of the 3A East state play-off. TeKeyah Bland, Rae McClarty and McKenna Snively were chosen to the All-Conference team, with Chandler Adams and Gianna McManaman named to the Honorable Mention squad. In addition, Cameron Vernon was selected as women's "Coach of the Year."

With regard to wrestling, Northwood's Tyler Tracy (106-pound class) was chosen as the Big Eight 3A Conference "Wrestler of the Year" and was joined on the All-Conference team by Evan Boggess (132), Joe Sipper (138),

Montgomery Allgood (160), Ben Mc-Gaughnea (285) and At-Large selection Jamison Davis, while William Lake and Chandler Stubbs were named to the Honorable Mention squad. The Charger grapplers finished third in the league standings with a record of 5-2 while

ending up 20-4 overall. With respect to team results in swimming, the Lady Chargers finished third while the men ended up sixth. All-Conference performers included Julia Earnshaw (100-yard Butterfly and 100-yard Freestyle), Mia Corrado (100-yard Backstroke and 500-yard Freestyle), and Suzanne Earnshaw (100-yard Breaststroke), plus the team of Mia Corrado, Gwen Hoeg, Suzanne Earnshaw and Julia Earnshaw (200-yard Freestyle Relay). In addition, Jill Wenstread was chosen female "Coach of the Year.

In the Central Tarheel 1A Conference, the Chatham Charter men captured the basketball regular-season championship with a mark of 14-0 and finished 32-2 overall, advancing to the 1A East

Regional Finals. Named to the All-Conference team were Jordan Hamilton (also tabbed as the league's "Player of the Year"), along with Cole Milholen and Connor Murphy, while Ryan White and Trevor Golden received Honorable Mention recognition. In addition, Jason Messier was selected men's "Coach of the Year.'

The Lady Knights also captured the basketball regular-season title with a record of 14-0 and concluded the year at 27-4 after advancing to the third round of the 1A East state playoffs. Morgan Lineberry, Tamaya Walden and Rebecca McGaughnea were named to the All-Conference squad, with Lillian Jones and Olivia Cheek chosen for the Honorable Mention team. In addition, Jennifer Dameron Bridges was selected women's "Coach of the Year."

The following Chatham Charter players also received recognition from the NC Basketball Coaches Association

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An unprecedented time in sports, life

There are times in life that you never forget where you



DON BEANE Sports Editor

were when a particular event oc-curred. The Miracle on Ice, N.C. State defeating Houston for the '83 hoops national title, and 9/11 certainly come to

mind for me

for a variety of reasons, both good and bad. Now Thursday, March 12, is certainly on that list for me personally.

I was down in Bear Creek at a 1A Yadkin Valley Conference track meet between Chatham Central, Albemarle, Gray Stone Day, and North Stanly, enjoying the competition, like any other day from my more than 23 years of covering sports.

Now, of course, I was well aware of the coronavirus and the problems it was causing worldwide, but still, in the back of my mind, it really hadn't hit me the severity of the situation. Or maybe it had and I was in

Well, I found out just how real a situation it was that night when word began circulating around the track meet, boys tennis match, and girls softball areas that sports would be put on hold in Chatham County until April 7. I remember standing there with Chatham Central Athletic Director and good friend Bob Pegram and the school's Assistant Principal Matthew Wilkins, and discussing exactly what our thoughts were and what the future may hold in what is an unprecedented time in sports and life.

In the week and a half since that evening I heard a great deal of discussion from people around Chatham County, parents, players, coaches, fans, administrators, teachers; it's just the dominating theme of our life, the prevailing topic of conversation in so many ways.

While riding home one day I began thinking of some of the prevailing words that continued to reoccur in these conversations, and for some reason I came up with a new word in my



Staff photo by David Bradley

It's a dreary day in two ways at the tennis courts at Chatham Charter School. Rain on Monday washed out the already empty courts because of the virus crisis. Gov. Roy Cooper has locked down schools throughout the state until May 15, and perhaps

head to sum them up, almost like playing the game Scrabble, which I used to play with my grandmother. And that word

was SABAEVA. Now honestly, the word sounds like a Russian Siberian Buryat surname, as my wife's last name was Altaeva, and subconsciously I'm sure that played a part in the deriving of it. In her homeland, common Burvat names are Bambaeva. Pantaeva (Irina the famous model and actress), Dagbaeva and the like. But alas, SABAE-VA didn't derive centuries ago on the Siberian steppes with the indigenous Buryats, but rather here 8,000 miles away in

Chatham County. The letter "S" in my new word SABAEVA stands for what we all feel currently, Sadness. And its not so much for myself, the coaches, and even the parents, but for the kids here in Chatham County on all the teams whether its baseball, softball, track, tennis, soccer, lacrosse, golf — it's just a sad feeling.

Don't get me wrong. I feel bad for the likes of John Will Headen at J-M, Brett Walden at Chatham Central, David Miller of Northwood and Bill Slaughter at Chatham Charter, all of who were set to have banner years on the baseball diamond. But they've all had their days as players and coaches. It's just different when talking about the kids not only in high school, but middle school and recreation ball, in our county and across the state and nation, robbed due to a health hazard that was sprung upon us almost out of the blue. Sixteen teams were set to decide eight state titles in basketball two days after the announcement on that Thursday, and they will never get the chance to know if they could have won as a NCHSAA

state title. The first letter "A" stands for Anxiety. We all have felt it to some extreme or another, whether its worrying about your job, business, loved ones

it's everywhere and it's real. My first real experience with



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The evidence of a too-short season remains in the home team's dugout at Jordan-Matthews High School. Cleats, boots and jackets were left behind after the abrupt halt to all high school sports in the state after a season that lasted for only a few games.

the anxiety that the coronavirus would cause was that night down at Chatham Central when a well-known young lady who competes for the Lady Bears came up and spoke to Coach

Pegram, Assistant Principal Wilkins and myself. I will never forget it. I was left in almost shock and thinking, "Wow, this

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Panthers made right decision to move on from Cam

When the Carolina Panthers announced on the team's



ZACHARY HORNER Intentionally Verbose

website last Tuesday that QB Cam Newton was given permission to seek a trade, it took me by surprise.

Probably the best quarterback in franchise history, the nineyear vet took Carolina to

the Super Bowl and won league MVP in 2015. But recent injury issues put his future with the team in doubt as he lost his ability, at least temporarily, to be as mobile and effective has he had been.

One of the distinct pleasures of my career was selecting Cam with the first pick in the 2011 draft," team GM Marty Hurney said, according to the team's

website. "Every year difficult decisions are made and they are never easy. We have been working with Cam and his agent to find the best fit for him moving forward and he will always be a Carolina Panther in our hearts.

Yes, every sports team has to make difficult decisions. But this move fits right in line with the direction owner David Tepper and new head coach Matt Rhule are taking the Panthers, and I think it's wise to follow them.

Newton only played two games last season because of injuries, but also missed time in 2014 and 2018. As a rule, I'm always going to be skeptical of athletes who have a history of injuries. That doesn't mean they can't do amazing things Kirk Gibson in the World Series, Michael Jordan and the flu game — but athletes' effectiveness is limited when they're

not physically at their best.

That's especially the case for

Newton, whose best play comes when he's mobile and slinging the ball downfield.

Football is a physical sport, and players are going to get hurt often. I'm not expecting Cam to be healthy all the time. Even the greats miss time — Tom Brady missed all but the first part of the first quarter of the first game during the 2008 season. But Brady came back from that and has earned two MVPs, went to 10 Pro Bowls and won three Super Bowls since then.

Is Cam capable of that? I think so. But here's the second part of my argument.

Owner David Tepper wants to win, which Panthers fans should love. Additionally, new head coach Rhule comes in with a lot of energy and passion. But it's a project. And starting a project with a quarterback with nine years under his belt and multiple injuries is

not entirely promising. Think of the other moves the

team has made or have made for them: releasing veteran contributors Greg Olsen and Eric Reid, trading away Trai Turner and seeing Luke Kuechly retire. This is a squad that's in the midst of an overhaul, and no position is more emblematic of a team's approach than a

quarterback. I don't know if Teddy Bridgewater is the long-term answer. He's got a history of injuries of his own — he missed the whole of 2016 and almost the entire 2017 season due to an ACL tear and dislocated knee joint, and that worries me. But having a player fresh off some solid outings for the New Orleans Saints last year three years removed from his last major injury seems like a safer bet for a reboot.

My last line of reasoning: If Bridgewater doesn't work out, the Panthers can just draft Trevor Lawrence at No. 1 overall in 2021, and they'll be set.

Wherever you fall on the Cam Newton debate in North or South Carolina, whether he should have been kept on or not, you can appreciate what he brought to the team on and off the field, in the community and on social media. And he clearly felt the love — "I love the Panthers TO DEATH AND WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU GUYS, he wrote March 17 in a post on Instagram.

He added that he felt he was being forced out — that's another conversation — but in this case, I encourage Panthers fans to be grateful for what Cam Newton brought to the franchise and look forward to something new and different. And root for Cam wherever he goes, except when he plays the

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How NC's professional sports teams are responding to season cancellations due to COVID-19

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

Pretty much every professional sports league in the United States, and many others around the world, have hit the "pause" or cancellation button in response to the spread and potential spread of COVID-19, or the novel coronavirus.

That's left teams having to make decisions about player safety, regular operations and compensating game-day workers for missed time. North Carolina's professional sports teams — the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes, the NBA's Charlotte Hornets and NFL's Carolina Panthers among them are left to make similar decisions.

Last Tuesday, the Hurricanes pledged to pay



hourly PNC Arena and team event staff wages based on the team's final seven March regular-season home games. Funding came from Hurricanes owner Tom Dundon and the Carolina Hurricanes Foundation. as well as "a generous donation" from Hurricanes

"Our part-time event staff are a vital part of the gameday experience at PNC Arena," Hurricanes President/GM Don Waddell said in a press

release. "We know that the season being paused has created a lot of uncertainty, so Tom, the players and the Foundation have stepped up to help these employees through this unprecedented situation."

The NHL paused play for teams on March 12 and encouraged players and traveling team staff to self-quarantine for two weeks. The Hurricanes press release stated that "no player, team staff member or arena employee have exhibited any signs of COVID-19 at this time.

The Hornets have done the same thing as the Hurricanes, establishing a fund designed to give compensation of lost wages to employees slated to work games played at home by the Hornets and Greensboro Swarm, the Hornets' G League affiliate, as well as postponed events and concerts at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte. Hornets part-time staff will

be paid through April 13, the originally-scheduled end of the regular

'Payments from the fund will assist the more than 500 part-time staff that are employed by HSE," a press release from March 15 said. "These part-time em-

ployees serve in various capacities during games and events, including ushers, ticket takers, box office attendants, entertainers, public safety officers, retail staff, guest services personnel, technical operations and more."

The Panthers have been busy in football-related decisions — giving QB Cam Newton permission to seek a trade, releasing safety Eric Reid and making trades and free-agent signings of their own — but on the operations side, the team

has followed the pattern of many businesses.

"Outside of a few exceptions, we have instructed our staff to work from home," a statement from Tepper Sports & Entertainment, which owns the Panthers, said on March 12. "We have limited travel for Panthers coaches and scouts until further notice and will continue to prepare for the upcoming league year. TSE will continue to closely monitor developments and remain in contact with local health officials."

The NFL Draft, currently scheduled for April 23-25, will go on as planned but no longer live from Las Vegas.

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Silk Hope Nuggets 7/8 Champions

The Silk Hope Nuggets 7 & 8 boys basketball team went undefeated at 8-0, winning the Chatham County Western Conference regular season championship. The then went on to finish as the runnerup in the Chatham County tournament, losing a hard fought championship game 22-20 to the Pistons from North Chatham. Team members are, front row, from left: Ronen Moore, Caleb Mitchell, Bryson Green: second row, from left: Braylon Degraffenreaidt, Hayden Dark, Drew Rippe, Zach Griffin-Riggsbee, Bryson Stout, Jackson Clark; back row, from left: coaches Charles Daniel and Kenny Glover.

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is serious and how do you explain to a teenager that things will be OK when she's expressing such valid concerns? Missing her final spring season of sports, missing school and not seeing her lifelong friends on a daily basis, missing a prom for which she had already purchased a dress and was so excited about. and possibly missing her graduation with all her classmates to celebrate 12 years of accomplishments and hard work. All just heartbreaking thoughts that were running through her mind and probably most other teenagers. But then, she took it a step further, and showed how caring a young lady she is, and said, "They say it affects elderly people more, I don't want anything to happen to my grandparents." That was a real dose of reality in that moment, and real anxiety over fear of something happening to loved ones. As adults really not having a sure answer to give her other than words of reassurance that all would be OK was a tough pill to swallow.

The letter "B" has been a common theme, and most parents can identify I'm sure, and that's Boredom. Kids of all ages all of a sudden have been vanked out of the classroom, off the sports fields and courts, and now can't

even go out to a restaurant just to have a sweet tea and burger with their friends. And the vounger ones. I mean, parents are having to create academic schedules and forms of entertainment while juggling work around it to try and keep the kids

from going stir crazy. Next is the letter "A" again, this time for Athletics, or the lack thereof. So many people have brought up the cancellation of March Madness, the Masters, Major League baseball, and the likes, all staples of spring time in America. For me, the withdrawals of not having March Madness have been difficult; it's just one of my favorite

times of the year.

The letter "E" stands
for the Elderly. It's been noted from day one that this terrible virus affects our elderly population more than any other age bracket and that has been a big topic of conversation among many I know. So especially with those over 80, it's up to us to take real precautions and the social distancing needs to be part of our daily life for a while.

With that said, "V" can be a something very positive in these trying times, and that's Virtual. With Skype, Facetime, and other apps we can communicate like never before. And the Virtual aspects are key for our kids to continue to get an education online while at home as well as our college students. It can also be used to set up play times



Staff photo by David Bradley

Looking down the first base line to the football stadium into the memories of baseball and football games played at Jordan-Matthews High School, the hope is that games will resume after COVID-19 has passed.

and discussions with the kids missing their friends, and more importantly in some regards, with the elderly population, which often includes grandparents, to make them feel still connected. Medically, the virtual hospital and health care visits online are going to be an area that will grow exponentially due to this virus, which is at least one good aspect to come out of a bad situation.

The final "A" stands for America. We've been through hard times before, and one thing Americans always do is pull together and help out others. This situation certainly is unique, but the efforts by so many to help others and the overall response has been amazing to see. But it's no surprise, because this is America, and it's what we do. God Bless America!



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NCHSAA responds to Gov. Roy Cooper's press conference

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

 $CHAPEL\,HILL$ —The North Carolina High School Athletic Association addressed the Monday, March 23 news conference by North Carolina Governor Rov Cooper by issuing a statement in response to the executive order closing all North Carolina public schools through May 15th.

North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) Commissioner Que Tucker released the following statement:

'Having heard the updated information relative to schools remaining closed until the middle of May, NCHSAA interscholastic athletics will remain suspended until at least May 18.

'The NCHSAA Board use the next few weeks to weigh our future

decisions based on the new directions given by Governor Cooper, other government leaders, and organizations charged with public health and safety during this unprecedented time. Such decisions will include the possible resumption of spring sports competition and the possibility of holding the state basketball championships.

"While we remain hopeful that we will be able to resume competition, particularly for our senior student-athletes, we also recognize the need to protect the health and safety of our students, coaches and the communities we serve.

The NCHSAA had hoped to resume high school atheltics in North Carolina on April 7, but the potential spread and severity of the virus forced the pushback to the new date of May 18.





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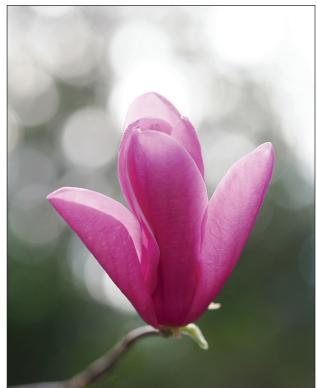


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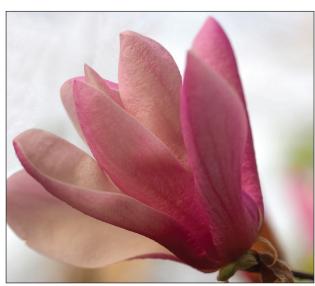


Caught between a rock and a hard place — this variegated Solomon's seal in photographer Kim Hawks' garden is showing some resilience.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

A saucer magnolia opens in Hawks' garden at the 'Hawks' Nest.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

This saucer magnolia is in full bloom.

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as members of the 2020 District 8 All-District team: Jordan Hamilton (men's first team), Morgan Lineberry (women's second team), and Tamaya Walden (women's third team).

Chatham Charter's Chandler Steele was named to the All-Conference wrestling team and finished state runner-up in the 126-pound class.

In the Yadkin Valley 1A Conference, the Chatham Central men finished in a three-way tie for first place in the final basketball league standings with a record of 14-2 and concluded the year 22-6 overall after advancing to the second round of the 1A West state playoffs. Named to the All-Conference team were Michael Moore and Lucas Skertich, while Phillip Gaines was selected to the Honorable Mention squad.

The Lady Bears tied for third place in the final basketball league standings with a mark of 11-5 and finished 16-13 overall after advancing to the third round of the 1A East state playoffs. Mary Grace Murchison and Danielle Vaughn were chosen to the All-Conference team, while Savannah Stilwell was named to the Honor-

able Mention squad. In the Piedmont 2A (PAC 7) Athletic Conference, the Jordan-Matthews men finished sixth in the final basketball league standings with a record of 3-9 and concluded 10-17 overall after advancing to the first round of the 2A East state playoffs, with Camden Fuquay and Lanice Hedgepeth both selected to the All-Conference team.

The Lady Jets finished in a tie for fifth place in the final basketball league standings with a mark of 4-8 and concluded their season 8-16 overall, with Jasmine Scotten and Ellia Wright chosen to the All-Conference squad.

Andre Charles (220) and Esmar Bixcul (113) were named to the All-Conference wrestling team, while Lady Jets' swimmers finished fourth in the final league standings.

Jennah Fadely was the lone J-M swimmer to receive All-Conference recognition, both in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard Breaststroke.

Congratulations are extended to all these student athletes plus coaches Brown, Vernon, Wenstread, Messier and Dameron Bridges for their accomplishments while representing their respective schools during the winter sports season.

Mock NCAA tournament progresses as Duke and FSU advance to Sweet 16

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

The official NCAA tournament may have been postponed but here in Chatham County it will play out using the

final projection bracket of famous bracketologist Andy Katz.

Of statewide interest, it was North Carolina Central advancing in the First Four games as the Eagles took an 87-79 victory over Robert Morris as Jibri Blount and C.J. Kevser had 23 and 19 points respectively.

With the win NCCU earned an opening round matchup in Saint Louis where the locals dropped a 68-54 loss to the South Region top seed in Baylor despite 17 from Blount.

Other opening round games saw Duke pull away from Akron 72-53 in Greensboro in East Regional play behind a three-point barrage from Tre Jones, Matthew Hurt and Jordan Goldwire, who hit a trio of trevs each for the Blue Devils while Vernon Carey had a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds in the win.

Defending national champion Virgina was stunned 58-57 in the opening round by instate foe Richmond as Blake Francis canned a 24-foot trey from the left wing as the buzzer sounded to lift the Spiders to the upset March Madness style in Greens-

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Florida State advanced in the opening

round of the South Regional with a 76-60

triumph over Arkansa Little-Rock in Tampa while Louisville also moved on in the Midwest Regional with an 88-53 win over Vermont in Tampa.

Second round action saw action saw a pair of Atlantic Coast Conference teams advance into the Sweet 16 as Duke squeeked by Texas Tech 66-61 in a grind it out affair with Carey netting 17. Florida

State took down a feisty Butler squad 77-74 while Louisville lost 92-87 to an experienced and dangerous Brigham Young squad.

Of note, all four of the top-seeds advanced into the Sweet 16 in Kansas,

Dayton, Gonzaga and Baylor.

Duke takes on Dayton in New York City in third round action while Florida State will battled Cinderella story East Tennessee State in Houston.



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CORA FOOD PANTRY

Increased need puts extra demands on CORA during COVID-19 pandemic

BY BILL HORNER III News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO - When traffic at CORA jumped last week — double or even triple the normal numbers of individuals and families seeking food assistance — Melissa Driver Beard, the non-profit food pantry's executive director, found herself in dire need of healthy volunteers to help

bags of food. And then they showed

assemble and hand out

CORA's facility on Camp Drive, not far from the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro, was abuzz with activity last Thursday afternoon as Beard, staff members, volunteers - some of whom Beard hadn't seen before, but was happy to — and those needing food helped, and were helped, as the impact of the COVID-19 virus began to be felt in kitchens and pantries in homes around Chatham County.

Earlier, Beard had put the word out about needing volunteers - CORA still needs them and will continue to — and as the community responded, she took a moment to reflect and express her

thanks. "It's funny," she said during a brief break in her work. "Last week, I was so proud of myself for having the foresight on Monday or Tuesday to place an order for a month's worth of food thinking, 'Oh, I'm getting ahead of the game.' And, you know, if there are shortages or if there are price increases, we'll be ahead of that.

But with the new reality of this pandemic, the best plans don't always bear fruit.

"That food order was supposed to come in by Thursday," Beard said, "and it's still not here."

With some other suppliers, she says: "Every day we're told, 'Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow.

Outreach Alliance, which provides food to individuals and families within



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Melissa Driver Beard, left, executive director of CORA, and Pam Barker of Chapel Hill, who serves on CORA's board of directors, take a break during the fury of work there Thursday afternoon at the food pantry in Pittsboro.

the community who are in need from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays — does have food on hand, although canned protein ("we're extremely low on canned tuna, canned chicken, salmon, beans, that sort of thing") is in short supply.

In a normal week, CORA might serve the needs of 800 or so people. By last Friday, the number exceeded 1,800 for the week. Another 430 individuals came for food on Monday.

Beard said already-planned food drives, extra donations from individuals and groups and newly-planned drives were huge helps in keeping CO-RA's stores supplied. And food from regular CORA suppliers such as the N.C. Food Bank and Aldi?

CORA learned Monday it wouldn't get any shipments of food at all this week.

"We're relying heavily on donations of canned goods," said Rebecca Hankins, CORA's development and communications director. "The most important thing is to direct people to our website to get the latest updates, as things are changing very rapidly.'

For Chatham County residents in need, CORA provides a week's worth of nutritionally-balanced food up to six times over a 12-month period. For

non-Chatham residents, CORA can temporarily provide food while strategies for finding food closer to home are managed. The organization's "Beyond Six" program provides a basic level of food support to help families navigate additional weeks of need.

Those needs are changing. The spread of the novel coronavirus and the workload of her staff means, too, that Beard is taking as many precautions as possible. A mobile food market planned for Siler City was canceled, and alternating Saturday distribution hours will probably be stopped as well. But because CORA is designated as a disaster relief agency, CORA will be handing out food "as long as we have food to hand out," Beard said.

In doing so, they're practicing "social distancing" as much as possible in CORA's cramped facilities — including having clients stay at "curbside' and having volunteers hand bags of food to them.

"So, there are no clients coming in the pantry,' she said. "Given our space restrictions in the pantry, I'd love to be able to keep our volunteers farther apart from each other. But I can't even really successfully do that. Everybody is here by choice. I've told my staff



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

A pallet of grapes awaits clients of CORA at the organization's facility in Pittsboto.

if they would rather work calling 'runners' — so from home, they could, and right now some are working remotely.'

CORA's employees will begin working in two teams in the coming week in an effort to provide some separation "so that if one of us at work becomes sick, we wouldn't all have to go into isolation," Beard said and volunteers will be able to work "off-hours" if they so choose.

Beard appreciates the extra help and says that need will continue.

"We do need volunteers," she said. "We primarily are using volunteers to bag food. If you are worried about social distancing, we can arrange for people to come after hours. And, you know, we want people to be cautious. We want you to be safe. We want to respect people's boundaries. And because of our building size, that's hard for us to do.

'We're just trying to get as much food pre-bagged as we can," she said. "We've got things really well marked, and putting together a bag of food is a pretty easy process. We need people who we're

that you would basically just take bags of food out front. And there's very limited social contact with that. We need people who are willing to be exposed to the public that will bag take bags of food to cars. And we need Spanish translators.'

But right now, the biggest need, Beard says, is food: proteins, canned fruits, vegetables, cereal bars, crackers, apples, oranges

"And oddly enough, we need paper grocery bags, because getting those in is proving to be difficult," she said.

And for those who can, CORA needs financial donations, which can be made at corafoodpantry.

As Beard works to keep her staff and volunteers healthy, and CORA's food supplies stocked, she says a word of thanks about the community's support.

Really, I mean, the community has rallied around us and is seeing the value in what we're providing," she said.
"And we're so, so thankful for that. I think it speaks volumes about just how entrenched CORA is

in the community and the fact that we've been here for 30 years.

"You know, we're seeing people who are coming because suddenly they've lost their job as a waitress or a waiter or in some other business, or they've had to quit because their kids are out of school, or who knows what may be the case..." Beard said. "And we may be dealing with that for months. So, we're just trying to plan for every possible scenario. It's really hard to look into that crystal ball and see what's going to happen, but we're trying to do that and just so thankful for everybody that's helping us along the way.'

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DONATIONS TO CORA

You can send in donations to CORA at P.O. Box 1326, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312, or give securely online at corafoodpantry.org. You can also drop off donations at the CORA Food Pantry Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and

CCCC SBC offers free webinars regarding COVID-19

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• Thursday, April 2nd

- Strategic Planning and Actions to Take Now During the Coronavirus Crisis - 1-2:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 14th - Marketing and Promoting Your Professional Service Business During the COVID-19 Pandemic -1-2:30 p.m.

Johnson named Pittsboro PD's interim chief

PITTSBORO — Interim Town Manager Robert Morgan said Tuesday that Lt. Shorty Johnson would be the Interim Police Chief for the Town of Pittsboro until a new police chief is hired.

Johnson will take over from retiring Police Chief Percy Crutchfield on Saturday.

Johnson has nearly 26 years of law enforcement experience in Chatham County. He has served as a Patrol Deputy and Detective for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department, several positions with the Siler City Police Department and has been with the Pittsboro Police Department since 2015. Johnson has a Bachelor of Science Degree in

Criminal Justice from Appalachian State University and a Master's Degree in Justice Administration at Methodist University.

NEWS BRIEFS

Siler City P&R cancels events: parks remain open

SILER CITY — The Siler City Parks and Recreation Department is taking appropriate action to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Following Gov. Roy Cooper's Executive Order No. 120, the Siler City Parks and Recreation Department is cancelling or postponing multiple programs, events, and reservations. All indoor and outdoor facility reservations are cancelled until further notice.

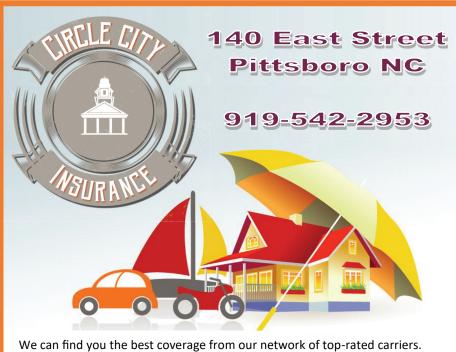
To encourage social distancing and prioritize the well-being of community member, park patrons, and staff all playgrounds, park shelters, and park restroom facilities are closed until further notice. Areas surrounding playgrounds — including green ways, walking trails, and other open

space amenities — are still available for use.

The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages everyone to recreate in a variety of alternative ways and to follow us on social media and find us on the web at www.silercity.org for upto-date information and daily recreational activity

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Andre Foye, 23, of Greensboro, was charged March 13 with failure to appear on charges of speeding and driving while license revoked. Foye was held under a \$700 bond with a March 16 court date in Gra-

Dion Caldwell, 32, of Siler Citty, was charged March 13 with failure to appear on charges of breaking and/or entering and larceny after breaking/entering. Caldwell was held under a \$5,000 bond with a March 30 court date in Albemarle.

Larry Harris Jr., 47, of Siler City, was charged March 13 with failure to appear on charges of methamphetamine possession and possession of drug paraphernalia not for

marijuana. Harris was held under a \$20,000 bond with an April 15 court date in Asheboro.

Donald Jordan, 50, of Pittsboro, was charged March 14 with communicating threats. Jordan was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with an April 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Rockie Crissman, 65, of Pittsboro, was charged March 14 with assault on a female. Crissman was held under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with an April 28 court date in Pittsboro.

Damos Alston, 24, of Siler City, was charged March 15 with misdemeanor probation violation out of county. Alston was held under a \$5.000 bond with an April 22 court date in Siler City.

Michael Everwine, 38, of Siler

City, was charged March 15 with possession of a stolen firearm, injury to personal property, larceny of a firearm, breaking and entering, larceny after breaking/entering, stolen property offenses, obtaining property by false pretense and possession of a firearm by a felon. Everwine was held under a \$25,000 bond with an April 20 court date in Ashe-

Lorenzo Vasquez, 32, of Siler City, was charged March 19 with sexual exploitation of a minor. He was held under a \$15,000 bond with a March 30 court date in Pittsboro.

Eric Wilson, 33, of Bear Creek, was charged March 20 with felony robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen goods, assault by pointing a gun,

assault with a deadly weapon and communicating threats. He was held under a \$25,000 bond with an April 27 court date in Pittsboro.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Kevin Villarreal of Winston-Salem was cited March 17 for failure to maintain lane control on Moncure Pittsboro Road in Pittsboro.

Ariel Moone of Raleigh was cited March 17 for a stop sign violation on Corinth Road in

Diana Abu-Haija of Carrboro was cited March 17 for improper backing on Quarter Gate Trace in Pittsboro.

Guadalupe Rodriguez Miranda

of Bear Creek was cited March 18 for failure to maintain lane control on Second Avenue in Siler City.

Hu Lao of Carrboro was cited March 18 for failure to maintain lane control on Farrington

Road in Pittsboro.

Monisha Hailey of Roxboro was cited March 18 for improper backing in the Fairways parking lot in Pittsboro.

Gabino Pastor of Angier was cited March 20 for failure to yield at a left turn and no operator's license on U.S. Highway 64 in Pittsboro.

Clifton Culberson of Siler City was cited March 20 for driving left of center and failure to maintain lane control on Jessie Bridges Road in Siler City.

Siler City man allegedly used Kik Messenger to conduct illicit online activity with minor

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office announced an arrest last



Vasquez

week of a Siler City man for sexual exploitation of a minor that allegedly occurred on a popular

> Lorenzo Vasquez, 32, of Siler City, faces three felony counts of sexual exploitation

social media app.

of a minor with additional charges pending, according to a release from the sheriff's office. The release stated that deputies were tipped off to the possibility and was taken into custody on March 19.

Investigators say the crimes 'appear to be conducted through the use of the Kik Messenger app, which has made national headlines in recent years as one of the top worst cellphone apps for children and teens." Kik serves as a free messaging tool used by young

people, but also "allows strangers to connect with children relatively anonymously, which can lead to inappropriate relationships and content sharing between adults and minors," the release stated.

"It's important for parents to educate themselves and their children about potentially dangerous apps and how to spot them," Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Sara Pack said in the release. "It's especially important right now with kids out of school and looking for ways to keep themselves entertained and connected.'

Vasquez is currently being held under a \$15,000 bond with a scheduled March 30 court date in

Armed robbery suspect from Bear Creek arrested while pumping gas in Chatham

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office apprehended a man suspected of armed robbery last week while he was pumping gas, an hour



Wilson

after the alleged incident.

Eric Wilson, 33, of Bear Creek, faces multiple felony charges after reportedly stealing cash and cigarettes from a convenience store in the Bennett area

while brandishing a weapon on Friday, March 20.

Deputies from the sheriff's office responded to the scene of the original incident and located Wilson approximately an hour later "as he attempted to pump gas at a second convenience store," according to a press release. He was still in possession of the stolen property, which was recovered without incident.

Wilson has been charged with felony robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen goods, assault by pointing a gun, assault with a deadly weapon and communicating threats. He was assigned a \$25,000 bond and given an April 27 court date at Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

Siler City man charged with 46 sex offenses against child

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A 56-year-old man from Siler City is in law enforce-



Ellington

legations. John Mark Ellington is facing 23 counts of statutory sexual offense with a child and 23 counts of indecent liberties with a child in relation to a February 12 report of sexual assault

of a minor. According to a Chatham County Sheriff's Office news release, investigators found "allegations that multiple sexual assaults had occurred over the course of several years, with some of the incidents dating as far back as 2016" connected to the first report. After "additional testing and review of all available evidence," the release stated, Ellington was

He was held under a \$500,000 bond with a March 30 court date in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

charged and arrested.

NC 2-1-1 to Provide Assistance

for COVID-19 Governor Roy Cooper has announced that 2-1-1 is the number to call for assistance and resources related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, according to the United Way of Chatham County.

NC 2-1-1 is an information and referral service, operated by United Way of North Carolina, where families and individuals can obtain free and confidential information on health and human service resources within their community 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Resources are available in most

Locally, United Way of Chatham

County and the Chatham County Health Department are proud to provide funding and support to bring 2-1-1 to all residents.

"NC 2-1-1 is an important resource every day for families in our community who may experience a crisis such as food insecurity or unemployment," said Executive Director Dina Reynolds. "During times like this with the COVID 19 crisis, the needs of all North Carolinians will increase and I am proud 2-1-1 will be here to help."

"Services like NC 2-1-1 are critical during times of emergency," said Gov-ernor Cooper. "We need to make sure North Carolinians have access to the resources they need while we continue to work together to prevent the spread

North Carolinians can text COVIDNC to 898211 to receive general information and updates about COVID-19. Sign up now to get regular alerts on the rapidly evolving situation and North Carolina's response. Individuals who have specific needs related to food, shelter, energy assistance, housing, parenting resources, health care, substance abuse treatment, as well as specific resources for older adults and for persons with disabilities should dial 2-1-1 or TTY 888-892-1162 for assistance. Due to expected high call volume, those wanting to stay updated on general developments with North Carolina's response to the coronavirus

crisis should sign up for 211's text alerts by texting COVIDNC to 898211.

NC 2-1-1 cannot provide direct medical services, and COVID-19 can only be diagnosed by a health care professional. If you suspect you or someone you care for may have symptoms or have been exposed to the virus, you should contact your health care provider. If you do not have a provider, you can call your local health department or a Federally Qualified Health Clinic for guidance.

To learn more about NC 2-1-1, visit nc211.org. For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in North Carolina, go to ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus.

— CN+R staff reports

Northwood's Kaylor named top biology teacher in NC

NEWS BRIEF

BY ZACHARY

HORNER News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Since 2007, Cari Kaylor has been teaching biology at Northwood High School in Pittsboro, and her resume is sparkling.

Earlier this school year, another star was added to that CV.

The National Association of Biology Teachers honored Kaylor with the 2019 North Carolina Outstanding Biology Teacher Award, given annually to the teacher from the state "who has made valuable contributions to the profession and to his/her students, according to a NABT press release. She received the honor in November of last year at the organization's annual conference in Chicago.

Kaylor said she feels the award is part of the validation for the hard work she says all teachers put in.

'It is without question one of the most thankless, grueling and frustrating professions out there," she said. "We spend countless hours developing lessons with the hope of hearing our students say, 'That's cool!', 'Today was fun,' and/ or 'Class is already over?' When I hear my students say these things, I'm revitalized by their excitement. Winning this award takes this feeling to a new level. It has been purely inspiring and humbling, and for that I am grateful.

A 1999 alumna of Appalachian State University, Kaylor has numerous responsibility's on Northwood's campus — teaching



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Northwood High School's Cari Kaylor was recently named North Carolina's top biology teacher by the National Association of Biology Teachers.



Photo courtesy of Chatham County

Northwood biology teacher Cari Kaylor said she enjoys seeing students love biology like she did when she was their age. 'I'm revitalized by their excitement,' she said. 'I feel as if all my hard work has

biology at the Advanced Placement level, mentoring other teachers, supervising student-teachers and serving as a School Facilitator for AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Critical Reading Strategies. She was Northwood's Teacher of the Year for the 2012-2013 school year.

Kaylor said biology has been her love since child-

"I was that kid who was always outside exploring,' she said. "I loved flipping over logs and rocks to see what creatures lie beneath. I loved collecting remnants from the natural world and observing organisms that were unaware of my presence. I loved learning about the natural world in school and was thrilled in high school that whole classes were just about biology.'

But when she was disappointed by her Biology II teacher in high school, she promised to herself that she would be better. After nearly 13 years in Northwood's classrooms, her efforts and their effect on students is visible to school Principal Bradford Walston.

"We are so proud of Mrs. Kaylor for this award and

honor," Walston said. "This presentation at Northwood. honor is a testament of her overwhelming dedication to students in the process of learning. Mrs. Kaylor is a positive force for the teaching profession who also mentors the growth of other educators.

Kelly Batten, the executive director of secondary education and Career and Technical Education for Chatham County Schools, said Kaylor's commitment to "student-centered" teaching makes this award even more "fantastic.'

"The students are the priority, and the concepts of biology are the context for learning and teaching each day — notice how we have yet to mention Ms. Kaylor?" Batten said. "Well, that is the essence of Ms. Kaylor, and it makes this honor even more special. She places student well-being and learning first."

Kaylor said she believes all of her students will be successful, no matter where they rank in their class or what grade they get

on a test. Success does not necessarily mean receiving an A or a Level IV on the EOC [End-of-Class Test]," she said. "Success can simply be coming to school or completing a homework assignment. It is taking notes in class. It is finally asking for help. It is improving your test grade from a 45 to a 60. I find that when I recognize these 'little' successes, they thrive on it and they are inspired to work harder."

Earlier this month, Kaylor received a plaque commemorating her award from the N.C. Science Association during a special

Carolina. "She is a priceless 'Such accomplishments member of the education

and awards should make

both Cari Kaylor's school Reporter Zachary Horner district and the state of North Carolina very can be reached at zhorner@ proud," said Judy Jones, chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @ZachHornerCNR. OBTA director for North

community.



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CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Wendy Bowden | Silk Hope School

Grades/subjects you teach: I am currently an instructional assistant for children with special needs. I have also worked in preschool, kindergarten and

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

Date, place of birth: Born and raised

Education: I graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School and have an associate's degree in early childhood education from Central Carolina Community College.

Brief work history: I was hired as an assistant for Silk Hope School in 1993. I am currently in my 27th year at the same school!

Honors/awards: 2019 Silk Hope School Instructional Assistant of the Year

Hobbies/interests outside of educating: I attend Community Baptist Church in Siler City, where I love to serve my Lord. I enjoy fishing and watching my son play sports. Family time is my favorite time no matter what activity we are doing.

Family: I am blessed to have SO many family members live close to me, my husband, Jimmy, and children, Jake and Cecilia.

What led you to a career in education? ${f I}$ have always loved the idea of working with children. As a student, I would ask teachers for extra class papers to play school with dolls and stuffed animals. Pretending became a reality and a career I love.

Who were your favorite teachers as you went through school, and what did you learn from them? I had many wonderful teachers, but it was the teachers I did not like that made a difference. I learned from them to not do any job you did not seem to love. You will always do your best at something when you are excited to be a part of it.

What "makes your day" as an educator? When a nonverbal child smiles at me as to say, "I did it!"

What's your favorite memory of your first year in education? This is by far not a favorite memory but a teachable moment for me: I had shared with a student how excited I was to have made it to Friday. He responded he was not happy because school is his



Photo courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Wendy Bowden is Silk Hope School's Instructional Assistant of

safest place. I made a promise to never say that again in front of a student.

Best piece of advice for other educators? When you stop loving your job, stop teaching. To some students you are their world.

What about your job would most surprise your friends who are not educators? I have a time that I clock out on a computer but I never "leave" my job. My students are always on my mind. I see Goldfish crackers on a store shelf and think of a student that would love them. I hear a song and think of how that is a favorite and "she" would clap if she was listening, also.

If you could somehow magically instill one truth into the heads of your students, what would it be? Never give up trying!

What's special about your education space at your school? Between being in a mobile unit, and doing personal things for the students (feeding and diapering), our space feels exactly like a little home. I hope the students feel that, too!

What's special about your school? "The Silk Hope Way"... I was told about this from Principal Rob Tharp. He said "It is something that is hard to explain but just the way things are done around here." If you have ever worked at Silk Hope you have heard about "The Silk Hope Way."

Next Chatham board meeting to feature public hearings on Williams Corner, borrowing

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — During an abbreviated Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting March 16, the board postponed two public hearings on the Williams Corner development and scheduled a public hearing on borrowing funds for radio equipment and towers for emergency services

The 10-minute meeting was necessary — "We're

conducting the basic business that the county needs to get done," said board Vice Chairman Diana Hales — but short on actual action due to COVID-19, the novel coronavirus. The county government had announced the previous Thursday that it was shortening the meeting to avoid large gather-

ings.
The meeting had been slated to hold two public hearings on changes to the Williams Corner development. Developed

by Chris Ehrenfeld a partner investor in Chatham Media Group, which owns the News + Record — and Bold Commercial Real Estate, the project is expected to be built in three phrases over seven years, beginning with apartments and retail at the Lystra intersection. Phase 2 will feature offices and storage space and Phase 3 will see the construction of more apartments.

The project's website argues that "being in close proximity to

a desirable mixed use community like this typically increases" neighboring property values, and says developers will make "approximately \$2 million of off-site improvements" required by the N.C. Dept. of Transportation.

The public hearings will allow for community input on various zoning changes and text amendments.

The other public hearing revolves around \$18 million of borrowing the county is slated to do to

pay for upgrades to its emergency communications and radio system. The county already received more than \$2.3 million in grant money from the North Carolina 911 Board.

Mike Reitz, the county's emergency communications director, explained to commissioners last May the need for an overhaul to the system.

'The current infrastructure is at the end of life," Reitz said. "The current system is just

out-dated, doesn't provide good safety measures for responders. We have challenges every single day with communicating.'

The April meeting is currently scheduled to be held at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro, as this meeting

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CHATHAM CHAT | CHATHAM ORGANIZING FOR RACIAL EQUITY

CORE's work focuses on equitable outcomes for all Chatham residents

This week, we speak with Karinda Roebuck, the co-chairman and community organizer for CORE (Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity) and fellow members Maureen Maurer, Katy McCullough, Irene Wells, Maura Dillon and Rachel Winters about CORE's racial equity workshops and other training and educational programs. CORE was created in 2016.

What is Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE)?

CORE is a volunteer-led, grassroots organization working to build a broad-based coalition of individuals, non-profits, and community groups. We work together to build awareness of systemic racism and achieve equitable outcomes for all people in Chatham County. To accomplish that we provide educational opportunities for the public, training and consulting work tailored for organizations and institutions, and caucuses for the ongoing work of unpacking racism for the individual in a group

Since 2017, CORE has hosted eight racial equity workshops for more than 300 people. We contract with Racial Equity Institute, based in Greensboro, to facilitate these workshops which serve as a baseline and framework for CORE's involvement in the community. workshops have been throughout the county in Siler City, Pittsboro, North Chatham, and in Moncure. Participants include county and town officials, county and town employees, non-profit organizations, teachers, healthcare providers, ministers, community members, students, and more with the bulk of them residing in Chatham County.

How did CORE come about?

In summer 2016, in response to numerous acts of racial violence that had been occurring throughout the U.S., a group of Chatham County faith leaders and other concerned citizens began meeting to discuss how people in Chatham might proactively address hatred and divisiveness and work toward unity and deeper understanding in the community. A film series about race at the Pittsboro Presbyterian Church became the catalyst for discussions



Staff photo by David Bradley

Karinda Roebuck

Karinda Roebuck is co-chairman of Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity. The organization works to bring awareness to the damage created by racism in society.

about how our community could confront overt and more subtle forms of discrimination that people of color experience on a regular basis. CORE arose from those discussions.

In your work to build awareness of systemic racism, how do you define racism and racial equity?

racism and racial equity? All people should have the opportunity to make choices that allow them to live a long and healthy life regardless of their income, education, or racial and ethnic background. Yet, this opportunity is unattainable for many because of racism, which is present in all communities. Racism is not just about individual discrimination, prejudice, or hatred. Race has been and continues to be used to organize systems to benefit white people and disadvantage people of

Racial equity work focuses on the systemic racism that exists in our public and private institutions. CORE has chosen to make racial equity the focus of our work. We understand that without addressing the discriminatory practices that exist within our institutions, as a community we will not be able to create the conditions that allow all of our citizens to thrive.

What does racism look like in Chatham? How does CORE measure and quantify racism in Chatham County, or is it something that can be quantified?

Racism in Chatham looks like it does in the rest of the U.S. — whether it's north, south, east or west. Racism results in racial inequities with-



Staff photo by David Bradley

CORE members Sara Martin, Shvaughn J. Ross, Katy McCullough and Karinda Roebuc meet earlier this month in Pittsboro as they plan for upcoming CORE events and training sessions.

in and across systems
— with white people
consistently having better
outcomes compared to
black people, and all other
races falling somewhere
in between.

As one example reported in the 2019 Chatham County Racial Equity Report Card produced by the Youth Justice Project, white students in grades 3-8 were 2.5 times more likely to score "Career and College Ready" on end-of-grade exams than black students in 2017-18. Further, black students were 5.1 times more likely than white students to receive a short-term suspension in Chatham County in 2016-17. Statewide, black students received 57 percent of all short-term suspensions, even though they made up only 25 percent of the student population in

This is but one example of racial inequities. We find similar racial inequities in other systems in Chatham and the broader U.S., including inequities in income and wealth, home ownership, health outcomes, transportation, the justice system, and so forth. These racial inequities hold true even when one accounts for socioeconomic status or educational attainment.

We can historically trace these inequities in the education system as well. Chatham County approved the common school law in 1839, starting public education for white students. However, a few years earlier in 1830-31, the North Carolina General Assembly

strengthened an already existing anti-literacy law that prevented anyone from teaching enslaved African Americans to read and write. The legislation pointed out, "The teaching of slaves to read and write has a tendency to excite the dis-satisfaction in their minds and to produce insurrection and rebellion." As a result, there were no public schools for African Americans until after the Civil War. By 1873, Chatham County had established two separate systems one for white and one for black schools, and the disparity in funding for these two systems was high.

In 1908, Pittsboro opened a school for white students that eventually became Pittsboro High School. Black students who wanted to go to high school had to leave the county until the creation of Horton High School in 1930. The two high schools remained segregated until 1970.

Educational barriers for African Americans were further exacerbated by segregation in higher education. In 1960, UNC-Chapel Hill had only four black undergraduates. This means, for many of us, school desegregation did not happen in Chatham County in either this or our parents' lifetimes. The decades and decades of inequities contribute to the outcomes we see today, negatively impacting opportunities for African American families to accumulate wealth and gain status in our communities.

CORE has hosted a series of two-day Racial Equity Institute (REI) workshops. What's the plan for those

workshops in 2020? We plan to continue holding the Racial Equity Institute workshops, including a racial equity Phase 1 REI workshop in late April 2020. This year, for the first time, we successfully collaborated with Chatham County Schools, Chatham County Department of Social Services, and Department of Public Health to hold a 3-hour Groundwater training in early March. This training focuses on the consistent trends in the numbers across public systems, across the U.S., that illustrate people of color have worse outcomes than whites.

Other workshops we are looking to offer in the near-term would include REI's youth-focused racial equity workshop and a workshop specific to Latinx challenges. We are also exploring other workshops we can host in Chatham that are with other locally based organizations. Racial equity work is ongoing, and educating ourselves can only help us.

What are CORE's other objectives and goals for the near-term?

CORE works to deconstruct systemic racism through education, organization, and reconciliation. We hope to be a resource and connector for those interested in anti-racism and racial equity work in Chatham County.

In addition to the racial

equity workshops, CORE offers a series of trainings called Building Stronger Communities that focuses on community organizing, the power in forming community relationships, and leadership.

We are also in the pilot phase of providing a more tailored training session and consulting work for the local organizations, county agencies, and institutions looking to improve their equity policies. We are having great success and will be moving forward with more contracts in the near future.

Since 2018, we have co-hosted a Juneteenth tribute. This free, public event uses education, music, storytelling, and performance to deepen understanding of the efforts to abolish slavery and to connect slavery to modern day human rights issues. This year Juneteenth will be held on June 20th at the Agricultural Center in Pittsboro, in collaboration with the Abundance Foundation and Chatham Community Library.

Thinking about the debate in the last year over the Confederate monument in Pittsboro, has the scope of CORE's work, or the challenges it addresses, changed at all?

The scope of CORE's work has remained the same. Systemic racism existed before the statue went up and still exists after its removal. We will continue to create opportunities for education and discussion throughout Chatham County about the historical and cultural roots of racism, which includes the historical context of the monuments and other symbols.

How does CORE work with other organizations?

The bulk of our work is a collaborative effort with community organizations to provide racial equity education within and throughout our county We welcome partnership snd have partnered with other organizations to co-host racial equity workshops, hold workshops and trainings to specific departments and organizations, offer space for community meetings, and other work to address racial equity issues in Chatham.

For more information, go to https://chathamorganizingracialequity. weebly.com.

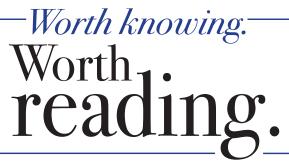
Donaldson Funeral home limiting viewings

With the COVID-19, or coronavirus, continuing to spread, the staff of Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation is taking measures to help protect the families its serves.

Donaldsons' staff said a N.C. Board of Funeral Service released a statement saying it "encourages families to consider the risks associated with potential exposure to the coronavirus in larger gatherings." Donaldson is limiting public viewings and gathering for services, saying the "safety and well-being of the families we serve, our staff, and the general public must be paramount."

2020 Eggstravaganza canceled

SILER CITY — Out of an abundance of caution, the Town of Siler City Department of Parks and Recreation has cancelled the 2020 Siler City Easter Eggstravaganza scheduled for April 4 at the



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NEWS BRIEFS

Bray Park Sports Complex. This decision is in response to directives from the N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper mandating cancellation of mass gatherings to minimize the spread of

the growing coronavirus (COVID-19).

While the annual Easter Eggstravanza brings lots of joy to the community, the decision is to encourage social distancing and prioritize the health and well-being of the citizens of Siler City, park patrons and participants, according to a release from the Town of Siler City. For more information, links & resources related to COVID-19 please visit www.chathamnc.org/coronavirus.

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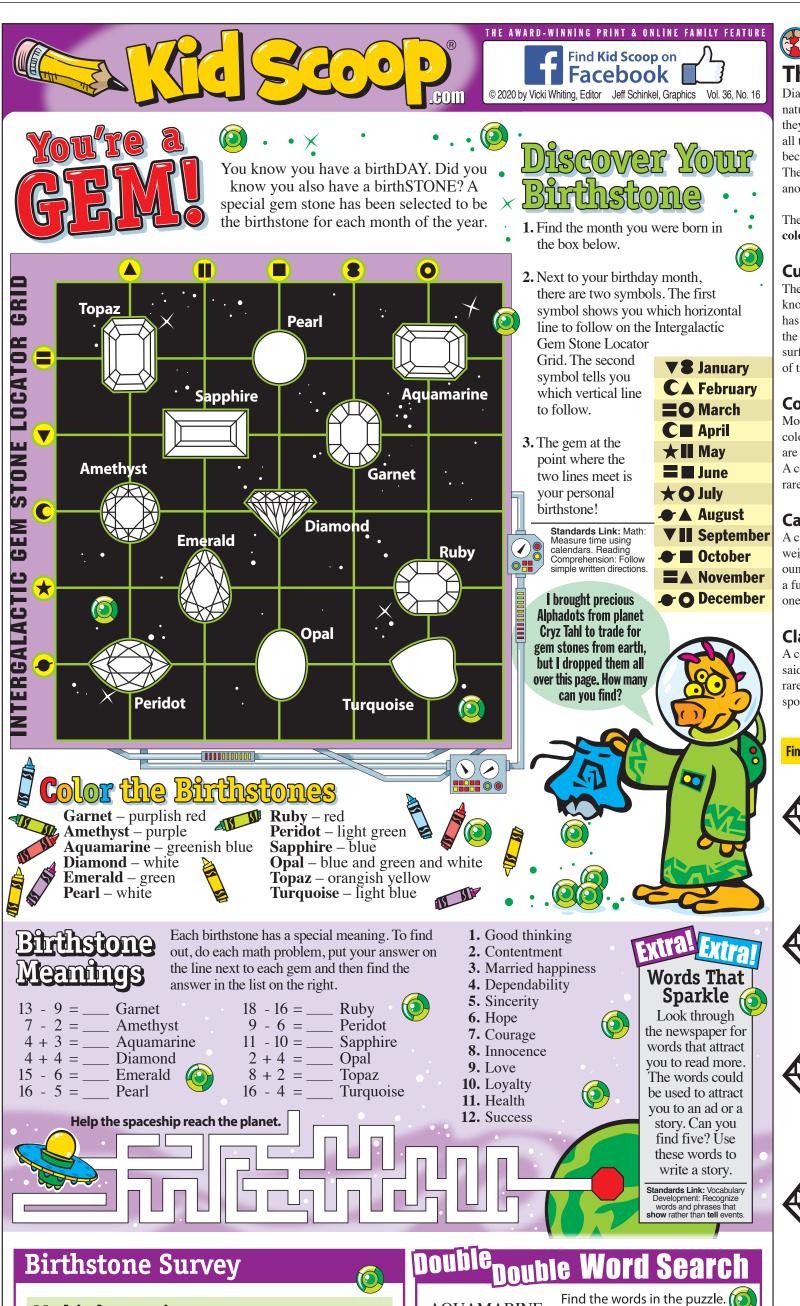




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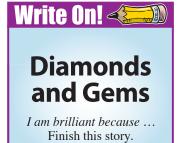


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experience in law enforcement, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Possession of Intermediate Law Enforcement upon hire. Possession of a valid North Carolina driver's license. Preferred Education and Experience Qualifications: Bilingual. Current Radar, Intoxillier, and DCI I Certification upon hire. One year of experience in an Investigations unit. Completion of Basic Narcotics Investigation, Crime Scene Investigation and Interview and Interrogation training upon hire. - Additional Employment Requirements: Completion of Basic Narcotics

Investigation, Crime Scene In-

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proceedings. - This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@ silercity.org for accommoda-tions for this request. - Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@ silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. M26,1tc HOMECARE SEEKING, Now hir-

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LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 94 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of LUKE GENE LEWIS, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all creditors that they should present their claims to Naomi B. Lewis, Administrator, c/o Kratt Dedmond & Associates, PLLC, 5623 Duraleigh Road, Suite 111, Raleigh, NC 27612 on or before June 10, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 5th day of March, 2020. Naomi B. Lewis, Administrator Estate of Luke Gene Lewis c/o Kratt Dedmond & Associ-

ates, PLLC 5623 Duraleigh Road, Suite 111

Raleigh, NC 27612 M5,M12,M19,M26,4tc **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons having claims against RICHARD FENTON SMITH of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 15th day of January, 2020, are notified to present them to Alexander Fenton Martson, Executor of the Estate of Richard Fenton Smith in c/o David R. Frankstone, 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 June 11, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Richard Fenton Smith. Those indebted to Richard Fenton Smith are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203

Exchange West at Meadow-Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 M5,M12,M19,M26,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of BERNIE RAY BARNES 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 June 5, 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 28th day of February,

2020. Carol Ann Wynne, Limited Personal Representative

30060 Benbury Chapel Hill, NC 27517 M5,M12,M19,M26,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

19 E 632 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of PAUL GOLDSTON **BRIGHT** 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 June 5, 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 5th day of March, 2020. Randall Glenn Bright, Executor

1125 River Forks Rd. Sanford, NC 27330 M5,M12,M19,M26,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 112

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Limited Personal Representatives of the Estate of KATIE LEIGH SANDERS 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 June 5, 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 5th day of March, Co-Limited Personal Represen-

tatives: 1. Clyde Gilbert Sanders Siler City, NC 27344

2. Frederick D. Sanders PO Box 1184 Pittsboro, NC 27312 3. Jerry L. Sanders 3949 US 64 W Pittsboro, NC 27312

M5,M12,M19,M26,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of JOSEPH ALBERT GILBERT 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 June 5, 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 5th day of March, 2020. Joshua Bailey Gilbert,

Administrator 3735 Bonlee-Bennett Rd Bear Creek, NC 27207 M5,M12,M19,M26,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against MARGARET RAMSEY PENNYBACKER of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 9th day of January, 2020, are notified to present them to William George Sunda, Executor of the Estate of Margaret Ramsey Pennybacker in c/o David R. Frankstone, 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 June 18, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Margaret Ramsey Penny-backer. Those indebted to Margaret Ramsey Pennybacker are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadow-

Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 M12,M19,M26,A2,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against NANCY HARRIS RIEFENHAUSER, deceased, of Cary, NC, are notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before June 13, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Debtors of decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 12th day of March, 2020.

Jane Bossert, Executrix, c/o Sprunger Law PLLC PO Box 91597 Raleigh, NC 27675

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED, as Ad-

ministrator of the Estate of KENNETH LYLE WOOD, 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 June 18, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 12th day of March,

RONALD P. COLLINS, Administrator of

KENNETH LYLE WOOD, ESTATE 117 West Raleigh Street Siler City, North Carolina 27344

M12,M17,M26,A2,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 70 NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of NAOMI BERMAN deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the under signed 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 June 12, 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 12th day of March,

Jessica Booker, Executrix 803 Spring Dell Lane Chapel Hill, NC 27517

M12,M19,M26,A2,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of JACQUELINE GILLAN PHILLIPS AKA JACQUE-LINE LEE PHILLIPS, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned

does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or be-fore June 12, 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 12th day of March, 2020.

Robert Hill, Executor 173 Cardinal Court Pittsboro, NC 27312 M12,M19,M26,A2,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

20 E 108 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Admin-istrator CTA of the Estate of JOANNE M. SNEED, 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 June 12, 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 12th day of March,

Julie Sneed Moore, Administrator CTA 404 Colony Woods Dr Chapel Hill, NC 27517 M12,M19,M26,A2,4tp

19 E 560 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

DANIEL ENRIQUE SALGADO, JR., deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION **BEFORE THE CLERK** 20 SP 34

JAMES HARVEY BOWDEN, BY AND THROUGH HIS ADMINISTRATOR CTA RONALD P. COLLINS Petitioner

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PRO-CESS BY PUBLICATION Respondents TO: The Heirs, Born or Unborn of the Decedent Ruby Siler George The Heirs, Born or Unborn of the Decedent Ernestine Siler The Heirs, Born or Unborn of the Decedent Sammie White

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NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** COUNTY OF CHATHAM Plaintiff, vs. INGRID COLLETTE CAMPBELL AS TRUSTEE, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PRO-**CESS BY PUBLICATION** TO: INGRID COLLETTE CAMP-BELL, as Trustee and not Personally Under the provisions of a Trust Agreement dated the 12th day of May 1998, Known as Trust Number 3401 Hwy. 87 North Land Trust

A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on March 19, 2020.

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after March 19, 2020, or by April 28, 2020, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought. This the 12th day of March,

MARK D. BARDILL Attorney for Plaintiff NC Bar #12852 310 W. Jones St. P. O. Box 25 Trenton, North Carolina 28585 (252) 448-4541

M19,M26,A2,3tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 11-CVD-1048 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY COUNTY OF CHATHAM Plaintiff, vs. SIMON ÁGUILA et al

Defendants NOTICE OF SEVICE OF PRO-CESS BY PUBLICATION
TO: SIMON AGUILA and spouse, if any, and any HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DÉVISEES of SIMON AGUILA and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming

A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on March . 19, 2020.

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property. You are required to make

defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after March 19, 2020, or by April 28, 2020, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the ourt for rollof c This the 12th day of March, 2020.

MARK D. BARDILL Attorney for Plaintiff NC Bar #12852 310 W. Jones St. P. O. Box 25 Trenton, North Carolina 28585

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 16-CVD-706 NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY COUNTY OF CHATHAM Plaintiff, vs. THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND DEVISEES OF JOHN ROBERT FOUSHEE, et al Defendants NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PRO-CESS BY PUBLICATION TO: The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and **DEVISEES of JOHN ROBERT** FOUSHEE and spouse, if any, which may include The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVISEES of KATHY DIANE FOUSHEE and spouse, if any, and any other person or entity claiming

thereunder A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on March 19, 2020,

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinguent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after March 19, 2020, or by April 28, 2020, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought. This the 12th day of March, 2020.

MARK D. BARDILL Attorney for Plaintiff NC Bar #12852 310 W. Jones St. P. O. Box 25 Trenton, North Carolina 28585 (252) 448-4541

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 17-CVD-296 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

COUNTY OF CHATHAM Plaintiff, vs. THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND DEVISEES of MARY A. HUNTER, et al

Defendants.
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION TO: The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and

DEVISEES of MARY A. HUNTER and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in

the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on March 19, 2020. The nature of the relief being

sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property. You are required to make

defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after March 19, 2020, or by April 28, 2020, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought. This the 12th day of March,

2020. MARK D. BARDILL Attorney for Plaintiff NC Bar #12852 310 W. Jones St. P. O. Box 25 Trenton, North Carolina 28585

(252) 448-4541 M19,M26,A2,3tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF SHIRLEY G. HARTMAN

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against SHIRLEY G. HARTMAN, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Gregory Herman-Giddens, as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before June 19, 2020, c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Attorney at Law, 8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400, Naples, FL 34108, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor. This the 11th day of March, 2020.

Gregory Herman-Giddens, c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens,

Atty. Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. 8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400 Naples, FL 34018

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of CARROLL WILLIS WRENN a/k/a C. WILLIS WRENN, 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 17th day of June, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 10th day of March,

Neil A. Wrenn, Executor of The Estate of Carrol Willis

Wrenn a/k/a C. Willis Wrenn Post Office Box 665 Siler City, North Carolina 27344 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW **BOX 665** SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

(919) 742-5614 M19,M26,A2,A9,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of LISELOTTE EDELTRUD SMITH, 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 June 19, 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 12th day of March,

Walter Butler, Executor 3004 Silk Hope-Gum Springs Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 M19,M26,A2,A9,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having

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qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of FRANK PRESS, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 19th day of June, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 19th day of March, 2020. PAULA PRESS & FREDRIC PRESS. CO-EXECUTORS ESTATE OF FRANK PRESS Tillman, Whichard & Cagle,

501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 M19,M26,A2,A9,4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chatham County Schools is developing the following federal projects in keeping with the 2015 Every Student Succeeds Act: Title I (Helping Disadvan-taged Children Meet High

Standards) Title II (Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality

Teachers) Title III (Language Acquisi-

Title IV A (Student Support, Academic Enrichment, Ca-

reer and Technical Educa-

McKinney-Vento (Homeless Education) Migrant education program IDEA (Students with Dis-abilities) — The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B. Public Law 108.446): This project, which is being amended, pertains to the special education programs that Chatham County Schools proposes for federal funding for the 2020-21 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this federal program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open for public review and comments during the week of April 20-24, 2020, in the office of Melvin Diggs, the executive director of exceptional children and academically and intellectually gifted programs in Chatham County Schools, located at 79 South Horton Street, Pittsboro, NC, 27312. These projects describe the programs that Chatham County Schools proposes for federal funding for the 2020-21 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review the federal guidelines for the projects listed above and indicate their interest in participation if qualified. These projects are being developed in April and May and are due to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction by June 30, 2020. The initial meeting regarding equitable services for private schools is April 28, 2020, at 2 p.m. in the Chatham County Schools Boardroom, 369 West Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Interested parties should contact Carol Little, executive director federal programs and school improve-

Schools. M26,A2,A9,A16,A23,,5tc

ment for Chatham County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 2020 E 68 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of BETTY WALL BREWINGTON, deceased, late of Chatham County, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at 85B Rocky Knolls, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27516, on or before the 26th day of June, 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 19th day of March, 2020. Ricky Lee Austin

85B Rocky Knolls Chapel Hill, North Carolina Gunn & Messick, LLP

Post Office Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 M26,A2,A9,A16,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified on the 16th day of March, 2020 as Executrix, of the Estate of **JOYCE ANN** WEISER, 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 26th day of June, 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 26th day of March 2020. William Edward Weiser of the Estate of Joyce Ann Weiser PO Box 51579 Durham, NC 27717-1579 Gwendolyn C. Brooks, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC

THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION **BEFORE THE CLERK**

4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707

M26,A2,A9,A16,4tc

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY LARRY DONNELL GOINS, BY THROUGH THE GUARDIAN OF

ESTATE RONALD P. COLLINS, Petitioner VS. DEQUINCEY G. GOINS, BETTER LIVING HOMES, INC., AND THE BANK **NEW YORK MELLON TRUST**

COMPANY, NA, AS TRÚSTEE FOR BANKAMERICA MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT TRUST V, SENIOR/SUBORDI-NATED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,

SERIES 1998-2, Respondents NOTICE OF SALE, **PURSUANT TO G.S 1-339.15** Pursuant to G.S. 1-339.15, Commissioner C. Todd Roper notices the public sale of real

as follows: 1. C. Todd Roper was appointed Petition pursuant to an Order

Commissioner to sell the real property referenced in the of Public Sale filed December 3, 2019. 2. The real property hereinafter referred to shall be sold at public auction on the 9th day of

April, 2020, at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

at 1032 Glovers Chapel Road, Bennett, North Carolina 27208. 3. The real property to be sold is identified as follows: 10 acres more or less described in Deed Book 648, Page 659, and more particularly described as: BEGINNING at a nail in the center of SR #1145, and being the Southeast corner of Lot No. 7 and being Reference Point 56, as per Plat hereinafter referenced; and running then with the line of Lot No. 7, North 13° 47' 44" East 456.96 feet to an iron stake and being Reference Point 65; thence continuing with the line of Lot No. 7 North 24° 29' 39" West 1,220.17 feet to an iron stake located in James A. LeTendre's line and being Reference Point 93; thence with LeTendre line, South 82° 09' 15" East 81.36 feet to an iron stake located in the C.L. Allen Estate line; thence with the line of the C.L. Allen Estate, South 08° 04' 24" West, 1,415.29 feet to an iron stake located in the C.L. Allen Estate's line and being Reference Point 52 and being in Wilbert A. Coble, Jr.'s corner; thence with Coble's line, North 77° 52' 48" West 224.07 feet to an iron stake and being Reference Point 54; thence continuing with Coble's line, South 45° 05' 21" West 203.92 feet to an iron stake and being Reference Point 55; thence continuing with Coble's line, South 33° 37' 37" West 111.07 feet to a nail located in the center of SR #1145 and being Reference Point 57; thence with the center of SR #1145, North 56° 17' 51" West 86.09 feet to a nail in the center of SR #1145 and being the point and place of BEGINNING, and containing 10.000 acres, more or less, and being all of Lot No. 6, as per plat entitled "Survey for Dewey

made for greater certainty of description. For chain of title see Book J-I, , B00K L-F Book L-F, Page 294; Book L-F, Page 372, and Book 489, Page 47, Chatham County Registry. See also Plat Book 33, Page 30, Chatham County Registry. 4. The personal property to be sold is as follows: Manufac-tured Home, 980 Square feet, Wood Siding, Metal/Vinyl skirting, frame deck and package heat/air conditioning. 5. The terms of the sale will be

V. Goins", dated 10/12/85 to 12/14/85, prepared by Rufus

L. Johnson, RLS, and recorded

Chatham County Registry, to which Plat reference is hereby

in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 527,

as follows: It is responsibility of the highest bidder to personally inspect the property being sold and to bid accordingly based on his or her judgment; inspections, which may constitute a condition of sale. must be completed prior to the auction. The highest bidder shall be required to sign the Purchase Agreement at the auction. This is a cash transaction and is not subject to the highest bidder obtaining financing or any other contingency. After the expiration of all of upset bids as required by law for real property, the highest bidder shall receive a Commissioner's Deed with possession being granted to the highest bidder at closing. The purchaser of personal property shall receive a bill of sale and possession will be delivered at the sale upon payment of the purchase price. The purchaser shall remove the personal property from the real estate above unless the same person buys

both.

The sale of real property is made subject to any easements, encumbrances and covenants of record, and likewise subject to any cemetery or cemeteries that may now exist on this property which are not mentioned in the above findings of fact. Auctioneer and sellers do not warrant or covenant with the highest bidder with respect to the existence or nonexistence of any pollutants, contaminants or hazardous waste prohibited by Federal, State, or local law or claims based thereon arising out of the actual or threatened discharge, release, disposal, seepage, migration or escape of such substances at, from or into the demised premises. Highest bidder is to rely upon its own environmental audit or examination of the premises. 6. If the Commissioner so chooses, he may make the following additional terms of the sale in this action: a) The highest bidder shall pay 10% buyers' premium to the auctioneer conducting the sale which shall be added to the highest bid to determine the final contract price explained as follows: A 10% buyers' premium will be added to the highest bid

price to determine the final

contract price of the property. Example: your bid \$1,000.00; buyers' premium \$100.00; your final contract price will be \$1,100.00;

b) Auctioneers shall be compensated by receiving a commission equal to 10% of the final contract purchase price which shall include the buvers' premium above and seller's obligation for the balance of said commission. Example: final contract price is determined above \$1,100.00, then auctioneers receive a commission of \$110.00 which shall be paid as follows: Buyer pays \$100.00 and seller pays \$10.00, the balance of the commission.

c) The highest bidder at this sale will be required to make a deposit of 10% of the final contract price by cash or certified check on the date of sale. The bid on the real property will remain open for 10 days for an upset bid as by law required. Within 30 days following the upset bid's expiration on the real property, the highest bid-der shall close and tender the final contract price to purchase the real estate which shall include the buyers' premium according to the terms of said public auction as determined by the auctioneer; provided however, this shall be subject to confirmation by the Clerk of

Court. THIS, the 9th day of March, BY: C. TODD ROPER, COMMIS-SIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of WILLIAM WOOLSEY AKA WILLIAM HENRY WOOLSEY, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, claims against the estate of

firms, and corporations having said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or be-fore June 26, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 23rd day of March, Evelyn Woolsey Burger, Exec-

909 Beltline Blvd Columbia, SC 29205 M26,A2,A9,A16,4tp

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 20 E 126 **STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA** NOTICE TO CREDITORS HAVING qualified before the

Honorable Dana Hackney, Clerk of Superior Court of Cha-tham County, North Carolina, KATHLEEN SUE KAZEMIAN, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against

said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of June, 2020, or this notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 26th day of March,

2020, and the 2nd, 9th, and 16th days of April, 2020.

Mohammad A. Kazemian, Executor of the Estate of Kathleen Sue Ka-12020 Iredell Chapel Hill, NC 27517 Harry B. Crow, Jr. Attorney for the Estate 315-B North Main Street

Monroe, NC 28112 Telephone: 704-283-1175 M26,A2,A9,A16,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DONALD E. HUNTER **NORTH CAROLINA**

CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and

against DONALD E. HUNTER, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Lewis N. Lampiris, as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before June 26, 2020, c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Attorney at Law, 8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400, Naples, FL 34108, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor. This the 24th day of March, 2020.

Gregory Herman-Giddens, Executor

c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens. Attv. Henderson, Franklin, Starnes &

Holt, P.A. 8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400 Naples, FL 34018

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 141 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **RHONDA L.** SMITH, 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 June 26, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 26th day of March,

Willissa C. Smith, Administrator 2322 NC Hwy 902 Pittsboro, NC 27312 M26,A2,A9,A16,4tp

Chatham County North Car-

Request for Bids (RFB) for Paving, Concrete, and Miscellaneous Site Work **Solid Waste and Recycling** Division

The Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling Division is requesting bids from qualified, licensed contractors to perform site improvements at two (2) collection centers. The work will include installing concrete pads, asphalt pavement resurfacing and repair, and miscellaneous site work. All trade permits shall be obtained by the Contractor if needed. -- **Submittals** must be received by Chatham County no later than April 8, 2020, 3:00 PM EST to be

considered responsive to the solicitation. No late proposals will be accepted for consideration. Vendors must submit one (1) hard copy with all attachments, including signatory pages, which must be received by the deadline above. The hard copy must be sent to one of the following delivery addresses: **Post**al Address: Kevin Lindley, Chatham County Solid Waste and Recycling, P.O. Box 1550, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (all postal delivery; **Street Address**: Kev-in Lindley, Chatham County Solid Waste and Recycling, 28 County Services Rd, Pitts-boro, NC 27312 (land delivery only) -- For information about this opportunity, contact Kevin Lindley, Environmental Quality Director, PO Box 1550, Pittsboro, NC, 27312. Mr. Lindlev may be reached by email at kevin.lindley@chathamnc. org or 919-545-7875 by telephone. - This opportunity and others can be located at the Bids Opportunity Website: http://www.chathamnc.org/ business/current-bid-proposal-opportunities. -- Chatham County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submittals and the right to waive any informalities or irregularities. - Chatham County is an Equal Opportuni-

ty Employer.

In the mood for a pandemicrelated movie? We've got your list

If anecdotes and Netflix algorithms are any suggestion, the current



NEIL MORRIS Film Critic

COVID-19 crisis has fostered quite the appetite for pandemic-related movies to watch while we're self-sequestering. Obvious titles like 1995's risible "Outbreak" and the woeful 2016 action/horror flick "Pandemic" make for

easy clicks. There has also been an uptick in demand for docuseries like the Ebola virus doc "93 Days" and a new Netflix influenza series named, well, "Pandem-

If your streaming sensibilities hew to the topical, there are a number of quality options. All are worth a firsttime viewing, and they're also worth revisiting given the newfound perspective of our current times. Google these title to see which streaming services are offering each film.

"Pacific Liner" (1939): Ironically, the oldest offering is probably the most relevant to our current societal dilemma. When a cholera-infected Chinese stowaway is found in the bowels of a cruise ship, the disease infects the working men keeping the ship afloat while the well-heeled paying passengers above continue to party away. A debate ensues between the ship's doctor, who wants to quarantine everyone, and the skeptical chief engineer, who doesn't believe what he can't see. Sound familiar?

"Panic in the Streets" (1950): In this noir thriller directed by Elia Kazan (need I say more?), a health services doctor, played by Richard Widmark, rushes to uncover the source of a plague-infected corpse in New Orleans. He's thwarted along the way by criminal elements, the press, suspicious ethnic minorities, and governmental officials.

"The Andromeda Strain" (1971): The popular Michael Crichton novel was adapted by director Robert Wise, about a group of scientists trying to beat back a deadly extraterrestrial organism.

"The Crazies" (1973): Best known for his zombie classics, director George Romero produced this ultra-dark take on how a small town accidentally infected by a military biological weapon devolves into a standoff between its panicked citizens and soldiers poised to execute extreme measures to terminate the outbreak.

"12 Monkeys" (1995): One of Terry Gilliam's most provocative films tracks a prisoner from the year 2035 (Bruce Willis) sent back in time to the 1990s to investigate and stop a global pandemic that would eventually wipe out almost all of humanity. It's a taut whodunit, complemented by a gonzo, Oscar-nominated turn from Brad Pitt.

"28 Days Later" (2002) and "28 Weeks Later" (2007): I tried to avoid putting zombie movies on this list. My lone exceptions are the superlative original film, directed by Danny Boyle and written by Alex Garland, which follows the survivors of a global pandemic as they survive post-apocalyptic England. The sequel isn't as good, but it delves into the ethics of extreme governmental measures taken to contain/eliminate the virulent virus.

"Children of Men" (2006): This dystopian thriller, directed by Alfonso Cuarón, imagines a devolving world in which two decades of human infertility have left society on the brink of collapse. Harsh, flailing efforts at law and order in the UK include draconian laws against refugees and immigration.



Photo courtesy of Universal Studios

Brad Pitt and Bruce Willis starred in the 1995 thriller 'Twelve Monkeys.'

"The Host" (2006): Long before he directed the Oscar-winning "Parasite," Bong Joon-ho made this movie about a genetically mutated creature, spawned from man-made pollution. The monster sporadically emerges from the Han River to attack unsuspecting victims. but the government also claims it's the carrier of a deadly virus.

"The Road" (2009): There's bleak, and then there's this adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. While not strictly a post-pandemic film, it's a stark portrait of humanity's hellscape that remains after a cataclysmic event. Despair is the toll you must pay to travel "The Road." Still, it's a trip worth taking.

"Contagion" (2011): Director Steven Soderbergh's thriller is a taut procedural tick-tock of how various public health and governmental officials work (and don't work) to combat and stop a global pandemic. A star-studded cast is featured is a film filled with verisimilitude.

"It Comes at Night" (2017): This tense psychological horror flick follows a family living in wooded isolation, trying to escape a highly contagious virus that has ravaged the planet and the survivors still spreading the disease. When some needy strangers arrive on the family's doorstep, it upends their carefully contained reality.

UNC Health, WakeMed ask public for help with urgently needed equipment

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE

News + Record Staff

UNC Health and WakeMed on Monday enacted additional visitor restrictions, prohibiting visitors from their hospitals' inpatient areas. The regional hospital

systems have also expressed urgent needs for more medical supplies as they continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in central North Carolina, especially protective masks and nasal swabs.

They are asking community organizations, corporations and individuals to donate these and other much-needed medical supplies to help protect medical workers and patients.

Though the need for items varies by facility, currently, the biggest overall need is additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including a 'most urgent" need for N95 masks, surgical masks, and surgical masks with shields

Both health care organizations report that they are conserving key supplies and "are prepared to play a significant role in our community's response to COVID-19," a press release from UNC Health states, adding that "community assistance could help us extend our ability to provide care as our hospitals receive higher numbers of coronavirus patients.'

The health care providers continue to urge North Carolinians to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance for social distancing and staying home as much as possible.

UNC Health reports, however, that during this critical time many generous individuals, nonprofits, private companies and others are reaching out to offer support as the health care systems enlist the community's aid in gearing up.

"At this critical time, we are calling on our community to donate supplies that will help ensure we can continue to protect our patients, providers, and staff," said Dr. Wesley Burks, CEO of UNC Health. "This situation is unprecedented, and we are asking for extra

UNC Health and WakeMed will consider any of the following items for donations: (most urgent needs) N95 masks; surgical mask; surgical masks with shield; nasal swabs for medical use; (Other Needs) disinfectant; eye protection, including safety goggles/ glasses; face shield; gloves, disposable; gowns, disposable; hand sanitizer, greater than 60 percent alcohol; hand soap; shoe covers, dis-

posable; handmade masks. UNC Health has established drop-off locations for supplies and hours as

UNC Health Learning Street, 2001 Carrington Mill Blvd., Morrisville. 9 a.m.-4

p.m. March 25-27. UNC Wellness Center at Meadowmont, 100 Sprunt Street, Chapel Hill. 8 a.m.-5

p.m. through March 28. **LINC Wellness Center at** Northwest Cary, 350 Stonecroft Lane, Cary. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through March 28.

Rex Wellness Center of Raleigh, 4200 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. through March 27.

WakeMed will accept donated supplies to be allocated to the areas of greatest needs as it relates to the COVID-19 response. Anyone with unopened supplies that may be useful in the response effort are urged to email WakeMed at info@wakemed.org with details regarding available items. Hospital officials said that due to high volume, all individuals and organizations that email will be contacted within 24-48 hours regarding the items and the process for making the donation. Only new, unopened packages of supplies will be accepted. WakeMed is not accepting

handmade items. In addition, 100 percent of monetary donations to the WakeMed Foundation's COVID-19 response will go directly to urgent initiatives. More information can be found at www.wakemed. org/covid-19-donation-

UNC Health may additionally open "pop-up" donation centers as needed, and urges people with supplies to donate to look for updates on Facebook,

Instagram, and Twitter. More information can be found at https://www. unchealthcare.org/coronavirus/ways-to-help/. If you have a question about donations email covidsupplies@ unchealth.unc.edu.

In addition, the REX Healthcare Foundation

in Raleigh can coordinate donated items. Visit www. rexhealthcarefoundation. com, call 919-784-4424, or email Rex.foundation@ unchealth.unc.edu for more

Meanwhile, effective Monday, Duke Health, UNC Health (UNC Medical Center, UNC REX, Chatham Hospital, UNC Hillsborough and Johnston Health)

information.

and WakeMed added additional restrictions on hospital visitors to protect the health and well-being of patients, visitors and team members due to concerns related to COVID-19.

Enhanced restrictions call for no visitors to be permitted in the hospitals' inpatient areas. The additional limitations do not apply to clinics or some

outpatient facilities, and include exceptions unique to each hospital system. As previously announced by the health care providers, the exceptions still limit visitors to one per patient, and all visitors will be screened for illness.

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