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‘A NEW NORMAL’

Jordan-Matthews teacher makes the most of remote learning

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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SILER CITY — When Sarah Harris arrives at Jordan-Matthews High School before 8 a.m. each day, her work day isn't starting — not really.

More accurately put, it's just continuing.

That's because, like teachers all across the country, Harris is working diligently, often around the clock, to navigate teaching amid a pandemic.

At Chatham County Schools, that means adapting to remote learning for at least the school year's opening nine weeks. For Harris, that means entering an empty classroom each morning, yes, but teaching and interacting with her students all day via the videoconferencing tool Zoom, email and live Google documents. And at the end of the school day, it means recording her lectures, posting modules online and sharing necessary instructions — as long as it takes.

It's been tough, but one week after CCS's Aug. 17 start of classes, she feels prepared.

"It's going," Harris said with a laugh. "It's very, very, very different."

A teacher for 10 years, starting

her sixth at Jordan-Matthews, Harris teaches seven courses — various English, dual language and AVID classes — with one extra-than-normal English class for CCS' Virtual Academy.

Even with the extra work, she thinks that she and her students are already having a better experience than when remote learning began in the district back in March to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

"I feel like the adjustment has gone very quickly," Harris said. "It's definitely still confusing because it's different, but getting this first week in, definitely we are reaching a new normal for what we're doing in this remote situation."

‘There's just a lot going on’

Under the CCS Board of Education's current plan, announced this summer and then extended at its Aug. 10 meeting, the district has at least eight more weeks under the fully remote Plan C.

It's a confusing time for many teachers. They wish to keep themselves and their families safe but also miss seeing and teaching their students in person.

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For one CCS math teacher — who asked not to be identified because of the nature of the "controversial topic" — a particular concern is keeping his students engaged. Though he supported the board's decision to start the year under Plan C, and thinks the district is much better prepared for remote learning now than in March, he still worries for students without adequate internet access or support.

"I just hope that that things will get better and that after nine weeks we're able to actually come back into the building, even if it's Plan B and just hopefully maybe by second semester transition back into a regular routine, at least to some degree," he said. "I don't know how realistic it is, but that's certainly my hope."

Jordan-Matthews Principal

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‘Having had this week, sort of under our belts,’ Jordan-Matthews teacher Sarah Harris said of the first week of classes, ‘I think we will definitely be ready to go.’

Decades on, John Pleasants is still ‘digging’ collecting Boy Scouts memorabilia

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
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RAMSEUR — Ask John J. Pleasants for his coolest piece of Boy Scouts memorabilia, and he'll give you plenty of options, from gear to art to the downright dangerous.

There's a canvas uniform from the 1920s complete with an olive green hat, binders full of Scouts patches from decades past and a leather belt from 1910, with a fleur-de-lis and still legible catchphrase on its metal buckle: "Boy Scouts of America — Be Prepared."

Wall décor includes a 1946 Boy Scouts calendar from Pennsylvania, featuring original artwork by the famous painter Norman Rockwell, who before his iconic run at The Saturday Evening Post got his start as a 19-year-old art editor for the Scouts' Boys' Life magazine.

Then Pleasants, 64, pulls out a few items he loosely classifies as "things that wouldn't pass a safety test today." That includes an unsettling lamp from the 1930s — it's a standing Boy Scout with an uncovered light bulb as the head and a brass hat — and a 1940s boxed craft set with toy soldier-shaped molds, paints, a small heating pan and your very own chunks of lead to melt down.

"I can promise you this would be forbidden right now," he said, laughing.

This spread, laid out on a recent Saturday at Pleasants' office in Ramseur, is just a director's cut of his full collection, which has at

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Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

The history of the Boy Scouts, Pleasants said, is just as interesting to him as collecting itself.

‘AN IRREFUTABLE FACT’

Health board declares racism as ‘ongoing health crisis’

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The Chatham County Board of Health voted Monday to declare racism as an "ongoing public health crisis" and also pledged its commitment in working to mitigate associated health disparities.

"As members of the North Carolina, Chatham County Board of Health, it is our stated purpose to identify factors that adversely affect health outcomes, formulate plans to address these factors, and to ultimately negate their effect on the health of Chatham County residents," the unan-

imously approved statement read. "It is an irrefutable fact that race and socio-economic status have innumerable influences on health outcomes. This is evident in a multitude of statistics in Chatham County, and throughout the State, including, but not limited to, the disproportionately high COVID-19 case percentage of Chatham County Latino community members, the decreased life expectancy of African American men, and the suboptimal birth outcomes of African American women."

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Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Goathouse Refuge

Siglinda Scarpa, founder of the Goathouse Refuge in Chatham County, has spent a lifetime creating art and sharing love with any animal she meets. Story, photos on page B4.

LATEST GRANT SKIPS CHATHAM

Statewide efforts to address broadband issues continue

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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Gov. Roy Cooper announced last Wednesday that 11 rural North Carolina counties — Chatham not among them — will receive more than \$12 million in grants to expand high-speed internet service in those areas. Among the 11 counties, the winning applicants are expected to connect more than 8,000 families and 250 businesses, farms and com-

munity institutions to broadband service.

"With this pandemic, high-speed internet access is even more important for remote education, telemedicine and small businesses," Cooper said during his announcement. "These projects will help bridge the digital divide in 11 rural counties, so these communities can access important services and participate in our increasingly digital society and economy."

Even though Chatham wasn't among the counties awarded funding, the governor's announcement emphasizes the continued need for expanded broadband access across the state, particularly with the expanded use of virtual meetings and learning due to the coronavirus. Graham, in adjoining Alamance County, was one of the 11 places awarded funding. Projects in 10 other

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ON THE AGENDA

• The Chatham County Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27 in the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center. Anyone with questions about the meeting may contact Clerk to the Board Lindsay Ray at lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org or 919-545-8302.

CANCELLATIONS

• Town of Siler City payment plan enrollment for past due water bills ends Aug. 31. Customers needing to make payment arrangements must apply at Town Hall by August 31. Call 919-742-4731 for details.

• 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 Community Library: Closed to the public at this time.

THURSDAY

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

• St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church provides 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.

SATURDAY

• The Southern Arts Movement will host their Silent No Longer: Graham Edition Block Party to bring art, artists, and public together to celebrate their first exhibit. The art will be displayed on the lawn of Alamance Arts from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29. People are invited to come experience the exhibit as a whole and meet some of the artists. Guests are requested to wear masks and practice physical distancing. The event will also include a live performance from Tre Charles.

UPCOMING

• ELECTION 2020 - VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES: Bipartisan and open to all! Will be hosted from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 5, and Sept. 19 by the First Missionary Baptist Church in Siler City located at 914 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. To verify your current registration status, visit: https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/

• The Chatham County Challenge is a virtual walk, run, or bike challenge that will take place Sept. 1-30. Bikers are challenged to complete a 100k (62 miles) and runners/walkers are challenged to complete a 50k (31 miles). Participants will be asked to track their miles through a mobile app called Map My Fitness and must sign up through the app no later than Aug. 31. The top 25 bikers and top 25 walkers/runners with the most distance logged in the Map My Fitness challenge will receive a free T-shirt. A weekly leaderboard and end of challenge winners will be announced on the Parks and Recreation website, Facebook, and Instagram. Head over to chathamnc.org/parks-recreation for details on how to sign up for free.

• Movies in the Park Series: Chatham County Parks and Recreation will host a free outdoor movie night series at The Park at Briar Chapel. Due to COVID-19, temperatures will be taken, hand sanitizer will be provided

upon arrival, and the field will be grid off to maintain social distance guidelines. There will be space available for 25 people to sit on the field, and 17 cars in drive-in spots. Attendance is first come first served. Movie Schedule: “Dirty Dancing” at 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 28; “Aladdin” at 8 p.m. on Sept. 11; and “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse” at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 25.

• Youth Jump Rope Classes: Class 1: Meets in Pittsboro (location TBD) on Mondays, 5 to 5:55 p.m. and 6 to 6:55 p.m.; Sept. 14 to Oct. 19. Class 2: Meets at Northwest District Park on Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 6:55 p.m., Sept. 16 to Oct. 21. This jump rope class is all about fun and fitness. The class is suitable for youth who are both beginning and intermediate jumpers. Participants will learn and perfect single rope, Double Dutch, and long rope skills. Jumpers will develop strength, agility and endurance throughout the class. For details on how to register, visit the parks and recreation website: chathamnc.org/parks-recreation or call the office at 919-545-8555.

• United Way is seeking volunteers for their First Day of Service event, that will take place on Thursday, Sept. 3. This is a free community service event that pairs volunteers with projects for local non-profits to make an impact where it’s needed most in Chatham County. There are multiple volunteer project sites around the county, and even remote and contactless donation drives for everyone to get involved. To view a list of community service projects and donation drives, please visit www.UnitedWayof-ChathamCounty.org/Day-of-Service and sign up before Tuesday, Sept. 1.

• A community COVID-19 testing will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 at Staunton Memorial CME Church, 230 Credle St., Pittsboro. This is free and open to the public. Sponsored by: StarMed Healthcare. To Sign-up visit: StarMed Healthcare at www.

StarMed.care.

• Central Carolina Community College will offer the Teacher Preparation degrees this fall. To register for the programs, visit www.cccc.edu/apply-register/ or call CCCC Student Services at 919-718-7300. Students can earn an Associate in Science - Teacher Preparation degree or Associate in Arts - Teacher Preparation degree in only two years, and then transfer to a four-year institution and enter as a junior. These degrees allow students to pursue a teaching degree in the K-12 field of education.

ALSO HAPPENING

• Second Bloom of Chatham is accepting Fall/Winter donations during regular store hours, Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to space limitations, a two bag/boxes maximum. We accept clean, new and gently used men and women’s clothing, shoes, accessories and jewelry. We accept credit cards. We are located on the Courthouse Circle at 10 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro. All proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

• With COVID-19 sweep-

ing the country, artists’ livelihoods are being challenged like never before. The Chatham Arts Council has put together a relief effort specifically for artists and arts-workers called CAARE: Chatham Artist and Arts-Worker Relief Effort. For more information on CAARE, or to donate, visit ChathamArtsCouncil.org.

• JMArts hosted a JMA-CoronaConcert via Twitter featuring performances submitted by JM students and faculty. Concerts can be viewed on its Twitter account @JMArts and by using the hashtags #JMA-CoronaConcert performances and #JMACoronaConcert program.

• 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 proj-

ects, office work, and care for animals. Chatham Connecting website lists many volunteer opportunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community: www.chathamconnecting.org.

• 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 area.

• 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, Pittsboro.

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CCL Launches Kids’ Club for Social Justice

The Youth Services Department of the Chatham Community Library has announced a new monthly event for elementary-school aged children to openly discuss social justice topics.

Social justice topics are frequently in the news, and children may have questions or concerns. The monthly forum also provides a space to brainstorm ideas about how to make the world a better place. “Kids’ Club for Social Justice” is a safe space for children in grades K-5 to talk about social justice topics. The first GoToMeeting event will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17. Then, and every third Thursday from there on, a Youth Services staff member will read a book with a social justice theme and invite children to connect with the topic and with each

other. The topic for September’s meeting is racism, and the book the group will read together is “Chocolate Me,” written by Taye Diggs and illustrated by Shane W. Evans. At the end of the meeting, one child will win a copy of the book.

Future meeting topics include bullying, colonialism, sexism, homophobia and anti-Semitism. Parents, older siblings and caregivers are welcome at these meetings, which will be virtual until the library reopens, and will not be recorded or archived.

For additional information on this program or to receive virtual meeting instructions, please contact the Youth Services department at 919-545-8085 or via email at youth.services@chathamlibraries.org.

This program is free and open to the public.

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ment follows the board's discussion at its June 22 meeting regarding its role in promoting equity and diversity. Originally on the board's agenda for that meeting under "New business," the board referred to a letter read during the public input session by Karinda Roebuck, the co-chairperson of CORE — Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity and the Chatham Health Alliance Equity Committee. In her statement, Roebuck called on the board to name and take seriously the threat of structural racism on public health.

At the time, the board also referred to a letter Chatham County Commissioner Karen Howard wrote to the community regarding the coronavirus pandemic and George Floyd's death at the hands of police officers in Minneapolis. In the board's subsequent discussion, members suggested writing their own statement rather than just endorsing Howard's letter. Questions about writing a statement that addressed concerns in an apolitical way were also raised.

There was no formal motion to write the statement, but board members Lewis Lampiris, John Kessler and Stephanie Freese volunteered to draft one on behalf of the board with Interim Health Director Michael Zelek. Later, Karen Barbee, who was not present at the June 22 meeting, also volunteered to join efforts in drafting the statement.

"We know about those disparities; I mean, that's not rocket science," Lam-

piris said at the time, in favor of declaring racism as a public health crisis. "One of the major factors that has led to those disparities are issues of structural racism — so we're just putting that in there. We can talk about diet, nutrition and healthy foods but bottom line, it's structures that are in place that are keeping people oppressed. So it's not a political statement, it's just an honest affirmation of a condition people living under that we want to eliminate."

After Carol Reitz-Barlow, the board's chairperson, read the drafted statement Monday, Lampiris said the statement was "really great" and proposed cleaning up the second to last sentence to include more specific concerns of discrimination in Chatham.

"We, the Chatham County Board of Health, pledge to work with governing bodies in the County, and our local partners on anti-racism initiatives, review the Health Department's policies, practices, and services to address concerns of discrimination related to structural racism, access to care, affordable housing, and community education," the updated sentence read.

Following those suggestions, Kessler suggested changing all the phrases of "systemic racism" to "structural racism," to be consistent with CORE's language and original letter to the health board in June. Casey Hilliard, the department's interim director of health promotion and policy division, asked board members what the hope for the statement was, specifically referencing the strategic plan she presented at the beginning of the meeting.

Several board members mentioned



Zoom screenshot

The Chatham County Board of Health approved a statement Monday declaring racism a public health crisis.

increasing awareness of structural inequalities, with hopes to eventually offer educational resources regarding those disparities. The group decided not to try and include specific language about what led to such inequalities, with the focus on first recognizing structural racism as a problem with this statement.

"Hopefully a year from now, we'll be writing a different kind of statement," Lampiris said before making a motion to adopt the statement as revised at the meeting.

"If I can just say, it's just kind of getting the ball rolling in a sense," Barbee added.

The board's final statement, distributed to stakeholders Tuesday morning, reflected this sentiment.

"It is not enough to simply declare structural racism a public health crisis.

Measures must be taken to address the root causes and secondary influences if we hope to succeed," the statement said, reflecting the desire of board members to release educational curriculum in the future. "These actions represent the beginning of our work. We pledge to be responsive to identifying new needs. We remain goal oriented and will continuously, and objectively monitor the progress of our efforts."

The board's next meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 28. No formal motion was proposed on Monday to monitor the board's efforts, but multiple board members on the call expressed a commitment to continued discussion regarding structural racism and health equity.

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counties were awarded grants: Bertie, Columbus, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Martin, Nash, Roberson, Rockingham and Swain.

That particular funding — the 2019-20 Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) grant and COVID-19 Recovery Act funding — was awarded by the governor's administration and the N.C. Department of Information Technology (NCDIT) and its Broadband Infrastructure Office (BIO). According to the governor's website, applicants were scored based on the number of households, busi-

nesses and agricultural operations they propose to serve, the average cost to serve those households and the speeds offered.

"Too many North Carolinians lack access to the lifeline that high-speed internet connectivity offers," acting NCDIT Secretary and State Chief Information Officer Thomas Parrish said at the governor's announcement. "This divide is especially stark, currently, when residents are being asked to work, learn, access services and interact online more than ever. Because of the GREAT grants, thousands of households and hundreds of businesses in our state will finally have more options to connect, compete and thrive."

Though Chatham County was not a recipient of a GREAT grant, Chatham County Schools has been working to distribute hotspot devices to students, devices which act as access points to connect users to the Internet through cellphone coverage providers. CCS Public Relations Coordinator John McCann told the News + Record that the district has secured funding to purchase additional hotspots. The county is also working to equip school buses with hotspots — to eventually be set up throughout the district, so families can connect to that Internet access point, McCann said. This option can potentially serve families for whom a personal hotspot is not helpful, in

the case of areas without reliable cellphone coverage.

"We surveyed families and worked through our social workers to identify the need," he said. "Hotspots are not the complete fix since they're dependent on cellphone coverage. But we'll be able to meet the needs of a good number of families for whom hotspots are viable."

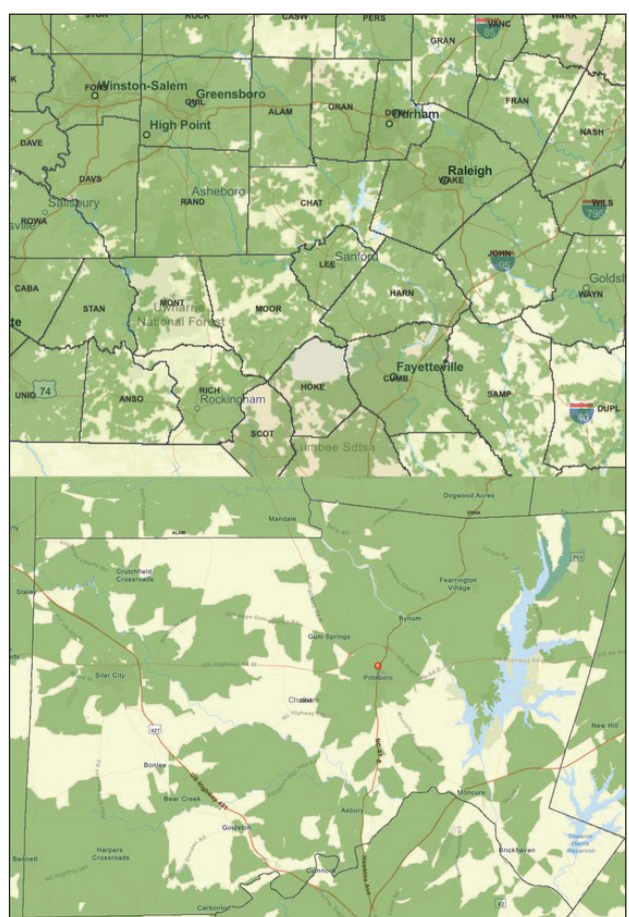
In January 2020, CCS joined the 1Million Project, a nationwide endeavor launched by Sprint in 2017 to provide students with hotspots, wireless access points that can connect user to the Internet. Originally intended for high school students, the project recently expanded its offerings to younger grades because of the impact of the coronavirus.

At this time, CCS families can request one hotspot per household, the district's website says. The devices are completely free for students. Families may request a hotspot at bit.ly/CCSHotspotRequest2020.

At the beginning of the month, Emma Braaten, the CCS executive director of digital teaching and learning, told the News + Record that investment by the government (such as that announced by Cooper last week) to ensure internet access for every individual must happen to truly address the problem.

"Hotspots are just a Band-Aid — it's just a quick fix for us right now," she said at the time. "It's not actually going to be a long term solution for us. It's really an uphill climb right now ... But we're trying to put our heads together, put the funding out there. So we'll be able to provide some type of solution for some of our students and keep working to make up the difference in other places."

According to BroadbandNow.com, which



Screengrabs courtesy of N.C. Department of Information Technology

The areas shaded in green show areas in North Carolina with broadband service of 25 megabits per second for download and 2 megabits per second for upload, according to FCC data which, according to the NC Department of Information Technology 'might not reflect actual service available at your physical location.' Chatham County has several empty spots and lags behind its neighbors.

measures internet connections and speeds across the country, 86.5% of Chatham residents have access to internet download speeds of 25 megabits per second, which is considered high-speed internet. Nearly 80% of the county (78.8%) has access to internet download speeds of 100 megabits per second, which is typically considered as more reliable high-speed internet for multiple devices streaming video services, such as Netflix or Zoom.

In comparison, in neighboring Wake Coun-

ty, 99.9% of residents have that kind of access, with 94.3% in Orange County and 95.5% in Lee County. In the state overall, 93.8% of North Carolinians have access in 100 megabits per second speeds or faster.

You can learn more about broadband access in Chatham in this April story by the News + Record: chathamnews-record.com/stories/chatham-nc-broadband-issues-covid-19-coronavirus,5170

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With the political season ramping up, the volume — and the accompanying velocity — of sleight-of-hand, obfuscation, deceptions and even outright lies continues its long run toward a November crescendo. It's rampant among rank amateurs on social media, of course, but in our existing political culture, it's become more common among those who call themselves "communications professionals" to dip their toes into that morass as well.

I saw it close-up last week. Like most newspapers, we get scores of press releases via email. The vast majority get tossed, with a delete key, into a digital dustbin. The fact is newspapers very rarely publish press releases as they're submitted; if any are relevant and newsworthy, we'll usually re-work them into a short staff or contributed piece, or "localize" them, as we phrase it, into a full-blown story.

But one arrived this past Friday morning and referenced — much to my surprise — the

very newspaper you're reading now. It came from the desk of the Press Secretary for the N.C. Republican Party, a fellow named Tim Wigginton, and began thusly: "The Chatham News and Record published an anonymous OP-ED from a victim of child sexual abuse detailing her opposition to the liberal majority of North Carolina's Supreme Court. This letter highlights the importance of electing judges who will put kids over predators, unlike the current liberal majority."

It took me by surprise, for sure. Aside from the whopping six mistakes I counted in the opening paragraph, I was at a loss trying to comprehend what was so newsworthy as to warrant a full-blown GOP release.

The fact was (and this is just for starters — there's not enough space here to tell the whole story), we: 1) published a letter to the editor, not an "OP-ED," and 2) the letter wasn't anonymous. Perhaps small distinctions to most, but there are major differences between a letter and an "opposite-editorial page" piece for a newspaper; in addition, the letter wasn't anonymous — it was written and then signed on behalf of a victim of sexual assault whose name we agreed to withhold for obvious reasons. No newspaper

I know of would *ever* publish an anonymous op-ed piece.

The release referenced a letter published in last week's edition, with a link to it online, so when I reached out to Wigginton to alert him to the errors, for some reason I naively expected he'd send out a simple correction.

That's when things got squirrelly.

His nonsensical replies to my initial and then subsequent follow-up messages (including a promise to correct the release online, which I noticed Monday night he'd finally gotten around to doing) and his ensuing "crickets" in response to my multiple follow-up messages baffled me. As did the non-reply to my request of the state GOP chairman for an explanation for Wigginton's refusal to send out a simple correction.

It gave new meaning (to me, at least) to the phrase "wiggling out."

The icing on this rotten cake was Friday night, when I tried to follow Wigginton on Twitter. It took him all of about 20 seconds to block me.

It was all very bizarre. I'm sure Wigginton's errors weren't intentional or mean-spirited. I get mistakes. I make 'em. *We* make 'em. *You* make 'em. And as I pointed out to him in one message, "In our business, if

we publish a story that contains gross factual errors, we take steps as soon as possible to correct. I would appreciate you doing the same."

His response: *silence*. And to take the silence to another level by blocking me on Twitter.

Prior to all this, Wigginton had been pretty vocal. He's filled my inbox the last weeks and months with press releases containing headlines teasing of shocking revelations (with liberal uses of "liberal," "lie," "cover-up" and, of course, "Cooper"). But he's not alone. A cursory perusal of the N.C. Democrat Party's recent press releases — available online, in case you want to keep score — is almost as disappointingly accusatory and hyperbolic. The Dems, it seems, prefer to use more active words like "blasts," "slams" and the mysterious "dark money" when it comes to spreading the love.

It's frustrating not getting answers. Wigginton's website bio says he's visited every Cookout restaurant in N.C., so I'd love for him to buy me a strawberry cheesecake milkshake and explain his quietude. Instead, he won't even let me see pictures of his goldfish.

About the same time as Wigginton's replies weren't hitting my inbox, though, I got a sweet treat from one of my favorite

thinkers, Seth Godin. In his daily blog post, Godin addressed the subject of cheating — which is really what's going on when you put out incorrect information, spin a tale sideways or twist a message to suit yourself. (Can we all say, "*Convention*"?)

There are only two ways to approach cheating, Godin writes: "We don't cheat." Or, "We cheat when we can get away with it."

If you believe in the "validity of the game itself," he says, it shows you respect the process. But if you believe "in the ends at any cost," and cheat when you can, you degrade the system. "(B)ecause," Godin writes, "if everyone cheats, *then there is no system left.*"

My advice to everyone (including myself and my own reporting staff, and the guys and gals who write political press releases), especially these days, is: play fair.

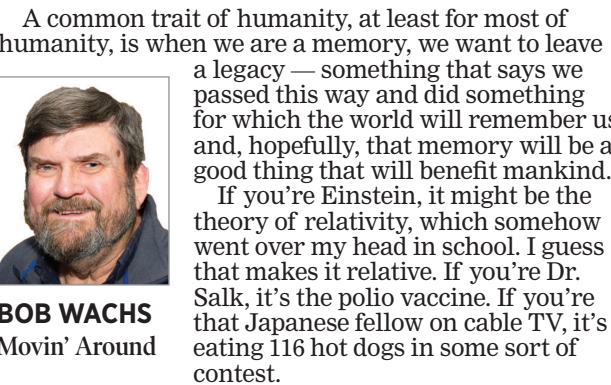
It's simple, and certainly worth repeating: *Play fair*.

"Because once cheating is normalized," Godin writes, "the winner is the person who had the guts to cheat the most and destroy the system, *not* the one who deserved to win."

When we all play fair, don't we all win?

Or would we prefer destruction?

Leaving good legacy not all that hard



A common trait of humanity, at least for most of humanity, is when we are a memory, we want to leave a legacy — something that says we passed this way and did something for which the world will remember us and, hopefully, that memory will be a good thing that will benefit mankind.

If you're Einstein, it might be the theory of relativity, which somehow went over my head in school. I guess that makes it relative. If you're Dr. Salk, it's the polio vaccine. If you're that Japanese fellow on cable TV, it's eating 116 hot dogs in some sort of contest.

For most of us, however, our legacy won't be that big or noticeable, at least to the world. But it can be a big thing for those around us. It's like the story of the grandfather and grandson who walked along the beach one early morning. As they walked, the grandfather would toss starfish that had washed up on the shore back into the water.

The lad watched this in amazement and finally broke the silence by asking grandpa why he did that. Grandpa explained that the tide had brought the starfish ashore, and that if they lay out on the beach in the hot sun very long without water, they would die.

As grandpa continued his task, grandson said, "But grandpa, there are too many. You can't do them all."

"That's right," the grandpa said as he tossed another into the surf, "but it's really important to that one."

Sometimes I wonder what my legacy might be. Of course, other folks see us differently than we see ourselves, and different folks see us in different ways.

Years ago in English Five, the creative writing class at ol' Pittsboro High, I thought my legacy would be the Great American Novel or at least some fine sports writing in the Durham Morning Herald, to which I aspired because, I reasoned, I could cover UNC football, sit in the press box at Kenan Stadium, eat fried chicken and get paid to watch the game.

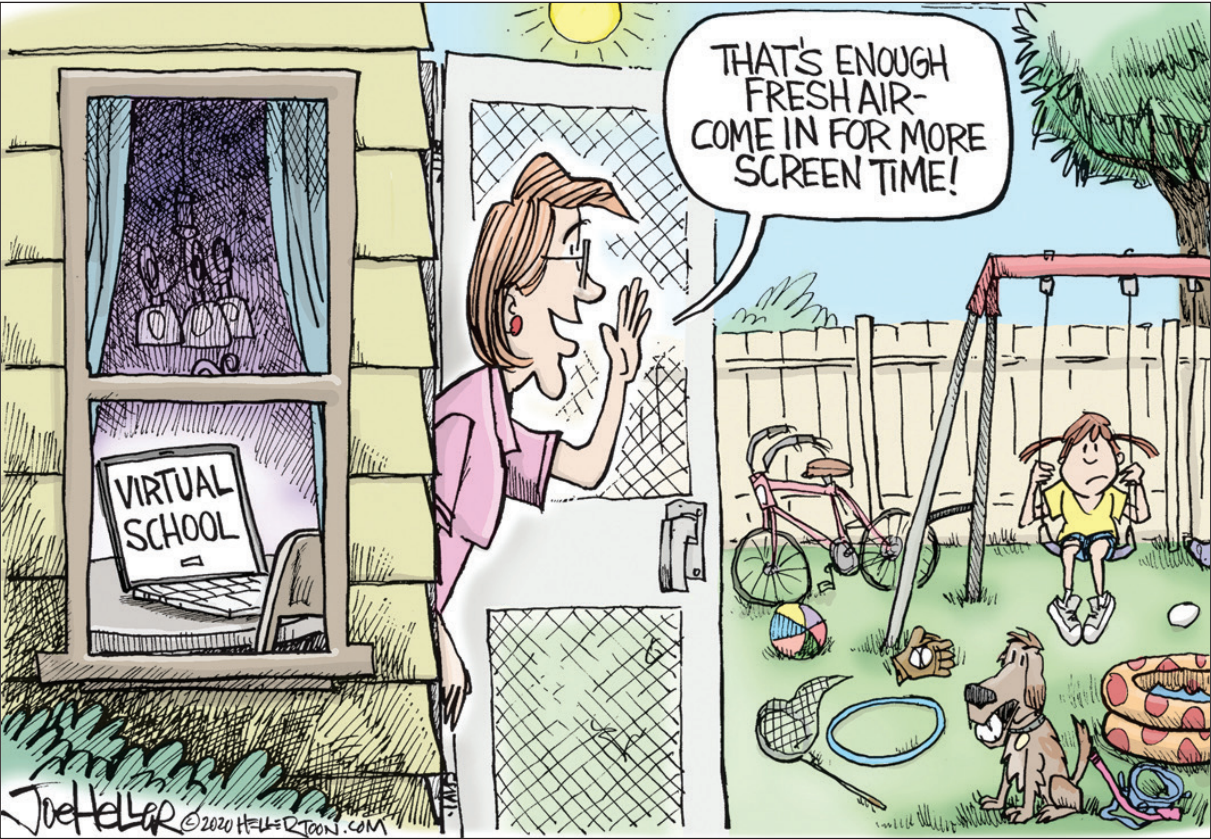
Somehow that dream never materialized. It was due largely because when I arrived at UNC, I let Chapel Hill's lure of Franklin Street, sleeping late, cutting class and shooting pool get in the way of going to class. That turn of events, though, turned me in another direction and led me to the way things are now. And now I often stand amazed at how a turn in the events in life takes us one way or another in ways we could never have thought of.

Now I realize I won't ever sit in the press box, even if the virus and government let college football return before the end of time, especially since because of the accumulation of birthdays, I have begun to start collecting a bit of the funds Uncle Sam took from my income for years. And so, I wonder what that legacy might be.

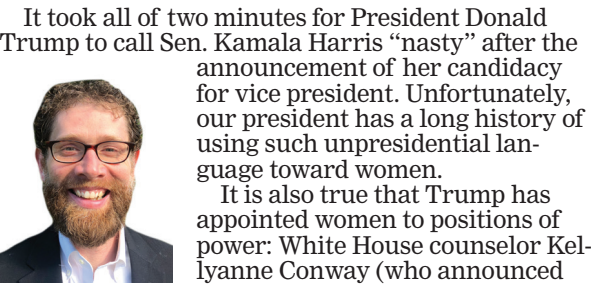
I'm thinking that really for most of us our greatest legacy might be to leave a well-adjusted offspring or two — or more, if that's the case — to the world. If that's not possible for you, then tossing the starfish in your world back into the sea as you walk along your beach could be the thing, especially in this messed-up, shut-down, angry and divisive world in which we're living now.

To be sure, we need to pay attention, keep our eyes open and do the right thing(s), but it may be our legacy is to be found in the small things that become big things. I think here of Jordan-Matthews teacher/coach Phil Senter, who died unexpectedly a week ago. I knew him well enough to know his name and to say "Hello," but the young men and women who sat in his classroom or played for him knew him best. Many of them could say about him what one of his former football players, now a solid member of society, said about him — "He saw more in me than I saw in me." That, dear friends, is a legacy, a living one.

So, for you and me, our legacy may be a kind word or deed, a pat on the back or a hug or a shoulder to lean on. There's not much distance between a pat on the back and a kick in the rear end, but the results are miles apart. And so maybe we should work to make our legacy be like the old Scottish proverb: "Live so that when you die, the mourners outnumber the cheering section."



A call for better angels, not 'nasty' women



It took all of two minutes for President Donald Trump to call Sen. Kamala Harris "nasty" after the announcement of her candidacy for vice president. Unfortunately, our president has a long history of using such un-presidential language toward women.

It is also true that Trump has appointed women to positions of power: White House counselor Kellyanne Conway (who announced this week she's leaving her post); Gina Haspel of the CIA; and, of course, his daughter, Ivanka Trump.

The president's overriding concern explains this apparent contradiction: whether man or woman, Trump values loyalty above all else. He does not want criticism from his team of leaders. As an example, look no further than Dr. Anthony Fauci, whose expert medical opinion has been ignored, and even contradicted, by Trump.

Certainly, no one wishes for a personal attack. But it is ancient wisdom that, as iron sharpens iron, so a person who challenges me can make me stronger (Prov 27:17).

The Founding Fathers envisioned the vice president as the runner-up to the national election for the presidency. Imagine a White House coalition between our current president and his runner-up — the same woman he infamously called "nasty" in the 2016 presidential debate!

By the early 19th century, candidates were selecting their own running mates. Yet, President Abraham Lincoln appointed three cabinet members

who had previously campaigned against him — his political enemies! As Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin put it, Lincoln formed "a team of rivals" because he wanted to examine problems from every angle, factoring in his own weaknesses and mistakes. Lincoln was a self-secure, self-confident leader. Not only could he take criticism, Lincoln believed the feedback made him stronger and wiser. That iron sharpened iron.

The ancient Greeks stressed the importance of *pronesis*, meaning "practical wisdom." This refers to the ability to discern the moral good in daily life — life amid the changes, challenges and complexities. The Greeks were famous for their debates. They believed that arguing with a leader was neither evidence of disdain nor a sign of disloyalty. Political opponents should not be belittled through childish name-calling but engaged in mature conversation. This is still how the best decisions are reached.

In a time of a global pandemic, our republic needs practical wisdom from people of good will from all sides. Our leaders must come to the table and challenge one another in constructive ways. The goal should not be to tear down the other side but to build up our country. Though he spoke in 1857, no one has put it better than Lincoln:

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

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VIEWPOINTS

Spy and statesman fought for freedom

Whether Democrat Yvonne Holley or Republican Mark Robinson wins the 2020 race for lieutenant governor, North Carolinians will be electing the first African-American candidate to that post. But the victor won't be the first black North Carolinian elected to a Council of State office. That was Ralph Campbell, the longtime Raleigh city councilman elected state auditor in 1992. Even before that, Henry Frye became the first black member of the North Carolina Supreme Court, having been appointed in 1983 and then elected statewide in 1984.

If you follow state politics closely, you already know all that. But do you know the name of the first African-American



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to appear on North Carolina's statewide ballot — and win?

It's a bit of a trick question, I admit, because the election I'm talking about wasn't, strictly speaking, for public office. The answer is Abraham Galloway, whom voters chose as one of North Carolina's presidential electors in 1868.

Galloway is one of the most intriguing figures in the history of our state — and another North Carolinian who, in my opinion, deserves to be honored with multiple statues and monuments.

Born a slave in what is now Southport, Galloway became a skilled brick mason and joined a thriving community of black craftsmen, sailors and activists in antebellum Wilmington. He escaped to freedom in 1857 in the cargo hold of a schooner bound for Philadelphia. Making his way via the Underground Railroad to Canada, Galloway soon became an active abolitionist.

When the Civil War broke

out in 1861, Abraham Galloway performed another brave act: he returned to the South to work as a spy, and later as a recruiter, for the Union Army. In his 2012 book "The Fire of Freedom: Abraham Galloway & The Slaves' Civil War," historian David Cecelski does a masterful job of relating Galloway's exploits during the war — or, at least, the exploits for which there is a historical record, as Galloway was himself illiterate and narrated only some of his experiences to others after the fact.

Cecelski uses a particularly dramatic scene to kick off the book. A New England abolitionist and federal agent named Edward Kinsley arrives in New Bern in 1863 with a mission to recruit African-Americans into the Union Army. It soon becomes clear, however, that he'll have no success unless he bargains successfully with Galloway, already a leader of the local black community.

Galloway demands equal pay and fair treatment for

black soldiers, as well as a pledge that the Union will fight for abolition, not just to reassemble the Union. Only after Kinsley agrees do black recruits step forward — first in the hundreds, eventually in the thousands.

After the war, Abraham Galloway helped organize the new Republican Party in North Carolina, played a key role at the 1868 convention that drafted a new state constitution, and won election to the North Carolina Senate several months later, all the while "defying nightriders and assassins," as Cecelski put it.

During his brief but momentous political career — Galloway died abruptly of natural causes in 1870 at the age of 33 — he not only championed the rights of black North Carolinians but also fought for women's suffrage and educational opportunity. If you're a progressive, you'll appreciate Galloway's advocacy of new labor laws. If you're a conservative,

you'll appreciate his advocacy of gun rights and deep suspicion of the state-subsidized railroad company.

While unyielding in his quest for justice, Galloway sought to build bridges and conciliate former adversaries whenever possible. Picked to give the opening address at the founding convention of the state GOP in 1867, he insisted he spoke as "neither Republican black man nor Republican white man" but for the party as a whole. "A man may be a Dutchman or an Irishman, a Yankee or a Southerner, and I tell you I will give him a hearty shake and a warm welcome upon the Republican platform," he said.

Whatever your politics, Abraham Galloway can and should be one of your heroes.

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Finding a compass on a Christ-haunted landscape

Are they really people of faith? Some voters are asking that question about their presidential candidates, wondering where their moral compasses might be and if they have one at all.

And it's not just our political candidates I wondered about. I'm also thinking about all of us.

Is religion being wiped out of our daily lives?

In the South, especially, our books were traditionally filled with religious themes.

Books such as "The Christ-Haunted Landscape: Faith and Doubt in Southern Fiction" (1994) by Susan Ketchin reminded us of Georgia author Flannery O'Connor's remarks: "By and large, people in the South still conceive of humanity in theological terms. While the South is hardly Christ-centered, it is most certainly Christ-haunted."

Maybe things have changed, and our literature may no longer reflect a Christ-centered or a Christ-haunted landscape.



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

I began to wonder if books being featured on UNC-TV's North Carolina Bookwatch reflect the current religious landscape of our region.

Several books featured this season deal upfront with important religious issues. For instance, Bart Ehrman's "Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife" deals with one of every religion's important question: What happens to us when we die?

Jodi Magness's "Masada: From Jewish Revolt to Modern Myth" gives Jews and Christians a look at the complicated times in the Holy Land when King Herod, Jesus and the Roman occupiers were making history.

Sue Monk Kidd's novel, "The Book of Longings," is a fictional account of a woman who married Jesus. Although set in a distant place and time, the struggles of the central character to accommodate her religious beliefs to oppressive and dangerous times is relevant to today.

In "The Antidote for Everything" by Charlotte's Kimmery Martin, doctors fight efforts in a hospital and medical group owned by a conservative religious church to get rid of gay and transgender patients.

In Lee Smith's "Blue Marlin," the young teenage girl who is the lead character explores her growing and changing faith. She tries to make a deal with God in which she will do a good deed each day if he will bring her parents back together.

These books and others that Bookwatch will feature have religious connections, but in a surprise for me the South's Christ-haunted landscape shows up most vividly in books by two popular writers of legal thrillers.

Cullen Post, the narrator and main character in John Grisham's "The Guardians," is a failed lawyer who found that "God was knocking at my door." After seminary, he made his way to Guardian Ministries, which works to exonerate innocent prisoners. Its founder, Vicki Gourley, "is a devout Christian who considers her work to be derived straight from the Gospels. Jesus said to remember the prisoners. She works 15 hours a day trying to free the innocent."

In "The Substitution Order" by Martin Clark, the troubled lead character is Kevin Moore, a disbarred lawyer fighting more criminal charges and recovering from a stroke. He is confined at his rich cousin's rural Virginia home when he has two visitors. First comes Lilly Heath, his nurse who helped with his rehab after his stroke. Then his neighbor, Melvin Grimes, pastor of the New Temple and Harvest Church, brings a bag of fresh vegetables and inflammatory conservative religious tracts.

Lilly explodes: "Your preacher friend's a hateful bigot. And you tolerate him, take his gifts and molly-coddle him."

"He's a mean-spirited, selfish, incurious hick who worships at the firearms altar — lovely NRA sticker on his truck — and hates everyone and everything that's not exactly like he is," she continues.

Lilly also has strong religious views, 180 degrees different from Rev. Grimes, but still fitting on the Christ-haunted landscape.

These books, especially the last two, show us that strong religious views can still provide a moral compass even on today's complicated haunted landscape.

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.

A note on the Black Lives Matter movement

I believe that Black lives matter. I don't work for a Marxist association, I'm not hired by Antifa and I'm not a professional protester.

I believe that many of our current structures and institutions — from housing and zoning to racial profiling and income disparities — demonstrate that Black lives do not matter. These are human rights issues that affect all of us, including you.

So how did the Black Lives Matter movement get lumped in with an organization? I'll do my best to explain and hope this inspires you to dig deeper on your end.

The phrase "Black Lives Matter" began as a social media hashtag after George Zimmerman shot Trayvon Martin in 2013. Millions of Americans used the hashtag on their social media that year, and again in 2014 after police officers shot Michael Brown and Eric Garner. According to co-founders Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi, the movement remains a decentralized network of activists



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Millennial Musings

with no formal hierarchy.

We use this phrase to advocate for change at local, state and federal levels. One example close to my heart is the Trump administration rescinding Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans. President Trump made the subsequent announcement: "I am happy to inform all of the people living their Suburban Lifestyle Dream that you will no longer be bothered or financially hurt by having low income housing built in your neighborhood. Your housing prices will go up based on the market, and crime will go down. Enjoy!"

In this statement, our administration implicitly states that the lack of affordable housing — which disproportionately affects Black families — is less important than the "suburban lifestyle dream." That Black families do not matter.

You can apply this critical thinking to many areas of our local government — police brutality, the school to prison pipeline, racial zoning, etc. "The Color of Law" by Richard Rothstein does an excellent job of explaining how de jure segregation was built into our existing laws.

I would be remiss to end this column without mentioning the crowd-funded billboard that popped up

next to a Confederate flag in Pittsboro. On the first day it appeared, residents created small signs that claimed BLM chapter leaders were racists and murderers. These chapter leaders are neither linked to nor influencing the local Chatham County residents who advocated for the billboard.

I implore you think about why Black Lives Matter has recently been lumped in with Marxism or communism. Think about why our president called for BLM to be labeled a terrorist organization but brushed off the Ku Klux Klan. Think about why it is suddenly considered leftist to believe in equity for all human beings.

You don't need to post a black square or a social media hashtag to support the Black community. In fact, that's not as effective as making an effort to diversify your organization's leadership, amplifying Black voices and calling out injustice instead of ignoring it.

No one's telling you to say Black lives matter. Show that they do instead.

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Request an absentee ballot

More than 200,000 North Carolinians have already requested an absentee mail-in ballot for November's elections, according to political science professor Michael Bitzer in the Old North State Politics blog. That's eight times the number requested at this point in 2016. Bitzer estimates the number may reach 300,000, well above the 231,000 requests for the entire 2016 election.

Forty-eight percent of the requests have come from Democrats and only 18 percent from Republicans. In 2016 the split was 37-37. Many are obviously buying the false narrative of tampering and corruption in mail-in voting, but the facts dispute those assertions. With the notable exception of the corruption scheme unveiled in



TOM CAMPBELL
N.C. Spin

North Carolina's Ninth Congressional District in the 2018 election there is scant evidence of significant fraud.

There is real concern about efforts to undermine the U.S. Postal Service in mailing completed ballots. A reasonable person has to acknowledge what appears to be a campaign to disrupt the mail service, effectively suppressing voting. If you wish to use the post office, it is recommended you mail your ballot back no later than Oct. 27 to make sure it is received and counted. You don't have to depend only on the mail, however. You may take your completed ballot to your county board of elections office or to an open early voting site.

Voting will obviously be different this year. The N.C. Board of Elections, in an attempt to ensure both safety and opportunity, has dictated that counties have at least one early voting site for every 20,000 registered voters. Further, those sites are to be open for at least 10 hours per

day on the two weekends prior to the Nov. 3 election day. All in-person voting will require social distancing and facial coverings. Precinct workers will wear protective equipment and each voting booth will be sanitized in between voters. Count on spending a little longer in line this year, due to the extra time needed for sanitizing and perhaps due to inexperienced poll workers. Patience and courtesy will be needed.

All told, 25,000 poll workers are needed for our 2,700 precincts statewide. The average age of these workers is about 70, and many have already declared they don't feel safe working this year. A call for volunteers has gone out. If willing to work, contact your county board of elections.

Every registered voter has the right to request an absentee ballot for the Nov. 3 election.

We recommend you do so ... and soon. It doesn't take much time to fill out the request form and it ensures that if in-person

voting becomes problematic you will be able to vote. When you get the request form you will be required to provide your name, address, date of birth and either your driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you need help from a relative or caregiver completing your ballot, you will need to provide his or her name. If you decide to vote by mail, you will also need one witness to testify to seeing you mark your ballot.

This may be the most important election of our lifetime and every vote is essential. Who knows what might happen between now and election day? Go ahead and request an absentee ballot. It is a great insurance policy to ensure your vote is counted.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE

‘I don’t want to just see my friends on the computer’

Kindergarteners and parents adjust to starting school, remotely

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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The morning starts with a virtual meeting with your teacher and classmates, then a shorter virtual meeting with a smaller group of students. Next, a few assignments before lunch, then virtual “special” classes: art, music, counseling or physical education, all over Zoom.

A day in the life of remote Kindergarten.

Krista Jett, a Chatham resident, is one of many parents adjusting to the additional challenge of parenting kindergarteners in a pandemic — she’s helping her twin children, students at Chatham Grove Elementary, adjust to remote learning as they adjust to school in the first place. A stay-at-home mom before the coronavirus, Jett had planned to resume working once her children started school — a plan currently put on pause by the demands of remote learning.

Still, she’s grateful her family has that option.

“We are the lucky ones in this scenario, because my husband is able to work from home and his job is fairly flexible, so he can help me out,” Jett said. “We certainly have neighbors who are trying to work full-time jobs in health care while helping their young children go through school online, so we are in as ideal a situation as can be — we’re very much aware of how fortunate we are.”

Her children attended preschool before starting school, so they do miss their friends. But they’re adjusting, Jett said. And some parts of transitioning to kindergarten from home are easier: no getting ready for the school bus at 6:30 in the morning, no packing lunches, no dealing with a bully on the school bus. Her kids can learn letters in sandbox and science on a real nature trail.

But other parts are difficult. Parenting and teaching is difficult — “anyone who’s been a parent knows that your children kind of act out more with you

than they would with a school teacher or any other adult” — and not actually walking the halls of the new Chatham Grove after excitedly watching it be built is also disappointing for her kids.

“They’re definitely missing the in-person experience because they really miss their friends — they miss playing on the playground, they miss playing pretend in their dress-up clothes with their whole class of friends, they miss having snack time together,” she said. “And my daughter said, ‘I don’t want to just see my friends on the computer.’”

‘The big thing is just being positive’

Keeping students engaged with their school work and friends is definitely a challenge of remote learning, particularly for younger students.

Last week, the Chatham Education Foundation hosted the first of its community partnership and education series over Zoom to help give parents like Jett tips for making the remote transition to starting school easier.

Jaime Detzi, executive director of the foundation, said the idea for a webinar series came at an executive meeting about a month ago, when the team realized the shift to virtual events gave them a great opportunity to share information.

“I think our hope is that this will go well beyond remote learning when it’s gone,” she said of the series. “We’re going to start with COVID-related stuff, and then move on from there as we see fit.”

At the beginning of the meeting, Detzi noted the newness of the situation for parents and teachers alike.

“All of you parents are new to this virtual learning in the kindergarten world,” she said. “Our teachers are very, very new to this too. So they may not have all the answers to questions but know that they’re doing their absolute 100% best.”

Tracy McKee, a kindergarten teacher at Pittsboro Elementary School and one of the webinar’s panelists, emphasized the importance of “picking your battles” with students to help them succeed and build up the endurance to sit on longer video calls. Another panelist, Katie Palmer, kindergarten teacher at Bonlee School, said to encourage your students for whatever they’re able to accomplish.

“The big thing is just being positive,” Palmer said. “I’m really trying to praise my kids and you can do the same thing at home. Just saying, ‘Wow, you are a big kindergartner. Look how well you did.’”

For parents who are able to be with their kids during the school day, teachers on the call encouraged taking them outside to get their eyes off screen, drinking lots of water as they work and making fun crafts. They encouraged creative learning activities — writing with chalk on the sidewalk to practice spelling, or bouncing a ball while saying counting.

Still, teachers realize that the majority of parents are not teachers. Many work full-time, and some don’t speak English well or have reliable internet. A lot of parents worry their children will fall behind.

“First of all, absolutely a valid concern,” said panelist Michelle Brick, a school counselor at Bonlee School. “As teachers, I don’t think it’s inappropriate to say are as worried as you are. But the other thing is to remember is that we’re all here — there’s no necessarily falling behind in the sense that we’re all we’re all on the same level right now. And so as, as educators, we have spent already and will continue to spend time (filling gaps).”

‘Please talk to us’

Each of the teachers on the call emphasized their availability to parents with questions.

“I tell parents, don’t hesitate if you have a question,” McKee said. “There’s no such thing as a silly question. If I

don’t know the answer. I’m going to ask somebody to try and help me figure it out.”

Currently, most kindergarten classes are starting with less than an hour of synchronous virtual meetings, as to not overwhelm “the littles.” As the weeks progress, teachers expect to add more synchronous time, as well as independent classwork.

With added school time, there is a greater likelihood students will become frustrated with some of their assignments. The panelists encouraged parents to adopt routines the student can follow every day, even creating a physical schedule for their child to look at, like would be in their classroom.

And as the people that know their children best, they encouraged parents to communicate with teachers about challenges their student faces to find possible ways to adjust and prevent future frustration.

“Validate it. Please make sure you validate it,” Brick, the school counselor, added. “This is hard. This isn’t easy. It’s OK to be upset and frustrated. Mommy’s frustrated. You know, let them know that it’s OK. It’s important to listen and it’s important to help them get back to it for sure, but validate the moment.”

With one week of kindergarten for her kids under her belt, Jett is really appreciative of her childrens’ teachers for how they’ve encouraged communication as families make the adjustment to remote learning.

“I have been tremendously impressed not only with their homeroom teacher, but also on the Zoom call from last Friday, how every single teacher was like, ‘Please talk to us,’” Jett said. “The motto of the school is, ‘The Power of We,’ and they’ve really been trying so hard to make that work and to ease the parents’ concerns.”

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Tripp Crayton hopes that whether or not the plan for remote instruction goes beyond the current nine-week period, students feel safe, cared for and on track with learning standards.

“There’s just a lot going on,” he said. “But I really feel like our teachers are meeting the expectations as well as meeting the challenges that are out there. I feel like the first week went very well. I felt like that we were able to reach out to a majority of our kids during that first week — and that was our goal.”

Crayton said teachers have been communicating with students and parents, checking in on them and discuss any potential barriers they might have to successful remote learning — namely, the lack of good internet access. At Jordan-Matthews, 7% of students are currently without reliable access, he said, adding that the school expects that number to go down slightly once all the district’s hotspots are distributed to families.

With online access and technical difficulties, the adjustment to remote learning can be difficult enough as students and teachers alike get used to the new platforms and channels of communication.

“We’re just trying to do everything we can to keep reaching for them while at the same time trying to keep up with all the instruction,” Crayton said.

‘We will definitely be ready to go’

Back in Harris’ classroom, during a “normal” year, she uses every part of it to teach her students.

Hanging all across the room are famous maps and works of art (shout-out, Mona Lisa), ranging from nature to architecture. Covering the myriad posters are various colors of Post-it Notes with reflections from students — “This inspired me,” one on a “Common Blue Bird” painting reads.

For some students, Harris said, walking in and seeing all the posters and books around the room is overwhelming on the first day.

“I tell them that my life is an explosion, so I needed them to see it,” she laughed.

Just the other day, she was brainstorming how to continue the Post-it activity virtually, landing for now with Padlet, a website that allows you to create digital “walls.” One of her goals during this time of remote learning is also to create videos of her favorite lectures that she can use in future years to send to absent students.

Crayton praised the work of his teachers, particularly their communication with one another to share helpful strategies they’ve tried.

“On top of that we have teachers like Mrs. Harris,” Crayton said, “who’s extremely positive and making the most out of the situation and really trying to



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Along with all other Chatham County Schools, Jordan-Matthews High School started classes Aug. 17 under Plan C — completely remote learning — for nine weeks.



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Harris keeps colorful maps, artwork and posters all around her classroom, to help inspire her students.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The earliest CCS can move to any form of in-person learning is during the second to last week of October, meaning the hallways will remain pretty quiet for a while.

ensure that kids are participating and are engaged throughout this entire process.”

Staying engaged in the process isn’t easy. It can mean 25 hours of extra work after the school day finishes, preparing virtual lesson plans, recording lectures and figuring out what worked from the day — and what didn’t.

“Right now, for the past week, I’ve been lucky to get to bed before 10 p.m. because I’ve been working well into the evening every day,” Harris said.

Though she expects the demands will calm down as she gets used to remote learning, she anticipates three to four extra hours of work each day to prepare videos.

“It’s probably easily double the work in remote,” she said.

But it’s rewarding, too, Harris says, because she still loves teaching, even remotely. She’s been encouraged by the opportunity to teach students digital skills — “things that in the past we sort of almost accidentally

end up teaching” — and for their willingness to try different, sometimes challenging, things.

“Having had this week, sort of under our belts,” she said of the first week of classes, “I think we will definitely be ready to go.”

‘Doesn’t mean learning is not happening’

The earliest CCS can move to any form of in-person learning is during the second to last week of October, which coincides with many of the school’s end-of-grading quarters. At this time, fully in-person learning — known as Plan A — isn’t an option for any district in North Carolina.

Though a lot of progress was made since remote learning began last semester, educators are trying to remain flexible. Even for students who have internet access, Harris pointed out, their connectivity speed might not allow them to download videos. Others might need more



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Like lots of other teachers, Sarah Harris has been logging extra hours to prepare for remote lessons. ‘It’s probably easily double the work in remote,’ she said.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Her classroom may be empty, but Harris said learning is still happening. ‘Just because I’m not on Zoom with them the whole time doesn’t mean that instruction is not happening,’ she said.



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help keeping up with their online work and scheduling.

“We’re educators and we’re used to being flexible,” Crayton said. “The patience and flexibility that our teachers are having to show and our families are having to face, in the end, is for the ultimate goal is that our students are safe. They’re getting their needs met, and they’re learning from our teachers so they can be successful once they graduate.”

Harris is concerned about teaching her students collaboration remotely, but all in all, she wants to make the most of this time for her students. It may look really different from

traditional school, she said, but students are still learning.

“Just because I’m not on Zoom with them the whole time doesn’t mean that instruction is not happening — It doesn’t mean that learning is not happening,” Harris said. “Just because they’re struggling and because it’s different and because it’s hard doesn’t mean that it’s not valuable.”

Even though it’s hard, even though it takes more work and more time — Sarah Harris is still teaching, whatever it takes.

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Episcopal Farmworker Ministry emergency fund helps Latinx ag, meat processing workers

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON
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Chatham Latinx agricultural workers hurt by the pandemic can apply to a Dunn-based nonprofit for financial assistance.

The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry has again begun accepting applications for assistance from North Carolina's Latinx agricultural workers after raising about \$250,000 for its COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

In April, the Episcopal Ministry created a COVID-19 Emergency Fund for agricultural workers devastated by the pandemic, a fund which raised and distributed about \$60,000. About three weeks ago, the Ministry opened up another round after receiving additional funds, said Esmeralda Dominguez, promotora for the Ministry's Disaster Relief Program.

So far, they've approved about 160 families for funds, a number Dominguez said is increasing every day.

"My phone won't stop ringing," she said, adding that their goal is to help 500 additional families.

At first, the fund primarily helped farmworkers in eastern North Carolina, but now they're spreading the word to other counties, and Dominguez said she's begun to receive calls from all kinds of agricultural workers.

Qualified applicants are agricultural workers who live in North Carolina and have either lost work because of COVID-19 or had health issues caused by the virus. Those who work in the fields, animal farms, at packing houses, in nurseries and in meat processing plants all qualify. Only one person may apply per household.

"We are giving a little more priority to people who did not receive government aid and people who do not have legal status," Dominguez said, "but we also opened (applications) to everyone."

Other priority applicants are workers who have lost considerable income after losing work, workers sick with COVID-19 in the hospital or on respirators and workers who received high medical bills but have no insurance. Dominguez said most families have qualified so far.

"I don't give bad news," she said, laughing. "People who call me always get good news from me."

To apply, eligible applicants can call Dominguez at 919-815-9946. Upon calling her, Dominguez said she'll ask applicants questions to make sure they're eligible. Among other things, she said she'd ask workers for their basic information, their employers' names and phone numbers, their incomes and how the pandemic has impacted them.

"In case I don't respond, it's because I'm on another call, but people can send me a text with the word 'help' and their names," she said. "Within a day, two days at most, I will return their calls."

After people submit their applications, an

external committee reviews them. According to executive director Lariza Garzón, it may take three to four weeks for people to hear back thanks to high demand. Successful applicants receive \$500 checks they can use however they need, whether that's to pay bills, buy groceries or pay medical expenses.

"For many people, \$500 is nothing," Dominguez said. "For the people who donated, it's nothing, but for them (workers) it's a hope of life. For them, that \$500 is a lot. It's a great blessing."

Many recipients expressed their gratitude to the Ministry for their help, stories the Ministry collected and published on Facebook.

"When I got the call that you were going to help us, I couldn't believe it, because we don't get help from anyone," one recipient told the Ministry. "... It's unusual to get support. The funds helped me pay for my electricity, a bill which was keeping me up at night."

COVID-19 has disproportionately hurt the Hispanic community in nearly every area, Dominguez said, and not just in the number of cases originating from their community. Agricultural workers are "essential" workers who went to work even under North Carolina's "stay-at-home" order because they perform essential tasks, like maintaining the food supply. Many of these workers are Latinx immigrants, Dominguez said, especially farmworkers. More than 90% of North Carolina's farmworkers are native Spanish speakers who Dominguez said work long hours in dangerous conditions for little pay. According to the N.C. Farmworker Institute, a farmworker's average annual income nationwide is around \$11,000 and around \$16,000 for a family of four.

"We Hispanics don't have savings," Dominguez said. "Unfortunately, the salaries don't even approach \$10 (an hour). So, how are we supposed to prepare ourselves for a pandemic if we don't have money saved, earn very little and have hardly enough to survive?"

Many didn't qualify for government coronavirus aid, like the stimulus checks, since they're undocumented, she said, and many others have to work seven days a week to feed their families and pay bills. That's why staying home or getting sick threatens their families' livelihoods, she explained.

"I feel that when COVID spreads, it infects anyone, but when it comes to receiving aid, receiving everything, they ignore us a lot," she said, adding, "We are very affected. We have been very damaged."

Agricultural workers interested in applying for the fund can call Dominguez at 919-815-9946. The Ministry is still accepting donations. Those interested can contact executive director Lariza Garzón for more information.

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CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS Federal Title IX policy revisions adopted at CCS

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
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In addition to extending Plan C from four to nine weeks during an Aug. 10 meeting, the Chatham County Board of Education also unanimously approved policy revisions related to Title IX, a federal civil rights law that protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal funding.

These new regulations went into effect Aug. 14 — and had to be reworked into the policies at individual districts across the county — after the U.S. Department of Education published them in May. Educational institutions had fewer than 100 days to comply with the rules, which spanned some 2,000 pages of regulations. Among many other things, the new rules expanded the definition of sexual harassment to include sexual assault, dating and domestic violence and stalking as "unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex." The sweeping policies also included new guidelines for reporting sexual harassment and an updated legal framework for survivors, schools and the accused — part of the new law that has been criticized by advocates for sexual assault survivors.

"Today marks a new era in the storied history of Title IX in which the right to equal access to education required by law is truly protected for all students," Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos said when she announced the new rules May 6. "Every student should know that their school will be held accountable for responding to incidents of sexual misconduct and that it must treat all students fairly. This rule, as courts have recently noted, restores balance to the scales of justice in our schools, ending one of the most infamous and damaging overreaches of the previous administration."

In Chatham County Schools, the new rules resulted in the rescinding of two policies in the district's current manual, updating of three existing policies and adoption of seven new policies and one regulation. While Title IX is often associated with colleges and sexual assault cases, Janice Frazier, the CCS associate superintendent of human resources, said Title IX and other state laws related to bullying and harassment are critical to proactively maintaining a safe learning and

working environment at school.

"Before the board adopted these new policies, absolutely we were already ensuring compliance and responsiveness to concerns — not just to comply but to take care of our students and employees," Frazier said. "Compliance is important, but the goal is always, to the very best of our ability and the greatest extent possible that we're able, to ensure that our employees and our students are cared for when concerns arise."

Frazier added that the new and updated policies did not change which complaints and concerns were being listened and responded to, but rather, in some cases, how they were being addressed. The new policies primarily add more specific details about how reports are filed in different scenarios, and how allegations are handled. The Department of Education lists the following items, among others and those already mentioned, as key provisions of the new regulation:

- Require schools to offer clear, accessible options for any person to report sexual harassment
- Require schools to offer survivors supportive measures, such as class or dorm reassignments or no-contact orders
- Protect K-12 students by requiring elementary and secondary schools to respond promptly when any school employee has notice of sexual harassment

- Require schools to offer an equal right of appeal for both parties to a Title IX proceeding
- Give schools flexibility to use technology to conduct Title IX investigations and hearings remotely

"Again, I don't want the point to be lost to the public that just because there are now new procedures in place, concerns and issues weren't being addressed before," Frazier said of the new regulations and rewritten CCS policies. "They absolutely were (followed) very thoroughly — our existing policy, 1710, and the companion policy, 1720, was very, very comprehensive in the requirements that it laid out methods for responding to those concerns."

You can see an overview of the adopted CCS revisions online at: bit.ly/2FO4vfa.

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OBITUARIES

PHIL ELLIS SENTER



Phil Ellis Senter, age 76, of Siler City died Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Senter was born October 24, 1943, the son of Alton and Maudie Holland Senter. He was a member of the First Wesleyan Church, a native of Harnett County, N.C. Phil was a graduate of Western Carolina University, and served as an educator for 46 years. He was a member of the 1962 State Champion Basketball team, Sanford Central High School.

In 2003 the Jordan-Matthews Football field was dedicated in his honor, and he was inducted in the Jordan- Matthews Hall of Fame in 2007. Phil loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He retired from Jordan-Matthews High School and Chatham Charter as a teacher and coach.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Wilda (Estridge) Senter; two daughters, Wendy S. Copelan of Siler City, Leslie S. James and husband Stephen of Siler City; and one son, Neal Senter; sister, Patsy Brooks and husband Charles of Sanford; grandchildren; Allison Hill and husband Quinton, Abbey, Kaitlin, Forrest, Landon, and Annabel; and son-in-law, Lee Copelan of Siler City.

Phil laid in state Thursday, August 20, 2020 from 12 to 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home.

The funeral was held Friday, August 21, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Jordan-Matthews Football Field, 910 E. Cardinal Street, Siler City with Rev Donald Southern and Rev. Eddie Mason officiating.

A private burial was held in Oakwood Cemetery, N. Chatham Ave., Siler City.

Memorials may be made to The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center, DUMC 3624, Durham, NC 27710, www.tischbraintumorcenter.duke.edu.

Smith and Buckner will be assisting the Senter Family.

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

WILLIAM EUGENE ‘GENE’ WATSON



William Eugene Watson “Gene”, age 90, of Bonlee died Sunday, August 16, 2020 at Chatham Hospital in Siler City.

Mr. Watson was born July 24, 1930, the son Martine Watson and Ada Moore Watson. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Ada Mae Scotten, Helen Hall and Betty Watson. He loved spending time at the beach and going out to eat. Gene was a member of Bonlee Baptist Church, and loved visiting with his friends.

He is survived by nephews, John B. Scotten of Siler City, Marty Scotten and wife Debbie of Staley; niece; Collene Hall Campbell and husband Robert of Sanford.

Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Watson family.

CHARLES BLACKNALL ADAMS, JR. (CHARLIE)

Charlie Adams left this life after a long journey with dementia, on August 17, 2020, surrounded in his home by his loving family.

Charlie was a kind and loving husband, father, brother, and uncle. He was born in Greensboro, N.C., to Annie Laurie and Charles B Adams, on January 5, 1950. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Elizabeth (Libba) Adams; three children: Laurie Adams of Orleans, Calif., Cader Adams (Samantha) of Berkeley, Calif., Taylor Adams (Claire) of Boulder, Colorado. He is also survived by a sister, Laurie, of Aspen, Colorado, and a niece, Natalie Comfort, of Chestertown, Maryland.

Charlie attended the McCallie School and NCSU, and achieved an associates degree in electronics from Alamance Community College. Always quick-witted, Charlie loved making jokes. His creativity, observations of nature, and understanding of how the world works continues to inspire those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Charlie founded C.B. Adams Electric company, and his tremendous skill as an electrician was a great source of pride for him. He provided his expertise to help many in the Pittsboro-Chapel Hill area, including donating his time to electrify the stages at Shakori Hills where he also provided free maintenance work for many years.

Charlie was a talented musician who enjoyed playing piano, and guitar with his children, and “jamming” with friends. His natural gift for music allowed him to pick up almost any instrument and improvise to every song. He emanated Love and generosity throughout his life and took great joy in the achievements of his family.

We will dearly miss his sweet spirit, his kindness, and his playful nature.

We will hold a celebration of Charlie’s life, when it is safe to do so, in this time of COVID. We will share details, when we are able to gather safely.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Adams family.

BETTY J. MORGAN



Betty J. Morgan, age 85, of Bear Creek died Friday, August 21, 2020.

Mrs. Morgan was a native of Chatham County, and the daughter of Ridsen and Flossie (Fisher) Johnson. She was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Antioch Christian Church. Betty retired as a department store manager and faithfully cared for others as a CNA following retirement. She graduated from Goldston High School in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army as a medical technician from 1955 to 1958. Betty enjoyed spending time with family and friends, going to the beach, collecting tea pots and dedicated many years to caring for others.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband, Henry Carl Morgan Jr. and the late Richard Earl Mitchell, son, Dewey, and stepdaughter, Mary Lucille, brothers and sisters, Shelton, Carson, Jessie Lee, Bernice, Kathleen and Lillian.

She is survived by her sons, Richard and Tim; daughter, Connie; as well as step-children, Dennis and Deborah. Mrs. Betty is also survived by multiple grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family services will be privately held.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Lee or Chatham County.

Smith and Buckner Funeral Home, Siler City, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.pughfuneral-home.com.

GLENNIS GAY EDWARDS PEIL



Glennis Gay Edwards Peil, of 118 Beechnut Road, Littleton, N.C., passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at UNC Hospice in Pittsboro, due to complications from Covid 19.

Gay was born August 22, 1968 to Phil Edwards and Susan “Becky” Rhodes Edwards. She graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School and the University of N.C. at Chapel Hill. She married Blair Peil on December 22, 2000. She worked with Blair running their grading and excavation business, RTP Grading, before moving to Lake Gaston to retire.

Gay was preceded in death by her mother, Susan “Becky” Rhodes Edwards and her father-in law, Gary Peil.

She is survived by her husband, Blair Peil of the home; stepchildren, Cory Peil of Raleigh, Katy Peil Willis (Justin) of San Marcos, California, Kelsy Peil of Holly Springs; one grandchild, Emilia Willis; her father, Phil Edwards and step-mother, Donna O’Brien Edwards of Little River, S.C.; sister, Cam Edwards Austin of Siler City; brother, Charles Edwards (Dianne) of Siler City; niece, Claire Austin of Asheville; brother-in-law, Kent Peil (Karen) of Bay City, Michigan; sister-in-law, Gail Anderson (Doug) of Bay City, Michigan; and mother-in-law, Phyllis Peil of Bay City, Michigan; three nephews, two nieces; and her beloved French Bulldog, Jessie Lou.

Those who knew Gay best will remember her for her crazy sense of humor and her love of animals. For several years she cared for and fed a feral cat colony near her home. She had a passion for helping animals of all kinds.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in her memory be made to one of the following animal rescues or the animal rescue of your choice: Lending Paws a Hand, P.O. Box 76, Sanford, N.C. 27330; The Goathouse Refuge, 379 Goat-house Road, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312; or Project No Kill Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 965, Kernersville, N.C. 27285.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, there will be no visitation or public memorial service. A private celebration of life will be held at a later time.

WILLIAM ROBERT PARKER

William Robert Parker, 66, of Black Mountain, formerly of Mon-cure, died Monday, August 17, 2020 at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Broadway Town Cemetery with Rev. Garland Smith officiating.

He was born on October 23, 1953, son of the late James Randall Parker, Sr. and Mamie Lois Dunn Parker. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Patti Lou Parker. Robert worked for many years at Mon-cure School and Allied Fibers.

Surviving are his sisters, Shirley Boudreau of Bethany Beach, Del., Sylvia Fowler of Pittsboro, Sue Mason of Ocilla, Ga., Dorothy Holmes of Dunn, Cathy Patterson of Raeford; and brother, James R. Parker, Jr. of Dunn. Online condolences can be made at: www.smith-funeralhomebroadway.com.

LLYWEN MCDUGALD

Llywen McDougald of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at Cape Fear Medical Center in Fayetteville.

Burial was held Monday, August 24, 2020 at Sandhills Veterans Cemetery in Fort Bragg.

HAROLD LOUIS CARNEGIE

Harold Louis Carnegie, 63 of Sanford, passed away Thursday, August 20, 2020, at his residence.

Services Entrusted to Knotts Funeral Services.

FRANKIE ANDREWS

Ms. Frankie Andrews, 66, of Burlington, passed away Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at Cone Health Alamance Regional Medical Center.

Services are entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Chapel Hill.

DANNIE JOE GOODMAN

Dannie Joe Goodman, 71, of Cameron, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 17, 2020.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. at Hillmon Grove Baptist Church with Pastor Wayne O’Quinn officiating.

He was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa on May 10, 1949 to the late Robert William Goodman and Merna Chambers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Kay Goodman; sister, Susie Hash and brothers, Johnny Goodman and Gary Chambers. Dannie retired after a 25-year career in the United States Airforce. He then owned and operated Dannie’s Electric for ten years. He also worked as an electrical quality control supervisor for McKnight Construction and BL Harbert International.

Dannie is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters, Stacie Morgan of Georgia, Dawn Smith of Lillington, Kristina Schneider of Iowa; brother, Kim Armour of Iowa; sisters, Mary Kay Kelley, Mary Ellen Liddick, Sandy Franke, Nancy LaBreck, and Karen Teter, all of Iowa, Diana Rounds of Illinois and Jimmi Harms of Nebraska; twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road SW, Lilburn, GA 30047 (www.lbda.org).

Condolences may be made at: www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com.

SANDRA KAY GARNER MARSHALL

Sandra Kay Garner Marshall, 65, of Siler City died Thursday, August 20, 2020.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Ms. Marshall was born August 16, 1955, the daughter of Sam and Emma Jean Hardister Garner. Sandra was employed as a paralegal.

She is survived by her daughter, Leslie DeSilva of Wyandotte, Mich. and son, Guy Bonilla of Ariz.

On line condolences may be made at www.pughfuneral-home.com.

KEVIN DOYLE RICHMOND

Kevin Doyle Richmond, 56 of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2020, at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill.

Funeral service was held at 12 p.m. Saturday, August 22, 2020 at Knotts Funeral Home.

WILLIAM ANDREW HARRINGTON

William Andrew Harrington, 69 of Sanford, passed away Sunday, August 16, 2020, at his residence.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Friday, August 21, 2020 at Lambert Chapel Baptist Church in Siler City.

JEFFREY LYNN MILLER

Jeffrey Lynn Miller, 56, of Sanford, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2020 at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at Knotts Funeral Home.

ISAAC EUGENE WINSTON

Mr. Isaac Eugene Winston, 78, of Sanford, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2020, at Central Carolina Hospital.

Wake was held from 2 to 4 p.m., August 24 at Knotts Funeral Home.

County seeks public input on regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

CN+R Staff Reports

PITTSBORO — As part of a regional effort to reduce vulnerability from natural and man-made disasters, Chatham’s Emergency Management Department is requesting public feedback on natural disaster risk and preparedness. This planning effort includes the towns of Pittsboro, Siler City and Goldston.

Public feedback will assist Chatham, Harnett, Lee, Moore and Johnston counties in combining existing local and regional hazard mitigation plans into one updated regional plan, which can be shared by all the counties and the towns within them. A hazard mitigation plan identifies and assesses the hazards and threats a community faces and determines the best ways to prevent, minimize and manage those risks.

“Maintaining a valid Hazard Mitigation Plan is very important for Chatham County, because this allows the county and the towns of Pittsboro, Siler City and Goldston, along with private businesses and homeowners, to receive federal funding from FEMA for projects that make the community safer and more resilient toward hazards,” said Steve Newton, Chatham’s emergency management director. “For every dollar that is spent on hazard mitigation projects, six dollars are saved in the future from preventing damages. These projects can be funded before a disaster but only if Chatham County has completed this hazard mitigation plan process.”

Chatham residents may participate in a virtual public meeting at 11 a.m. on Aug. 26 by accessing this GoTo-Meeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/124499693>. Residents may also dial in at 646-749-3122; the access code is 124-499-3122. Through this forum, the public is welcome to ask questions and provide feedback on the hazard mitigation plan.

More information about the hazard mitigation plan may be found on this fact sheet or the Cape Fear Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan website. Individuals who have questions or want to learn more about disaster preparedness and mitigation may contact Colby Sawyer with Chatham County Emergency Management by phone at 919-545-8191 or by email at colby.sawyer@chathamnc.org.

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CHATHAM CHAT | CCCC'S MARGARET ROBERTON

Developing skills, supporting business goals part of Robertson's new role

Workforce development is an integral part of the work community colleges do to boost local and regional economic development. In Chatham County, Margaret Robertson counts that as part of her job. She's recently been named the new Central Carolina Community College Vice President of Workforce Development after serving as Associate Vice President of Workforce Continuing Education with the N.C. Community College System. This week, we speak with Robertson about her new role and how she plans to integrate her efforts in the regional. Robertson and her husband, James, have a 15-year-old son, James Kent, who will be joining the CCCC family as a Career & College Promise student this fall. They live in Chatham County.



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‘A strong community college, like CCCC, is an integral component of the economic development team, specifically around workforce development. The college can support the expansion of a qualified workforce for entry-level positions as well as the growth of employees to fill the increasingly commented upon ‘middle skills’ roles within a business.’

MARGARET ROBERTON,
Central Carolina Community College

nowadays — and, on a side note, has COVID changed that?

Developing a robust workforce pipeline of qualified individuals for good jobs is a significant demand. Both potential and existing employers consistently state the need for a skilled labor pool. This development demands not only the creation of training opportunities, but ensuring that those opportunities are accessible for all members of our community. Access is dependent on providing information and resources to individuals both for the opportunity of today as well as the career path that considers the sector as well transitional trajectories. Individuals need to see success for themselves and their families as much as employers need resources to support their growth.

Recent N.C. Commerce data provides a high-level look of the employment impact of COVID-19, but those impacts are not equal across all sectors or regions. As employers are implementing new safety measures to bring staff back into the workplace and individuals are navigating the logistics of work, the community colleges are implementing flexible instructional methods to ensure access and attainment. This includes both technical and employability skills training. Employability skills are those generally identified as skills necessary to effectively navigate the work environment. The ability to function effectively across various digital platforms (digital literacy), to think critically, communicate effectively and problem solve are more critical now than ever.

What do you see as your biggest challenge in assuming this role at CCCC?

CCCC has a large and diverse service area. One of my initial challenges is finding the best way of understanding the different communities, businesses and stakeholders across the region. This would be a significant task in any scenario, but one where COVID-19 restrictions impact access to traditional opportunities of engagement requires a creative response. My goal is to leverage the increasing use of technology to mitigate this perceived restriction and reach out to more groups across the region.

The additional challenge — in all times, but perhaps more so in the moment — is for employers to find time to engage in a meaningful way. The most effective response for workforce development requires employers at the table as partners. I want to connect with the businesses in the region to see how we can work collaboratively to address the needs of the community. One of the things I'm looking forward to is finding those threads of similarity that we can build upon and leverage the resources of CCCC while addressing the unique needs across the region.

What drew you to return to the college campus level? And what specifically drew you back to Chatham County?

While I truly enjoyed working at the state level, supporting our 58 community colleges and working with our partners, I missed the direct connection to the local community. CCCC recently held its convocation ceremony and even in that virtual environment, the recognition of the students, faculty and staff who engage in and support the mission of the college reinforced the reasons I wanted to return to the college campus and specifically to CCCC.

I am very much looking forward to taking the skills, networks, and insights acquired at prior positions to impact local and regional needs. Being part of a team, both within the college and with our economic development partners, which is interested in implementing innovative strategies that support the health and vibrancy of a community is exciting and I want to be part of that conversation.

On bringing my family back to Chatham County — we lived in Chatham County during my first role at CCCC and enjoyed the environment of Pittsboro and the general community spirit found across the different communities. We wanted to return to a place where we could appreciate both the rural aspects, as well as having access to the amenities and resources of broader area. Chatham is a diverse and growing community where we hope to find a place to meaningfully engage in supporting the area and enjoying all the attributes of the county.

Like Dr. Chapman, you're coming back to the college level from the state. What's it's like to be back working with her?

Working with Dr. Chapman is both challenging and exciting. She has a tremendous passion for students and the role of the community college in supporting the region. She has great vision of oppor-

tunities for growth and the ability to see where we may need to address policy or practice to move those opportunities from good ideas to great realities.

While at the state office, Dr. Chapman was intent on finding new ways and listening for creative solutions to achieve success. This openness to hearing many voices from different spaces, considering options and applying innovation is exciting while at the same time it can be challenging to define new paths and systems. She is effective in articulating the vision and looks for opportunities to collaborate so that individuals are vested in the success.

Dr. Chapman is committed to outcomes and always has people, students, faculty, staff and community, at the center of her attention. These are the attributes of leadership that drew me to returning to work with Dr. Chapman and excited to see how I can support her vision at CCCC.

You've discussed supporting workforce and leveraging the strengths of CCCC. What do you see as the college's major strengths?

The individuals at CCCC are the core strength. My experiences from the state office with the CCCC staff and their desire to find the best ways to serve has only been reinforced over the two months since I joined the college. The willingness to engage and find solutions is a tremendous asset as we look at how to build programs and resources that support students along a continuum of learning. This continuum provides access to next step opportunities at various stages of their careers.

Additional strengths include a Board of Trustees and community partners who see the tremendous value of the college and support its role as a key collaborator in the growth of the region. This support cannot be overstated as it provides the basis for the college's ability to engage in innovation and to meet our vision of equitable pathways to achievable dreams for our communities.

Coming from the state level, how would you assess the economic growth potential of our region — and particularly Chatham County?

The economic growth potential of the region is tremendous. The three-county service area of CCCC — Chatham, Harnett and Lee — is uniquely positioned to take advantage of the strong growth prospects within the state, both geographically and through person resources. Whether you define the region by the Triangle South Workforce Board, the Research Triangle Regional Partnership or the North Central Prosperity Zone, this area of North Carolina exemplifies potential across a number of industry sectors. Combine the opportunities in biotech, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, technology, construction, public infrastructure, and transportation with a focus to maintain lifestyle appeal and this region is well positioned for continued success.

Chatham specifically has immense potential as it defines its relationship with the development coming from RTP and the Triad. The area recognizes spaces that need to be addressed like broadband access which impact both businesses and individual households. I'm very much looking forward to engaging with the Chatham EDC, the Chatham Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholders on what that growth looks like in the next several years. Finding the balance between great jobs accessible to the individuals of the community and achieving quality of life for all residents is critical.

Margaret Robertson

regional demand in both short-term credentials as well as degree programs as well as those addressing specific community needs. This flexibility can be seen in Chatham County through the sustainability programs, culinary arts focus, and the development of the health sciences center.

You've worked at the state level in continuing education, and now you're back at CCCC leading the workforce development effort. What's the relationship between those two — continuing ed and workforce development?

I see workforce development as the larger umbrella of our engagement with students and employers. It is the efforts the college expends to support the students in achieving their career and growth goals specifically as they align with local and regional employer needs.

Workforce development within the community college includes a spectrum of resources: adult literacy, continuing education, customized training, corporate training and small business center programs as well as technical and transfer degree programs.

Quality short-term training programs, which

are the strength of continuing education, provide individuals the opportunity to gain high-demand skills for the jobs of today. They can be the foundational workforce credential of an individual entering or re-entering the workforce in a meaningful way. They can be the first step in a path leading toward a degree giving them access to advancement in their career journey. They can also be the next step credential for individuals already engaged in the workforce and looking for the skills to move forward.

I've spent the last several years working with state level partners, employers and associations on the workforce needs across the state. During that time, I have also worked with the colleges to support their efforts in developing continuing education programs that provide students access to training that leads to those good jobs. At CCCC, I'm interested in how we create meaningful opportunities for individuals to engage with us at different points along their career trajectory supporting both the student's goals and addressing employer needs.

What are the most significant workforce development needs existing

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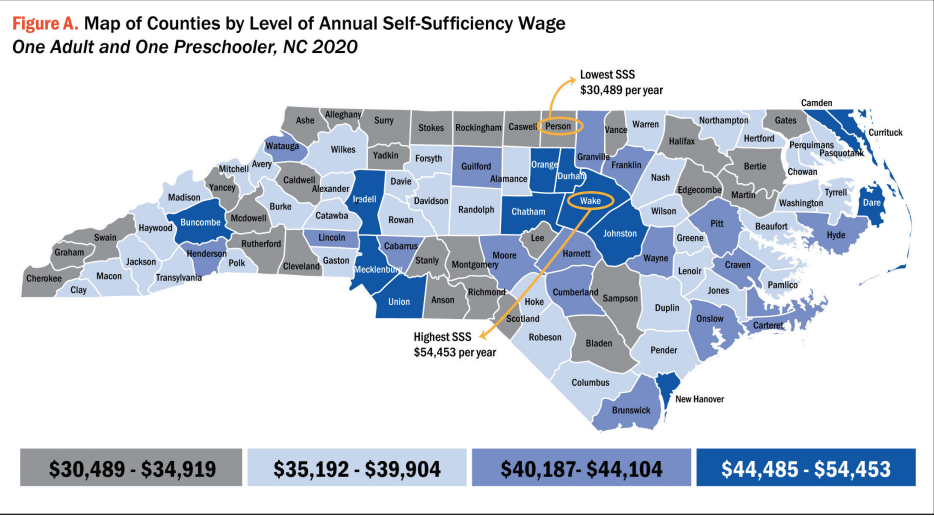
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CHURCH NEWS

MARTHA’S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Martha’s Chapel Christian Church has canceled its Gospel Singing scheduled for Aug. 29, due to the ongoing

risks of COVID-19 exposures. Our next scheduled Gospel Singing will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 31, if all goes well. If you have questions, contact the church at 919-363-1000.



From the report The Self-Sufficiency Standard for, North Carolina 2020
A map of each of North Carolina’s counties level of self-sufficiency that was included in a recent report created for the United Way of North Carolina.

Report shows how much Chatham, N.C. residents need to survive economically

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

A recent report on poverty created for the United Way of North Carolina shows many families in the state are “struggling to stretch their wages to meet the costs of basic necessities.” The report, created by Diana M. Pearce, a faculty member of the Center for Women’s Welfare at the University of Washington School of Social Work, studied the “growing gap between sluggish wages and ever-increasing expenses.” The report measures the self-sufficiency standard, which is the amount a person or family needs to meet basic needs, such as housing, food, transportation, childcare, healthcare and other necessities, without public or private assistance.

According to the report, in the past 24 years the self-sufficiency standard in North Carolina increased on average about 101%, with counties such as Wake and Mecklenburg increasing at greater rates. A single person needs to make \$9.47 per hour to meet their needs, while a single adult with a child needs double that at \$18.42 per hour. When reviewing the average wages for a variety of occupations in North Carolina, the report determined that “wages are low enough that even two adults working full time in the majority of the top 10 occupations cannot earn enough to meet their families’ basic needs at a minimally adequate level.”

In Chatham County, the self-sufficiency standard — meaning the minimum wage level required for a family of one adult and two children — is \$58,989 a year, or \$66,880 for a family of four. This puts Chatham County as one of the more expensive counties in which to live, on par with more urban and populated counties. The standard for a single parent is between \$44,485 and \$54,453 per year to make ends meet.

The report does not dive

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Johnston	\$45,692
Dare	\$45,776
Buncombe	\$46,890
New Hanover	\$47,444
Iredell	\$47,457
Chatham	\$49,556
Orange	\$50,269
Durham	\$50,722
Mecklenburg	\$51,458
Union	\$52,949
Wake	\$54,453

From the report The Self-Sufficiency Standard for, North Carolina 2020

This graphic shows the self-sufficiency wage of the more expensive counties including Chatham County.

into actual earnings and salaries for the populations of each county. But according to a Chatham County Economic Development Corporation report last year, the median household income in the county is \$59,684 — higher than the self-sufficiency standard. That same report, however, addresses the regional divide of income in the state. While the north and eastern portions of the county reports average incomes between \$60,000 and \$80,000, the western portion of the county and the areas in and around Siler City average far lower, between \$23,000 and \$44,000. This means that significant portions of Chatham County do not earn enough to afford the basic necessities without public or private assistance.

In addition, the EDC confirmed that more than 58% of Chatham residents travel outside of the county

for work. For those who work inside the county, the average hourly wage for all occupations in \$19.03, \$3 below the state average. But the deviation in wages from the state average varies depending on the occupation. For example, construction, production and healthcare workers tend to make more than the state average per hour. But for nearly every other category of job — office, management, services — some Chatham job wages are far below the state average.

As the cost of living continues to rise in Chatham County and as average homes prices reach above \$300,000, sluggish wages may continue to increase the regional income divide, pushing more families to public assistance to make ends meet.

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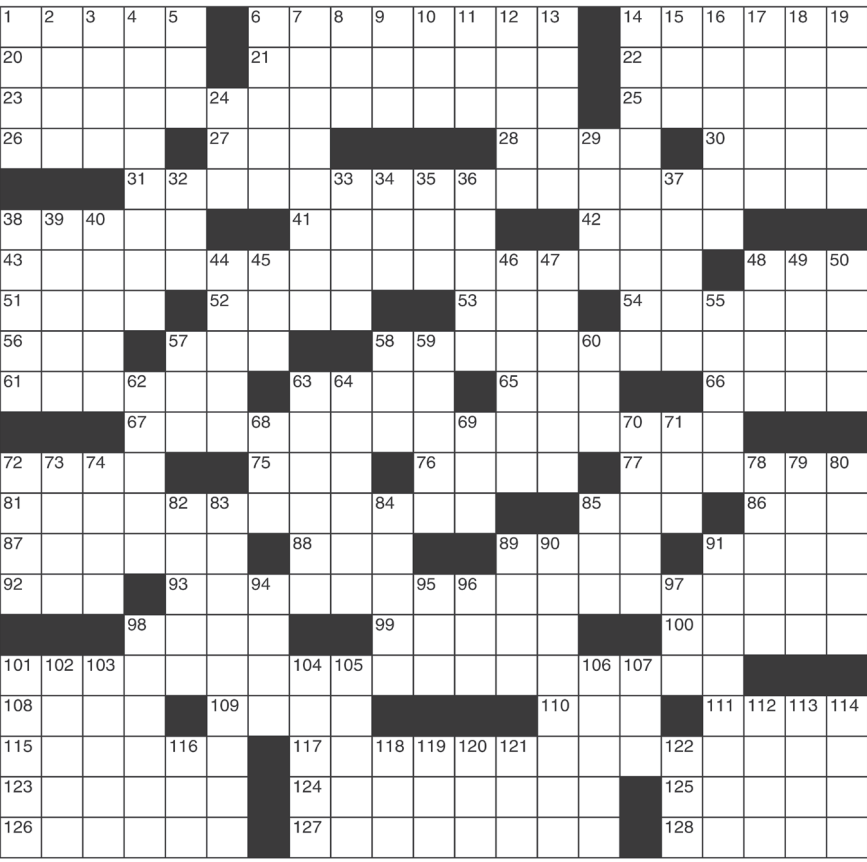
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Solution for the puzzle in last week’s edition.

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TOP 25 IN ‘BEST COMMUNITY COLLEGES’ RANKING

CCCC ranked among nation’s top 25 best community colleges and trade schools of 2020

From Central Carolina Community College

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College has been nationally ranked as No. 25 in The Best Community Colleges & Trade Schools of 2020 by BestColleges.

Previously, CCCC was ranked first in the Niche 2020 Best Community Colleges in North Carolina rankings.

“I am so proud of our college,” said CCCC President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman. “This continued recognition among the best in the nation represents the great work done by the entire CCCC family, because it takes us all working together to support our students’ successes in order to meet the needs of the communities we serve.”

H. Julian Philpott Jr., chairman of the CCCC Board of Trustees, said he was excited about the recognition.

“The ranking, which BestColleges issues to ‘inform and guide prospective students toward institutions that provide quality education and meaningful learning experiences at affordable costs,’ demonstrates that CCCC is fulfilling its mission to ‘foster individual, community, and economic development through transformative lifelong learning,’” he said. “This recognition is a direct result of the outstanding efforts exhibited on a

daily basis by an extremely dedicated administration, faculty, staff and student body to achieve the highest standard of excellence and success. The efforts of all of these individuals have been bolstered by broad support from the elected officials and citizens in Lee, Chatham and Harnett counties, who recognize that we have an educational gem and outstanding economic driver in CCCC. I know all the Trustees of CCCC join me in congratulating the CCCC family for this wonderful recognition and a job well done.”

Central Carolina Community College offers a wide variety of programs, as students can earn associate degrees or college transfer credits, diplomas, or certificates. CCCC also offers instruction in such areas as Short-term Job Training, College & Career Readiness, Personal Interests, Business & Industry, and Emergency Services Training.

“We have an amazing faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing an exceptional learning experience for all students who walk through our door,” said Dr. Brian S. Merritt, CCCC’s vice president and chief academic officer. “It is easy to come to work every day with colleagues who feel like they are part of my own family.”

To learn more about CCCC and its programs, visit the website cccc.edu.



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To see the BestColleges’ Best Community Colleges & Trade Schools of 2020 rankings, visit the website bestcolleges.com/features/best-community-colleges.

CHATHAM’S NEIGHBOR2NEIGHBOR PROGRAM/ VECINOAVECINO PROGRAM

Helping a family laid low by coronavirus

BY MARCELA SLADE
Abundance NC

Jenny (*not her real name) learned that the Neighbor2Neighbor / VecinoAVecino program could help her pay bills. She got in touch with me and Abundance NC arranged to pay a bill for her. Later she called to ask for help with another matter.

Jenny told me her family had a medical bill to pay related to COVID-19. She and her parents had each gotten extremely ill with the coronavirus; her mother lost her memory and her father couldn’t breathe. They cannot speak English fluently, are undocumented immigrants and were part of the workforce in Chatham working at a bakery and landscaping businesses before the pandemic.

They reached out to the Chatham County Health Department and were told they could only be “seen” by phone. Jenny’s parents were in critical condition at this point so she made the decision to take her parents where they would see them in person immediately. She was afraid they were dying.

At Pine Ridge Urgent Care in Sanford, they explained their situation both economically and about their sickness through a nephew who could speak English. They were charged \$300 up front. Shortly after examining them and giving the mother an IV for dehydration, they were told they could not keep them there because of their critical condition. An ambulance which then took the couple to Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford. They were admitted at the hospital after several examinations. Both tested positive for COVID-19. The mother stayed at the hospital for two days, the father for four.

They later received a bill from Pine Ridge Urgent Care for \$2,014 and Central Carolina Hospital for \$1,988. Total

owed, including the up-front billing and \$524 owed to UNC Hospitals: \$4,564.

Jenny reached out to me because, thanks to the pandemic, only one of her family members has a part-time job right now. They want to pay the bills, but are worried they will not be able to before they are delinquent.

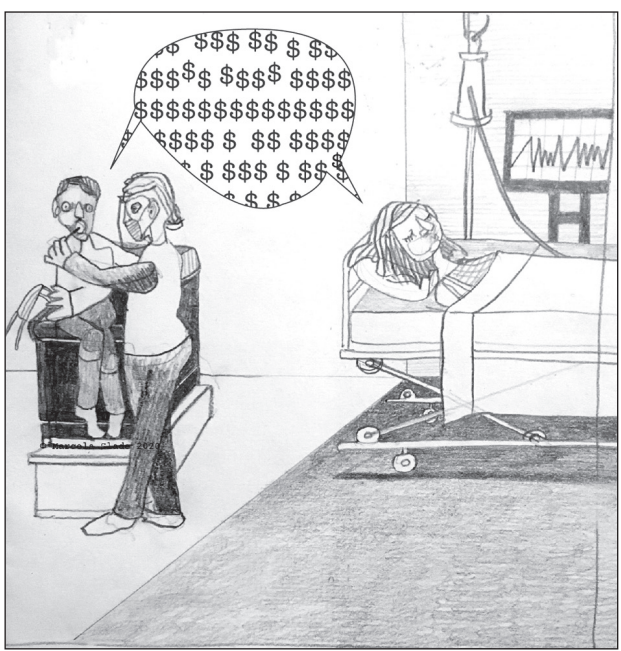
Abundance NC, through the Neighbor2Neighbor/ VecinoAVecino Program, is helping Jenny and her family overcome this situation. The Urgent Care facility doesn’t have a Financial Assistance Program, but the hospital does. With the help of El Vinculo Hispano of Siler City, we are getting the documents together to apply for assistance and help this family.

It breaks my heart that people are struggling to survive economically because of the lack of work due to a worldwide pandemic. Then on top of that, they get the sickness and its adds more of an economic burden to their lives.

Jenny is the first case we have come across with this situation but there are many more. Your contribution could help Jenny or the next case similar to hers! Together, we can get through this! If you can help this matter in any way, please reach out to us. If you can help by donating, write a check to Abundance NC and mail to: Abundance NC / Neighbor2Neighbor, 220 Lorax Lane Pittsboro, NC 27312 or use this GOFUNDME fundraiser to donate online: www.gf.me/u/x4xj2c. Once we receive and process, you will receive a tax deductible receipt.

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- English version: <https://bit.ly/ChathamNeighbor2Neighbor>
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Drawing by Marcela Slade

Chatham’s Neighbor2Neighbor program is helping a local family with its COVID-related medical bills.

*Names in this story have been changed to protect our clients.



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Pittsboro names park after former owner, farmer

BY CASEY MANN
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PITTSBORO — The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Monday to name the park under construction in the Vineyard Park community the Knight Farm Community Park.

The land where the community is being built is the former farm of Tony and Eliza Knight, Black farmers who were born before the Civil War — 1853 and 1856, respectively. Though it's not known where they were raised, the Knights, along with their eight children, were listed on the 1900 Census as living Pittsboro. The couple proceeded to acquire more than 100 acres at the site over the next 20 years, building a home and multiple farm buildings.

After the elder Knight's deaths, the house was then sold at auction to cover debts. In 1924, their son, Fred, was able to pull together the \$762.50 required to repurchase the land. The home Fred Knight built was included in the book, "The Architectural History of Chatham County NC," published in 1991. Fred Knight was described in the book as "a farmer and



Rendering courtesy of Town of Pittsboro

A rendering of the newly named Knight Farm Community Park at The Vineyard in Pittsboro including a view of the play area for 2- to 5-year-olds and a splash pad.

sawmiller of apparent substance." Fred Knight's grandson, George Michael Knight, still lives in Pittsboro on Firetower Road, adjacent to the Vineyard Park community.

For these reasons, both the executive committee of the Chatham County Historical Association and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB), recommended naming the park for the Knight family in its recommendations.

Other recommendations

The process for naming new Pittsboro parks is a new one. The Pittsboro

board put a process in place just a few weeks ago to formalize how new parks were named. This was a result of Chatham Park, the developer for the Vineyard Park community and the Chatham Park development, wishing to donate the first of seven parks to the town per previous agreement. The board asked for names to be submitted to PARAB which would then whittle the options down to three recommendations to offer to the board for any new park.

With such a truncated timeline — just over two weeks — PARAB quickly developed a plan for get-



Figure 5.23. The Fred Knight house in 1982, facing northwest.

An image of the Fred Knight home taken in 1984 and published in the 'The Architectural History of Chatham County NC.'

ting public input, compiling and reviewing names and ranking recommendations. The group met three times, publicized the process through local and public media, conducted research and had numerous conversations and emails with members of the community to gain a more thorough knowledge of the suggestions.

Though the Knight Farm Community Park was the group's first choice, there were two others. The second was Rabbit Run, an allusion to the county's rich history with the Chatham rabbit combined with the word "run" to include the phys-

ical benefits of exercise.

The final option was to name the park after life-long resident, Archie Cross. Cross was a well-known and beloved resident of Pittsboro. He was in the first integrated graduating class of Northwood High School and was inducted into the Northwood Hall of Fame with other members of the 1971 Chargers football team. Several residents wrote to the group suggesting naming the park in honor of Cross, who lived most of his life on nearby Firetower Road.

The Pittsboro board had a brief discussion on the names before moving

forward. Both Commissioner Michael Fiocco and Mayor Pro-Tem Pamela Baldwin noted a preference for naming the park after Cross, though both recognized the significance of the Knight family as well. Commissioner Jay Farrell, who noted he attended school with both Cross and George Michael Knight, said he thought both were worthy of the distinction. But he also felt the land's previous owners seemed the most appropriate. That sentiment was shared by Commissioners John Bonitz and Kyle Shipp.

The vote was unanimous.

Shipp noted that he believed it was important to keep track of the other name suggestions and felt that there should be another opportunity to honor Cross in the park system. PARAB chairman Stephanie Bass said that there were other opportunities in the future to consider honoring others in Pittsboro, like Cross, with names of facilities and amenities in the system.

The park is expected to be complete this fall. It will be a public park and accessible to all residents.

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Long-time Judge Carl Fox set to retire Oct. 1

BY CASEY MANN
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Superior Court Judge Carl Fox announced last Friday he will retire on Oct. 1 after 40 years in the judicial system, most of which was spent serving Chatham and Orange counties.

Superior court judges preside over more serious criminal cases, including felony cases and civil cases involving more than \$25,000.

Fox secured his law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and then began work in the public judicial system in 1978 when he was appointed to be an assistant district attorney in Chatham-Orange's District 15B by Wade Barber, the former district attorney and judge. Fox later became the first Black district attorney in state history in 1984 with the appointment by former Gov. Jim Hunt in the same district. He then went on to become the first Black judge in the Chatham-Orange District 15B

with an appointment by former Gov. Mike Easley in 2006.

In 2015, Fox was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, a form of bone marrow cancer. At the time, his best chance for recovery was a bone marrow transplant, according to the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. But the registry found no matches. The doctors instead used "cord blood" transfusions which, after a lengthy process, allowed Fox to return to the bench in 2016. His struggles also inspired the creation of "Save the Fox," a still active non-profit dedicated to "locating bone marrow matches for patients diagnosed with blood cancer and to raise awareness of blood cancers and the need for donor registration, especially within minority populations," according to its Facebook page.

In Fox's Facebook announcement about his retirement, he thanked his wife, Julia, and his sister, Angela, for their constant support. He also thanked his

staff, fellow judges and everyone he "had the pleasure of working with" across the state and the district as well as the Administrative Office of the Courts and the UNC School of Government. He also thanked the Democratic parties of Chatham and Orange Counties and everyone who supported him during his tenure.

"Thank you so very much for your confidence and trust in me," Fox wrote. "I will be forever indebted to you. It has been my pleasure and an honor to serve you over the past 33 years. Thank you also for your prayers and thoughts when I was at death's door in 2015."

Fox said that he was looking forward to traveling with his wife, volunteering with the Save the Fox campaign and celebrating another birthday and his remission on Sept. 30. Gov. Roy Cooper will appoint a replacement for his seat.

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Judge Carl Fox, center, announced he will retire on Oct. 1. Fox has battled bone cancer, inspiring 'Save the Fox' which encourages people to register to be a bone marrow match, especially minorities. In this picture, Fox poses with Joshua F. Zeidner, MD (left) and Fox's wife, Julia Kemp Fox (right) at a fundraiser to raise awareness for the cause.

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times filled a warehouse. He's been collecting various items for decades now, ever since he attended the 1969 National Jamboree in Idaho as a scout himself with North Carolina's Occoneechee Council Troop 7.

"I started trading patches there," he said. "Then I got addresses, and then I started writing letters to trade in the mail, at a rate of about seven a week. I was getting patch trades from people that I met all around the country. It was kind of neat."

The hobby only grew when Pleasants — who grew up in Siler City and earned Eagle Scout honors with his troop — started working at Camp Durant, a summer camp facility for Boy Scouts in nearby Carthage. He built up an impressive collection of Order of the Arrow patches, which represent the Boy Scouts' exclusive honor society. In most troops, only a select few people got those patches.

"Just like a coin collector," Pleasants said, "if you go to a big national conference, you want to get (a patch) from every lodge in the country."

With more than 500 lodges across the United States at one point, and some now defunct, that makes for a tough market where certain patches can skyrocket in value. Take the short-lived Order of the Arrow Calusa Lodge 219 in Bradenton, Florida — Pleasants secured one of those coveted patches around the same time he and his wife, Jenny, were getting married.

"It paid for my honeymoon," he said.

Patch trading can be "like a big circle," he said. You build up your collection, sell it off when you're settling down and could use the money for your family, then build it back up later.

"I can't tell you how many times that I've had patches that I've traded, got back, traded again and got back," said Pleasants, whose three children all graduated from Jordan-Matthews High.

He has a database of 3,000 people he's traded with, and he created (and currently sells) the Patch Protection System, a waterproof slipcover design for storing patches in binders. But it's never been just about the money or the collecting, Pleasants said — most of all, he cares about the history.

"I'm much less concerned about keeping it than making sure it goes to somebody that sees it," he said. "The problem with Scout memorabilia, and the reason I spend so much time trying to dig it up, is not that it's going to another collector — it's going into the trash dump. We always say the best scouting museum is the landfill."

In that sense, he's as much of a preserver and curator as he is a collector. Recently, Pleasants has focused on gathering old camping gear, such as canvas tents and frying pans.

They "don't have much value," he said, but he loves that current scouts in Siler City Troop 924, where he's a volunteer charter organization representative, will sometimes take interest in using an old canteen or sporting a pair of knee socks from the 1960s.

He donates lots of gear, too, and is always willing



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Pleasants' camping gear includes this retro match holder.

to help out museums. Pleasants is also a member of The 1910 Society, an Asheville-based group that created an exact replica of the very first Boy Scout encampment, held for two weeks at Silver Bay in northeast New York.

"I'm actually more into that stuff than Order of Arrow patches," Pleasants said. "Every kid should know how we started, so that they know why we're here... I want to tie it all together."

He usually spends summers attending state and national Boy Scouts conferences, but the coronavirus pandemic has nixed those plans. Pleasants, who sells digital whiteboards for Sharp at his day job, has shifted to Monday night virtual

meetings with other local collectors, where they swap stories.

They call it a virtual cracker barrel, a nod to the end-of-day hangouts at Boy Scouts events, where leaders and scouts sit around, chatting and trading patches, sometimes past midnight.

Via Zoom, they can't share "bug juice" lemonade, coffee and crackers with cheese like usual, or swap patches in person. But for Pleasants, it's still a strong substitute for the hobby he caught a bug for in 1969 and has turned into a lifelong passion.

"I'm really digging this stuff," he said.

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John J. Pleasants, 64, has collected and traded Boy Scouts memorabilia for decades.



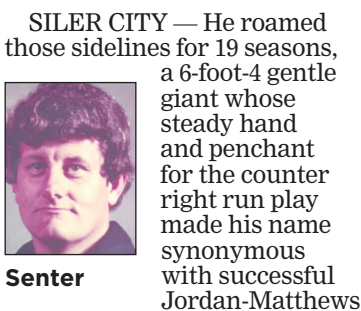
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Pleasants usually collects Boy Scout uniforms, including this 1920s one, in bulk.

‘THIS TOWN IS FOREVER GRATEFUL’

Late J-M football coach Phil Senter changed lives on the football field and beyond

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
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Senter

SILER CITY — He roamed those sidelines for 19 seasons, a 6-foot-4 gentle giant whose steady hand and penchant for the counter right run play made his name synonymous with successful Jordan-Matthews football, enough so that the Jets’ administration named the facility after him in 2003.

So where else would three generations of family, friends and former students salute the late Phil E. Senter one last time than on the 50-yard line of Phil E. Senter Stadium?

“It was the only place fitting enough for my daddy’s homecoming,” his daughter, Wendy Copelan, said.

And a homecoming he got, as around 50 people from Siler City and beyond filled the bleachers last Friday morning to pay their respects to Senter, the longtime J-M head coach who died Aug. 18 at age 76 after a fall.

August was her father’s “prime time,” Copelan said, and it wasn’t lost on her that in any other year, the high school football season would have kicked off that Friday night, and Senter would have been there, in the Jets’ stadium, either pacing the grass as a coach or cheering from the bleachers as a loyal fan.

“This year, God had a different plan,” said Eddie Mason, a former linebacker for Senter in the 1980s, who’d driven five hours from Sterling, Virginia,



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

After Phil Senter’s funeral, held on Friday, Aug. 21, family members released bundles of blue, white and yellow balloons while a musician sang Vince Gill’s ‘Go Rest High On That Mountain.’

that morning to help lead the 11 a.m. funeral.

Mason made his way to the raised stage at midfield and glanced at the notes he’d prepared as Donald Southern, Senter’s pastor at First Wesleyan Church in Siler City, opened the service.

“We wished this day would never happen,” Southern said, “but this is also a time we want to cherish and savor and honor. How many of you are thankful to have had Phil Senter in your life?”

Everyone raised their hands, and Southern smiled.

“That’s right,” he said. “This

is a celebration of his life. Amen?”

“Amen.”

‘You were always ready’

Phil Ellis Senter was born Oct. 24, 1943, in Harnett County. The son of Alton and Maudie Holland Senter, he graduated from Sanford Central High School and Western Carolina University.

Senter was an accomplished athlete — he was on Sanford Central’s 1962 state championship basketball team — but never played football himself. Marty Scotten, a tight end for

Senter at Jordan-Matthews, said that ultimately made him a better coach.

Football to Senter was cerebral, something he could study and ponder and educate his players on — a fitting mindset, given he also spent 46 years as teacher at J-M and later Chatham Charter School.

“We spent a lot of time preparing for the other team, going over what they were going to do,” Scotten said. “And when they did, you were ready.”

Senter was steady. His kept his weekly practice schedule for the Jets consistent, and he was a man of habit. In his

social studies classes, the day before every test, Senter held an extensive review session. Although he didn’t explicitly reveal any questions or answers, he always touched on every key concept his students needed to study.

“You figured out eventually: ‘Hey, I better listen now!’” Scotten said, laughing. “And the next day? No surprises. There it was. You were always ready, whether it was a test or a game.”

John Phillips, a 10-year assistant football coach for Senter

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CCS to keep athletic activities suspended into October

Chatham Central’s Lucas Skertich drives past the South Stanly defense in a December 2019 game.

Staff file photo



BY CHAPEL FOWLER
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Assuming the current plan to start the 2020-21 school year with nine weeks of online learning remains in place, Chatham County Schools sports teams won’t hold any workouts in that timeframe, a spokesperson confirmed.

Under the schedule, member high schools Northwood, Jordan-Matthews and Chatham Central will not resume voluntary workouts until mid-October. County public schools started their school year Monday, and the current nine-week period runs through Friday, Oct. 16.

CCS public relations coordinator John McCann told the News + Record last Wednesday the district’s suspension of workouts and other athletics-related activities, first instituted last month, will stay in place for the time being as schools operate under Plan C.

The Chatham County Board of Education voted unanimously on July 16 to start the school year with four weeks of online learning, and the five-person board again voted unanimously on Aug. 10 to extend the period to the first nine weeks at all elementary, middle and high schools.

The NCHSAA has allowed member schools to work out under Phase One guidelines since June 15 and Phase Two guidelines since Aug. 3. Both sets of guidelines are restrictive, limiting indoor gatherings to 10 total people and outdoor gatherings to 25 total people. No contact is allowed.

The workouts are also voluntary and cannot serve as prerequisite for making a roster, the NCHSAA said.

All summer, though, the NCHSAA has also emphasized individual school districts can hold off on workouts at their discretion. That’s the route CCS has taken — after taking three weeks to gear up, the district held two weeks of workouts from July 6 through 17.

But the district has largely followed the path of the Chatham County Schools Board of Education over the last month. Its July 17 suspension came a day after the board first voted to start with online learning. Earlier this month, district athletic director Chris Blice said that athletics decision was rooted in Chatham County Schools’ education-first focus.

“In our conversations, it’s a bit difficult to say, ‘OK, we don’t feel that it’s safe to bring kids into school for instruction, but we think it’s fine to bring them in for athletics,’” Blice told the News + Record on Aug. 6. “It feels a little contradictory. I think (consistency) is key, because we call our students student-athletes. I think the order of that is really important. I can just say that here in Chatham, we always want athletics to be in line with the school and with academics and those kind of things.”

The same logic is behind the extension of that delay to nine weeks, McCann said.

Under the NCHSAA’s new calendar released last week, the first official practices for any sport won’t start until Nov. 4, when cross country and volleyball teams are allowed to start.

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‘ANXIOUS TO PLAY’



Adam Harvey, a Chatham Charter sophomore, played in a Myrtle Beach tournament this summer.

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County basketball players head out of state for showcase tournaments

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Even with 40,000 made shots under his belt this summer, Northwood’s Tucker Morgan found himself a bit rusty last month. Could you blame him?

When Morgan stepped onto a court at the Rock Hill Sports & Event Center in South Carolina on July 31, it marked his first live, five-on-five basketball action since early March. For someone who’s played the sport as long he can remember, those four months were a striking sabbatical.

But with his temperature checked and his waivers signed, he had a chance to get back in his groove with the Durham Hurricanes, his AAU team, which traveled just below state lines for a Phenom Hoop Report showcase event one state under during the coronavirus pandemic.

“It was a little rough trying to get back into the flow of it,” Morgan said. “At the end, I started to get more comfortable.”

In the Hurricanes’ second game, the 6-foot-4 senior went for 15 points. He scored 12 in another. He got plenty of film for a highlight clip — a good balance of the stretch forward making 3-pointers and finishing layups — which he posted to his personal YouTube.

And, Morgan said, he felt “very safe.” Outside of pre-event waivers and at-the-door temperature checks, Phenom Hoops enforced an extensive list of guidelines, including one-way foot traffic, distanced benches and bleachers and a mask requirement for everyone inside not playing or refereeing.

“It was a great feeling to be back out there,” Morgan said.

He’s not the only Chatham County basketball player who’s taken advantage of such events, which have ramped up since South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster signed an executive order allowing indoor and outdoor youth sports to resume in mid-June under COVID-19 safety protocols.

Hoopers from Northwood, Chatham Central and Chatham Charter alike have gotten their reps in at AAU events in Rock Hill, Spartanburg and Myrtle Beach.

In North Carolina, indoor youth sport events aren’t banned but must adhere to a 10-person mass gathering limit, which makes large tournaments illogical. NCHSAA schools may now share basketballs within “pods” of five to 10 athletes at their voluntary workouts, but physical contact isn’t allowed.

“It’s a weird time,” Northwood men’s coach Matt Brown said. “It’s personal preference. Some guys want to go out, and some don’t.”

For Adam Harvey, that decision was a no-brainer. The Chatham Charter sophomore was on an even longer drought than Morgan — he hadn’t seen action since the fall, when a back injury kept him from contributing to the Knights’ record-setting 2019-20 season.

“I was really anxious to play” Harvey said. “I could have played in April or May, but COVID-19 held me back — which was probably better” for his rehab.

His return came the weekend of Aug. 7 at a Big Shots Basketball event in Myrtle Beach. Playing for the Chatham Knights,

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who also coached Jets basketball for 20 years, said they ate lunch together hundreds of times on school days since their schedules lined up.

And every day, without fail, Senter would duck into Phillips' classroom to fetch him for meals with the exact same three words in his deep, booming voice: "Let's chow down."

"We might exchange a few words," Phillips said, "but he always got right down to it: 'Let's chow down.'"

"If Phil hadn't been such a good man, I probably would have moved on," Phillips added of his time at Jordan-Matthews. "But I never even interviewed for somewhere else. There was no reason to leave."

At Jordan-Matthews, Senter stayed busy. He coached year-round, adding winter women's basketball and spring track and field duties to his fall obligations. Copelan, his daughter and a 1986 J-M graduate, treasured her time on the court with her dad.

On Aug. 18, the day he died, she posted a photo of them back then: him kneeling in a polo and khakis, with a whistle around his neck and a head of wavy brown hair; her standing in her white uniform with the blue and gold sleeves, her right hand on her dad's shoulder and grin on her face.

He was everything to her, Copelan said. Her father. Her hero.

"And my coach," she said last Friday, wiping away a tear.

'The best decision he made'

Beloved in all of his roles for Jets, it was the football field where Senter truly took off.

He started as a defensive coordinator and got the head coaching job in 1977, when he was 34 years old. Over the next 19 seasons, he took the team to new heights: two NCHSAA semifinals in 1988 and 1995, back-to-back undefeated regular seasons in 1985 and 1986 and 14 consecutive playoff appearances.

He coached Division 1 talents like Robert Siler, a star running back who played basketball at Wake Forest; Terrence Newby, a shifty quarterback who played hoops at UNC; and Mason, a linebacker who played football at UNC and spent five years in the NFL.

As for Senter's coaching tree? Extensive, to say the least.

He coached former J-M men's basketball coach P.J. Lowman, current J-M men's basketball coach Rodney Wiley, Chapel Hill High football coach Isaac Marsh and Dallas Cowboys senior defensive assistant George Edwards, among others. Scotten, his one-time defensive coordinator, succeeded Senter as head coach in 1996 and held the post for 23 years.

"And when I think of Jordan-Matthews football," Scotten said, "I still think of him."

On the field, Senter coached a hard-nosed style. His offenses operated from under center, and once he found a play that worked — like the counter right run he adapted from Joe Gibbs' bruising Washington teams — he ran it until an opponent stopped it. Plenty of his 2A foes never did.

Just as much, though, his former players remembered the man he was outside of Friday nights. Scotten always admired



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

The scoreboard read 1:46 on Friday, a nod to Senter's 146 career wins at J-M from 1977 through 1995.

'We didn't have a dime growing up, but I felt like I had everything because of him.'

EDDIE MASON, former Jordan-Matthews linebacker

how Senter took losses — "The sun will rise tomorrow," he'd say — and found time for his family. Senter and his wife, Wilda, were married for 53 years, and he had three children.

When he retired from coaching after the 1995 season, at age 52, family was on his mind. Senter's first granddaughter, Allison, had been born, and he wanted to be present for her and future grandkids.

"Looking back, it was probably the best decision he made," Scotten said.

And even though he retired, Senter didn't totally relinquish his duties. As current Apex Friendship basketball coach Lowman put it: "He stayed our coach 25 years after he was gone." Late in his life, Senter became incredibly active on Facebook, even preferring its messaging system to texting.

He loved keeping up with former players on the platform, too. On Monday, Aug. 17, the day before Senter's death, Lowman posted a photo of his empty Apex Friendship classroom. It was the first day of school, but he was teaching his students remotely because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Time to make the best of virtual instruction," Lowman wrote.

"Things look different," Senter commented. "I know things are tough right now. Glad that I am not still teaching. Good luck."

'Coach Senter changed my life'

That night, Senter fell while pulling a recycling bin in from his driveway and broke his neck. Copelan said he had been "a little unsteady" from neuropathy, a side effect of the chemotherapy he'd been getting to combat lymphoma. Senter had virtually beaten the cancer, she said.

Neurosurgeons arrived to treat Senter and transferred him to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, but his injuries were too severe. Copelan announced Senter's death on Facebook at 4



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Eddie Mason, a Jordan-Matthews linebacker from 1986 to 1990 who later played in the NFL, spoke at Senter's funeral.



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Senter's pallbearers included John Phillips (front right, in gray suit). Phillips was an assistant football coach under Senter for 10 years at Jordan-Matthews.

a.m. on Aug. 18.

"My daddy and my hero left us peacefully this morning," she wrote.

Three days later, at 11 a.m., she and her family gathered for a final goodbye.

They sat on 50-yard line of Jordan-Matthews' football field last Friday, flanked by bouquets and bundles of blue, white and yellow roses and balloons — the Jets' colors. Although the forecast had called for rain, the sky was clear. A family friend livestreamed the service, and down the field to his right, the Jets' scoreboard displayed the time 1:46 — a nod to Senter's 146-65-2 record with Jordan-Matthews.

"This town is forever grateful to him," Southern, the pastor, said at the podium. "For his 46 years of impacting three generations of kids, we are the benefactors."

It was Mason's turn to speak now, and he warned the crowd from the start it wasn't going to be easy. He stopped to compose himself multiple times as he praised Senter, the man who convinced a freshman Mason, riding his bike in the school parking lot just around the corner in 1986, to come out for the football team.

Senter drove Mason and other teammates home from practice in his old green truck when they needed a ride, and he often picked them up food for dinner, too. His words of encouragement were nonstop. Their only disagreement was more of a running joke: Mason attended UNC, and Senter loved Duke.

"We didn't have a dime growing up, but I felt like I had everything because of him,"



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Wendy Senter Copelan said her 76-year-old father 'would do anything for his granddaughters.'

Mason said. "You could dream big. You felt like anything was possible."

Senter was a like second father, Mason said, and at other times in his speech he dropped the qualifier and simply called the coach "my dad." They never lost touch, and they'd spoken earlier this month on the phone after Senter read a story about Mason in the News + Record.

He insisted that Mason have a physical copy — a website link wouldn't be the same — so Senter cut out the article and mailed it to Mason's gym in northern Virginia. Mason said the letter, postmarked Aug. 10 and addressed in Senter's usual longhand cursive, is still on his desk. It'll stay there for a long time.

"Coach Senter changed my

life," he said. "And he had to run one more play."

He paused, eyes misty below his glasses. He looked toward the parking lot where it all started, the practice field where he'd learned the game and the locker room — they call it the Jets' Hangar — where Senter had riled him up with dozens of pregame speeches and led him out to the field, ready for battle.

"He used to run the counter right play until you stopped it," Mason continued. "He had one more counter right he had to run, and that was up to the heights of heaven."

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a local AAU team, Harvey scored 23 points and earned a MVP award in his first game. The 6-foot-2 forward had 21 points in a later outing.

"It was really fun, really exciting," Harvey said. "I feel like the competition was harder, because there weren't a lot of tournaments going on."

Others agreed. With more stalwart events canceled or postponed — think of Nike's Peach Jam in North Augusta, Georgia — elite teams are flocking to whatever states will take them. Harvey's younger brother, a seventh grader, ended up in the same tournament as five-star 2023 prospect Mikey Williams.

"Even the shoe company teams are playing these tournaments" Brown said. "Usually, they're in Vegas."

Men's tournaments in South Carolina have gotten plenty of attention and local participation. Along with Morgan, Northwood senior Aidan McLandsborough and freshmen Ashton Elliott and Gus Ritchey have



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Chatham Charter sophomore Tamaya Walden said she improved her ball-handling in Myrtle Beach and Spartanburg AAU events.

played. As have Harvey's fellow sophomores at Chatham Charter: Aamir Mapp, Jackson Brown and Darrius Taylor.

But there have been plenty of opportunities for women's teams, too.

At Chatham Central, seniors and reigning all-conference picks Mary Grace Murchison and Danielle Vaughn have played. Northwood star sophomore Gianna McManaman

has traveled as far as Hoover, Alabama, with her Carolina Elite AAU team.

Tamaya Walden, a Chatham Charter sophomore, said she's used showcase events with her Carolina Lynx AAU team in Myrtle Beach and Spartanburg to improve her ball-handling and get more comfortable as a point guard, which she ran last season for the Knights while averaging 13.1 points and 3.9 assists.

'It's personal preference. Some guys want to go out, and some don't.'

MATT BROWN, Northwood men's basketball coach

She, too, used the events to get some updated game film on her YouTube channel for recruiting purposes. In her most recent video, uploaded last week, you can watch her wreak havoc on opponents at the top of the Lynx's zone defense with steals and deflections, glide in for lefty layups and break one defender's ankles before stepping into and swishing a three.

"We were fine with it," she said of her team's decision to play in such events. "We would see them clean balls. We would use hand sanitizer."

Among the basketball community, that's a common theme. The tournaments are largely uncontroversial. Players enjoy them, coaches encourage them and organizers stress safety guidelines. (The large Rock Hill events, though,

have worried at least one York County councilman, who told the local paper it "sends a mixed message" about the danger of the coronavirus.)

For players like Morgan, who averaged 1.5 points for Northwood's senior-heavy 2019-20 roster, the showcase events are also a crucial development opportunity.

He played at another Rock Hill tournament with the Hurricanes last

weekend, logging 19 points in one of his games. And he's betting it'll pay off for him and the Chargers down the road.

"If you're playing in these tournaments you're ahead of (other teams)," he said, "because they haven't played in months."

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Chatham County COVID-19 community survey dashboard available

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Public Health Department has released an online data dashboard with results from a survey conducted in May and June 2020 to assess community prevention and impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey utilized Chatham County's innovative Community Assessment Cohort, which is representative of Chatham's population. This survey was a collaborative effort between the CCPHD, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina Institute for Public Health and the Department of Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health. Key results are now available online at chathamnc.org/coronavirusdata.

"While much has changed in the COVID-19 pandemic between June and today, the responses provide us with useful information that can inform our ongoing efforts," interim public health director Mike Zelek said. "The numbers show that the Chatham community has taken the

virus seriously and has been practicing the '3 Ws.' We are also able to learn about broader impacts of the pandemic, from economic indicators to exercise."

The survey was designed to better understand the prevalence of COVID-19 and its impacts on the community. Respondents answered questions about following the 3 Ws, a potential COVID-19 vaccine and how the pandemic has affected residents' lives. Among the highlights were:

- More than 90% of respondents said they were following each of the 3 Ws – waiting six feet apart, wearing a

face covering and washing their hands regularly.

- Seven out of 10 respondents planned to get the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available.

- 27% said they have exercised less than usual since March.

- 47% stated the outbreak has posed a "substantial" or "moderate threat" to their household's finances.

The survey was also used to recruit participants to a separate and ongoing study led by UNC-Chapel Hill faculty to monitor the prevalence of COVID-19 in Chatham County over time.

CHATHAM PARKS ACTIVITIES

Parks and Recreation lines up events for summer, fall

CN+R Staff Report

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department

has offered fun and creative resources for families to remain active and engaged in the community. Here are some upcoming events and programs to encourage fun

and safe activity:

The Chatham County Challenge

The Chatham County

Challenge is a virtual walk, run or bike challenge that will take place September 1 through 30. Bikers are challenged to complete a 100-k (62 miles) and runners/walkers are challenged to complete a 50-k (31 miles). Participants will be asked to track their miles through a mobile app called Map My Fitness and must sign up through the app no later than Aug. 31. The top 25 bikers and top 25 walkers/runners with the most distance logged in the Map My Fitness challenge will receive a free T-shirt. A weekly leaderboard and end of challenge winners will be announced on the Parks and Recreation website, Facebook and Instagram. Head over to chathamnc.org/parks-recreation for details on how to sign up for free.

Movies in the Park Series

The department will host a free outdoor movie night series at The Park at Briar Chapel. Due to COVID-19, temperatures will be taken, hand sanitizer will be provided upon arrival, and the field will be marked to indicate social distance guidelines. There will be space available for 25 people to sit on the field, and 17 cars in drive-in spots. Attendance is first-come, first-served.

Movie schedule:

"Dirty Dancing": 8:30 p.m., Aug. 28
 "Aladdin": 8 p.m., Sept. 11
 "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse": 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25

The Trunk or Treat Boo-Thru

This year's Trunk or Treat event will have a candy drive-through, a pumpkin carving contest and a "monster hunt" in two Chatham County parks during the month of October. The Trunk or Treat Boo-Thru will be celebrated in Southwest District Park and Northeast District Park on the following dates and times:

Event 1: Southwest District Park, 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 29

Event 2: Northeast District Park, 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30

Youth Jump Rope Classes

Class 1: meets in Pittsboro (location TBD) on Mondays from 5:00-5:55 p.m. and 6:00-6:55 p.m., Sept. 14-Oct. 19

Class 2: meets at Northwest District Park on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:55 p.m., Sept. 16-Oct. 21

This jump rope class is all about fun and fitness. The class is suitable for youths who are both beginning and intermediate jumpers. Participants will

learn and perfect single rope, Double Dutch, and long rope skills. Jumpers will develop strength, agility and endurance throughout the class. For details on how to register, visit the parks and recreation website at chathamnc.org/parks-recreation or call the office at 919-545-8555.

Youth Art Class

Youth art class meets from 4-5 p.m. Thursdays from Sept. 17 through Oct. 22. This class is a six-week exploration of various art and craft skills. Participants will experiment with projects such as watercolor painting, dot painting, paper crafts (quilling and/or origami) and 3D art. For details on how to register, visit the parks and recreation website chathamnc.org/parks-recreation or call the office at 919-545-8555.

Please note that events and programs are subject to change because of COVID-19 restrictions. The Chatham County Parks and Recreation team will continue to add community activities to its programming, and residents are encouraged to regularly check the Parks and Recreation website chathamnc.org/parks-recreation and social media channels (Facebook: @CCParksandRecNC and Instagram: [chathamcoparksandrecreation](https://www.instagram.com/chathamcoparksandrecreation/)).

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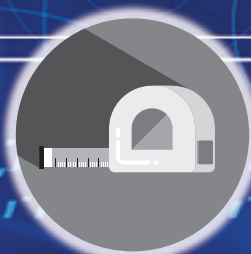
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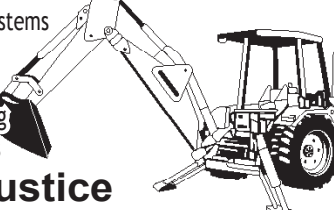


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GOATHOUSE REFUGE

A place of love, hope, and art for its owner and inhabitants

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — It was more than seven decades ago, but Siglinda Scarpa can still remember the “big boots” and harsh voices of Gestapo soldiers who came pounding on the door of her home, looking for her father, Geo.

Scarpa was just 4 or 5 years old at the time. She lived with her family in Novara, Italy, a small town not from Milano. Geo had been the leader of an acrobatic air squad of the Italian Aviation, but when Italian dictator Benito Mussolini allied with Nazi leader Adolph Hitler, he deserted.

In the meantime, his writings in support of the Italian resistance drew the attention of the Gestapo. After members of the secret police force came looking for her father, Scarpa’s mother, Giovanna, escaped to warn her husband. Upon her return, Giovanna packed up Scarpa and her brother, Sigfrido, and fled to the mountains near Alagna.

Scarpa didn’t see her father until the end of the war in 1945, but she remembers being hungry, cold and under constant threat of air raids. She later learned that strangers her mother brought to the mountain retreat were Jews that her family hid in the basement.

Decades later, Scarpa’s work in rescuing the hurt, the abandoned and the threatened traces its roots to her own history. She’s known locally and regionally as a renowned sculptor, animal advocate and founder of the Goathouse Refuge in Chatham County, an animal sanctuary that provides cage-free care for cats regardless of age, medical issues or temperament until a permanent adoptive home can be found.

She remembers her father brought her a kitten one cold night and sharing her bed with it. The trauma of war resulted in challenges for Scarpa and her family, but that kitten brought comfort — something she has never forgotten and tries to create for every animal with which she comes into contact.

As a child, she says, she struggled in school. She described herself as a “rebel” and someone who was “constantly bored.” One day, she ran away from boarding school. So her mother took the then-13-year old Scarpa to a man who made pottery, where she became an assistant. That man was famous Italian sculptor Nino Caruso, whose work is now in museums, private collections and as public art in countries across the globe.

“And that was it, I was hooked” she said. “It was a way for me to say what I wanted to say.”

She still has her first pot she ever created.

Decades later, she would come to the United States seeking new opportunities. While working as the Studio Manager of the Greenwich House Pottery in Manhattan, her pottery and sculpturing skills blossomed. Her work expanded from traditional pottery to earthen cookware, sculpture, garden art.

Over time, she found she wanted to leave New York to buy and house and a piece of land where she could have her kiln and her animals, which at the time included 15 chickens, two cats and four geese. A friend who taught at Duke University asked her to visit North Carolina; Scarpa soon fell in love with the state. So she packed up two trucks with everything she owned and stayed in a cabin of a friend while searching for her perfect spot.

She found it in Chatham County, just north of Pittsboro — an artist community and a plot of land with “big trees” and a house that was “prac-



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Scarpa began sculpting at the age of 13 as an assistant to Nino Caruso, a famous sculptor in Italy.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Scarpa and her loyal cats. She said they have been caring for her as she prepared to undergo heart surgery, from which she’s now recovering.

tically a barn.” Those 18 acres that are now known as the Goathouse Refuge.

Goathouse Refuge

The land houses her home, her studio, her extensive gardens and indoor and outdoor facilities for the animals she rescues. But it didn’t start out that way.

When Scarpa first arrived, she had two cats, birds and a goat that was left on the land when she purchased it. That goat was lonely, so she acquired another. She built her studio, gallery and updated the home. She built gardens and arbors using woven cedar branches.

Word spread about how much she loved animals, so people her knew her would bring her animals that needed a new home. One day, she came to meet a customer for the studio and found her cleaning cat litter. That woman returned to help Scarpa everyday, earning the name “the poop fairy.” The same woman suggested that Scarpa should turn her land into a non-profit to rescue animals. This started “a flood of cats, dogs and other animals,” Scarpa said.

For 22 years, the Goathouse “grew and grew,” taking in animals that are often viewed as un-adoptable or sick. The facility has different types of enclosures for cats of different temperaments. And it includes an onsite infirmary for ill cats cared for with the help of veterinarians from the Jordan Lake Animal Hospital. Even with animals viewed as having “no hope,” Scarpa finds a way to help them heal.

One example is Cheetah, a cat that had been injured by a dog and was apparently partially paralyzed, dragging its bottom to get from place to place. Scarpa worked with Cheetah, doing kitty physical therapy. And while Cheetah will still on occasion slide along the floor, the cat is now able to walk gingerly and even jump on a low couch.

The Goathouse Refuge



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

This kitten at the Goathouse Refuge is waiting for adoption. He almost seems to say, ‘I would love to go home with you.’

adopts out about 200 cats per year, but Scarpa said they’ve already done that much since January — with the help of more than a dozen volunteers and employees and various members and supporters in the community.

The future

But age has taken its toll on Scarpa. She spoke to visitors about the history of the Goathouse Refuge two weeks ago, just 48 hours before undergoing heart surgery. She’s on the mend in recovery now, and looks forward to returning to what she loves most.

“I really hope I can when I come back (from the hospital),” she said. “I keep having dreams about it. I want to make mosaics with found objects. And I have all these ideas in my head. And I want to build a music studio.”

She’s fighting. And her animals sense her struggles.

“They know I love them,” Scarpa said. “When they are sick, if you love the, they get better.”

Perhaps her animals are trying to do the same for her. Her dogs and cats kept close to her, comforting her as she did for them.

Before surgery, with the help of Cindy Perry,

former Pittsboro mayor and attorney, Scarpa moved all of her assets — the Goathouse Refuge, her home, her pottery, everything — into a trust for the Goathouse Refuge. This means that every piece of art sold, every donation given, every act of kindness toward Scarpa, will benefit the Goathouse Refuge and her beloved animals no matter what happens to her.

Scarpa’s most recent update on her condition is encouraging. She has been released from the Intensive Care Unit and is still under the care of her physicians at the hospital.

In her absence, the team at Goathouse Refuge continue to care for the facility and the animals. Though after witnessing her interactions with the animals, both she and the animals miss each other quite deeply. Her pottery is still for sale at the gallery by appointment and animals are still up for adoption. And the facility is working hard to fundraise to support its efforts, the animals and Scarpa’s vision.

She emphasized that “it’s four seasons at the Goathouse, not just summer” encouraging others to visit and help “keep it going.”

“This little piece of earth — no walls, no borders, and no labels except



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

A photo of Scarpa, as a young potter at work, is displayed in her gallery at the Goathouse Refuge.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Scarpa’s work ranges from functional to fanciful. Here she holds an example of one of the fun teapots she creates.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Scarpa began her sculpting with pottery using interesting details and accents.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

In Scarpa’s gallery, she sells sets of heart plates in different sizes for different meal courses.

love and freedom.”

Information on setting up time to visit her gallery and her animals or the different ways to contribute to support the facility can be found on

the Goathouse Refuge website at goathouserefuge.org.

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Want to do absentee voting? Here's how in Chatham

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

So far, more than 6,800 Chatham County residents requested an absentee ballot, putting Chatham in the top 10 among N.C. counties for such requests. As absentee ballot requests surge and questions of the speed of the U.S. Postal Service loom, the News + Record reached out to the state and county boards of elections to answer some common questions about the practice.

Requesting a ballot

Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot in North Carolina. Local requests must be received by the Chatham County Board of Elections in writing using a downloadable form that is available at both the state and county websites. The deadline to request and absentee ballot is Oct. 27, but they can be sent well in advance of that date. There will also be an new online portal to request absentee ballots available at the state's website on Sept. 1.

Residents will not be sent an absentee ballot unless they or a close family member request it. Parents can request absentee ballots for their children in college and children can apply



for parents who reside in assisted living care facilities. Absentee ballots must be mailed by the board of elections and cannot be picked up at the local elections office.

Filling out an absentee ballot

Elections offices will begin mailing out absentee ballots on Sept. 4. Once received, the ballot must be filled out by the voter, but voters can get assistance from a close relative or guardian. The ballot also requires one witness signature by someone who is over 18 years of age. Witnesses cannot be a candidate for office, an officer or campaign worker for any party or candidate, nor an owner, manager or employee of a hospital or assisted living facility.

If additional assistance is required for someone such as a person living in an assisted living facility, the Chatham

County Board of Elections office has Multipartisan Assistance Teams appointed by the county's election board. Every team includes a member from each of the political parties to ensure non-partisan assistance.

Returning your ballot

Ballots can be returned by mail, by commercial services such as UPS or FedEx, in person at the Chatham County Board of Elections office or at any open early voting site in the county. Ballots mailed using forever stamps be considered first-class mail, according to the N.C. Board of Elections. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, Nov. 3 and received by Nov. 6 to be counted.

In Chatham County, completed absentee ballots can also be hand-delivered to an early voting site or to the board of elections office by 5 p.m.

For more election information

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DATES TO KNOW
SEPT. 4: Absentee ballots start getting mailed out
OCT. 9: Voter registration deadline
OCT. 15: Early Voting begins, same day registration available
OCT. 31: Last day of early voting
NOV. 3: Election day; absentee ballot deadline at 5 p.m.

on election day — but not to a polling site on Election Day. The person delivering the ballot must either be the voter or a near relative or guardian of the voter.

If an absentee ballot that rejected for some reason, the voter will be alerted by the Chatham County Board of Elections office. And even if you request an absentee ballot, you may still choose to vote in-person instead. But each voter will only be able to vote once. When an absentee ballot is returned, workers mark the voter in the system as voted

so the check-in system at early voting and on election day will alert the poll worker that the person has already voted. Following that, the Chatham County Elections Board will hold “absentee meetings” where they review returned ballots to determine if they are completed properly and the voters choices are added to the tally.

Plan ahead

As election day nears and concerns over COVID-19 and potential post office delays, perhaps the best advice is to gath-

er accurate information from official source about the process and plan ahead. Chatham's board of elections is updating its website as new information becomes available, and there is always a staff member available to answer questions by phone or email.

“People need to know about how to vote more than ever before,” said Pandora Paschal, executive director of the Chatham County Board of Elections.

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Jordan Bryarley, 33, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 15 for failure to appear on charges of misdemeanor probation violation. Bryarley was jailed under a \$2,000 secured bond with a Sept. 30 court date in Pittsboro.

Christopher Matthews, 49, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 15 for assault on a female. Matthews was issued a domestic violence 48-hour hold with a Aug. 19 court date in Pittsboro.

Keith Wilhoit, 62, of Asheboro, was charged Aug. 15 for the misdemeanor of writing a worthless check. Wilhoit was issued a written promise with a Aug. 31 court date in Pittsboro.

Angela Johnson, 48, of Bear Creek, was charged Aug. 16 for second degree trespassing. Johnson was issued a written promise with a Sept. 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Corey Moore, 26, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 16 for assault on a female and injury to personal property. Moore was issued a domestic violence 48-hour hold with a Aug. 27 court date in Durham.

Rashad Farrar, 31, of Asheboro, was charged Aug. 16 for assault on a female, injury to personal property, communicating threats, second degree trespassing and breaking or entering. Farrar was issued a written promise with a Aug. 19 court date in Pittsboro.

Genita Sprouse, 48, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 17 for felony possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 ounce and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Sprouse was issued a

written promise with a Sept. 21 court date in Pittsboro.

Andrew Heins, 32, of Bear Creek, was charged Aug. 17 for failure to appear on charges of possession of methamphetamine. Heins was jailed under a \$10,000 secured bond with a Sept. 30 court date in Pittsboro.

Adam Webster, 34, homeless, was charged Aug. 17 for failure to appear on charges of driving while license revoked. Webster was issued a written promise with a Aug. 31 court date in Asheboro.

Shamarus Chisholm, 34, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 18 for assault on a female, second degree trespassing and injury to real property. Chisholm was jailed on a domestic violence 48-hour hold with a Sept. 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Tonia Manns, 44, of Chapel Hill, was charged Aug. 18 for failure to appear on charges of misdemeanor larceny of property or goods. Manns was jailed under a \$500 secured bond with a Sept. 30 court date in Pittsboro.

Vernon Newby, 63, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 18 for possession drug paraphernalia and violation of a court order. Newby was jailed under a \$6,000 secured bond with a Aug. 19 court date in Pittsboro.

Eric Richards, 58, of Moncure, was charged by Aug. 19 for assault on a female. Richards was jailed on a domestic violence 48-hour hold with a Sept. 23 court date in Pittsboro.

Darin Dibenedetto, 24, of Pittsboro, was charged Aug. 19 for probation violations. Dibenedetto was jailed under a \$2,500 secured bond with a Sept. 30 court

date in Pittsboro.

Markus Blackburn, 30, of Pittsboro, was charged Aug. 20 for a probation violation. Blackburn was jailed under a \$1,000 secured bond with a Aug. 26 court date in Pittsboro.

Ruben Gallardo, 19, of Chapel Hill was charged Aug. 22 for second degree forcible sex offense, burglary, assault with a deadly weapon and sexual battery. He was jailed under a \$100,000 secured bond with a Sept. 21 court date in Pittsboro.

Emalda Taylor, 30, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 22 for possession of stolen firearm, felony possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance on jail premises. She was jailed under a \$1,000 secured bond with a Sept. 21 court date in Pittsboro.

Danny Phillips, 46, of Bear Creek, was charged Aug. 22 for domestic violence protection order violation. He was jailed under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a Sept. 1 court date in Pittsboro. Danny Phillips was charged Aug. 23 for domestic violence protective order violation. He was jailed under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a Sept. 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Jarvis Coble, 26, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 23 for assault on a female. He was jailed under a 48-hour domestic violence hold with a Sept. 23 court date in Pittsboro.

Yasmine Newby, 21, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 23 for simple affray. She was released on a written promise with a Sept. 22 court date in Pittsboro.

Mary Taylor, 56, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 23 for failure to appear. She was given a \$100 cash bond with a

Sept. 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Karen Wood, 47, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 23 for failure to appear. She was released on a written promise to appear with Sept. 29 court date in Pittsboro.

Jessica Derrick was charged Aug. 23 for failure to appear. She was placed under a \$2,000 secured bond with a Sept. 25 court date in Fayetteville.

Louis Alston, 30, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 23 for possession of stolen firearm. He was released on a written promise with a Sept. 21 court date in Pittsboro.

Issac Yarborough, 36, of Siler City, was charged Aug. 23 for felony possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, felony possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was jailed under a \$10,000 secured bond with a Sept. 21 court date in Pittsboro.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Lamica Potts of Greensboro was cited Aug. 18 for driving while license revoked on U.S. Hwy 421 in Siler City.

Lakresha McCray of Fayetteville was cited Aug.19 for failure to yield and driving while license revoked on U.S Hwy 64 in Pittsboro.

Theresa Pantazopoulous of Chapel Hill was cited Aug. 20 for driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain lane on SR 1752 in Pittsboro.

Jermaine White of Sanford was cited Aug. 21 for failure to maintain lane on U.S Hwy 1 near Pittsboro.

Bynum General Store wins AARP grant

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

BYNUM — The Bynum General Store was awarded a \$7,765 Community Challenge grant from the American Association of Retired Persons to expand its ability to do storytelling and performances virtually.

The Community Challenge grant program is part of the AARP’s national Livable Communities initiative that “helps communities make immediate improvements and jump-start long-term progress in support of residents of all ages.”

“AARP’s teams on the ground across the country hear from mayors, local leaders and residents about the value of getting quick wins to create long-term change,” Lisa Riegel, AARP’s NC manager of Advocacy and Livable Communities said. “We developed the Community Challenge grant program to answer that call and help build momentum for more livable communities nationwide.”

The Community Challenge Grant program started in 2017 and since then, it has awarded 376 communities across the country with funds to help make improvements. This year, Bynum was one of three North Carolina community grants AARP awarded.

“Here in North Carolina, there is a great desire from cities, towns and rural areas to make the changes needed to help not only their growing number of older residents, but people of all ages who want to live in more vibrant, healthy and engaging areas,” Riegel said.

The Bynum General Store, located just north of Pittsboro, applied for the grant in order to purchase technology to enhance virtual offerings. The grant request noted that this connectivity is especially important during COVID, but also expands reach long-term.

Bynum was built around a cotton mill in the late 1800s, with mill worker homes popping up to support the operation. The Bynum General Store was the former country store and post office for the area. As the mill was in operation until 1983, many people grew up in the area, but have moved away.

“A live event from their retired country store/post office is a gift,” Cynthia Raxter wrote in the grant application. “We wish to add live streaming to increase the reach of all our existing music and

storytelling programs.”

Since COVID, the Bynum General Store has been doing weekly shows with an iPhone and two desk lamps for lighting. The hope is to make those virtual events more entertaining visually and improve sound. The grant notes that the current on-line audiences include the elderly, former residents no longer close, military families posted in foreign lands, those with ill health, those with very young children, and those just too tired to come out.

In the AARP release announcing the grant, Annette Rodriguez, of Chatham County, talked about her aunt who enjoys the livestreams from 1,800 miles away.

“With this programming, we hear stories of home and growing up, and share memories we somehow had never shared over the last four decades,” Rodriguez said. “We laughed at the stories of my neighbors, we learned new songs. We found new ways to make old friends.”

The Bynum General Store grant will also go to support students and older people who have



Submitted photo

The Bynum General Store received a grant of more than \$7,000 from AARP to expand its capabilities to host storytellers and musicians for virtual shows.

challenges connecting to the internet.

“Bynum has already created a sense of place and is working to provide wifi hotspots, critical in rural area for young students and seniors alike,” the grant read.

With the county’s lack of comprehensive broadband access and libraries

closed, the Bynum General Store is making its outdoor seating area available to residents with wi-fi to which they can connect. But the real goal is to do online story

telling and live-streaming music on the weekends.

The AARP grant is a matching grant, which means the Bynum General Store and its performers, who only receive tips,

must come up with the matching funds to complete the expansion.

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Not quite the beach, but quite the pie

I have three favorite magazines. I've been reading "Mad Magazine" since my big brother, Homer, introduced me to it when I was in the third grade. I love that they are unafraid to poke anyone and anything. They're smart-alecky and funny. Sadly, they have recently ceased regular publication, but there are 66 whole years of back issues just waiting for me.

I discovered the British edition of "Cosmopolitan" when I worked for an independent bookstore close to 25 years ago. I



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook



Photo courtesy of Debbie Matthews

Crook's Corner pie, a la Debbie Matthews.

love studying fashion from the UK. It has a decidedly "cheeky" attitude

and point of view, and Europeans have a much more grownup view of

the human body and its workings. Each Christmas, I get

a subscription for the coming year of "Our State" magazine. It's lovely, and every word is well-written. Each issue is a clear-eyed celebration of North Carolina. I've learned more about my home state from that magazine than every history class I've ever taken.

And this week's recipe comes from its pages. Although this is a popular beach treat, this particular recipe comes from the late Bill Neal, an acclaimed Southern food expert and the founder and chef of Crook's Corner in Chapel Hill.

Petey and I visited his mom last week in Elizabeth City, and I usually make a dessert to take along. When we make the trip at Thanksgiving or Christmas, I bring my brown sugar pound cake. But to us, it has become a special holiday food, akin to egg nog or my mother's frosted Christmas cookies.

I decided to make this pie because it's been a million degrees around here, it's even hotter in E. City, and citrus has a bright, summery vibe. I've also long been intrigued by the saltine pie crust, and love what the combination of Eagle Brand and citrus can do.

I packed it into an insulated bag with plenty of cold packs for the 3.5-hour trip. It was still cold when we arrived.

Everybody loved it, and the lemon-lime combo gave the filling a unique flavor that was distinct and different from the fruits on their own.

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

Crook's Corner Atlantic Beach Pie (from Our State magazine)

Yield: 1 pie.	3 tablespoons sugar	1/2 cup lemon or lime juice, or a mix of the two
1 1/2 sleeves of saltine crackers	1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk	Fresh whipped cream and coarse sea salt for garnish
1/3 to 1/2 cup softened unsalted butter	4 egg yolks	

Preheat oven to 350°. Crush the crackers finely, but not to dust. You can use a food processor or your hands. Add the sugar, then knead in the butter until the crumbs hold together like dough. Press into an 8-inch pie pan. Chill for 15 minutes, then bake for 18 minutes or until the crust colors a little.

While the crust is cooling (it doesn't need to be cold), beat the egg yolks into the milk, then beat in the citrus juice. It is important to completely combine these ingredients. Pour into the shell and bake for 16 minutes until the filling has set. The pie needs to be completely cold to be sliced.

Serve with fresh whipped cream and a sprinkling of sea salt.

(Debbie here: what follows are tips I discovered when I actually made the pie at home.)

The crumbs I made (see photo), were a little large, and I used more than 1 1/2 sleeves of them. I had to add more butter and still had trouble getting them to come together. So, crush them finer (around the size of a pencil eraser or smaller) and use the 1/3 cup of butter. Also, to bring out the saltiness of the crackers, use salt on top saltines, and sprinkle a pinch of kosher salt on top of the crust before its first bake.

I used 2 large lemons and 4 small limes to get 1/2 cup of juice. I think oranges and tangerines might be too sweet. But grapefruit would be nice. When in season, Meyer lemons would be tasty and not too sweet. Blood orange would be pretty and mixed with lemon or lime, not too sweet. Check the sweetness level of whatever juice you plan on using, and adjust accordingly.

When you take the pie out of the oven, do not touch the filling until it is completely cool — I didn't follow my own advice and left a very noticeable depression right in the center of the pie. And do not cover with plastic wrap until it is fully chilled and set. I didn't do this and pulled up most of the top, but it did totally mask the fingerprint.

As I cut pieces for service, there were saltine crumbs left in the pan. I gathered them and sprinkled on top of each slice as garnish. I took spray whipped cream to my mother-in-law's, but at home, I'd make fresh whipped cream, with a 1 tablespoon of powdered sugar to each cup of heavy cream along with a small pinch of kosher salt and a splash of vanilla. I use an immersion blender and it takes about 30 seconds to come together.

Cooper: State should be vigilant after COVID-19 closes UNC

Governor calls for 'self-compliance' with mask mandate, wants law enforcement to enforce executive orders

BY KATIE MARTIN
Carolina Public Press

The abrupt closure Monday of UNC-Chapel Hill after several COVID-19 outbreaks a week into the fall semester has state officials urging residents to follow proven ways to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Gov. Roy Cooper and others cautioned that with the start of school, from kindergarten to college, people of all ages must maintain their vigilance to keep the virus at bay.

"We often say we are all in this together," Cooper

said. "That means we should support each other. That also means individual actions impact our statewide numbers."

Secretary Erik Hooks of the Department of Public Safety said he is also talking with local law enforcement about enforcing the mask mandate that Cooper put in place nearly two months ago.

"We want self-compliance," Hooks said. "For those individuals that do not readily comply, we want to make sure they (law enforcement) have all of the tools in the toolbox to enforce these executive orders."

Those tools, Hooks said, could include issuing cita-

tions for breaking the mask requirement.

Cooper has signed several executive orders related to the coronavirus pandemic. Currently, indoor gatherings can have no more than 10 people present, while outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 or fewer people. Bars and gyms have remained closed since March.

He urged people of all ages to act responsibly so North Carolina doesn't backslide in its progress against COVID-19.

"Those making good decisions have to continue," Cooper said. "Those who aren't need to start."

Fewer people are testing positive compared to recent weeks, and the number of people with COVID-like symptoms seeking help in emergency rooms across the state is down.

"Our key metrics show progress after a lot of hard work," said Dr. Mandy Cohen, the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. "This progress is fragile. There is no 'one and done.'"

UNC-Chapel Hill suddenly closed to in-person instruction on Monday after several clusters of COVID-19-positive students were discovered.

Cohen said the state was "just at the beginning" of understanding viral spread in state universities.

"The clusters are amongst their athletic teams that have been practicing together and have been on campus for longer," Cohen said. "A number of them have been related to sororities and fraternities and other Greek life events," along with other social gatherings.

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Thursday, September 3, 2020

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U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for the poultry facility construction located at Chatham county Tax Parcel number 0089771 and Pin Number 869700553969. The primary objective of this activity is to construct 4 poultry houses on the 64-acre property.

FSA is accepting comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through September 21, 2020. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the FSA office located at 3230A Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112. Comments should be submitted to Suzanne Simpson at 3230 Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112 or by email at suzanne.simpson@nc.usda.gov.

Bonlee Dragons helping the community

Bonlee School students Camdon Austin and his sister Brennan spent part of their summer collecting pennies in hopes of having enough to reach a mile — which would total about \$845. They didn't meet their goal, but the \$344 they did collect was donated to the West Chatham Food Pantry in Siler City. Camdon and Brennan are the children of Sarah and Dustin Austin of Bear Creek. Families in need of food assistance, or others who would like to donate, can contact WCFP at 919-742-3111.

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THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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SCRUB UP AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GERM PATROL

Disgusting germs don't stand a chance against my powerful SECRET WEAPON!

YOU can stop the spread of germs that cause illness. But you'll need two important pieces of equipment to get the job done—SOAP and WARM, RUNNING WATER.

Proper hand washing requires vigorous lathering for at least 20 seconds—about as long as it takes to sing the ABC song.

Use whatever soap gets you scrubbing. Regular soap works well!

CLIP AND TAPE TO YOUR BATHROOM MIRROR

Hand Washing in Three Easy Steps!

- Lather up both sides of your hands, around your wrist, between your fingers and around your nails.
- Rinse well to remove all the soap.
- Dry hands with paper towels. Tip: Use a paper towel to turn off the faucet after washing hands.

Wear a Mask!

The **coronavirus** spreads very easily from person to person as it travels through the air when people talk, cough or sneeze. To protect yourself and others from getting sick, scientists recommend you wear a face mask when out in public. Make sure the mask covers your mouth and nose and fits snug against your face.

How often do you wash YOUR hands?

Keep track of how many times a day you wash your hands for one full week. Every time you wash your hands, make a check in that day's bubble. Take a guess **before** you begin, then fill out the actual number **after** the week is over. Did you wash your hands **more** or **less** often than you thought?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

I think I wash my hands ____ times a day. I discovered I actually wash my hands ____ times a day!

Standards Link: Health: Know how to prevent the spread of disease.

How a Germ Makes You Sick

Germs that cause colds and flu are called **viruses** and **bacteria**.

- When a virus germ gets inside your body, it finds a healthy cell and digs its way inside.
- Then it begins to multiply. One virus germ becomes two. Two become four. Four become eight.
- Soon the cell is full of hundreds of virus germs.
- The germs break out of the healthy cell.
- Each germ finds another healthy cell and begins multiplying. Soon there are millions of virus germs in your body.

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM A VAMPIRE?

The way a movie vampire covers his face with his cape is a good way to stop the spread of germs. It's called the Vampire Cough. Next time you cough or sneeze, cough into the inside bend of your elbow. If you cough into your hands, the germs from your mouth get spread around.

Think about it—what was the last thing you touched with the inside of your elbow?

Hand Washing Before and After

Look through the newspaper to find pictures of people doing various things. Mark it with a red B if people should wash their hands before this activity. Mark it with a blue A if they should wash their hands after this activity. How many photos did you mark with both an A and a B?

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students write narratives that follow a logical sequence.

Just how DO germs get into the body?

When you touch a germ, it clings to your hand. Then when you touch your mouth, eyes or nose, the germ slips into your body. Or if you touch some food, the germ moves onto the food, and when you eat the food, the germ gets inside you.

When someone sneezes, germs fly into the air. Those germs can land on surfaces and, if you touch those surfaces, germs get on your hands. **GROSS!**

Find the two identical germs.

Standards Link: Health: Understand how disease spreads; know how to prevent the spread of disease.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Place the numbers 1 to 12 in the circles so that the sum of the numbers in the four circles will equal 26 along any straight line.

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Solve problems using logic.

Double Double Word Search

GERM
WASH
WEAPON
VIRUSES
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VAMPIRE
COUGH
ELBOW
EQUAL
CAUSE
HUNDREDS
SOAP
HANDS
BUG

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

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

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

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Happy houseplants



DOLLY R. SICKLES
The Optimistic Gardener

Houseplants make you healthier. They help you breathe easier and improve the quality of air in your home. They add color and liveliness, give you a sense of accomplishment, and generally beautify your space.

NBC's Today Show did a piece a couple years ago about how nature helps you de-stress and is good for mental health because it reduces cognitive fatigue and stress. By bringing plants indoors, you are bringing nature to you. WebMD has a great article on the health benefits of houseplants that covers everything from beautifying your space or adding moisture, to using them to soak up volatile organic compounds from carpets, paint and cleaners that "can build up in the air and irritate your eyes and skin, worsen your asthma, or make it hard for you to breathe."

Our son calls our houseplants our "house jungle," and even though he jests, I know he secretly enjoys it as much as we do. Gardening success should not be relegated to outdoors alone. It takes time and dedication to keep up your house jungle, and when done well, you'll get that same euphoric sense of accomplishment. If your outdoor garden is your macrocosm, that makes your indoor garden a microcosm. And inside, where you can control the lighting, water and temperature, it's easy to channel Mother Nature herself. Here's my formula for happy houseplants.

Develop a regular schedule

I water our houseplants every Saturday morning, and fertilize them about twice a year — at the beginning of spring, and the beginning of fall. The routine



Photo by Dolly R. Sickles

Peace lilies are one of the easiest houseplants to grow, and their preference for medium-to-low light makes them very versatile.

helps me remember. It takes me four and a half gallons of water a week, 20 minutes and a step-stool to finish, but it is supremely satisfying. For any plants that still have moisture from the previous week, I usually skip it and check back mid-week to make sure it's not dry.

Perform routine maintenance

Every other month or so, my husband uses a moist cloth to wipe down the leaves until they shine as brilliantly as a professional greenhouse. We're not just pandering to the leaves' vanity — clean leaves also help the plant take in oxygen. On our larger plants, we add a layer of orchid mulch to help hold in moisture and give the pots a finished look. We keep dead leaves pinched off at the soil level to make sure they look pretty but are also not wasting energy and nutrients trying to revive or hold onto dead foliage.

Share your bounty

Gardening success should not be relegated to outdoors alone.

Our oldest plant is 22 years old. It's a pathos, and friends gave it to us the day we brought our son home from the hospital. It's still thriving in the same little blue pot, but over the last two decades, I've rooted dozens of mini pathos to share with family and friends. We keep it on top of a wardrobe, and as the tendrils get to about two feet off the ground, I trim them and move them into a window to root. I find the best method of rooting is in a glass container, and as my husband is a whiskey man, we just recycle the whiskey bottles. It makes the perfect hostess gift, pick-me-up gift, hope you're doing well gift...in short, it's a pretty, friendly, free way to share a little love.

Start with something easy

Peace lilies and pathos were made for novice gardeners.



Photo by Dolly R. Sickles

Pathos is an easy plan to root. Trim the tendrils, put it in a clear glass vessel and set it near a window that gets morning light until roots are a couple of inches long. Transplant to soil and enjoy, or share it with a friend.

They like low-to-medium light and to be watered about once a week. You don't have to apply any elaborate methodology; they thrive on their own. Ficus trees grow slowly but are easy to care for. Fiddle leaf fig trees are the current rage, and rightly so because they're really pretty and, again, easy to care for. In our house jungle, we have peace lilies, African violets, aloe, orchids, grape ivy, ficus and fiddle leaf fig trees, string of pearls, snake plant, ZZ plant, Chinese evergreen, jade, kalanchoe, schefflera, dieffenbachia, and Christmas cactus.

Like I said: house jungle.

What houseplants do you grow?

For more information check out:

- WebMD | Health Benefits of Houseplants: www.webmd.com/a-to-z-guides/ss/slide-show-health-benefits-houseplants
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tative
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HAVING QUALIFIED as Co-Executors of the Estate of **JAMES B. WEEKS, SR.**, 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 11th day of November, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
This the 3rd day of August, 2020.
James B. Weeks, JR. and Julia W. Greene, Co-Executors of the Estate of James B. Weeks, SR.
Post Office Box 665
Siler City, North Carolina 27344
MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP
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BOX 665
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(919) 742-5614
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Chatham County Schools RFP 2020-2021, BANKING SERVICES
Sealed Proposals titled "BANKING SERVICES" may be furnished to Chatham County Schools, 369 West Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-9573 until 12:00 pm, Monday, August 31, 2020.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

20-E-361 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Shanelle K. Edmonds, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JEFFREY D. HASSLER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13TH day of November, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 13th day of August, 2020.
Shanelle K. Edmonds
Administrator for the Estate
Hopper Cummings, PLLC
Post Office Box 1455
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Au13,Au20,Au27,S3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20-E-105 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Marie Hopper, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **DAVID PERRY MANN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13TH day of November, 2020, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 13th day of August, 2020.
Marie Hopper
Administrator for the Estate
C/O Shanelle K. Edmonds
Attorney for the Estate
Hopper Cummings, PLLC
Post Office Box 1455
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Au13,Au20,Au27,S3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 348 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons having claims against **THERESA M. DOYLE aka THERESA MARGARET DOYLE** [hereinafter "Theresa M. Doyle"] of Chatham County,

North Carolina, who died on the 5th day of March, 2020, are notified to present them to Margaret O'Connor, Executrix of the Estate of Theresa M. Doyle in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before November 19, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executrix, and the devisees of Theresa M. Doyle. Those indebted to Theresa M. Doyle are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate.
Dean P. Broz
Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.
1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203
Exchange West at Meadowmont
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **MICAH JOEL GURLEY**, 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 11th day of November, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
This the 7th day of August, 2020.
Cindy I. Gurley, Administrator of
The Estate of Micah Joel Gurley
Post Office Box 1806
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
BOX 1806
PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312
(919) 542-5605
Au13,Au20,Au27,S3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **MITCHELL JAY GURLEY** 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 11th day of November, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
This the 7th day of August, 2020.
Cindy I. Gurley, Administrator of
The Estate of Mitchell Jay Gurley
Post Office Box 1806
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
BOX 1806
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Au13,Au20,Au27,S3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 290 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **CHERYL**

ANN DIXON, 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 October 28th, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This the 13th day of August, 2020.
Administrator,
Anthony Joseph Sanford
477 Blue Hill Avenue
Boston, MA, 02121
Au13,Au20,Au27,S3,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 383 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JOSEPH CLAXTON HARRIS, JR.**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before November 13, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.
The 10th day of August, 2020
Dorothy H. King Harris, Executrix
10234 Governors Dr
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on **Thursday, September 3, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The hearing will be held at the **Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro**, North Carolina at 1192 US-64 W BUS. Due to the Governor's restrictions on mass gatherings, public seating at the meeting will be limited. There will also be an option to participate electronically and for more information about the meeting you can select the meeting date at the following link: <https://www.chathamnc.org/government/commissioner-meetings/calendar-with-agenda-minutes> Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www.chathamnc.org by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.
The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below: Legislative Request:
1. A Legislative public hearing for a request by JNNJ, LLC, for a conditional district rezoning from R-1 Residential to CD-O&I for office – business, professional, and governmental, Parcel No. 69884 being 5 acres, located at 10441 US 15-501 N, Baldwin Township.
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 20 SP 61 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Arthur A. Sellers, Jr. and Belinda K. Sellers to Linnie W. Causey, Trustee(s), which was dated September 29, 2008 and recorded on September 29, 2008 in Book 01424 at Page 1069, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on **September 1, 2020 at 1:00PM**, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: TRACT 3: BEING ALL OF THAT LOT, CONTAINING 0.498 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO A PLAT ENTITLED "JACK P. JUSTICE," PREPARED BY VAN R. FINCH - LAND SURVEYS, DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2004 AND RECORDED ON PLAT SLIDE 2004-83, CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. TRACT 3: WAS CONVEYED TO MARY G. JUSTICE BY DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 1092, PAGE 9, CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY.

Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as **120 NC Highway 902, Pittsboro, NC 27312**. A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. **THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED**. Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Arthur Andrew Sellers, Jr. and spouse Belinda Sellers. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare

the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
Substitute Trustee
Brock & Scott, PLLC
Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200
Wilmington, NC 28403
PHONE: (910) 392-4988
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Estate of Patricia R. Thomas
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **PATRICIA R. THOMAS**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517, on or before the 21st day of November, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 20th day of August, 2020.
Anne T. Neal, Executor of the Estate of Patricia R. Thomas
Dori J. Dixon
Schell Bray PLLC
Attorney for the Estate
100 Europa Drive, Suite 271
Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27517

Au20,Au27,S3,S10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 389 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JANICE R. DEANGELO**, 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 **NOVEMBER 20, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. The 17th day of August, 2020
Donna Horvath, Executrix
321 Rectory St, #415
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Au20,Au27,S3,S10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 387 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **EVERETT ROSS WINZELER**, 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 **NOVEMBER 20, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. The 17th day of August, 2020
Robert G. Winzeler, Executor
2840 Old Graham Rd
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Au20,Au27,S3,S10,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons having claims against **MARIELLA BLACKWOOD MASON AKA MARIELLA B. MASON** [hereinafter "Mariella B. Mason"] of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 5th day of July, 2020, are notified to present them to Kenneth Berry Mason, III, Executor of the Estate of Mariella B. Mason in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before November 26, 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 Mariella B. Mason. Those indebted to Mariella B. Mason are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate.
Dean P. Broz
Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.
1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 20 SP 67 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF: BETTY JEAN BOWERS NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 35A-1301 and N.C.G.S. § 1-339.13, Commissioner C. Todd Roper notices the public sale of real as follows:
1. C. Todd Roper was appointed Commissioner to sell the real property referenced in the Petition pursuant to an Order of Public Sale filed July 8, 2020.
2. The real property hereinafter referred to shall be sold at public auction on the 29th day of August, 2020, at 12:00 noon at 276 Reno Sharps Store Road, Bear Creek, North Carolina 27207.
3. The real property to be sold is identified as described in Deed Book 399, Page 273, Chatham County Registry, and more particularly described as: BEGINNING at a point in the center of S.R. 2188, where it intersects with the line of William Fields and the old Goldston Road, and running thence in a westerly direction with the line of Fields and the old Goldston Road 373 feet to a point; thence along with a new line of Sharpe in a northerly direction 175 feet to a point; thence along a new line of Sharpe in an easterly direction about South 80 degrees East 373 feet to a point in the center of S.R. 2188; thence along the center of said road in a southerly direction 175 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.
4. The terms of the sale will be 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 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.
5. If the Commissioner so chooses, he may make the following additional terms of the sale in this action:
a) Auctioneers shall be compensated by receiving a commission equal to 5% of the purchase price
b) The highest bidder at this sale will be required to make a deposit of 10% of the purchase 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 bidder shall close and tender the purchase price to purchase the real estate; provided however, this shall be subject to confirmation by the Clerk of Court and Resident Superior Court Judge.
THIS, the 24th day of July, 2020.
C. TODD ROPER, COMMISSIONER

Au20,Au27,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF CREIGHTON LEE CALHOUN, JR. NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **CREIGHTON LEE CALHOUN, JR.**, 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 November 20, 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 17th day of August, 2020.
Gregory Herman-Giddens, Executor
c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty.
Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.

8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400
Naples, FL 34018
Au20,Au27,S3,S10,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20-E-394
All persons having claims against **RICHARD PAUL LACEY** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 5th day of June, 2020, are notified to present them to Adrienne Joy Lacey, Executrix of the Estate of Richard Paul Lacey in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before November 26, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executrix, and the devisees of Richard Paul Lacey. Those indebted to Richard Paul Lacey are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate.
Dean P. Broz
Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.
1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203
Exchange West at Meadowmont
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 372 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **JEAN VALERIE MORIARTY**, 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 **NOVEMBER 20, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. The 18th day of August, 2020
Thomas J. Moriarty, III, Executor
1333 Windy Ridge Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Au20,Au27,S3,S10,4tp

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned, having qualified on the 14th day of August, 2020 as Executrix, of the Estate of **CHARLES A. PEARCE a/k/a CHARLES ABRAHAM PEARCE**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of November, 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 27th day of August, 2020.
Sarah J. Pearce, Executrix of the Estate of Charles A. Pearce a/k/a Charles Abraham Pearce
PO Box 51579
Durham, NC 27717-1579
G. Rhodes Craver, Esquire
Kennon Craver, PLLC
4011 University Drive, Suite 300
Durham, North Carolina 27707

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **REGINE ROACHE**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before November 27, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 27nd day of August, 2020.
Sandra Williams, Personal Representative
c/o Robert Seidel, Attorney at Carolina Family Estate Planning
201 Commonwealth Court, Suite 100
Cary, NC 27511.

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EXECUTORS NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JOSEPH W.**

WALKER, JR., deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before December 10, 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.
Thomas A. Earls, Attorney at Law
102-B Fountainbrook Circle
Cary, NC 27511
Phone: 919-462-9177
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GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE 19 CVS 4476 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GUILFORD
NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
D.H.GRIFFIN WRECKING COMPANY, INC. VS
RODRIGUEZ-CARDONA PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC
C/O MICHAEL ANTHONY WILLIAMS, REG. AGENT
CARY, NC 27511
Under and by virtue of an execution directed in the above-captioned action to the undersigned Sheriff from the Clerk of Superior Court for Guilford County, North Carolina, issued 9/6/2019, docketed in the county of Chatham on 6/24/2019. I will be, on the 18th day of September 2020, at 10:00 A.M., at the Chatham County Justice Center at 40 East Chatham St, Pittsboro, NC 27312, and offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash all rights, title or interest which Defendant Rodriguez-Cardona Property Holdings, LLC now or anytime at or after docketing of Plaintiff's judgement in Chatham County had in below listed property, in satisfaction of the execution. The real property being sold is more particularly described as follows: BEING all of Parcel A, containing **2.806 acres** and Parcel B, containing **1.804 acres**, as shown on a Plat dated February 16, 1989, drawn by James D. Hunter, RLS, recorded at Plat Slide 89-90, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina, entitled "Survey for Chatham Hospital, INC". Reference is made to said Plat for more accuracy and certainty of description. There is also conveyed that portion of West Fourth Street as is shown on said Plat and which is described here as set out in the order closing said street as: Being bounded on the West by North Ivy Avenue and on the East by North Holly Avenue and by Chatham Hospital, Inc. on the North and South. Said order is of closure is recorded in **Book 560, page 543**, Chatham County Registry. The sale shall be made subject to all prior recorded or perfected Liens, Mortgages, and Encumbrances that have attached to or been levied on the property prior to the date of levy or docketing of the judgment of this Execution under which this sale is being held. The, the 24th day of August, 2020.
MIKE ROBERSON
Sheriff of Chatham County
A Mavis 323, Deputy Sheriff
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 306 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **PHILLIP MAURICE SCOTTON**, deceased, late of Bear Creek, 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 at the office of Benjamin Spence Albright, Attorney at Law, 101 Weatherly Square, Ramseur, N.C. 27316 on or before November 30, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 27th day of August, 2020.
JUDY GARNER SCOTTEN, Executrix of the Estate of PHILLIP MAURICE SCOTTON
Benjamin Spence Albright, Attorney at Law,

101 Weatherly Square
Ramseur, N.C. 27316
(336) 824-4802
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 360 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **LORETTA BENNER MCMASTERS**, 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 November 27, 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. The 24th day of August, 2020
Elizabeth Ann Nelson, Executrix
204 Flint Hill Ch Rd
Robbins, NC 27325
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20 E 411 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **OLA MAE FRENCH**, 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 November 27, 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. The 24th day of August, 2020
Marilyn Darlene Green, Administrator
422 Pittsboro Goldston Rd.
Pittsboro, NC 27312
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Request for Information (RFI) - Justice Center Audio/Visual Replacement - Chatham County's Request for RFI is to gather information regarding the replacement of the existing AV system(s) nearing end of life at the Chatham County Justice Center and Historic Courthouse. The information being sought includes recommendations on comparable replacement equipment based on current technology, estimated cost, ongoing support after implementation, and other ancillary factors impacting replacement of said AV system. This information is being requested prior to the anticipated development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) in early spring of 2021. The complete RFI document and details are located on the Chatham County Current Bids and Proposals webpage at: <http://www.chathamnc.org/government/current-bid-proposal-opportunities>. The submittal package must be received by September 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM EST, to one of the following delivery addresses: Postal Address: Kim Johnson, Chatham County Finance Office, P.O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312, or Street Address: Kim Johnson, County Finance Office, Courthouse Annex, 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312. All inquiries relating to this request must be in writing and submitted by e-mail to Kim Johnson at: purchasing@chathamnc.org. Late submittals will not be accepted under any circumstances and will not be opened or reviewed. All inquiries must be made no later than 12:00 PM on Thursday, September 17, 2020 to; purchasing@chathamnc.org or by fax to (919)-545-2417. No RFI inquiries by telephone please. All addenda will be posted by 5:00pm on Friday, September 18, 2020 and available at: <http://www.chathamnc.org/government/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 Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or disability.
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