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## AT MOUNTAIRE'S REQUEST

# Town board moves closer to closing Third Street permanently

**BY D. LARS DOLDER**  
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SILER CITY — The town's board of commissioners moved forward Monday with plans to close three roads near Mountaire Farms' Siler City facility, more than two years after the company submitted its initial request.

Mountaire renewed its proposal in May for the town to close and re-route portions of East Third Street, East Fifth Street and all of Johnson Avenue after having approached the board with similar petitions at

least eight times prior, as previously reported by the News + Record. A timeline submitted by the company lists more than 40 total interactions between company representatives, the Town of Siler City and the N.C. Dept. of Transportation concerning the potential road closures.

The poultry processor's original request was submitted in Oct. 2018, before construction of the \$170 million, 255,000-square-foot facility was fully completed. For much of that year, East Third Street had already been closed to facilitate construction traffic, and the company hoped Siler

City would make it permanent.

"Based on the number of chickens we will be processing, we estimate there will be 1,518 trucks crossing the street every week," said then-Community Relations Manager Mark Reif, who has since retired. "We think that in the interest of safety and the interest of traffic flow, we believe that it would be best for the city."

The board hosted a special meeting last Tuesday to discuss Mountaire's proposal during which the commis-

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# CORE transitioning, teaching through 'twin pandemics'

**BY BILL HORNER III**  
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The practical reality of a constructive, community-wide conversation about racial equity in Chatham County is something that's never far from Karinda Roebuck's mind.



Roebuck

For Roebuck, the executive director of CORE — Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity — the "twin pandemics" of the past year have created plenty of opportunities for those conversations to happen.

"We have so much going on," she said. "I mean, we were in two pandemics, right? Aside from COVID, we were also in the pandemic of racism. And struggling with new normals. And the unfortunate killing of George Floyd

was difficult to see, and very traumatic, extremely traumatic for people of color."

The national attention to Floyd's death, and the conversations that followed, she said, allowed groups such as CORE — founded in 2016 in Pittsboro — "to sit back and do some really deep strategic planning, and working on our infrastructure."

"And I do think that with the response we had, because of the national attention, that there's more dialogue, and there's more

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## EXHAUSTING NOISES

# Cops vow to muffle violators

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SILER CITY — Siler City police will launch a new education and enforcement initiative next week to crack down on excessive noise violations from illegal vehicle exhaust systems.

Among all calls to the town's police department, vehicle noise complaints are among the most frequent, according to Siler City Police Chief Mike

Wagner.

"It's in the top three complaints that we get," he said. "People are always asking me and complaining, 'What can we do about these loud noises, particularly the exhaust mufflers that emanate these loud noises throughout the town?'"

Thunderous exhaust systems — or the absence of appropriate exhaust systems — are explicitly named in state law prohibitions against excessive noise. General Statute 20-128 outlaws willful operation of "a motor vehicle on a highway" that generates "excessive noise and unusual noise, annoying smoke or smoke screen."

Such vehicles are also in violation of Siler City's town ordinance.

"So it's in violation of state law, and then in conjunction with the town ordinance, we've got both those things applying to these loud mufflers," Wagner said. "And so we're going to address those citizens' concerns in compliance, just following the rule of law as far as what's permissible by the state in the statute and what's not."

Starting on Monday, June 14, the initiative will begin. But police will be slow to punish

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## 'A WEIRD, WEIRD SENIOR YEAR'

# Chatham's 2021 graduates reflect on finishing school during a pandemic

**BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN**  
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When Jacqueline Marroquin Tobar moved to Siler City and started school at Jordan-Matthews High School four years ago, she knew very little English and struggled to feel comfortable around other students.

Now a senior, she will graduate this weekend, with plans to attend Wake Forest University in the fall to study political science and foreign affairs.

In her four years at J-M, she accomplished a lot: mastering English, being named as one of Chapel Hill nonprofit LatinxEd's "20 under 20" 2020 recipients and starting the school's first Water Bottle Recycling Project, a campaign intended to teach students about the importance of recycling. During its more than three years of operation, the project collected more than 1,000 bottles each week.

"My experience at Jordan-Matthews was definitely one of the best things that could have ever happened to me," Marroquin Tobar said. "I started high school as a newcomer, as an ESL student, with



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Chatham Charter School student Landon Oakley embraces his mom after graduating from the school May 21. Chatham Charter kicked off graduation season in Chatham, with ceremonies able to happen in-person this year after last year's highly modified celebrations due to COVID-19.**

pretty much no English, basic. And just the way Jordan-Matthews welcomed me and supported me in everything that I did — all of my ambitions and goals — it was amazing."

Born in Houston, Marroquin Tobar moved to Siler City from Guatemala. In addition to language barriers, she also grappled with

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## THE SYCAMORE

# Veteran PBO restaurateurs to open new upscale steakhouse

**BY D. LARS DOLDER**  
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PITTSBORO — After a crippling year for the restaurant industry, Greg and Maria Lewis — former owners of the defunct Pittsboro Roadhouse — are back on their feet and set to unveil a new fine dining experience by month's end.

The Sycamore, a gourmet steakhouse featuring dry-aged beef from

one of the nation's finest suppliers, will open for business on June 24, barring unexpected pandemic setbacks.

"I never thought it would take this long to finally open," Greg said, "not in a million years. We're finally back to doing what we love."

The grand opening will mark almost a year since the couple's pop-

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Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Greg and Maria Lewis plan to open their new restaurant, The Sycamore, on June 24.**

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

# Changes in county's precincts, polling locations up for consideration

**BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN**  
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Chatham's Board of Elections has decided to make changes in a number of the county's voting precincts — splitting one and combining two others — and is mulling additional precinct changes along with moving

some existing polling places.

Resolutions for the changes — discussed by the board last month — will be presented at a June 22 meeting.

"We received our census and nothing changed with our precincts. They are exactly the same as they were," Board of Elections Director

Pandora Paschal told the News + Record regarding the recently-released 2020 census data. "But of course, the board has been looking at combining and splitting some precincts, we (discussed) that in our last meeting, and actually moving some polling places

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Events are subject to change based on closures related to the coronavirus pandemic. Verify with organizers prior to events.*

### ONGOING

• **Siler City’s City Hall** is currently under renovation. The 1st and 2nd floors are closed to the public. The Planning and Community Development Department is located in the basement and can be accessed through the far left door facing E. 3rd St. Parking is available at the 100 block of E. 3rd St.

• **The Friends of the Chatham Community Library** has canceled its Spring Book Sale due to the continued lockdown of government offices and businesses, ordered by federal, state, and local government. More information can be found on the website: friendsccel.org.

• **Chatham County Council on Aging:** Both centers are closed at this time until July. If you need to pick up supplies, call the Siler City or Pittsboro location or check our website at chatham-coa.org.

### ON THE AGENDA

• **The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 14, via videoconference. For more information, go to [pittsboronc.gov](http://pittsboronc.gov).

• **The Chatham SWCD Board Meeting** will take place at 7 p.m. on June 10. If you wish to attend this meeting, reach out to Brandy Oldham at 919-545-8440 for details. We will also have a teleconference number for attendees who wish to attend remotely.

• **The Chatham Hospital Board of Trustees** meeting will be held virtually at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15. The public is invited to attend. If interested, please contact Angela Hurt in advance at 919-799-4012 for the access information.

• **The Albright Precinct Democrats** will gather from 2 - 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, at 294 Full Circle Lane, Siler City. We will be discussing upcoming changes to the precinct and our 2021 Action Plan.

• **Chatham County Public Libraries** has reinstated its pre-COVID hours of operation, at all three branch locations.

• In honor of LGBT Pride Month in June, **Chatham Community Library** will play a role in highlighting diversity and the many contributions of the LGBT community by offering a weeklong virtual screening of the documentary, *Deep Run* (2015), running June 10 - 17. This program is free and open to the public. Access to the virtual screening will be available beginning June 10. A password is required at the time of viewing. Individuals should contact [social.library@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:social.library@chathamlibraries.org) to request the password or for additional information. Residents may also visit the libraries’ website, [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org), or contact the Library at (919) 545-8084 or [rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org) for

more information.

• **Siler City Parks and Recreation** invites you to start your days off right with a few laps at the Indoor Walking Program each weekday morning, Monday through Friday, from 7 to 9 a.m., at the Ernest Ramsey Gymnasium Indoor Walking Track, 512 East 6th St. The program is free and no pre-registration is required. Operations are subject to COVID-19 guidelines and mask requirement indoors. For more information, visit [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org) or contact Siler City Parks and Recreation at 919-742-2699 or email [recreation@silercity.org](mailto:recreation@silercity.org).

### THURSDAY

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

• **St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church** provides a healthy 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.

### OTHER UPCOMING:

• **Chatham Community Library** is offering free online classes on Microsoft Excel and Job Interview Skills in June. Class descriptions and a registration link can be found at [www.chathamnc.org/Computer-Classes](http://www.chathamnc.org/Computer-Classes).

- Microsoft Excel Basics, Part 1: June 16, Wednesday, 3 p.m. - Microsoft Excel Basics, Part 2: June 23, Wednesday, 3 p.m. and Job Interview Skills: June 30, Wednesday, 3 p.m.

• **The Siler City Parks and Recreation Department** announces the Bray Park Aquatic Facility has opened for the 2021 season with modified operations. The pool will operate through Labor Day weekend and is open Monday-Friday from 4:30-6:30pm during the School Year, Monday-Friday from 12 - 6 p.m. during the summer months, and Saturday and Sunday from 12 - 6 p.m. General admission includes a \$5 entry fee for ages 3 and over. Children ages 2 and under receive free entry. Senior Citizens, 50 or better receive a 50% discount. Siler City is offering ‘Two-Fifty Tuesdays’ again where patrons may enjoy the pool each Tuesday when the entry fee is only \$2.50. To adhere to COVID-19 guidelines, masks/face coverings are encouraged for all patrons when in the bathhouse and not able to socially distance at least 6-feet from others. Pool furniture will be available with sanitation stations located on the pool deck for patrons to utilize. Outside furniture is not permitted. To schedule swim times for daycares and camps, to register for swim lessons, purchase season passes, or to rent the pool for a pool party, contact Carolina Pool Management at 336-854-8884.

• **Chatham County Public Libraries** invite families with young children to enjoy the great outdoors while experiencing the joy of reading this summer

with Outdoor Story Time. These programs will be offered June 14 through August 31, with the following weekly schedule: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. – Natural Chef Café seating area on the Central Carolina Community College, Pittsboro Campus, adjacent to the Chatham Community Library, 197 NC Hwy 87 N, Pittsboro; Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. – Washington Avenue Park picnic shelter, 1305 Washington Avenue, Siler City; and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at Goldston Public Library lawn, 9235 Pittsboro-Goldston Rd, Goldston. Story time is geared toward children who have not yet entered kindergarten (ages 2-5), but anyone is welcome to join in on the fun. Children will hear stories, sing songs and enjoy more activities. Story times will be offered rain or shine. Chatham County Public Libraries are pleased to partner with Central Carolina Community College and the Siler City Parks and Recreation Department to offer these programs.

• **Chatham County Public Libraries** invite children and teens to participate in its 2021 Virtual Summer Reading Challenge “Tails and Tales” through July 31. This program, sponsored by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library, is open to children and teens, ages 2 and up. Readers will participate online this year by signing up on the libraries’ Beanstack site, <https://chathamnc.beanstack.org>, and win prizes for completing 10 hours of reading. Using Beanstack, readers can log their time and titles online, as well as create book reviews for others to see. All readers who reach the 10-hour goal will earn a free book and will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to McIntyre’s Books. The Virtual Summer Reading Challenge kicks off online on June 3rd at 4 p.m. with a special program “Animal Stories in African Art,” an interactive virtual program hosted by the N.C. Museum of Art. This event will be most appropriate for children ages 4-10, but everyone is invited to participate and learn. Registration information can be found on the libraries’ online Events Calendar.

• Everyone is invited to the **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** of the New Chatham County ABC Store at 10435 U.S. 64 Hwy. East, Apex, Wednesday, June 16 at 10 a.m., located next to Cruizer’s at the intersection of Hwy. 64 E. and Farrington Road.

• **Central Carolina Community College** will host a basketball camp for 3rd through 8th graders from 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 26-29. The \$100 cost includes snack and drink each day, and a CCCC camp T-shirt. For more information or to register for the Cougar Basketball Camp, visit [www.cccc.edu/sports-camps/](http://www.cccc.edu/sports-camps/) or contact Athletic Director Jonathan Hockaday at [jhockaday@ccc.edu](mailto:jhockaday@ccc.edu).

• Central Carolina Community College summer volleyball camp will be held Monday through Friday, July 12-16. It is

open to rising 3rd to 5th graders. Registration fee of \$75 includes T-shirt. Registration/check-in is at 8 a.m., with sessions from 8:30-11 a.m. Class limited to 12 participants. The Cougar Volleyball Camp for rising 6th through 8th graders (middle school) will be held Monday through Friday, July 12-16. Registration/check-in time is 1 p.m., with session times from 1:30-4 p.m. Registration fee of \$75 includes a T-shirt. Class limited to 16 participants. The Cougar Volleyball Training Workouts for rising 9th through 12th graders will be held Monday through Friday, July 12-16. Registration/check-in time is 6 p.m., with session times from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Registration fee of \$75 includes a T-shirt. Class limited to 16 participants. For more information or to register for the Cougar Volleyball Camp, visit [www.cccc.edu/sports-camps/](http://www.cccc.edu/sports-camps/) or contact Athletic Director Jonathan Hockaday at [jhockaday@ccc.edu](mailto:jhockaday@ccc.edu).

• **The Chatham Historical Museum** is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. We will be following the Governor’s directive on occupancy, masks, and social distancing. Adult and kid friendly; no admission fee. Don’t miss our new exhibit of the paintings of Annie Lutterloh Bynum. Our permanent exhibits cover all aspects of Chatham’s unique history. The Museum is located in the historic Chatham County Courthouse in the circle. More info: <https://chathamhistory.org>

• **Second Bloom Thrift Store** is open at the Food Lion Shopping Center. Store hours are Tuesday until Saturday, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Masks are required and hand sanitizer is also available. Proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

• **Pittsboro Youth Theater.** All campers will learn a variety of theater skills, rehearse and perform a live play at Sweet Bee Theater. Camps will be led by experienced Pittsboro Youth Theater Direc-

tor(s) and Assistant(s). Camp themes include Princess Camp, Fairy Camp, Jungle Camp, and Alien Camp. There will also be a 3-week musical intensive one resulting in performances of Frozen Jr., as well as a 2-week intensive for younger campers resulting in performances of Frozen Kids. Enrollment is open now on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages: 6-12; 3 weeks for ages 10-18. Dates: Weekly camps, 2-week summer intensive, and 3-week summer intensive, June 14 - August 13, 9 am to 5 pm, (early drop-off and late pick-up for an additional fee). Frozen Jr. and Frozen Kids: See website for details, COVID-19 Precautions, full details and accommodations - PYT Marketing Team, [pytmktg@gmail.com](mailto:pytmktg@gmail.com) - 18A E. Salisbury St., Pittsboro; 919-533-6997.

• **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](http://ChathamArtsCouncil.org).

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

• **Foster and/or adoptive information:** Give children a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent? Call 919-642-6956 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](http://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.

• **Scout News**

• **Boy Scout Troop 93** in Pittsboro meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit [www.bastroop93.org](http://bastroop93.org) for more information.

• **Pack 924** of Siler City First U.M.C. meets on from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts.

• **Pack 900** in Bear Creek meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Meroney’s U.M.C., following the school calendar. See <http://pack900.com> for more information.



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# CORE

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people open to learning more,” she said. “And we were happy to provide that.”

It’s also been a year of transition and transformation for Roebuck and CORE. The national discussion on race, galvanized in the wake of Floyd’s killing in Minneapolis, gave more opportunities to teach, to train and to organize — including planning the community-wide Juneteenth observance CORE will host at the Pittsboro Fairgrounds on June 19 (see sidebar story for details).

CORE was founded with the goal of providing educational opportunities for the greater Chatham community, including Racial Equity Institute (REI) training — done via Zoom videoconferencing since the pandemic — for organizations, institutions and individuals requesting it.

Its most recent four-part Racial Equity Fundamentals training series concluded this week. It featured 90-minute virtual modules on the fundamentals of equity, a historical examination of racism, a study of power dynamics, and a look at applied equity. About 40 people registered; the program’s materials were assembled mostly by CORE staff.

Racial equity — equal outcomes, not just equal opportunities — is part of CORE’s vision for the communities and institutions of Chatham County, achieved through education, organizing and reconciliation. All three of those efforts come together in CORE’s REI workshops, which more than 500 Chatham residents have attended in the last three years. Workshop alumni can also discuss issues related to race and equity during monthly meetings hosted by CORE.

Stephanie Terry, CORE’s program director for organizing, said the need for racial equity is evident in Chatham, just like it is elsewhere.

“Chatham County, like most of our country, still maintains an achievement gap amongst Black and white students in education, has disparate outcomes in wealth income measures and has disparities in maternal health outcomes by race,” she said. “Structural racism persists in Chatham County and the first steps in solving this most pervasive problem is developing a shared analysis about race and racism.”

## ‘I’m being heard’

Although CORE has its detractors, many in the community have voiced their support for its ongoing work and for broaching such sensitive topics, according to Roebuck.

“We really think that it’s important for us to be able to identify root causes of disparities, of racial disparities, by looking at our history,” she says. “And so we do just a kind of a brief look into history — but we really talk about how past policies and laws have affected our lives today. And then the big question of — What do I do

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with this now? So we talk about what power is, and what community power is, and what you do with this information.”

The organization occasionally gets invited to do training sessions for some people “who don’t necessarily want to be there,” according to Roebuck.

“And we have had a ton of attendees sit there with their arms crossed and their backs to us,” she said. “And by the end of our training series, at this one place, I remember distinctly this gentleman uncrossed his arms and turned around and looked at me. And he said, ‘I feel like I’m being heard.’”

“And I appreciate that. And I think that’s one of the big things that we talk about in our group agreements at the beginning of every one of our training sessions. We point out that it’s OK to disagree with what we are saying. And we encourage you to speak up, we encourage you to share what you’re thinking and feeling, because somebody else may be feeling the same thing.”

What Roebuck says is not OK is “to attack or blame or shame to somebody for their thoughts and their belief systems. And we really do begin with the understanding of perspective, and the power that is in our perspectives, and how we can — from polarized groups — come to a center to be able to have a conversation.”

In its workshops and work with client organizations, CORE addresses the subjects of racism, racial equity, biases and socialization head-on — but with the understanding, or even the assumption, that some of the definitions and tenets of those subjects might be unfamiliar to hearers.

In its just-completed series, for example, in a discussion about “implicit bias,” attendees learned that so much of most people’s understanding takes place at an unconscious level. Not being aware that we have implicit biases, many of us remain largely unaware of our own tendencies to rapidly and automatically associate people, groups and objects with our own personal positive and negative connotative preferences.

The resultant actions might be different than

our intentions and, in some cases, run contrary to our own stated beliefs and attitudes, Roebuck says. That makes those biases incredibly powerful.

Biases, of course, are at the core of racism. CORE defines racism as “an institutionalized system of explicit and implicit biases, that result in attitudes, processes, behaviors of aggression (micro and macro), oppression, discrimination, and marginalization, revolving around a fictitious belief of social and political constructs of race, where whiteness is believed to be superior, the standard of the norm, and deserving of privilege at the expense of BIPOC resulting in dehumanization, trauma and inequality of every aspect of Black and Brown people’s lives.”

## A construct, not a fact

By looking at race and the myth of race — and the fact that because Black and white people, for instance, are 99.98% genetically alike — CORE workshops teach that race is not a biological fact.

That construct, Roebuck says, first appeared in the United States in the early 17th century as a means for European businessmen to profit from free labor and as a method of social control to prevent European and African indentured servants from seeing their common oppression. In time, it became a social and political reality — norms that were internalized into society in the United States.

Even a century and a half after slavery ended here, CORE education sessions teach that our biases and socialization continue to inform our individual perspectives. They create mental associations which can lead us to internalize preferences in favor or disfavor of the things and people around us.

Understanding both bias and socialization as “twin informants” of perspective, and the power of perspective, enhances our understanding of the issues, attendees learn. It also improves critical thinking and problem-solving skills and strengthens our relationships with others. It improves our attitudes through the use of empathy, which — when applied community-wide

## JUNETEENTH

### If you’re going

When: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, June 19

Where: Pittsboro Fairgrounds, 191 Fairgrounds Rd., Pittsboro

What: A celebration of “Liberation: The Human Right of Choice & Freedom,” produced by CORE NC. It’s a free public event using education, music, storytelling and performance to deepen our understanding of slavery and the efforts to abolish it, and to connect slavery to modern day human rights issues. The day will include food, a Black Business Expo, entertainment and plenty of activities for children. Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Dist. 54) will serve as keynote speaker.

Plus: UNC Health will be on hand to provide COVID-19 vaccinations. For more information about the vaccination event, go to [grco.de/COREJuneteenth21](https://grco.de/COREJuneteenth21) and enter CORE as your partner code.

### Virtual Lecture Series

In addition to the June 19 in-person event, CORE’s Juneteenth events include a series of three virtual lectures. The first was held June 5, featuring Dr. Irving Joyner, the legal counsel for the N.C. NAACP; the others are scheduled for June 12 (featuring author Kelly Little) and June 17 (featuring human dynamic practitioner Kim Pevia). For more information, email [info@corenc.org](mailto:info@corenc.org).

### What is ‘Juneteenth’?

Juneteenth recognizes the day in Galveston, Texas — June 19, 1865 — when enslaved Africans finally heard the news of their freedom two and one half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln. During

— leads to reconciliation.

Which, again, is at the heart of CORE’s vision.

### Better infrastructure

During the pandemic, CORE itself has become more organized. It’s in the process of becoming a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It has added board members and is in the process of adding even more; it has partnered with the Durham-based Southern Vision Alliance as a fiscal agent to help with fund-raising, fiduciary support and infrastructure help. A new website has been launched ([corenc.org](https://corenc.org)) as well.

For Roebuck, who also works as a trained midwife, the pandemic has given her time to learn the nuances of a growing nonprofit and to leverage the support of CORE’s volunteers, which includes its white caucus members — some of whom helped lead the effort for the removal of the Confederate monument at Pittsboro’s historic County Courthouse in November 2019.

Since that occurred prior to the killing of Floyd, Roebuck said it put Pittsboro and Chatham County in a unique position — a rural area engaging in spirited discussion about the issues of race, equity and justice.

“Because of the statue, right?” said Roebuck, who also serves as co-chairperson of the Chatham Health Alliance Equity Committee. “And the statue was important. The removal of a statue was an important action in Chatham County because it really put that discerning eye on what’s going on, and what it means and what symbols represent. It was a chance to address structural racism.”

And for people of color,

the early 1900s, there was a decline in Juneteenth celebrations but a resurgence of the holiday began during the Black Freedom Movement of the 1960s. On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas and in 2011, Georgia became the 37th state to recognize the day.

North Carolina officially recognized Juneteenth in 2007.

Today, Juneteenth is observed in over 200 cities. It is a symbol of the end of chattel slavery and the continued fight for freedom for African descendant people.

The day is also called “Freedom Day,” “Jubilee Day,” “Liberation Day” and “Emancipation Day.”

### Moving Toward Healing conference

CORE has been working with the Center for Child & Family Health and their Trauma-Informed Communities Project across seven counties and is taking part in the “Moving Toward Healing: Racial Equity as Foundational to Trauma-Informed Communities in N.C.” conference.

The final summit of the conference is free and open to the public and will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

The topic of the conference will include community-driven approaches that build mutually beneficial relationships within and across communities, authentically share power with partners, and use storytelling to address racial, historical and community trauma in North Carolina. This will be a brave space to deepen awareness, promote action and celebrate the impressive trauma-informed work of seven counties from across the state.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3fbsjs1>.

## CORE AT A GLANCE

### What is CORE?

CORE (Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity) is a Chatham-based, volunteer-led nonprofit organization founded in 2016 and working to build a broad-based coalition of individuals, non-profits and community groups. CORE works to deconstruct systemic inequities and achieve equitable outcomes for all people in Chatham County through education, organizing and reconciliation. CORE’s vision is to achieve racial equity in communities and institutions in Chatham County.

### CORE’s three areas of focus

Education: Raising awareness of systemic racism and strategies for dismantling it.

Organizing: Building and strengthening relationships with individuals, community groups and nonprofits interested in race equity issues.

Reconciliation: Using a model of racial identity causing to broaden and deepen awareness gained after taking part in racial equity workshops.

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she said, Floyd’s death “brought that out in a visceral sense,” creating even more conversation around those issues.

It’s a conversation she hopes continues.

“I would say that we’ve had a lot more support than we’ve seen resistance,” Roebuck said. “And the people who are enrolled in our courses, they still have a lot of work to do.”

“We have this veil ... especially with our history ... we have a veil across our eyes. And what we’re trying to do is just kind of poke holes in those veils so that you can see there’s another narrative, there’s another perspective to history.”

A perspective that’s eye-opening for many, she says.

“For some of them, it makes them uncomfortable, for sure,” she said. “And we tell them to embrace that, that uncomfortableness, because that’s where change happens. I can guarantee you that the caterpillar that’s turning inside the goop is not comfortable in there in that cocoon. But he emerges as a butterfly ... I know that not everybody agrees with us, and that’s OK. But if we can get enough people to hear what we’re saying, and we can listen to each other, then I think CORE will make an impact in Chatham County.”

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# CLOSING

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sioners agreed to advance the process toward road closure. They formalized the decision Monday with a resolution of intent to close each of the three streets. The step is not final authorization to begin road closure, however, and does not preclude the chance that Siler City or NCDOT might yet deny

Mountaire’s request.

By law, the town must host a public hearing before work can begin to close the roads. A month in advance of the meeting — which is scheduled for August 2 — the town will publish weekly legal advertisements in the News + Record and with Siler City radio station WNCA, and a copy of the town’s resolutions certifying intent to close the roads will be sent to all affected

businesses.

The three streets, East Third especially, serve as an important gateway to downtown Siler City from U.S. Hwy. 64. About 50 businesses operate along the roads. But Mountaire representatives say that closing the roads does not mean cutting off access to downtown or the many small business along the way. Cathy Bassett, director of communications and community relations

at Mountaire’s corporate office, emphasized at a commissioners meeting last month that while the company’s on-paper proposal calls for road closures, it’s more accurate to think of the streets shifting and traffic rerouting.

“It may seem like semantics, but it’s important,” Bassett said. “We’re only asking for it to be rerouted, and we’re offering to pay for the total cost of the rerouting

project. When it’s built, I think it’s safe to say it’s probably going to be the nicest road in all of Siler City. It will truly be a gateway to downtown.”

A public hearing for town residents and the board of commissioners to discuss the potential road closures is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on August 2 in the Jordan-Matthews High School auditorium. Unless convinced the road

closures are contrary to the public’s best interest or the rights of nearby property owners, the commissioners will likely adopt an order to permanently close the streets, after which the decision will be submitted to NCDOT, which can affirm or overturn the board’s decision.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Today, more than ever: let there be rock

I grew up in Chatham County before the digital revolution, when massive, vacuum-tubed televisions the size of small dinosaurs squatted in lush shag carpet, each set topped with its own rabbit-ear and hoop antennas. I was lucky; I could watch network television clearly on what my father called the “idiot-box” and even pick up a few snowy independent stations to boot. The scripted happenings of shows like “Happy Days” and “Good Times” were topics of animated conversation at the school lunch table and on the bus ride home.

But what bound us together more firmly than the shared cultural experience of TV was the rock ‘n’ roll we heard on our parent’s hi-fi or on our pocket transistor radios. Sure,

I watched episodic television in reruns, but the heightened emotional experience diminished with every viewing. Music was different; I could listen to it over and over and still enjoy the lift it gave me. I must not have been the only kid in Chatham County to think so, because everyone my age dreamed of being a rock star; consequently, by the time we were in high school everyone I knew was learning how to play something whether they could play it well or not: Johnny played the bass, as did Don and Marty. Tim and Dmitri and Dave and Shannon played guitar; Erik drummed. Rodney drummed. Andrew drummed. I heard better rock ‘n’ roll in Chatham County than I ever heard in the clubs of New York.

I rented a room in a band house from friends who played original rock ‘n’ roll. They were all Chatham boys, and they were all roofers, which made scheduling rehearsals easier since they all worked together. Summer months meant heat from both the blazing sun and

the asphalt shingles they tacked down by the thousands, but winters meant shortened daylight hours, and when it was too dark to work at 5 o’clock in the afternoon, they all met at the yellow house on Chicken Bridge Road to warm themselves at the wood stove in the kitchen before heading to the band room to jam and rehearse and compose what they called their annual winter music project.

The band room was unremarkable save for its space; the guitar player who rented the place knocked out a wall to enlarge the living room for a half dozen musicians. There was not a stick of furniture, save for the drummer’s stool and the keyboard player’s bench. Everyone had his own personal rug flung over the several area rugs that sat atop the plywood sub-floor. Tapes, tries, quilts, packing blankets and rugs hung on the walls. They even push-pinned one of those cheap, flimsy, college dorm room bedspreads into the ceiling tiles. It had pink Indian elephants dancing in

the pattern, and was sheer enough to billow when anyone walked into the room, making the elephants sway and bob. All this drapery put a damper on the sound erupting from their amplifiers; the cloth interior squelched feedback. It felt like they were rehearsing inside a herder’s yurt on the steppe, or in a Bedouin’s tent in the desert. And these guys were originals — no phony Beatlemania to be found here.

Like most bands everywhere, they cut their demo and played their gigs but never got the big break every band needs. The yellow house was sold for the land it stood on, and the structure was demolished. Everybody in the band moved on as their priorities evolved. They grew up, got married, bought houses and had beautiful kids. Rock ‘n’ roll became a hobby and then a memory. That’s life.

I was walking the dog late one afternoon not too long ago when I heard softly pounding drums from a neighbor’s garage up the street. As I drew closer, I heard a young man’s

amplified voice and an electric guitar leading the charge with an original riff. Hearing that kid’s voice over that pulsing rock ‘n’ roll beat was like feeling a life force bursting through all the sickness and isolation of this past year. It was the weed pushing through cracks in the concrete.

I hear over and over lately that now is the time to redefine the priorities in our lives. With the pandemic receding and the country opening up again we have been given a unique opportunity to create a new normal. Never mind the Netflix; I am tired of watching life on a screen. Give me live music. Like the late Bon Scott of AC/DC sang, “Oh, let there be rock!”

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## When it comes to getting rid of it, some things defy decisions

While I’ve never made the cover of GQ or any other men’s fashion magazine, I think I do a fairly good job of being somewhat neat and coordinating my daily outfits — most of the time.

But it’s really not all that hard to do, especially if you tend to wear blue jeans most of the time or if most of your slacks are gray and most of your shirts are white.

Occasionally there will be the one blue sock and one black sock episode, but that’s usually a product of getting dressed in the dark.

Other parts of life, however, aren’t all that neat for me — particularly in the area of throwing away things and keeping only stuff that’s really needed. A good portion of that is because when I was being made, a big chunk of packrat ran away from the animal kingdom and jumped into my human makeup.

I have mentioned this from time to time before, hoping for a magic pill or silver bullet to figure out what to keep but, so far, one hasn’t showed up. And so, in my study, for instance, I’ll take a cleaning fit once in awhile and go through three years’ worth of newspapers I’ve saved because “one day I’ll read them.”

Ditto with the books and notes and slips of paper with information written in a scrawl only a deficient chicken could read. Over the years, I’ve uncovered items I’d not only forgotten but also didn’t know existed.

I really think I’m getting better at throwing away things, but occasionally an item will come along that I can’t bear to trash, but I also don’t quite know what to do with it.

Case in point is my Mama’s purse, given to me when she entered a care facility in 1998, there to live out the last years of her earthly existence. It is in exactly the same shape, form and fashion as that day. Inside there are pictures of her grandchildren and of my dad, her house key, about \$40, an old grocery shopping list and a large number of crumpled tissues.

So, what to do with it all?

I’ve got all the same pictures. I don’t need the keys. I actually did remove the cash and put it in her grandchildren’s savings accounts, and don’t like her choices in some grocery items.

But there’s one thing she and I have in common — those tissues. In most of my jackets and sport coats, one outside pocket has a gazillion tissues and napkins, usually left-over ones from the encounter with my most recent cheeseburger.

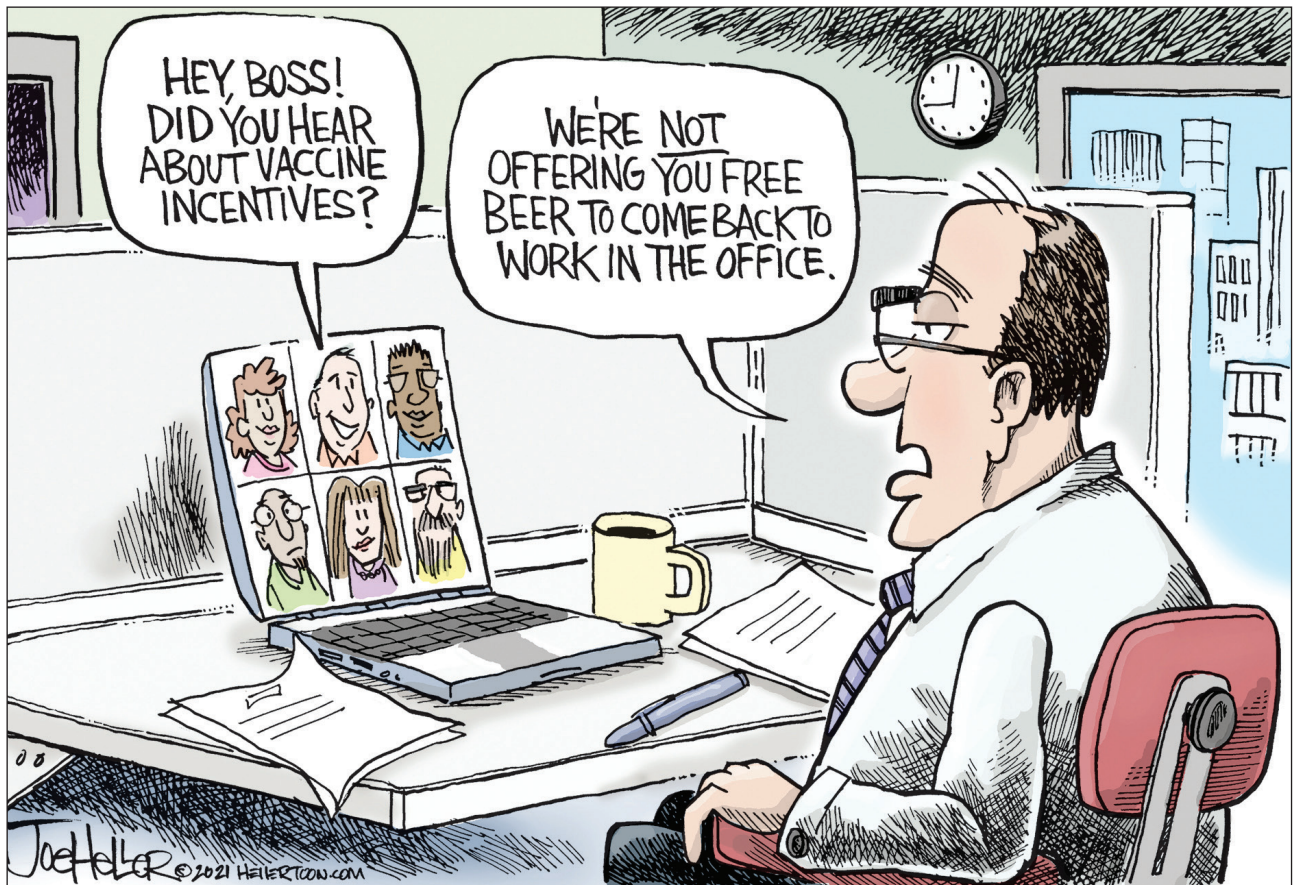
Eventually they get used for one thing or another, but in pondering them I sense I’m turning into, at different times, my father and my mother. She’d tell me I could do worse, and she’s right. I just don’t like having the residue of 14 pine trees floating around in my pocket.

When I pass along that information — about turning in to my parents — to the two 40-something people who used to be teenagers who lived at my house, I remind them of the inevitable: that they will, in time, turn into their mother and me.

I don’t think they’re looking forward to an overload of tissue in their pockets.

Too bad ... and I still don’t know what to do with Mama’s purse except leave all that stuff, papers included, in it. And it does bring me a bit of comfort to see it and remember her. And, Lord knows, we could all use a little bit of comfort these days.

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## Elevating, not helicoptering

Before I had kids of my own, I thought “helicopter parenting” was an extreme sport. Let’s also try bungee-jumping parenting and sky-diving parenting!

But the truth is quite serious. In this case, “helicoptering” refers to hovering by a caregiver, an adult anxiously watching for the opportunity

to swoop in and help the child. For example, adults who keep their hands just inches from the young one climbing a slide on the playground.

Of course, no one wants their kid to get hurt, but there’s also the danger that our best intentions harm our children. Helicoptering may prevent children and adolescents from learning to do things for themselves long after their playground days.

My friend Paul and I recently discussed this helicoptering dynamic. He has adult children and is a professor at N.C. State.

Because one of his sons attends N.C. State, Paul is a member of two N.C. State parent Facebook groups. There are lots of helpful discussions in the groups such as, “What kind of computer does my child need?” — but they not infrequently cross into

helicopter territory.

In those cases, the parents assumed responsibilities that could have been learning opportunities for their students. In the most alarming posts, parents decided what classes or instructors their students should take. They had their students’ cars fixed. One parent was looking for a cleaning service for a student apartment. Several organized to complain to administrators about COVID-19 restrictions. They wanted students, faculty and staff back in the classroom at the height of the pandemic.

We do not wish to be read as self-righteous. We admit that we, too, are guilty of helicoptering. It is natural to want to help one’s own flesh and blood! But before swooping in, we find it helpful to ask, Who am I really trying to help? Is my child in real and present danger? Or, is the actual problem that am I uncomfortable watching them struggle?

Author Janet Lansbury encourages caregivers to practice such self-awareness. Instead of helicoptering, Lansbury describes “elevating child care” as allowing children “to face age-appropriate struggles.” In her work, Lansbury builds on the theories of Magda Gerber, a pioneer of parenting advice in the 20th century, but we think the idea of elevating child care goes back even further.

Long ago, Paul of Tarsus wrote

that “suffering produces perseverance” (Romans 5:3). The original Greek for “suffering” referred to pressing down on something (or someone), while the word “perseverance” literally meant to remain under a weight. It is not always helpful to helicopter in and pull out a loved one from a difficult situation, for “perseverance produces character” (Romans 5:4). “Character” originally described a coin made out of refined metal. Metal is refined or purified by pressure and heat.

We are not suggesting that anyone put their kids through the ringer! We don’t want our children to suffer. But a struggle can be good for them. Instead of zooming to the rescue, sometimes we can help by backing off so that they can lift themselves.

Parenting is an extreme sport — it can be extremely difficult to watch your child struggle or even fail.

But whether the challenge was for a 3-year-old daughter to climb to the top of a slide or a 23-year-old son to return to college, we have never been prouder of our children than when they have climbed to a pinnacle on their own.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Carolínians remain fiscal conservatives

North Carolínians are closely divided when it comes to party preference. Our state has long been one of America’s key political battle-grounds. But when it comes to managing the state’s finances, the conservatives in charge of the state legislature are in tune with prevailing public sentiment.



**JOHN HOOD**  
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Those are among the findings of the John Locke Foundation’s most-recent Civitas Poll, taken in early May. Asked which parties’ candidates they will likely support in congressional and legislative races next year, likely North Carolina voters split their picks almost evenly, with only a narrow, statistically insignificant advantage for the GOP. These same voters gave Gov.

Roy Cooper a 10-point edge in job approval (53% to 43%), even as they diverged on President Joe Biden (49% disapproved, 48% approved).

When it comes to fiscal matters, however, North Carolina voters exhibit a more-pro-nounced conservative lean. For example, the survey team asked respondents the following question: “Generally speaking, would you say you favor smaller government with fewer services and lower taxes OR larger government with higher taxes and more services?” Those favoring smaller government constituted 57% of the sample, while advocates of larger government made up 33%.

Later in the poll, respondents were asked about the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, a proposed amendment to North Carolina’s constitution that would “limit the growth of state spending to inflation plus population growth, require yearly deposits in a savings reserve or unfunded-liability reserve, return excess revenue

to taxpayers and submit tax increases to a vote of the people.” Only 22% said they were against TABOR, with 56% in favor and the rest unsure.

I think this amendment is a good idea, too. But it’s important to recognize that the Republican-led General Assembly has generally been following its provisions anyway, even though they are under no legal obligation to do so.

That’s not an argument against placing a TABOR measure in the state constitution. Future legislatures may not be so responsible. They may follow the practice of most legislatures before 2010 — increasing inflation-adjusted, per-person spending by a rapid clip, and then raising taxes to cover deficits during economic downturns.

So why point out that North Carolina is already complying with the provisions of TABOR? Because it challenges one of the arguments that progressive critics make against it, that keeping annual budget growth below a spending cap would

create fiscal chaos and destroy core public services. We know it won’t, because it hasn’t.

By no means do the findings of this poll, or any other, suggest North Carolínians are doctrinaire when it comes to tax and spending questions. They are more open to targeted tax incentives for big corporations than free-market activists would like. And while they endorse fiscal conservatism in general, many voters would also say they favor higher spending on education and other programs.

These are not contradictions. They are tensions. All of us — even politicians! — are human beings. That means that we all have goals and desires that can be in tension with each other.

Many of us wish to lose weight, for example, and try to stick to a diet. Then someone offers us a wonderful treat and we make an exception “just this once” (but not really just once). Or we construct a household budget that, if strictly adhered to, will allow us to take a long family vacation,

buy a new house or increase our savings for retirement. And then we don’t adhere to it as strictly as we planned.

Because all of us share this quirk of human nature, we create institutions to limit the potential damage of yielding to “exceptional” temptations. In state government, we divide power between a House and Senate. We give governors a veto. We divide executive authority among several office-holders, including a state auditor to scrutinize the budget. We require a vote of the people to issue general-obligation debt.

Most North Carolínians favor adding another check against excessive spending: a Taxpayer Bill of Rights. They’re just being conservative. Good for them.

*John Hood is a John Locke Foundation board member and author of the new novel “Mountain Folk,” a historical fantasy set during the American Revolution (MountainFolk-Book.com).*

## Another prize for Elizabeth Spencer

Elizabeth Spencer, arguably one of our country’s greatest writers, died in December 2019 in Chapel Hill, where she had lived since 1986.



**D.G. MARTIN**  
One on One

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we did not do enough to celebrate and recognize her contributions.

This month we have another chance to remember her. On June 1, her life and work were honored by publication of “Elizabeth Spencer: Novels & Stories” by the Library of America series. Into the 800-plus pages the editors have squeezed three novels, 19 stories, and a wealth of reference material.

Spencer was best known for her 1960 novella, “The Light in the Piazza.”

“You’d think it was the only thing I’d ever written,” she once told me, reflecting her mixed feelings about having this one book overshadow some of her more important and better works.

The new volume includes “The Light in the Piazza” and a good selection of her other works.

In “The Light in the Piazza,” an upper-class American mother from Winston-Salem visits Italy with her mentally disabled adult daughter.

A charming Italian young man falls in love with the daughter, overlooking her mental disability or mistaking it for a naïve charm.

The mother’s dilemma is whether to approve and facilitate the marriage or disclose her daughter’s condition and lose the opportunity for her happiness.

In 1960, I read an early version of it in “The New Yorker” and was entranced by the story and the connection to North Carolina.

Alas, the North Carolina connection was mythical. Spencer told me she was really thinking of Birmingham, where she had friends, but changed the city’s name to Winston-Salem so her friends in Birmingham would not try to see themselves in the story.

The story became the basis for a popular film in 1962. It starred Olivia de Havilland, Yvette Mimieux and Rossano Brazzi. In 2005, a musical based on the story was staged in New York and broadcast on public television.

Before moving to Chapel Hill, Spencer and her husband lived in Italy and Canada. Her roots, however, were in her birthplace, Carrollton, Mississippi, and her early work reflected the complicated racial caste systems of the South.

The headliner of the new collection is “The Voice at the Back Door,” Spencer’s 1956 novel. Michael Gorra, the new volume’s editor, writes that it is “widely considered Spencer’s masterpiece.”

Set in rural Mississippi in the early 1950s, complicated race relations and violence are at its center. Gorra writes that in 1886 there had been a massacre in Spencer’s hometown, where more than 20 Black people had been shot at the local courthouse. “The bullet holes remained visible until the 1990s, and as a child she always wondered about them, puzzled that she couldn’t get the grown-ups to tell her what had happened.”

Gorra continues, “The novel depicts the everyday racism of white society, ventriloquizing the spitting vehemence of her characters’ speech. And then Spencer does something more: she describes her own rising generation as one that in private might almost seem progressive, but that in public preached segregation. She names the conscious hypocrisy of the world to which she belonged, in which political expediency could excuse anything. Some white readers branded her a traitor, and her Vanderbilt teacher Donald Davidson, a Confederate apologist, refused ever to speak to her again.”

The judges for the Pulitzer Prize unanimously recommended “The Voice at the Back Door” for the award in fiction. According to the new book’s jacket, the Pulitzer board, however, decided to make no award. And that decision has never been adequately explained. Perhaps, it “was for fear that Spencer’s racial subject matter was too incendiary for the national climate at the time.”

Too late for the Pulitzer, but the new volume of Spencer’s work gives us another chance to rejoice in her courage and great stories.

*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.*

## ‘Help Wanted.’ Not interested.

All across North Carolina, “Face Masks Required” postings on businesses are being replaced by “Help Wanted” signs. But a recent jobs report indicates there were more than 8.1 million unfilled jobs in the U.S. and folks aren’t rushing to fill them.



**TOM CAMPBELL**  
N.C. Spin

Why? The most common answer is that when people can get \$300 weekly federal unemployment checks on top of state unemployment averaging another \$216, they have no incentive to work. Are there that many people who just don’t want to work? It goes much deeper.

Let’s do the math. If you are a parent with one child in North Carolina, you pay an average of \$178 per week for childcare or \$324 for two kids. The combined federal and N.C. average unemployment benefit amounts to \$516 per week. Deduct just the amount of childcare for one child and you receive \$338 per week. Even a job paying \$15 per hour for a 40-hour week nets you just \$84 per week more than unemployment, and that’s before FICA and withholding are deducted. Would you work 40 hours for essentially \$2.10 per hour? I think not.

So, one solution is we need to help provide safe, reasonably priced childcare.

Gov. Roy Cooper has reinstated a provision that people receiving NC unemployment benefits have to prove they are actively seeking a job. N.C. Senators Burr and Tillis think we can solve the problem by joining other states shutting down federal unemployment benefits due to expire Sept. 6th. They think that will force folks back to work. Our state Senate just passed a bill to pay unemployed persons up to \$1,500 as

**Even those in higher-paying jobs are reexamining their lives. Many aren’t eager to return to long commutes to a job working in a cubicle in a high-rise building. They have enjoyed renewed relationships with their families. Even those reporting they worked more hours than pre-pandemic say they adjusted their schedules for a walk with the dog, playing with kids, a leisurely lunch or dinner and less stress — good things which resulted from the past year.**

an incentive to go back to work. These approaches might help, but don’t get to the real issues.

Let’s look at this from a different perspective. Perhaps the problem is not that unemployment benefits are too high, but that too many jobs pay too low. Instead of waiting for politicians to raise minimum wages that haven’t changed in more than a decade, some in lower paying jobs are going to force wage hikes because they refuse to go back to jobs in restaurants, production and non-supervisory manufacturing, warehouses and the service industry — the jobs most unfilled. They have decided it isn’t worth it to be harassed and used by increasingly angry, demanding and sometime abusive customers and supervisors. Restaurant servers and others who count on tips are only guaranteed \$2.13 an hour, an amount that hasn’t changed for 30 years. And many of these low-wage positions don’t provide benefits or a guaranteed schedule of weekly hours.

Even those in higher-paying jobs are reexamining their lives. Many aren’t eager to return to long commutes to a job working in a cubicle in a high-rise building. They have enjoyed renewed relationships with their families. Even those reporting they worked more hours than pre-pandemic say they adjusted their schedules for a walk with the dog, playing with kids, a leisurely lunch or din-

ner and less stress — good things which resulted from the past year.

We have become a country of workaholics, striving ever harder to climb the ladder to get ahead. Samuel Huntington, in his book “Who are We? The Challenges to America’s National Identity,” says Americans “work longer hours, have shorter vacations, get less in unemployment, disability and retirement benefits, and retire later than people in comparably rich societies.” We proudly boast that we never take our full allotment of vacation days. European Union countries require at least 20 non-holiday vacation days every year. Maybe these countries can teach us something. Our mantra has been we live to work. Many Europeans work to live, meaning they work as much as needed to provide the lifestyle they desire.

North Carolínians are not lazy. We’ve always worked hard and taken pride in what we do. But things have changed. Instead of not being willing to work, maybe the message being sent is that folks aren’t willing to work the way things were pre-COVID.

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### LETTERS

#### Those responsible for the killing of the innocent

##### TO THE EDITOR:

One of the differences between thousands of dead Jews in a mass grave and thousands of dead fetuses in a biohazard bag is who’s to blame.

Hitler was to blame for the death of Jews thrown into mass graves. The blame for the dead fetuses being tossed into bio-hazard bags rest on pointed fingers. Some fingers point to men who can’t keep pants zipped up. Others point to women who don’t use the word “no.” My grandmother had a saying, “Every bucket has to set on its own bottom” I understood that to mean each person had to face his/her responsibility in a situation. Until each person, including medical staff, feels remorse for their part in the death of aborted babies, the biohazard bags will continue to fill with fetuses.

Another difference is the U.S. took action to help stop Hitler from filling mass graves with dead Jews, but are not taking action to stop the killing of innocent babies.

For as long as I can remember there has been, and still are, people in other countries always planning ways to kill Americans. One can only imagine their glee knowing some Americans have joined their cause.

**Carol Gene Good**  
Conover

#### Complicating voting precincts

##### TO THE EDITOR:

I recently attended a Zoom meeting of the Chatham County Board of Elections. The meeting was on the redrawing and combining of existing voting precincts.

I cannot speak for all precincts, but there appeared to be little notification to the voters of Oakland Precinct. Oakland was split with part of the voters sent to vote in Moncure and the others to Goldston Precinct.

The heaviest areas of population in Oakland are five miles or less from the former voting site, the tax-payer-funded Asbury Fire Station. It is 13-plus miles for some voters to Goldston and eight-plus miles for some to vote in Moncure. This decision appeared to be made based on what was easiest for BOE employees with little if any regard to voter accessibility.

The last I checked, BOE employees are paid with voter, tax-payer dollars. They work for the citizens of Chatham County and that includes Oakland Precinct.

I submit that a major decision such as this one should be made in the best interest of voters, not what is easiest for BOE employees.

**Johnny Shaw**  
Moncure



# PRECINCTS

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within the precinct. So that’s what we are doing right now and that has nothing to really do with the census.”

Those changes include:

## Splitting the Oakland Precinct

The board unanimously voted to split the Oakland precinct — which currently has 1,002 registered voters — along U.S. Hwy. 15-501, with the eastern half of Oakland going to Three Rivers precinct — which has 1,196 voters. The eastern half of the Oakland precinct will become the Moncure precinct, with the polling place at Moncure Elementary School. The western half of the Oakland precinct will go to the Goldston precinct to vote at the Goldston Town Hall, according to the board’s drafted minutes for its May 18 meeting.

Before this change, residents in the Oakland Precinct voted at the Pittsboro #3 Fire Station on Walter Bright Road. The board worked to secure other polling locations besides fire stations, reasoning that parking is unsatisfactory and poll workers can’t set up the night before because of fire trucks being unable to be moved out of the voting area in advance.

“We were looking at our polling places that we use for voting, and we use some fire stations, and they were not feasible for us to continue to use,” Paschal said, “so we’re moving some of the polling places into other buildings.”

## Merging Bennett with Harpers Crossroads

The board also voted to merge the Bennett precinct,



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**Pictured here on the first day of early voting in 2020, Chatham residents line up with six feet of distance between them to cast their ballots.**

which has 779 registered voters, with Harpers Crossroads, which has 759. That newly merged precinct will be the “Crossroads precinct,” and the polling place is set to be at the Harpers Crossroads Community Center in Bear Creek. Bennett residents have been voting at the Bennett Fire Station, according to the meeting minutes. The board agreed merging the two locations would lead to increased “safety, security and efficiency in the elections process.”

Though the board discussed splitting Manns Chapel Precinct, which has 8,754 registered voters, and merging Hadley Precinct with Albright Precinct, it ultimately decided to wait for the June meeting to discuss further and make any changes.

Members discussed splitting Manns Chapel precinct at Andrew Store Road, with the Manns Chapel side using Perry Harrison Elementary School as its polling place and the

proposed Briar Chapel precinct using Chatham Grover Elementary School.

However, the board’s discussion on the Hadley and Albright precincts complicated this move. Together, the two precincts have 3,351 registered voters, but the precincts cover a very large geographical area. Because of concerns about increased driving time to reach polling sites, board chairperson Laura Heise suggested waiting to make a decision until the board had voter population numbers for the northern tiers of precincts.

Phillip Gilfus, chairperson of the Albright Precinct Democrats, told the News + Record in an email that the Albright Democratic Precinct supports merging with the Hadley precinct.

“We think it’ll be more accessible for all voters, with better parking and the covered porch. The space also allows for us to better communicate with voters on Election Days,” he said. “We also realize that

we are a smaller population precinct, and it makes sense to merge into a larger precinct to save the Board money and personnel, with more efficient use of poll workers.”

Gilfus said his only personal hesitation was finding out new census numbers for the precincts; census data is expected to be received by late summer.

The board agreed to table making any changes until it has precinct population numbers at its June 22 meeting.

“They’re still waiting on numbers from the state for us to get numbers to tell them how many people that would put in each one of those precincts,” Paschal said.

The proposed changes must be approved by the executive director of elections for the North Carolina State Board of Elections based on resolutions adopted by the county’s board of elections later this month, Paschal told the News + Record.

## Changing polling locations

Paschal said the board will also adopt a resolution to change some polling places at its June meeting. The following proposed changes were unanimously approved with the board’s stated goal of increasing “safety, security, accessibility, parking and space efficiency” for voters.

- From Bonlee fire Station to the Bonlee Elementary School Gym
- From CCCC Pittsboro Campus to the Chatham County Agricultural Center
- From the Earl B. Fitts Community Center to the National Guard Armory in Siler City
- From Carolina Meadows to North Chatham Elementary School

The board is required to advertise these changes in the newspaper 45 days prior to the primary Election, Paschal said, and 30 days prior to individual voters. She said the board will likely use these changed precincts in the March 2022 primary; if Siler City ends up having its regularly scheduled municipal election (see this edition’s story on redistricting for more information), the precinct change for East Siler City will be in effect for the November 2021 election, dependent on state board approval.

“But I haven’t put this out there yet, because I haven’t notified the voters. We have to have this in place by the primary, so I haven’t notified the voters that that’s going to be their new precinct yet,” she said. “... Right now it’s still new to us, we’re still in that planning process”

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# GRADS

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making friends and adjusting to cultural differences in America.

“It’s so much different from life in Guatemala,” Marroquin Tobar told the News + Record last December. “The school is different. The classes are different. ... Everything’s different, and it’s so hard to adjust when the only thing you have known for years has disappeared.”

As it turns out, Marroquin Tobar’s high school experience would be bookended by challenges and uncertainty — her class is the first to graduate following a senior year that took place entirely during the coronavirus pandemic.

Marroquin Tobar and her classmates learned completely online from March 2020 until last February, when hybrid learning meant students could enter the school building twice a week for in-person learning. She returned to in-person classes four times a week at the end of April, when CCS moved high schoolers to Plan A. After a challenging year of trying to learn remotely, missing interaction with friends and struggling with isolation, Marroquin Tobar was one of many CCS students grateful for the opportunity to be back in person.

“It wasn’t a bad experience, because I learned to be more responsible,” she said of remote learning. “This is a different experience than what we’ve been doing in the last couple of years. It was good — it had its silver linings, but it was difficult at the same time.”

Tessa Yell, a graduating senior at Northwood High School, said the best part of her senior year was returning to in-person learning.

“I missed getting to be with my classmates every day and getting to ask my teachers questions in person, it was just boring at home,” Yell said. “So it’s been fun the past few months actually being in school.”

Yell will attend the University of South Carolina next fall, where she’ll be a part of the International Business Education Alliance, a consortium of four international business schools where students learn about business on four different continents.

Like Marroquin Tobar, Yell also found bright sides in the pandemic — less stressful pacing online and time to spend on more things outside of school.

“Being at school takes more time, so I’ve been able to relax,” she said of the majority of her 12th grade year, “but it has been a weird, weird senior year.”

J-M senior Jennah Fadely’s year was also out of the ordinary.

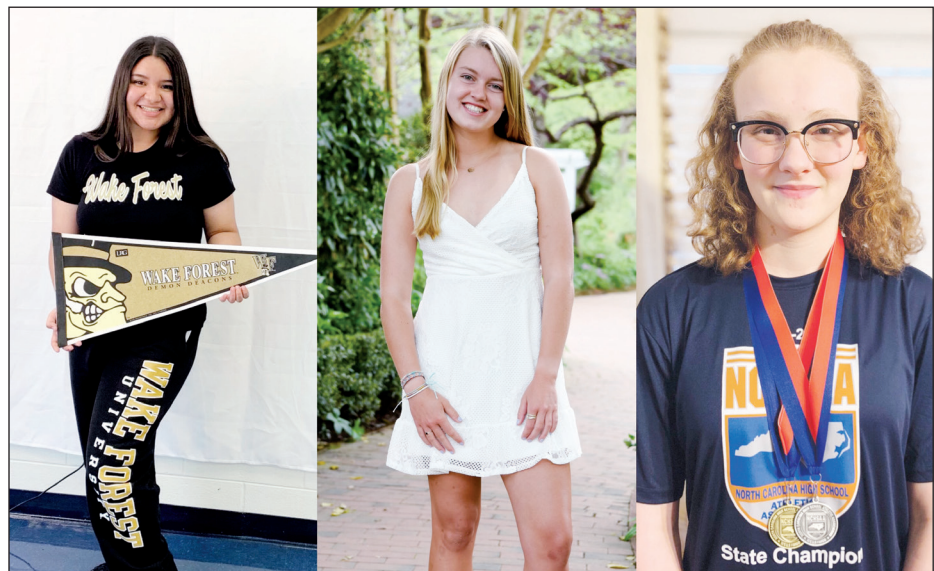
For starters, she became a record-holding state champion for swimming in February, winning the title in the women’s 100 breast-stroke event with a 1A/2A state-record time of 1:02.11 and placing second in the women’s

200 IM. She also served as the editor for the school’s yearbook, an honor she’d long been striving toward.

Still, as was the case for many students, her senior year was difficult, particularly without regular interaction with classmates and friends.

Fadely opted to remain virtual for the remainder of her senior year, as she enjoyed doing her work at her own pace and felt changing routines so close to the end of the year might be a challenge. Still, she missed being face-to-face with friends. Though she saw peers at in-person swimming practices, when those ended, the majority of her in-person interaction with classmates did too.

“This last year and a half just went by really quickly, and I wasn’t really expecting it to happen this way. You know, I always thought, I’ll go back to school, I’ll see my friends again,” said Fadely, who will attend Ohio’s Kenyon



Submitted photos

**From left to right: Jacquelinne Marroquin Tobar, Tessa Yell and Jennah Fadely. All three students will graduate this weekend from Chatham schools.**

College in the fall. “But the last time I’m going to see them is graduation, which is kind of scary now that it’s here. Because when I was a freshman, I was like, graduation is so far away, I have so much time and it’s here now.”

Marroquin Tobar agreed, saying she hopes

next year’s seniors will have a more normal final year of high school, as school leaders expect to fully reopen in the fall due to vaccine availability and lower COVID-19 case counts.

“I know that next year is going to be different, it’s not gonna be like this year, they’re trying to

go back to normal,” she said.

Then, directly addressing rising seniors, she said: “Don’t take it for granted.”

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# SYCAMORE

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ular 10,000-square-foot restaurant and concert venue caved under pandemic pressures. “We were heartbroken when we had to close the Roadhouse,” Maria said, “but the support we’ve had from the community has been phenomenal and we’re so excited to get back to serving food.”

Many have clamored for the couple to relaunch the Roadhouse’s model, but The Sycamore will cater to a different market.

“When we had to leave the Roadhouse, we wanted to bring as much into this new space as possible, especially the music,” Maria said. “It’s not working out that way, though, and I think this is a good time to let people know that the Roadhouse isn’t coming back any time soon.”

Instead, The Sycamore targets patrons seeking upscale dining in a more polished setting. The intimate space at the historic Chatham Mills features expert styling from Ashlie Campbell and Shana O’Leary of Chatham’s An Acquired Style, with whom Maria worked closely to refine the restaurant’s chic ambiance. Warm accents bind the room’s theme — from the grand, copper-clad bar to bronzed chandeliers and the taupe-backed mural of resplendent peacocks.

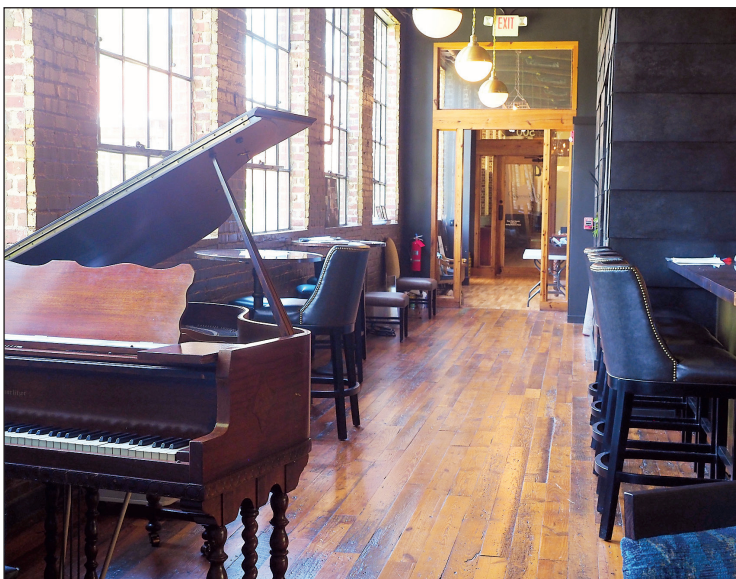
And the food promises to be among the Triangle’s best.

“Our food is what’s really special,” said Greg, a longtime chef and the menu’s mastermind. “Our steaks especially will be some of the best around.”

All of the restaurant’s beef will come from Creekstone Farms in Arkansas City, Kansas, one of the nation’s most acclaimed meat suppliers.

“It’s in the top 3% of all beef in the U.S.,” Greg said. “We’re going to be the only restaurant in the Triangle that will menu Creekstone. Some have it on the menu as specials, but not regularly.”

The Sycamore has been complete and poised to open for months, but the couple’s second business, 39 West Catering (named after the former Roadhouse’s downtown address), prevented it. A separate building at Chatham Mills has been under renovation to support the catering business, but its kitchen was not granted



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**The Sycamore will be open from Thursday through Saturday with live music each evening.**

## A sneak peak at The Sycamore’s menu

With less than a month to go before opening night, Greg Lewis — master chef behind The Sycamore’s premier menu — is still tweaking his opening night options. But he gave the News + Record a sneak peak of what patrons might expect to see on June 24.

### LARGE PLATES

- New York strip steak with fingerlings, salsa verde, shishito peppers and bernaise
- Grilled cauliflower with pistachio muhammarah, carrot rice, golden raisin and cilantro lime yogurt
- A half chicken with eggplant caponata, ricotta and garlic chili oil

### SMALL PLATES

- Seafood crudo with aguachile, pickled shallot, serrano, cucumber and avocado
- Burrat with grilled bread, romesco and country ham
- Blistered shishito peppers with garlic tahini, labneh and espelet

### CUTS

- Dry-aged New York 10 oz.
- Ribeye 12 oz.
- Beef tenderloin 8 oz.
- Duck breast

a certificate of occupancy until last month. Until then, the Lewises had been preparing meals from The Sycamore’s kitchen.

“We were doing all our catering out of the restaurant kitchen,” Maria said, “so we weren’t allowed to use it for the restaurant at the same time.”

Now that 39 West can operate from a dedicated facility, The Sycamore is free to open for business. On opening night, the Lewises expect to enter-

tain about 70 guests, although the restaurant can host 150 or more per evening at full bore. Some tables will remain unseated to maintain comfortable spacing, despite lifted restrictions permitting regular capacity.

“We really just want people to be able to sit and enjoy themselves,” Maria said, “and really relax.”

To help with that, The Sycamore will feature live jazz every Thursday and pianists Fri-



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**The Sycamore, Greg and Maria Lewis’ new restaurant at Chatham Mills, will offer a distinctly different service than the former Pittsboro Roadhouse.**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**After almost a year since closing the Pittsboro Roadhouse, Greg and Maria Lewis are set to unveil a new restaurant this month.**

day and Saturday — the only three days a week at which the restaurant will operate. Eventually, the Lewises hope to add Tuesday and Wednesday evening services as normalcy resumes.

As of Tuesday, the restaurant was not yet accepting reservations.

“All this building and all

has been really out of our comfort zone,” Greg said. “But now we’re finally coming into our comfort zone. Running a restaurant — that’s something we really know how to do.”

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# NOISE

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violators, Wagner says.

“Our goal here is not to go out and write a bunch of tickets because I expect that many of these people may not know that it’s in violation of the law,” he said. “And so this is an educational campaign. We’re going to start doing some interventions of traffic stops to let owner operators

know that their exhaust system and loud noises violates state law. We’re going to give them a brochure that outlines the statute, educates them on what they can do to prevent it, and we’re going to create a log.”

State law affords drivers 30 days to bring their vehicles into compliance after police advise them of the violation. Siler City police will tack on an additional 15 days of lenience before enforcement begins, Wag-

ner says.

“And so basically, on that 46th day,” he said, “if we stop the same car again with the same violation, then at that time we’ll issue them a summons.”

It’s unclear what residents can expect if they must attend court. Fines are not explicitly outlined, according to Wagner.

“The judge can sometimes waive the fine, or if they’re in compliance by then, they might dismiss it all together,” he said.

But he expects few will have to visit court unless they ignore police admonition. His department will try to ensure everyone willing to bring their cars into compliance with state law can reasonably do so within the allotted time period.

“We’re going to educate them on some local repair shops in town that could possibly do the work for them,” he said. “We’re really trying to make it easy.”

The education before

enforcement mantra is part of a larger effort in Siler City and across Chatham County by police officers to establish improved community relations and trust. Wagner is working, he says, to overcome a history of skepticism among Siler City residents.

“It’s all about establishing legitimacy in the community,” he said. “And when you’re able to listen to complaints and treat people fairly, regardless

of enforcement action, or what you can or cannot do, you will still at least establish some type of trust because they were treated fair and they were educated. And that’s despite whatever the situation may be — they may not agree with it — but at least they were treated correctly.”

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# OBITUARIES

## JOHN BRUCE ‘J.B.’ BAIRD



John Bruce “J.B.” Baird, 81, of Siler City went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, surrounded by his family.

A native of Harnett County, coming to Siler City in 1957, J.B. was the son of Benjamin Dewey and Lossie Williams Baird. J.B. was a member of Moon’s Chapel Baptist Church where he was a member of the Senior Adult Sunday School Class and previously served as a Deacon. He was the owner/operator

of Baird Sales for 41 years. J.B. loved listening to bluegrass music and Elvis Presley, and anything to do with antique or vintage cars. He enjoyed the cruise-ins when he was not working or spending time outside camping.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Joyce Culberson Baird; and brother, Henry Baird.

He is survived by his sons, Dr. Bruce Baird and wife Sharon of Kinston, and Ben Baird and wife Sandy of Bear Creek; brothers, Jesse Baird of Siler City, and Danny Baird of Stedman; grandchildren, Joshua and wife Ruthanne, Luke and wife Anna, Ethan, Caleb, Jacob, Phillip, and Hannah Baird; and great-granddaughters, Emma and Kinsley Baird.

Mr. Baird laid in repose on Thursday, June 3, 2021, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, N.C. The funeral service was held Friday, June 4, 2021, at Moon’s Chapel Baptist Church, with Dr. Patrick Fuller officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends after the service in the church Fellowship Hall, and other times at the home of Ben and Sandy Baird in Bear Creek.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Moon’s Chapel Baptist Church, 175 Moon’s Chapel Road, Siler City, N.C. 27344.

Smith & Buckner is assisting the Baird family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

## HAROLD STINSON MARSH



On June 2nd, 2021, Harold Stinson Marsh, 85, joined our Lord in His heavenly home. What a celebration it must have been!

Harold was born June 6, 1935, in Siler City to Roland Hayes Marsh and Janie Estelle Stinson Marsh. He was the second of eight children. After high school, he served his country in the Navy and then attended N.C. State University. Though he and his father founded Marsh Auto Parts, Harold’s chosen career was an

electrical engineer at IBM in RTP.

The absolute most important thing in his life was his relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing the good news of salvation with anyone and everyone.

His next priority was his family. Married 56 years to Judy Pritchard Marsh, they have three children together: Emily Marsh Henderson (and Tim), Laura Marsh Clapp (and Al) all of Siler City, and Paul Harold Marsh (and Cari) of Kernersville. Harold also leaves a step-daughter, Cathy Smith Judge (and Fred) of Siler City. He will also be sorely missed by his grandchildren Jonathan Marsh (and Angel), Sharyn Guthrie (and Josh), Jennifer Henderson, Aiden Henderson, Ivey C. Morgan (and Tanner), Carson Clapp, Caroline Clapp, Julianne Marsh, Eliza Marsh, Nolan Marsh, Chris Bowling (and Diana) and Dianna Mangum (and David) as well as 12 great-grandchildren and a multitude of nephews and nieces.

Harold’s surviving siblings are Dalton (and Marie) Marsh, Charles Marsh, Edd (and Gaylene) Marsh, Anna (and Tommy) Emerson, Ruth (and Tony) DiCroke and Becky Pollok. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Don Ludington.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Ludington, sister-in-law, Linda Marsh and brother-in-law, Dave Pollok.

Visitation was held Saturday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. The funeral was held on Sunday, June 6, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Loves Creek Baptist Church in Siler City.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a contribution in Harold’s memory to either Loves Creek Baptist Church at 1745 E. Eleventh St., Siler City, N.C. 27344 or UNC Hospice Home at 100 Roundtree Way, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

Smith & Buckner is assisting the Marsh family.

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## MARIAN R. SNIPES



On June 1, 2021, Marian R. Snipes departed this life and entered into eternal rest with our heavenly father. She was a member of First African Baptist Church in Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania.

Regina was born on October 3, 1956, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the late Herbert Lynn Snipes, and late Olivia Johnson Snipes. Her sister, Elizabeth Snipes Burnette, preceded her in death.

Regina’s sons, Timothy Snipes Scott, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, Tyler Dione Snipes, Ardmore, Pennsylvania, and Shiamier Erick Snipes; and one grandson, Dione Jonathan Snipes survive her.

Surviving siblings include, Herbert (Winnie) Snipes of Whitehall, Pennsylvania, Stephen Snipes of Elizabeth City, N.C., Felicia (Will) Dixon of Chapel Hill, N.C., Herbert Staten of Waldorf, Maryland, Gregory Staten of Hampton, Virginia, Christopher (Betty) Snipes of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Teresa Staten of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; one brother-in-law, Jimmy Burnette of Raleigh, N.C. She also leaves a host of extended family, nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones who will truly miss her.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held the first week-end of October (her 65th birth date) in North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the National Lymphedema Foundation.

## EDWARD DONALD WARD



Edward Donald Ward, 76, of Newport, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at Crystal Coast Hospice House surrounded by family.

His memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Friday, June 4, 2021, at Munden Funeral Home, officiated by Brother Bob Lowrey. Friends are welcome to attend the service. For those unable to attend, the family invites you to view the webcasting of

the service through his obituary page on Munden Funeral Home’s website. The family will receive friends from 10 - 11 a.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021, at Munden Funeral Home.

He was born on March 4, 1945, to the late Edward Theodore and Evelyn Seagroves Ward in Durham, N.C. He graduated from Broughton High School in Raleigh, class of 1963. Rosemond Baldree of Morehead City, became his wife on November 11, 1983.

Eddie, as he was known to many, loved to fish, watch NASCAR racing, and help his brother, Dale, with pig cooking and fishing tournaments. One of his favorite things to do was to attend bluegrass festivals. He loved his friends and family deeply and cherished every moment he spent with them.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Rosemond Ward; two sons, Edward Donald Ward Jr. of Pittsboro, and Graham Marshall Ward and wife Sarah of Hampstead; one grandson, Graham David Ward; two sisters-in-law, Brenda Gillikin and husband Dan of Morehead City, and Ruth Puckett and husband Steve of Beaufort; two nephews, Tyler Harris of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Reid Puckett of Charlotte; and a niece, Anderson Puckett of Beaufort. Eddie is also survived by many cousins, especially Mary Lee Cooper and husband, Russell Cooper, and also his best friend, George Lott.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant sister and his brother, James Dale Ward. He was also preceded in death by his loyal dog, Peanut.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Carteret Health Care and the staff of Crystal Coast Hospice House for taking such loving, compassionate care of Edward in his final days.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Crystal Coast Hospice House, P.O. Box 640, Newport, N.C. 28570 or Take A Kid Fishing Foundation, Attention: Teresa Holcombe, P.O. Box 1191, Morehead City, N.C. 28557.

Family and friends are welcome to submit online condolences at [www.mundenfuneralhome.net](http://www.mundenfuneralhome.net).

Arrangements by Munden Funeral Home & Crematory in Morehead City, N.C.

## CHARLENE ANN BERNARD WATSON

Charlene Ann Bernard Watson, 78, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at her home.

The family received friends on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow in the chapel with Deacon Bob Bridwell officiating. Burial will follow at a later date at St. Francis of Assisi Church Cemetery in Wakefield, R.I.

She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 19, 1942, to the late Charles Edward and Claire Cartier Bernard. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Kenneth R. Watson; sisters, Dorothy Brown, Margorie Walsh, Janet O’Connell; and one granddaughter. Charlene worked for many years at Walmart.

She is survived by her daughter, Deanne Robertson of Sanford; son, Dale Watson of Springfield, Massachusetts; sister, Elaine La’Pierre of Gardner, Massachusetts; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to The Dream Factory, 410 W. Chestnut Street, Suite 530, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

Condolences may be made at [www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com).

## JASON HARRINGTON JR.

Jason Harrington Jr., 18, of Sanford, passed away on Friday, June 4, 2021.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## TIMOTHY ALEXANDER CURRIE

Timothy Alexander Currie, 34, of Greenboro, passed away on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at Moses Cone Hospital

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at Unity Powerhouse Church, with Pastor Cedric Lee officiating. Visitors were received for one hour prior to the service.

Tim was born to Rev. Samuel Currie and the Late Evangelist Brenda Foxx Currie, January 16, 1987. He was a member of Unity Powerhouse Holiness Church, and was a graduate of Central Carolina Community College. Tim was preceded in death by his mother, Evangelist Brenda Currie and his grandparents, Robert and Mary (Lucy) Foxx and Walter and Lucille Currie.

He leaves his father and stepmother, Rev. Samuel and Shannon Currie of Siler City; two sisters, Beverly Foxx-Williams and Rhonda Currie of Greensboro; two brothers, Stacy Currie of Siler City, and Lamont Wiley of Las Vegas, N.V.

## BRANDON LAVON NORRIS I

Brandon Lavon Norris I, 43, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at his residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## ETHEL GERALDINE (MAULDIN) PEAKES

Ethel Geraldine Peakes, 79, passed away on Thursday, June 3, 2021,at Liberty Commons in Sanford.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## SHERRY HOWARD HARRINGTON

Sherry Howard Harrington, age 66 of Broadway, died Saturday, June 5, 2021, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

She was born in Duplin County, daughter of the late Charles Edward Howard and Grace Costin Moore. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Sion Wayne Harrington.

Surviving are her daughters, Jennifer Harrington and Christina Harrington-Craig of Broadway; sisters, Charlotte Johnson of Jacksonville, Kimberly Howard Mercer of Warsaw; and brother, Charles Howard Jr. of Clinton.

Online condolences can be made at: [www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com](http://www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com).

Arrangements are by the Smith Funeral Home of Broadway.

## BRYON KEITH CHILDS

Bryon Keith Childs, 61, of Broadway, died Monday, May 31, 2021, at his home.

Graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 6, 2021, at Buffalo Cemetery with Rev. Rodrick Hooker officiating.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Houston Childs, sister, Pamela Childs, brother, Mark Childs and his daughter, Krystal Childs.

Surviving is his mother, Patricia Mills Childs of Broadway, and brother, Gregory E. Childs of Augusta, Georgia.

Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com](http://www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com).

Arrangements are by the Smith Funeral Home of Broadway.

## JOAN THOMAS (LASSITER) BROOKS

Ms. Joan Thomas Brooks, 75, of Siler City, passed away on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at Chatham Hospital.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 7, 2021, at New England AME Zion Church with burial following at Lee Memory Garden.

## RUDOLPH STONE

Mr. Rudolph Stone, 84, passed away on Monday, May 31, 2021, at home.

Funeral service was held at 12 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2021, at the Pittsboro Fairgrounds with burial in the Pittsboro Community Cemetery.

## CLEM J. WILEY

Clem J. Wiley, 76, of Siler City, passed away at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro.

Services entrusted to Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

## HANS JOSCHIN PESCHEL

Hans Joschim Peschel, 65, of Siler City, passed away in Siler City.

Services will be handled by Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

## GLENN DAVID MCLEAN

Mr. Glenn David McLean, 74, of Laurinburg passed away on Friday, June 4, 2021, at his residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## MRS. ELAINE KNIGHT

Mrs. Elaine G. Alston Knight, 81, of Siler City, passed away Sunday, June 6, 2021, at Universal Healthcare of Ramseur.

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## TRADING PLACES

# Pittsboro Boys & Girls Club to change planned location

**BY D. LARS DOLDER**  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Almost eight months after announcing plans to host area youth at Pittsboro's Kiwanis building on Credle Street, representatives of the town's budding Boys & Girls Club say the organization is changing tack and will likely begin operations at a different location.

The new Boys & Girls Club has been in development since before the pandemic began. Early on, the group's advisory committee established a local partnership with Pittsboro's Kiwanis Club and planned to use the latter's downtown location, as previously reported by the News + Record. Plans were underway to renovate the building, with Hobbs Architects donating much of the design services, and some local construction companies volunteering labor. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in April.

But those plans are likely to change now that a building at George Moses Horton Middle School has become available.

"Last fall, we looked at and reviewed a lot of locations, and Horton Middle School — as it was called at the time — was one of those," said Pittsboro Commissioner Kyle Shipp, who has spearheaded the local effort to open a Boys & Girls Club. "They didn't really have a good location for us, but they said there was another building over there that

might be available later, like thinking about a couple years from now."

The building, George Moses Horton Middle School's Professional Learning Center, has been vacant for much of the last year. Before then it was used as a training facility for school staff, but those functions are moving to a new administration building currently under development on Enterprise Drive, according to Shipp.

"Dr. Amanda Hartness, (assistant superintendant for academic services and instructional support) from Chatham County Schools is on our board," he said. "So they started construction on the new admin building and she said, 'You know, we primarily use the Professional Learning Center during the school day. We could probably share that building for a year or so until the new building is built, and then hopefully it would be the permanent home of the Boys and Girls Club.'"

Operating from the GMH campus would save the club vital time and resources. Ongoing renovations at Kiwanis threatened to force back the Boys & Girls Club's tentative opening.

"We've been going through, obviously, all the renovations with Kiwanis," Shipp said, "and with construction pricing and timelines and stuff like that it was really starting to have a pretty big impact on when we would be able to open the club."

The new location offers other advantages as well, including enhanced

accessibility for GMH students whom surveys show are the most likely to join the Boys & Girls Club, Shipp said.

"It's the perfect setup," said Daniel Simmons, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, a three-county organization based in Sanford, which will oversee Pittsboro's location in addition to its Siler City branch and others in Harnett and Lee counties.

"I mean honestly, I just can't imagine a more perfect setup to start a club," he said. "And the thing I keep thinking about as it relates to this project is just the partnership we have with the school systems. Boys & Girls Clubs thrive and are at their best when they have strong partnerships with local schools, and it's hard to imagine a stronger partnership than having a Boys & Girls Club in a separate building on the campus of the school."

The decision to shift gears was strictly based on the GMH building's ideal fit for the Boys & Girls Club's needs, Shipp emphasized. It does not reflect any strain in the organization's relationship with Pittsboro's Kiwanis Club.

"I want to be really clear about that," he said. "Kiwanis is still a partner of the Pittsboro Boys & Girls Club, and Kiwanis and Boys & Girls Club nationally are still partners as well. So nothing changes there ... We're not breaking up with Kiwanis, and we're still looking forward to partnering with them."

On Monday, Shipp and Simmons

presented a memorandum of understanding to the county's board of education to formalize the partnership and officially reserve the Professional Learning Center for Boys & Girls Club use. The board adopted the MOU by unanimous vote.

Having secured a building that requires little modification makes a summer opening date seems more realistic, Shipp said. The last major inhibitor is the Boys & Girls Club's funding goal. Before it can begin operating, the club must raise \$220,000. So far, it has reached about 25% of the goal — roughly \$56,000.

"I think it's a strong start," Simmons said, "and I think a strong enough start to where, hopefully, it's going to inspire other investors in the community to step up and make an investment in the kids of Pittsboro. I think having 25% in hand is a very strong indication to the community that this is something that people want, and that it's something that our kids in Pittsboro need. And so it's going to happen."

To make a donation to the Pittsboro Boys & Girls Club, visit <https://qrco.de/PittsboroBGC> or send your contribution to PO Box 551, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Parents and children interested in joining the club are invited to fill out a survey at <http://qrco.de/PBGCsurvey>.

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# New MOU between CCS and Hispanic Liaison will serve Hispanic students, families

**BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN**  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Education voted Monday to approve a memorandum of understanding between the district and the Hispanic Liaison, with the goal of helping both organizations provide more youth programs for Hispanic students.

The MOU was approved 4-0 at the board's regular meeting. Board member Jane Allen Wilson, who also serves on the Hispanic Liaison's board, abstained.

The new partnership is one of several efforts the district is making to provide more services to Hispanic/Latinx students and families.

"We're excited about this new opportunity for us," said Amanda Hartness, CCS' assistant superintendent of academic services and instructional support. "It's really similar or akin to what we do with Communities In School of Chatham. This agreement is designed to assist the Hispanic Liaison and our district to deliver effective youth programs for Latinx students."

Based in Siler City, the Hispanic Liaison

celebrated 26 years of service to the community last month and opened its first satellite office in Sanford last week. The organization works to provide leadership development, resources and advocacy for Chatham's growing Hispanic population.

One of the nonprofit's programs is Orgullo Latinx Pride (OLP), a free, year-round program for Latinx High School students in Siler City meant to increase school and community engagement and academic success. While the program has been offered at Jordan-Matthews High School for four years, Hartness said the district has not been that involved — until now. With the increased access to CCS buildings and funding, one of the goals of the MOU is to increase the number of services the Hispanic Liaison can provide. The organization will expand OLP to one other high school next fall, to be determined later this summer based on the number of English Language Learner students at Northwood and Seaforth High School.

The annual expense for the youth services and other supports to be offered in schools is \$50,000, according to the district,

to be funded for the first three years through Elementary and Secondary Emergency Education Relief (ESSER) funds.

"We're super excited for this potential partnership, just because we have been on the ground doing this work for four years," said Selina Lopez, Youth Program Director at the Hispanic Liaison, before the board took a vote. "As a first generation Latina immigrant myself, this program is something really dear to my heart because it's something that I wish I had growing up."

There are currently 30 youths in the program, Lopez said, a few of whom were present at Monday's meeting to talk about the program's impact on their lives.

Ashley Elizabeth Perez, assistant representative of OLP, is a rising senior. She first joined OLP her first year after a friend told her about it. In her first year of high school, she and her family moved to Siler City from Orange County. She previously told the News + Record how lonely she felt after leaving behind all of her friends.

"I felt really out of place when I moved here," she told the board on Monday. "Now that I'm in this program, they made me realize that I am

not alone. They deeply care about me and support me and are always there for me. I'm just so thankful for this opportunity and I hope that in the future that the possibility of this partnership will also help others (find) a new home, a family."

"Thank you so much. Y'all have done a whale of a job," board member David Hamm said. "You're the good stuff that's going on in our schools, and we need to hear more of it."

As part of the partnership, the Hispanic Liaison will develop and operate programs for CCS' Hispanic students, collaborate with the district to measure outcomes for developed programs and services, assist in developing college support for Latinx students and assist the district with two strategic planning focus groups.

In addition to funds and building access, CCS will identify a staffer as point-of-contact to the Hispanic Liaison, provide relevant student data (with identifiable information removed) and share district communication for the youth programs.

The agreement covers programs and services provided between Monday night and June 30, 2022, and is renewable annually thereafter.

"You all are an inspiration," board member Melissa Hlavac said to OLP students. "I have to say, I also have a sense of *orgullo* when I see you because I am very similar to you all. I didn't speak English until I was five years old. I'm first-generation American and I was the first female to go to college in my family. And watching you all, I feel like I'm getting emotional like watching what I was able to overcome, but it's clear from where you are

right now that you just get up there past your own dreams, your own expectations. So, well done."

The board approved other memorandums on Monday, listed below.

## Pittsboro Boys & Girls Club

The new club is slated to open in fall of 2021, and was previously set to be housed at Pittsboro's Kiwanis Club on Credle Street. The club will now begin operations at CCS's Horton Professional Learning Center, an area that was unavailable at the time of previous location discussions.

Operating from the Horton campus will save the club time and resources, club officials said, particularly as ongoing renovations at Kiwanis threatened to delay the Boys & Girls Club's tentative opening. The MOU doesn't entail any additional costs for the district. (Read more about this agreement in this week's coverage of the Boys & Girls Club.)

## Siler City Futbol Club

The Siler City Futbol Club was approved to use the soccer field located at Chatham Middle School at the board's April 19 meeting. At the time, administration was directed to create a memorandum of agreement with the group, which was presented and approved Monday. All costs incurred to create the MOA will be passed to the Siler City Futbol Club.

## Communities In Schools Memorandum of Understanding 2021-2022

The district renewed

its partnership with Communities In Schools, which began in the 2014-15 school year, as part of its consent agenda.

The program had four goals last year: to improve/maintain academics, improve/maintain attendance, improve/maintain student behavior, and decrease suspensions. CIS had success with each goal area, the district said. This year CIS will also offer summer programming and services to high school students at Jordan-Matthews High School.

The 2021-2022 MOU with Chatham's CIS calls for \$158,000; last year's MOU cost the district \$103,000. The additional funding will go toward adding support to J-M and providing summer services during the six weeks of programming. The district will use at-risk student funds (PRC 069) and ESSER funds to help pay those costs.

"What an exciting night for community engagement," Wilson said following a presentation to add AVID programming at George Moses Horton Middle School. That request was approved, with planning to start next school year and the AVID program to start in the 2022-2023 school year.

"I'm just grateful that you've all worked so diligently for kids like that, and are willing to put focus here and helping this to happen," she said. "It's been an inspiring night, so thank you for what you're doing."

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GRADUATES HONORED

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**  
Kelsey Roper of Siler City has received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce & Business Administration from the University of Alabama, during the spring commencement ceremonies in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

**DICKINSON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Sarah Scott of Bennett, graduated from Dickinson State University in the

spring commencement ceremonies, 2021, in Dickinson, North Dakota.

**LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE**  
Tyler Romel of Pittsboro graduated from Lebanon Valley College in the spring ceremonies, 2021, in Annville, Pennsylvania. He received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He was also recognized as a LVC Student Athlete.

DEANS LIST

**ANDERSON UNIVERSITY**  
Bryson Saunders of Bennett has been named to the Dean's List at Anderson University in Anderson, S.C., for the spring semester, 2021.

**ANDERSON UNIVERSITY**  
Alyssa Gaines of Siler City has been named to the Dean's List at Anderson

University in Anderson, S.C., for the spring semester, 2021.

**WILLIAM & MARY**  
Giles Corzine from Pittsboro was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, for the spring semester, 2021.

2021 ELECTION SEASON

Senate Bill could alleviate municipal redistricting troubles

BY D. LARS DOLDER  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Municipalities statewide may soon find relief from their redistricting woes through a Senate Bill that would postpone the 2021 election season by several months.

SB722 has already made its way across the Senate floor and into the House of Representatives where it's expected to progress with bipartisan support, according to election experts. "Everything I have heard — and it's always dangerous and difficult to predict what the General Assembly will do — but what we have heard is this bill is likely to pass," said Deborah Stagner, an attorney with Tharrington Smith, the law firm advising Siler City through the redistricting process. "And so there is likely to be some relief for towns and cities like Siler City that use districts," she told the board of commissioners on Monday.

Every 10 years, municipalities, cities and states must assess their respective voting districts and amend them to uphold the "one person, one vote" principle — that every resident is entitled to fair and equal representation by districts of roughly equal population. Districts need not change if the population has been largely inert over the previous decade, but that scenario is unlikely for Chatham municipalities, which have evolved considerably in recent years.

There are 62 municipalities statewide with 2021 elections scheduled that organize by districts or wards. Of those, 35 — including Siler City and Cary (which has more than 3,000 Chatham voters) — elect town representatives from within each district. The other 27 "use districts or wards but don't elect people by them," N.C. State Board of Elections Communication Specialist Noah Grant previously told the News + Record. "They use them for filing purposes."

To inform the redistricting process, towns rely on census data. Following pandemic setbacks, however, the federal government has been delayed in delivering results of last year's census, prohibiting local and municipal governments from redistricting and potentially compromising this year's election season.

If enacted, SB722 will delay elections until March 2022 — five months later than usual — to accommodate tardy census data, which Siler City will likely receive by late summer. Commissioners whose seats would normally be up for election in November will have their terms extended accordingly.

"We are expecting to get the first census data in August and we hope that will stick," Stagner said. "... The final data will come out in September."

Cities and municipalities would have until either Nov. 17 or Dec. 17 to revise their districts if necessary, she added. Elected officials, such as Siler City's board of commissioners, will have until Nov. 12 to decide which deadline they can meet.

"I'm not sure what the reasoning is behind having those two dates," Stagner said, "... It would be a very tight timeline to be finished by Nov. 17, so I think if this bill passes in its current form it would be Dec. 17 as the date we're looking at to finish redistricting."

Before adoption of new districts, state law requires towns host a public hearing to accept resident input on the proposed districts. If SB722 passes in its current iteration, the filing period will begin on Jan. 3 and the election on March 8.

"If it does not become law," Stagner said, "then what we have is the current law, and in that case I think the town is really limited to a couple of options, neither of which is very good."

The first would be to pursue local legislation permitting an election delay. "Although I'm not sure how likely that would be to be satisfactory or effective," Stagner said.

A second option would be to host the election as scheduled, either with current districts or having redistricted based on estimated data. Drawing new district lines without census data, though, would "be a cumbersome process," according to Stagner.

"It's going to take a lot of time and it may not be effective for a smaller municipality," she said. "Whereas if you have an estimate that's a little bit off for a larger town or city it wouldn't necessarily make a big difference, for a smaller population even a small margin of error in an estimate could really throw you off."





The commissioners were chagrined by the available options, none of which they felt ideally addressed the issue.

"There are so many questions you could ask, who knows where to begin," Commissioner Chip Price said. "It's just this big open-ended thing, and I think what probably concerns me the most is, yeah, we can go ahead and do something and then after the fact it may be wrong ..."

Stagner agreed, but emphasized that General Assembly intervention is the fairest adjustment under extenuating circumstances.

"I think our best hope is that the Senate Bill passes," she said, "and that you all will have more time and the ability to draw those maps and approve new maps, get public input, by the middle of December."

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

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>46</b> "Dallas" actress fancying blue birds?	<b>91</b> "Point taken" — Lanka	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>35</b> — -cone	<b>77</b> Format for presenting films in video form
<b>1</b> Jacob bought his birthright	<b>53</b> Lumber tool	<b>92</b> — Sci-fi writer going on cruises?	<b>1</b> Many an alimony recipient	<b>38</b> Europe-Asia border river	<b>79</b> Stamps on passports
<b>5</b> City in Pennsylvania	<b>54</b> Underworld	<b>93</b> Split-off religions	<b>2</b> Sports domes	<b>39</b> "Don't — didn't warn you!"	<b>80</b> Copycat
<b>12</b> Hooting avian	<b>55</b> Disprove	<b>98</b> New Hampshire city	<b>3</b> Haul in	<b>40</b> Runner or writer Packer	<b>81</b> Onion relative
<b>15</b> Factory type	<b>56</b> Otherwise called, in brief	<b>102</b> Quiet spells	<b>4</b> Old Egypt-Syr. alliance	<b>41</b> Conifers with red arils	<b>84</b> NFL goals
<b>19</b> Pibb — (soda brand)	<b>57</b> Some city planners	<b>103</b> Govt. aid for a start-up	<b>5</b> Year, in Paris	<b>43</b> Israelites	<b>85</b> Jack's hill-climbing partner
<b>20</b> Kenya's capital	<b>60</b> Big, ornate cupboard	<b>104</b> Ballet dancer's rail	<b>6</b> Pilsners, e.g.	<b>46</b> Old TV's "— Na Na"	<b>86</b> Counterfeit
<b>21</b> Foot digit	<b>62</b> Send off	<b>106</b> Lamarr of old films	<b>7</b> Arena section	<b>47</b> Basil or sage	<b>88</b> Remedial regimen
<b>22</b> Vicinity	<b>63</b> Historic time	<b>107</b> Coup — (overthrow)	<b>8</b> Mined metals	<b>48</b> Sailor's saint	<b>89</b> Debussy's "Clair de —"
<b>23</b> U.S. president ordering steeds to turn right?	<b>64</b> Tuskegee University founder steeping beverages?	<b>110</b> Rosemary player Farrow	<b>9</b> "Ni-i-ice!"	<b>49</b> Razz	<b>90</b> Before, to Browning
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<b>27</b> Ending for cyan-	<b>72</b> Gal pal, in Paris	<b>112</b> "Gone With the Wind" producer piling up debt?	<b>11</b> Testament prophet	<b>51</b> Pair for the slopes	<b>95</b> Quattro carmaker
<b>28</b> Turns sharply	<b>73</b> Receptacle in a kitchen sink	<b>116</b> Hog's food	<b>12</b> Lazy or useless	<b>52</b> Sacred vow	<b>96</b> Astronomer Tombaugh and aviator Cessna
<b>29</b> Winter footwear item	<b>75</b> Trees with very light wood	<b>117</b> "Is" pluralized	<b>13</b> Refuses to support	<b>57</b> Summits	<b>97</b> Value highly
<b>30</b> Styx and The Stones	<b>78</b> Performed	<b>118</b> One ousted	<b>14</b> Table support	<b>58</b> Assns.	<b>99</b> Funnies
<b>31</b> More suspicious positions	<b>79</b> Car parker	<b>119</b> Have a strong desire	<b>15</b> Old Testament prophet	<b>59</b> Novelist Hawthorne	<b>100</b> Meditative Chinese martial art
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<b>36</b> Taken in food	<b>84</b> "Hidden Figures" actress growing podded vegetables?	<b>122</b> Deep bows of respect	<b>18</b> Dawdles	<b>65</b> "And there you have it!"	<b>106</b> Perch's kin
<b>37</b> Women's suffragist keeping an apiary?	<b>87</b> Placed in a carafe	<b>123</b> They precede omegas	<b>24</b> Show clearly	<b>66</b> Muslim ruler	<b>107</b> Rabbit's kin
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<b>44</b> Speak wildly			<b>30</b> Swung sticks	<b>68</b> It's a thought	<b>109</b> This, in Spain
<b>45</b> "Absolutely not!"			<b>32</b> Generational treasures	<b>69</b> Musical work	<b>112</b> 24-hour span
			<b>33</b> "— talk?" (Joan Rivers catchphrase)	<b>70</b> Post-WWII alliance	<b>113</b> Lab eggs
			<b>34</b> Prefix with discrimination	<b>74</b> Prefix with discrimination	<b>114</b> Actor Wheaton
				<b>75</b> "Ali — and the Forty Thieves"	<b>115</b> Short snooze
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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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# CCS BOE approves two new principals, COVID-19-relief spending plan

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Education approved two new principals at its meeting Monday night during its closed session — Donna Barget at Jordan-Matthews High School and Matthew Wilkins at J.S. Waters School, a K-8 school in Goldston.

Both principals will begin their new positions on July 1.

Barger, an educator for 24 years, was the assistant principal at Jordan-Matthews for five and a half years. She's served as the interim principal since February, after the board announced that then-Principal Tripp Clayton would be the first principal of Seaforth High School.

"Exceptional education requires passionate, dedicated and committed staff who value each individual student and teach the whole person, not just the curriculum," Barger said in a CCS release. "We have that at Jordan-Matthews, and I'm excited to be part of the Jordan-Matthews school community with great expectation for the potential that lays ahead in all areas of the school."

Barger transitioned to interim principal at J-M a little more than two weeks after students returned to in-person hybrid learning on Feb. 1 — the first time many stepped inside the building for a regular school day since March 2020.



Courtesy of Chatham County Schools

**Matt Wilkins, who will start as principal at J.S. Waters School July 1.**

Wilkins, who has been the assistant principal at Chatham Central High School since Feb. 2019, will replace current J.S. Waters Principal Chris Bowling, who is taking a teaching position at Chatham Grove Elementary.

Before moving to Chatham Central in 2019, Wilkins taught health and physical education at Perry W. Harrison Elementary School for several years. He also previously taught middle school science in another school system and grew up in the Goldston area.

In the CCS release, Wilkins said his educational philosophy is that all students can learn and be successful.

"It is an honor to receive the opportunity to be the principal of J.S. Waters School," Wilkins said in the release. "They're getting a leader who is passionate about them, passionate about the school community, and a leader who is ready to serve them to the best of my abilities. Servant leadership — I'm there to serve them. I'm also a transformational leader, meaning let's keep what's

working and figure out what we might do differently."

## Approval of COVID-19-relief funding plan

The board also approved the district's proposed Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) spending plan as presented, granting administration the ability to move forward accordingly.

Chatham County Schools submitted its application for its second and third rounds of COVID-19 relief funds — totaling about \$17.4 million — to the state May 7, the district said during the board's May meeting.

"Previously, we shared with you an overview of our funds, our allocation process that we plan to meet," CCS's Amanda Hartness told the board Monday night. "We're happy to tell you that all of our plans have been approved at the state and federal level."

Over the course of the pandemic, CCS received a total allotment of about \$18.8 million as part of



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**Donna Barger, who will start as principal at Jordan-Matthews High School July 1, after serving in an interim capacity since February.**

North Carolina's Elementary & Secondary School (K-12) Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), to be received and spent over the next few years. The school system received nearly \$1.4 million last year as a part of the CARES Act, and most of that funding went toward buying things to implement its COVID-19 safety protocol.

As part of December's federal relief act (CRR-SA), CCS was allotted \$5.4 million, with \$12 million most recently allotted through the American Rescue Plan Act, passed March 11. Both applications were due May 7 and opened during the first two weeks of April.

Twenty percent of the ARP funding must go toward mitigating learning loss, the district said, or \$2.4 million. The remaining funding — from rounds two and three of funding — can be used to respond to COVID-19, prevent COVID-19 and reduce the spread of the virus. The board is using funding for four major areas: extended learning, human capital, health and safety and professional development and innovation.

Under the extended learning area, money will fund summer learning programming, technology devices for student and staff, connectivity supports, software subscriptions, a virtual academy K-12 standalone program, additional ESL services and more.

The district will use funds to add one certified instructional position for each elementary, middle

and K-8 school, as well as a high school dropout prevention position for each high school. It'll also hire two additional counselors, three social workers, two nurses, three ESL teachers and 23 instruction assistants to support K-3 learning loss and class sizes. Funding will also add a district translator, a digital learning instruction program facilitator, K-12 literacy program facilitator, equity executive director, Virtual Academy positions, behavior positions and contracted mental health services for in-school therapy.

"It's a nice problem to have trying to figure out how to spend money," board Chairperson Gary Leonard said at the May meeting. "I know you'll work with our schools to put it to the best benefit of our students."

## Other meeting business

• Superintendent Randy Bridges recognized CCS's Teacher of the Year and Instructional Assistant of the Year: Natalie Shaner, 2nd/3rd grade teacher at Perry Harrison and Larissa Dowdy, EC instructional assistant at Pittsboro Elementary.

• The board approved the expansion of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) to include George Moses Horton Middle School.

Each of CCS's traditional high schools has an AVID program, as does Chatham Middle School and Virginia Cross Elementary School.

The district said schools with AVID programs have shown improvement in student discipline and academic progress.

The school will officially begin planning for the program next fall, with the goal of offering it by the 2022-23 school year. The first year would cost the district \$4,099, the second year \$4,000, along with an annual \$580 cost for the AVID Weekly subscription and a one-time library fee of \$5,000. The district's AVID funds, which come from its at-risk funds, will support the expansion.

• Several memorandums were approved, with the Hispanic Liaison, Pittsboro Boys and Girls Club and Siler City Futbol Club. You can read more about those in this week's edition about the Hispanic Liaison and Boys and Girls Club MOU's.

• The board approved the district's mental health improvement plan as presented. The plan follows the General Assembly's passages last year of Session Law 2020-7, which requires local education agencies to adopt and implement a school-based mental health plan that includes a mental health training program and a suicide risk referral protocol.

The district said Chatham's improvement plan will focus on staff development, social-emotional learning and mental health supports for students, a partnership with a local mental health agency and a suicide risk protocol. Prior to the law's ratification, the district had pushed for increased mental health services, as previously reported by the News + Record.

"Congratulations for already having so many things in place when the state mandate came down," Board member Jane Allen Wilson said.

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## Discuss Financial Goals with Your Family

June is Effective Communications Month. And it's a good idea to recognize the importance of good communications, because it plays a role in almost every aspect of living — including your finances. You'll want to clearly communicate your financial goals to your loved ones — and you'll want to hear theirs, too.

Let's look at some of the communications you might have with family members:

• **Your spouse** — You and your spouse may have different thoughts about a range of financial topics — how much to save, how much to spend, the level of debt with which you're comfortable and so on. Try to reach some type of consensus on these issues. However, in regard to investing, you don't necessarily have to act in unison all the time. You each may have different investment styles—one of you may be more aggressive, willing to take on more risk in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other would rather invest with an eye toward mitigating risk, even it means accepting a lower return. Of course, there's nothing stopping each of you from pursuing your individual investment strategies in your own accounts — IRA, 401(k) and so on. Still, if you are going to work toward common goals—especially toward a shared vision of your retirement lifestyle — you each may want to compromise in your investment choices. And this accommodation is even more necessary in your joint accounts.

• **Your parents** — If you may someday be involved with your parents' financial plans — which is highly likely — you should know in advance what to expect. This may not be the easiest conversation to have, but it's an important one. So, for example, ask your parents if they have a durable power of attorney, which allows

them to designate someone to manage their financial affairs if they become physically or mentally incapacitated. You might also inquire if they have protected themselves against the potentially enormous costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. If not, you might suggest that they contact a financial advisor, who can offer solutions. Once you begin communicating about these issues, you may well want to go further into your parents' estate plans to determine what other arrangements, if any, they have made. If it seems that their plans are not fully developed, you may want to encourage them to contact an attorney specializing in estate planning.

• **Your grown children** — Just as you talk to your parents about their estate plans, you'll want to discuss the same topic with your own grown children. Let them know who you have named as a durable power of attorney, what's in your last will and testament and whether you've established a living trust. If you're already working with a financial advisor and an estate planning professional, make sure your children know how to contact these individuals. Of course, you don't have to confine your communications to estate plans — if you want to help your children financially, such as loaning them money for a down payment on a home, let them know.

By talking with your loved ones about key financial matters, everyone benefits. So, keep those lines of communication open.

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## JOHNSONS CELEBRATE 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Marion and Marie Johnson celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at their home on Wednesday, May 5.

The couple were married in Chesterfield, S.C., on May 5, 1951. They have two daughters, Marcelle Prater and Marsha Lewis.

The Johnsons are members of Rocky River Baptist Church where they sing in the choir and both have served as Deacons.



## Chatham County Public Libraries to host award-winning author Don Tate

From Chatham County Government

PITTSBORO — The community is invited to join Chatham County Public Libraries for a special, virtual Chatham 250 event to celebrate George Moses Horton Day.

On June 28, Don Tate, acclaimed author and illustrator of "Poet: The Remarkable Life of George Moses Horton," will discuss the life of Chatham County's Historic Poet Laureate and his picture book biography of Horton. The free event is a Creative Arts activity with the Chatham 250 Passport Experience and begins at 2 p.m.

Tate is an award-winning illustrator of numerous critically acclaimed books for children, including "No Small Potatoes: Junius G. Groves and His Kingdom in Kansas," "Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of

Inventions," "Hope's Gift," "Swish! The Slam-Dunking, Alley-Ooping, High-Flying Harlem Globetrotters," and many others.

Tate is a founding host of The Brown Bookshelf, a blog dedicated to books for African American young readers, and he is a member of the #WeNeedDiverseBooks campaign, created to address the lack of diverse, non-majority narratives in children's literature. Tate lives in Austin, Texas, with his family.

Interested participants must register for this event at <https://tinyurl.com/CCPLDonTate>. Youth Services staff will send an email reminder prior to the event.

Residents may visit the libraries' website, [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org), or contact Youth Services at 919-545-8085 or [youth.services@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:youth.services@chathamlibraries.org) for more information.





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## Crucial Knights-Cardinals conference game suspended by storms headed into extras

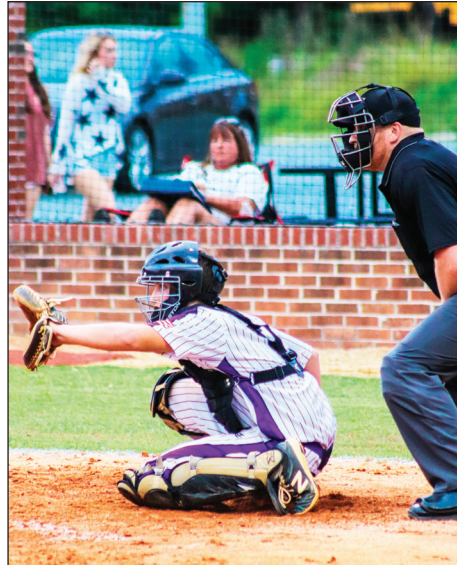
BY BRENNAN DOHERTY  
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*Editor's note: The resumption of the Cornerstone-Chatham Charter baseball game took place after the News + Record's publication deadline. For an updated version of the story — and the game's final result — visit our website at [www.chathamnewsrecord.com](http://www.chathamnewsrecord.com).*

SILER CITY — That pesky Mother Nature.  
Last Friday, she prevented Chatham Charter from hosting conference foe Cornerstone Charter Academy. She intervened again Monday evening — just as the two teams were set to begin extra innings in a crucial late-season game with potential postseason implications.  
As things stand, the Knights and Cardinals will return to the field on Tuesday at 5 p.m., resuming a contest that stands at 1-1 at the start of the eighth inning. The bottom of the seventh had just wrapped up on Monday evening — with teams preparing for extras — when the sky opened up, caus-

ing heavy rain and lightning that forced the game's suspension.  
With the start of the NCHSAA postseason just over a week away (June 15) there's much to be sorted out in the Central Tar Heel 1A conference, which is currently led by Cornerstone (7-0 in the conference). However, second-place Chatham Charter could force a tie for first place in the league if it manages to collect a win over Cornerstone on Tuesday.  
In such a scenario, both the Cardinals and Knights would hold the same conference record (7-1), the same head-to-head record (1-1) and the same record against the rest of the league (6-0). Per NCHSAA rules, each team would be named a co-champion of the conference — as long as the Knights defeat River Mill Academy on Wednesday, a team they beat 15-0 in their first matchup.  
In that scenario, a one-game playoff would take place on Thursday at Southern Guilford to determine which squad receives the conference's lone automatic bid to the 1A playoffs, a pandemic-related change to this year's postseason.

The second-place finisher, however, will have a strong chance to earn one of the West's four wild-card bids.  
Needless to say, there's a lot riding on how the extra innings shake out on Tuesday. Monday's action reflected both the quality of the two teams and the importance of the game.  
Chatham Charter and Cornerstone each sent aces to the mound in senior Trevor Golden and sophomore Tucker Smith, respectively, and neither disappointed.  
Between the two pitchers — both of whom threw the full seven innings — Monday's game featured 19 strikeouts and only seven hits, quite different from the 11-6 affair the teams starred in on May 18. There wasn't a single walk.  
While Cornerstone's Smith was impressive, Chatham Charter managed to grab an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first because of a self-inflicted woe on part of the sophomore pitcher.  
Following a single, a sacrifice bunt and a stolen base, Chatham Charter



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Chatham Charter senior catcher Jacob Brannon readies for a pitch on his senior night on Monday against Cornerstone Charter Academy in Siler City. Brannon led his team with two hits, including a double.**

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CHATHAM CENTRAL 6, CHATHAM CHARTER 3

## 'I want a rematch': Bears sweep doubles matches to take down Knights in regular-season finale

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
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SILER CITY — The inter-county rivalry between the Bears and Knights is fueled by a fun, competitive spirit, regardless of the sport.  
Last Friday's women's tennis match between Chatham Central and Chatham Charter was no different. It had it all: furious comebacks, close matches, lengthy rallies, dominant sweeps and overall impressive tennis.  
The Bears earned the win in the regular-season finale, 6-3, to improve to 5-3 as a team this season, but not without having to fend off the young, hungry Knights (5-5) to get there.  
While it may have been a glorified practice for both teams — who will both have players heading to regionals on June 18 — the level of competition shown throughout the day had some coaches wanting more.  
"Oh yeah, I want a rematch," Kelly Eldridge, Chatham Charter's head tennis coach, said. "Just because it was so close and I think in another match, it could go another way. It was just a great match to watch."  
Eldridge is primarily referring to the final match of the day between each team's top doubles duo, consisting of Knights freshman Elphie Spillman and junior Emery Eldridge — Kelly's daughter — against Bears senior tandem Sophie Phillips and Mary Grace Murchison.  
Entering the match, Phillips and Murchison were protecting a perfect doubles record this season (4-0) and standing on a 28-9 overall record in three seasons. Over the last few years, they've learned how to work with each other's skillsets, build up a ton of on-court chemistry and figure out the best ways to communicate during points, contributing well to their success.  
And, most importantly, they're having a great time doing it.  
"They have a lot of fun, which can actually



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Chatham Charter junior Emery Eldridge (in white) slices a ball into Chatham Central territory in her doubles match alongside freshman Elphie Spillman, which they lost, 9-7, last Friday. Eldridge and Spillman have already qualified for regionals as singles players after their impressive performances in the Central Tar Heel conference tournament on June 1.**

frustrate me when I'm watching them because they're laughing and having such a good time," Wendy Phillips, the Bears' assistant tennis coach and Sophie's mother, said. "But I think it actually makes them play better."  
"And I think it frustrates the opponents when we're just joking around," added Sophie.  
Take the veteran bond between Phillips and Murchison and compare that to the duo of Spillman and Eldridge, who have played just eight matches together (3-6) yet have had a fair amount of success in developing similar chemistry.  
"She's really good at net and I'm not as confident there," Spillman said, referring to Eldridge, "so I love playing with someone who likes being at net."  
Eldridge's play at the net — a dominating presence up front — and Spillman's ability

to lock down the backside is a prime reason why the Knights duo jumped ahead early in their match against the Bears.  
Spillman/Eldridge took three of the first five games of the match, leading 3-2 in their eight-game pro set — meaning the first team to win eight games (by two) takes the match — but it wouldn't be long before Phillips/Murchison caught up, settling in and storming back to take an eventual 7-5 lead. All they needed was one more game, but it wouldn't come easy.  
"We've come back several times before and I remember one specific match, in doubles, it was like 2-7 and we won the next however many games in a row and came back," Spillman said. "So we're good at not letting

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## Coach K's retiring. I'm not sad.

I'll go ahead and say it: I've never liked Coach K.  
There hasn't been a single moment in my 23 years of life that I've felt differently.  
As a kid, I was fortunate to grow up in a household full of Tar Heels.

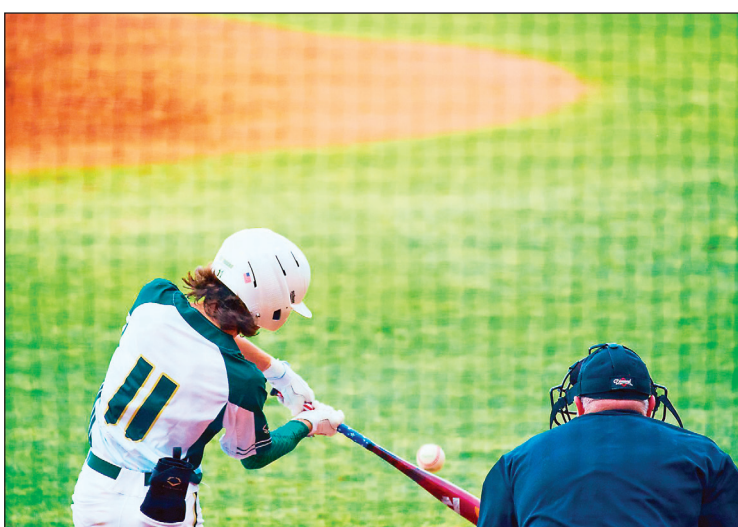
Our Christmas tree was covered in Carolina blue ornaments. Woody Durham's voice on the radio was a constant presence. Our belongings — everything from coasters to t-shirts to pillowcases — were plastered with the iconic UNC logo.  
My hero was Roy Williams. My idol was Dean Smith.  
And, naturally, my enemy was Coach K.  
As much as I disliked some of the players on his teams over the years — I'm looking at you, Mason Plumlee — my disdain for Coach K was the one thing I could always count on. He wasn't going anywhere, no matter how many of his minions moved on.  
I lived through the years of J.J. Redick being the most hated player on planet earth, Gerald Henderson intentionally breaking Tyler Hansbrough's nose and Grayson Allen tripping players left and

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ORANGE 9, NORTHWOOD 4

## Chargers' offense runs dry in three-hit loss to Hench, Panthers

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
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Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Northwood catcher Luke Smith makes contact on a pitch in his team's 9-4 loss to Orange on Tuesday, June 1. Smith finished the day 1-for-2 and was the only Charger to get a hit off of Panthers pitcher Ryan Hench.**

PITTSBORO — Sometimes body language says it best.  
When asked what went wrong offensively for his team against Orange's dominant pitching in Tuesday's 9-4 loss, Northwood head baseball coach David Miller raised his shoulders slightly as if to say "What can you do?" before following it up with a response.  
"(It was) Hench," Miller said, referring to Orange's sophomore starting pitcher Ryan Hench. "He's really good. I think that was only the second run he's given up all year, so put a notch in our belt, right?"  
In fact, Hench's lone run — scored off an error in the infield — was the first scored

all year when he's been on the mound. And since it was an unearned run, Hench maintained his perfect 0.00 ERA.  
You can't do much better than that.  
The first inning for Northwood was promising, even with Hench on the mound.  
The Chargers were able to reach base on three of their first four plate appearances via a leadoff hit-by-pitch, a single by sophomore Luke Smith and a walk for sophomore Zach Barnes.  
With the bases loaded and just one out, Hench struck out junior Nick Lovingood before sophomore Nate Ortiz reached on an error in the infield, scoring a run and keeping the bases loaded.  
However, the early deficit

didn't seem to faze Hench, who struck out the final batter of the inning and stranded three Northwood runners.  
Hench didn't allow a hit for the remainder of his five innings on the mound. Aside from a couple of walks and another hit-by-pitch — none of which yielded runs for the Chargers — he was nearly flawless, pitching four scoreless innings and rarely giving Northwood a chance.  
"He competes," Miller said. "You get him a little riled up and he responds. He responded very well."  
Hench, who's capable of throwing an 86 mph fastball, is arguably the best pitcher in the Big 8 Conference this season.

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# TENNIS

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good at not letting that get to us. We're just taking it one point at a time and not trying to stress too much about the bigger picture."

Spillman/Eldridge began methodically dissecting the Bears' duo, capitalizing off of minor mistakes as they crept back into it. They would end up tying the match at 7-7, but Phillips/Murchison didn't let the comeback faze them, finishing them off with two straight victories to seal the deal and improve to a still-perfect 5-0 on the season.

"We were over-hitting, we were being too aggressive," Phillips said. "When we were down, we just told each other to be smart, that we don't need to hit hard or be too powerful."

"I think the last two sets, we realized we had to get our crap together," Murchison said with a laugh.

For Phillips, the doubles win was a way to get revenge on Spillman, who defeated her handily in their no. 1 singles match earlier in the day.

Spillman hopped out to an early lead, but after a couple of games, Phillips began to battle dehydration issues, which caused her to feel dizzy and struggle with her footwork throughout the match.

The Knights freshman eventually took a 9-2 advantage in the 10-game pro set before Phillips — who had taken frequent breaks to hydrate — finally started to regain her footing, winning three games in a row.

But it was a little too late. Spillman would go on to win the following game and take the match, 10-5.

Murchison, who Wendy Phillips has designated as a "human backboard" for the way she can return anything hit to her, earned an even larger victory over Eldridge in their singles match, 10-3, which can be credited to her speed and aggressiveness, especially in singles play.

The Bears — who had wins from Murchison, sophomore Livvy Brooks (10-2) and freshman Rachel Albright (10-8) — and Knights — wins from Spillman, junior Ashlyn Hart (10-6) and sophomore Rebecca Brookshire (10-3) — split their singles matches, 3-3, but it was doubles play where Chatham

Central truly shined and pulled away from their opponent.

In addition to Phillips/Murchison's 9-7 win, the duos of Brooks & Ellie Phillips — Sophie's sister — swept their match, 8-0, while the tandem of Grace Jones and Savannah Stillwell won theirs, 4-0, after Knights senior McKenna Reives had to leave the match in the fifth game.

With Friday being Senior Day for Chatham Charter, Kelly Eldridge chose to play four of her seniors — Lacie Clark, Holly Askins, Lauren Scotten and Reives — in the last four doubles spots to give them a chance to play in their final match as Knights.

On June 1, Chatham Charter participated in the Central Tar Heel conference tournament, where Spillman, the tournament's runner-up, and Emery Eldridge both qualified as singles in the 1A East Regionals in Greenville by placing in the top four.

This will be Eldridge's third trip to regionals, but the first for Spillman, who's playing her first season of high school tennis.

"I'm really looking forward to, as a freshman, for Elphie to be able to see

this level of competition ... and I don't think she's going to be as nervous, she's just like 'Let's do it,'" Kelly Eldridge said. "And (Emery's) not as consistent, but she's aggressive. When she's on, she's just very aggressive ... and she has this killer instinct. I'm looking forward to seeing that."

As for the Bears, they played the first day of the two-day Yadkin Valley conference tournament on Tuesday, where their top-two duos — Sophie Phillips/Murchison and Ellie Phillips/Brooks — made it to the semifinals and qualified for the 1A West Regionals in Elkin.

"(Sophie and Mary Grace) don't get mad at each other, they've learned to just cheer each other on and play a good, mature game of tennis," Heather Brooks, Chatham Central's head coach and Livvy's mom, said. "Livvy and Ellie are getting to that point ... they've played really good and I think by the time they're seniors, we might see some remarkable things from them."

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# CHARGERS

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allowing just five hits and zero earned runs in 24 innings pitched. In that same time frame, he's racked up 37 strikeouts and held his opponents to a .063 batting average.

Northwood was only able to muster one hit against him on June 1, an improvement from the Chargers' 10-1 loss to Hensch and the Panthers on May 7, when he allowed zero hits in four innings pitched.

"We've got to get to work," Miller said after the game. "We've got to do a better job as a coaching staff to get our kids, offensively, where they need to be."

While the Chargers scored four runs on the night, only one of them counted as an RBI — a Lovingood bases-loaded walk in the seventh inning — and none of them came from a batter driving in a run with a hit or sac fly. The other three came off of mistakes made by the defense, not so much off of positive offensive plays by Northwood.

In the seventh inning, down 9-1 and their chances of victory dimming, the Chargers brought out

their rally caps.

For a brief moment, it looked like they had a shot.

The half-inning began with a single by junior Mason Bae off of Orange senior pitcher Pierson Kenney for Northwood's second hit of the game, followed by a Smith walk to put two runners on with no outs.

After a pop-out in the following at-bat, Kenney walked two more batters — Barnes and Lovingood — the latter of which came with the bases loaded and put another run on the board for the Chargers. After three walks in five batters (along with one hit) and the bases loaded, Kenney was pulled for sophomore Joey Pounds.

Despite scoring a run and running the pitcher out of the game, there was still a seven-run gap to close for Northwood. There was a long road ahead.

Pounds performed well as the backup closer, striking out the next batter for the second out before Chargers sophomore Drew Entekin knocked a hard-hit ball to the shortstop, who struggled to collect the ball in time to throw a runner out. The error allowed two runs to score, making it 9-4 and giving Northwood

life with two runners on base.

Northwood junior Walker Johnson followed with a single to left, loading the bases with freshman Andrew Johnson up to bat.

"We were putting a little something together," Miller said. "We needed another hit or two, another baserunner or two, but other than that, we were just trying to make them nervous."

Despite being down by five runs with the bases loaded and two outs, Miller called for Johnson to bunt, but the decision backfired as the runner was thrown out at home plate by the pitcher, ending the game.

"If we get it where we're supposed to get it, where we practice it, we've got a really good chance of getting on base and getting to the top of the order," Miller said about his decision. "If I knew we were going to run it into the pitcher, I probably wouldn't have called it."

Defensively, it was a rough game for just about everyone.

Together, the two teams combined for nine errors — five by Orange, four by Northwood — but as a whole, the Panthers' pitching was much more sound than the Chargers', which yielded nine runs

on eight hits and four walks.

Chargers freshman Josh Frankena (L, 2.0 IP, 3 H, 2 ER, 3 BB; 1-2 overall record) pitched well in his third start of the season. But he struggled with his control throughout the first couple of innings, culminating in a third inning where he allowed a walk and two hits — a single and an RBI double — before being pulled by Miller for Lovingood, who would go on to pitch three innings himself.

Frankena, who has made the most of his starting opportunities as a freshman, is just one piece of Northwood's massive youth movement.

"(Josh) is having to learn at a little bit of an accelerated rate, but all-in-all, he did good tonight," Miller said. "He's coming off of two really good outings against South Granville and Cape Fear, so we just wanted to see if he could continue with that. I'm not disappointed in his outing at all."

This season, Northwood's roster has zero seniors, but is packed with underclassmen: 11 freshmen and sophomores.

Though the playoffs are out of reach for the

Chargers, every game is crucial in developing some of the younger names — like Frankena — and gearing them up for the next few years, when Northwood will likely have a stronger team.

There are two games left for Northwood on the season: Tuesday, June 8, at East Chapel Hill and Wednesday, June 9, against Northern at home.

Miller and his team will try to make the most of them.

"Any of the victories that we get or the experiences we get down the road here is stuff that we can build on next year," Miller said. "So it's huge, whether it's one good inning or a really good play for Zach (Barnes) or a good inning by Hayden Miller, any of that is

going to propel you forward and help you get there a little quicker than expected."

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# COACH

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right. I was constantly in awe of the things Duke players attempted — and succeeded in — getting away with.

And who was behind it all? None other than "K" himself.

In my early teen years, I spent an embarrassing number of hours on Facebook getting into arguments about why Duke was so despicable, made countless jokes comparing Coach K to rodents and enjoyed YouTube videos that poked uncensored fun at Duke Basketball.

I hated Mike Wazowski so much, I never even learned how to spell his name correctly.

This brings me to the news that broke the sports world last week: Coach K plans to retire after the 2021-22 season, relinquishing the fiery throne sitting atop the Blue Devils' basketball program after more than 40 years of service.

Whoa. I knew this day would come eventually, but still. Whoa.

It didn't take long for Coach K to come to terms with his retirement — at an upbeat press conference that entertainingly featured Cascada's "Everytime We Touch" as the intro song — after his longtime rival, Roy Williams, did the same earlier this spring.

The difference is, while Williams chose to go ahead and step down — foregoing a retirement

tour and paving the way for now-UNC head coach Hubert Davis assume the role — Coach K chose to make this season about himself. Now, all of the schools he faces this year will feel forced to give him gifts and tell him how much they'll miss him, keeping the spotlight on him instead of his student-athletes.

What a classic Coach K move.

Relax, I'm (mostly) joking.

If I wanted to get sentimental, I could tell the story of when I heard the news and how, for the days following, I reflected on what it'll mean for the sport of college basketball, for the ACC and for the UNC-Duke rivalry — undoubtedly the most iconic in all of American sports — to lose a legend, one that has built a program unlike any other and provided some of the most entertaining, polarizing basketball we've ever seen.

But that'd be a lie.

In reality, I was shocked — as shocked as I could be to learn that a 74-year-old man who's been at his place of employment for 40-plus years was retiring — but I wasn't sad or bummed. I was relieved.

Maybe I felt a wave of relief because, for the first time in my life, there finally might be a chance that Duke won't be the powerhouse he's created over the last four decades.

Since 1998, the year I was born, his Blue Devils have earned 665 wins,

which would rank 40th all-time among college basketball coaches. And that's only half of his career.

Since he arrived in Durham in 1980, he's racked up 1,097 wins (1,170 total if you include his 73 wins from his five-year stint at Army), the most all-time in the NCAA and over 100 more than the coach in second place (Syracuse's Jim Boenheim, 982).

In the sport where winning championships is arguably the hardest, Coach K led Duke to five of them (second all-time to John Wooden's 10), along with 12 Final Four appearances, 15 ACC Tournament titles and 12 ACC regular-season titles.

As college basketball has evolved in recent years to a game where one-and-done players reign supreme, Coach K has adapted to become one of the best recruiters in the game, helping to produce a total of 41 first-round NBA draft picks over the course of his career.

What hurts the most, for me anyway, is his 23-19 record against Williams. Many of those wins still pain me to this day. (Though he did go 14-26 against the late, great Dean Smith — so take that.)

He's a Hall-of-Famer, a three-time Olympic gold medal-winning coach and — as much as it pains me to say it — quite possibly the greatest coach in NCAA history. You've got to give credit where

credit is due, I guess.

It's safe to say that once he retires after this upcoming season, the UNC-Duke rivalry simply won't be the same.

The look of defeat on Coach K's face when Carolina upsets a top-ranked Duke team or stuns the "Cameron Craziest" in Cameron Indoor Stadium with a last-second shot or late-game comeback is a thing of pure beauty. There's nothing quite like a frustrated Coach K.

Now that's something I'll miss.

Just like there will never be another Smith or Williams, there could never be another Coach K.

He's etched himself into North Carolina coaching greatness, grouped alongside Smith, Williams and N.C. State's Jim Valvano as part of the Mount Rushmore of N.C. college coaches.

No matter how much I dislike him, it's hard to argue with his place in college basketball history. It's pretty darn close to the top.

So for his final season, if you happen to be in attendance for a Duke game this fall/winter, make sure to soak in the greatness in front of you, boo him generously and cross your fingers that you'll get to see the look of defeat on his face in person.

Trust me. It's glorious.

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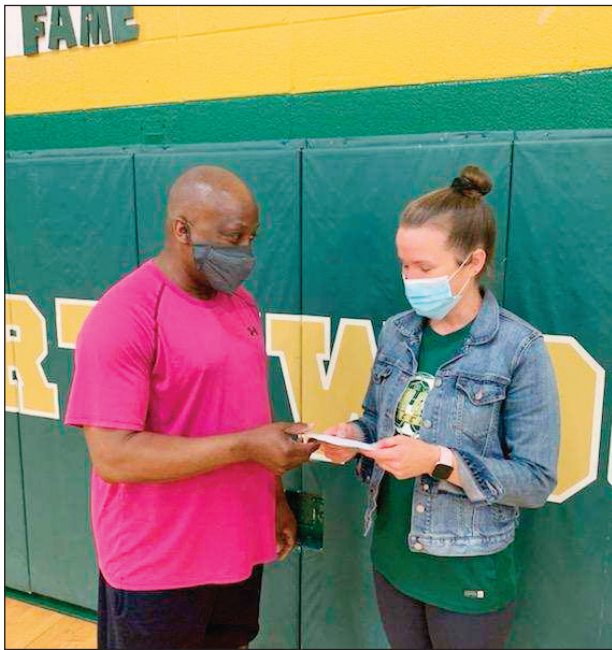


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## Chatham Happenings



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Craig Adams (left), Margaret B. Pollard Middle School's assistant girls basketball coach, presents Northwood sports medicine trainer Jackie Harpham with a Visa gift card worth \$1,000 in the Northwood gym last Thursday. Adams and other staff pooled the funds together as a thank-you to Harpham for being 'there for all sports' and working long hours to support student-athletes.



Jordan-Matthews senior Miller Phillips (second row, center) signs his letter of intent to attend Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) surrounded by his family and J-M staff last week. Phillips will play golf for the Cougars at CCCC.

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Northwood athletic director Cameron Vernon (left), presents senior Tessa Yell with the 2020-21 Northwood Female Athlete of the Year Award last week. Yell earned All-Conference honors for cross country this spring and is also a crucial member of the Chargers' track & field team.

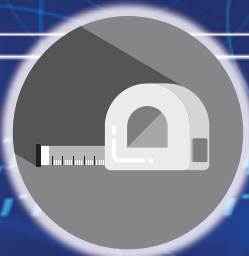
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Northwood athletic director Cameron Vernon (right) presents senior Will Lake with the 2020-21 Northwood Male Athlete of the Year award last week. Lake was an All-Conference player for the Chargers' football team this spring, but is also known for his work with the men's lacrosse team.

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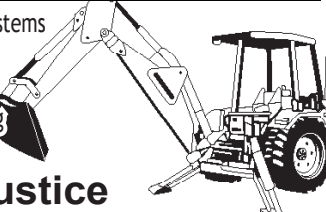


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CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

# This week's schedule and last week's results

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY**  
News + Record Staff

This is it, folks. It's the last week of the regular season for high school sports — and many of these student-athletes' high school careers, with almost all of Chatham's graduations taking place this week. It's also conference championship week for many of them (track & field and women's tennis). This weekend is a major bracketing weekend for sports like baseball, which will likely have 1-2 Chatham participants, along with regionals for individual sports, where Chatham is sure to be well-represented, too. If you've missed out on action in previous weeks, you don't want to miss this one, since high school sports will only be here for a little while longer. But hey, look at the bright side: when this edition's published, there's only 53 days until fall sports are set to begin! Here are this week's schedules and last week's results.

## THIS WEEK

### Wednesday, June 9

Tennis: Chatham Charter women at Central Tar Heel Dual Team Finals, 1 p.m.  
Baseball: Chatham Charter men at River Mill Academy, 4 p.m.  
Wrestling: Chatham Central men at Southern Alamance, 6 p.m.  
Baseball: Chatham Central men at Asheboro, 7 p.m.  
Baseball: Jordan-Matthews men vs. Providence Grove, 7 p.m.

Baseball: Northwood men vs. Northern Durham, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, June 10

Baseball: Chatham Central men vs. North Moore, 7 p.m.

### Friday, June 11

No sporting events scheduled.

## LAST WEEK

### Monday, May 31

No sporting events scheduled; exams.

### Tuesday, June 1

Tennis: The Jordan-Matthews women had one player advance to 2A Mideast Regionals, Maggie Thornton, after winning her first-round match, 10-1, in the PAC-7 Conference Tournament. Regionals will be held at East Chapel Hill on June 18-19.  
Tennis: The Chatham Charter women had two players advance to the 1A East Regionals after their performances at the Central Tar Heel Conference Tournament: freshman Elphie Spillman (runner-up) and junior Emery Eldridge. Regionals will take place in Greenville on June 18-19.  
Tennis: The Northwood women defeated the Orange Panthers, 7-2, to improve to 6-1 on the season as a team. Winning their singles matches were junior Evelyn Lippers (6-2, 6-1), senior Suzanne Earnshaw (6-0, 6-0), junior Julia Earnshaw (4-6, 6-2, 0-0 (10-5)), sophomore Destyn Rader (6-0, 7-6 (8-6)) and freshman Ryan Tinervin (7-5, 6-1), while the duos of Julia Earn-

shaw & Lippers (8-1) and Rader & freshman Evelyn Atkins (9-8 (7-5)) won their doubles matches.

Track & Field: Jordan-Matthews (host) and Chatham Charter competed in a meet alongside Lee County, Southern Lee and Union Pines, with the Jets finishing in second place in the women's events (58 points) and fourth place in the men's events (40 points), while the Knights placed third in the women's (39 points) and fifth in the men's (12 points). The only Jet to earn a first-place finish was senior Eral Jones (boys high jump, 6-01.00). Winning their respective events for the Knights were sophomore Tamaya Walden (girls 200-meter dash, 26.8; girls 400-meter dash, 1:04.00) and junior Brandon McKoy (boys 1600-meter run, 4:52.90).

Baseball: The Chatham Charter men earned a 5-4 win over the Southern Wake Academy Lions. The Knights were down 3-0 heading into the fifth inning, where they scored five runs to take a 5-3 lead and shut the door on the Lions' chance at an upset win. Leading the Knights on the evening were junior Landon Hussey (1-for-3, 2B, R, BB, 2 RBI) and senior Trevor Golden (1-for-3, 2B, R, BB; 6.2 IP, 5 H, 4 ER, 2 BB, 11 K).  
Wrestling: The Jordan-Matthews men defeated the North Moore Mustangs, 36-30, but lost to the Pinecrest Patriots, 76-0.  
Baseball: The Northwood men suffered a 9-4 home loss to the Orange Panthers. Leading the

Chargers on the night were junior Mason Bae (1-for-2, HBP) and junior Nick Lovingood (0-for-3, BB, RBI). See game report in this week's edition.

Baseball: The Jordan-Matthews men lost a home game to the Wheatmore Warriors, 4-2. Leading the Jets on the night were senior Huston Causey (1-for-3; 5.0 IP, 2 H, 0 ER, BB, 3 K) and freshman Ian McMillan (0-for-2, 2 RBI; 2.0 IP, 4 H, 2 ER, 0 BB, K).

### Wednesday, June 2

No sporting events scheduled; exams.

### Thursday, June 3


No sporting events scheduled; exams.

### Friday, June 4

Tennis: The Chatham Central women defeated the Chatham Charter Knights, 6-3, in each team's final regular-season matchup. Winning their singles matches for the Bears were senior Mary Grace Murchison (10-3), sophomore Livvy Brooks (10-2) and freshman Rachel Albright (10-8), along with doubles wins from seniors Sophie Phillips & Murchison (9-7), sophomores Ellie Phillips & Brooks (8-0) and Grace Jones & Savannah Stillwell (4-0). Winning their singles matches for the Knights were freshman Elphie Spillman (10-5), Ashlyn Hart (10-6) and sopho-

more Rebecca Brookshire (10-3). See match report in this week's edition.  
Baseball: The Jordan-Matthews men earned an extra-inning win over the Wheatmore Warriors, 8-6, to improve to 6-6 on the season. The Jets scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning — after giving up two in the bottom of the seventh to tie it — to seal the victory. Leading the Jets on the night were sophomore Conner Martin (2-for-4, RBI; 5.0 IP, 7 H, ER, K) and senior Cody Spohn (0-for-3, 2 RBI).

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## Chatham COA Events & Announcements

June 10th through June 16th

### Thursday, June 10th

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# CONFERENCE

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freshman shortstop Aidan Allred reached third base. That's when Smith balked, ushering in the game's opening run in an unconventional fashion.  
Unfortunately for Chatham Charter, generating offense was much more difficult the rest of the night. The Knights couldn't do anything with a two-out double by senior catcher Jacob Brannon later on in the first, and they put together only three hits over the next six innings.  
But like the Knights, the visiting Cardinals also had a difficult time putting the bat on the ball. Golden, going out in style on his senior night, recorded 12 strikeouts and gave up only one run over seven innings of work, lowering his earned run average to 1.25.  
At one point, Golden struck out 10 batters in a 16-hitter stretch and didn't allow a baserunner in his final three innings. He rarely fell behind in counts, located his pitches well and kept most balls that were put into play on the ground. The lefty's ability to unpredict-

ably filter back and forth between his fastball and breaking ball made him an enigma to Cornerstone batters on many occasions.  
But the Cardinals pulled even in the top of the fourth as centerfielder Gavin Hernandez singled, stole second base and scored when third baseman Jake Stanfield lined one to center field.  
From that point on, both pitchers were locked in.  
Chatham Charter, however, had better opportunities down the stretch but stranded runners in scoring position in both the sixth and seventh frames. In the sixth, Knights sophomore Cameron Turner reached third with two outs following an error and a second balk from Smith, but Brannon flew out to the shortstop with two outs, ending the inning.  
In the seventh, Chatham Charter wasted a pair of singles to right and left field by senior centerfielder Carter Phillips and junior first baseman Landon Hussey, respectively. They were unable to drive either of them home, forcing extra innings.  
But by that point, the weather intervened, pushing the final outcome of the contest to Tuesday evening.

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## 2020-21 ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

## Here are Chatham County's 2020-21 all-conference athletes so far

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
News + Record Staff

A number of Chatham County athletes have been selected to 2020-21 all-conference teams in basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

The Central Tar Heel 1A, Yadkin Valley 1A, PAC 7 2A and Big Eight 3A conferences have announced their all-conference teams for nearly all of the 2020-21 school year's sports — baseball, track & field, women's tennis and wrestling still to come — with more than 120 Chatham student-athletes recognized for their accomplishments in their respective sports. In addition, 12 coaches were named Coach of the Year and 13 student-athletes were named Player of the Year for their respective conference.

The athletes and coaches that earned all-conference honors so far are as follows.

### Volleyball

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

- Morgan Lineberry, Senior, Chatham Charter
- Breanna Spinks, Senior, Chatham Charter
- Lexi Smollen, Freshman, Woods Charter
- Emi Hutter-DeMarco, Junior, Woods Charter

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Tanner Little, Senior, Chatham Central
  - Savannah Stillwell, Senior, Chatham Central
- Big Eight 3A**
- Hannah Forbes, Junior, Northwood
  - Asia Thigpen, Freshman, Northwood

**Honorable Mentions:** Kennedy Cox, Senior, Northwood; Ainsley Fauth, Junior, Northwood

### Men's Cross Country

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

- Brandon McKoy, Junior, Chatham Charter
- Caleb Kolb, Junior, Chatham Charter
- Wiley Sikes, Sophomore, Woods Charter
- Primo Costa, Senior, Woods Charter

#### Runner of the Year:

Brandon McKoy, Junior, Chatham Charter

**Coach of the Year:** Gary Oakley, Chatham Charter

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Parker Crowley, Senior, Chatham Central
- Seth Gilliland, Freshman, Chatham Central

#### PAC 7 2A

- Robert Train, Senior, Jordan-Matthews

#### Runner of the Year:

Robert Train, Senior, Jordan-Matthews

#### Big Eight 3A

- Malachi Levy, Senior, Northwood
- Colin Henry, Junior, Northwood
- Christian Glick, Sophomore, Northwood

**Coach of the Year:** Cameron Isenhour, Northwood

### Women's Cross Country

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

- Ellie Poitras, Freshman, Woods Charter
- Ember Penney, Senior, Woods Charter
- Maddie Sparrow, Sophomore, Woods Charter

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Kailey Green, Sophomore, Chatham Central

#### Big Eight 3A

- Caroline Murrell, Junior, Northwood
- Tessa Yell, Senior, Northwood

### Men's Basketball

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

- Trevor Golden, Senior, Chatham Charter
- Adam Harvey, Sophomore, Chatham Charter
- Nate Crump, Junior, Woods Charter

**Player of the Year:** Adam Harvey, Sophomore, Chatham Charter

**Coach of the Year:** Jason Messier, Chatham Charter

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Michael Moore, Senior, Chatham Central
- Jayden Gilliland, Senior, Chatham Central



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

The six Woods Charter seniors (from left to right: Nicholas Mann, Kyle Howarth, Marky Noronha, Justin Galiger, Eli Terrell, Elijah Heatherington) pose together during senior night celebrations on March 10. Four of the six seniors (Howarth, Noronha, Galiger, Heatherington) were selected to the 2020-21 Central Tar Heel Men's Soccer All-Conference team.

- Preston Cox, Senior, Chatham Central
- Jayden Davis, Senior, Jordan-Matthews

#### Big Eight 3A

- Jarin Stevenson, Freshman, Northwood
- Drake Powell, Freshman, Northwood

**Sportsmanship Award:** Northwood Chargers

### Women's Basketball

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

- Alexis Baldwin, Junior, Chatham Charter
- Morgan Lineberry, Senior, Chatham Charter
- Rebecca McGaughnea, Senior, Chatham Charter
- Tamaya Walden, Sophomore, Chatham Charter

**Coach of the Year:** Jeff Patterson, Chatham Charter

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Mary Grace Murchison, Senior, Chatham Central
- Danielle Vaughn, Senior, Chatham Central

#### PAC 7 2A

- Jasmine Scotten, Senior, Jordan-Matthews
- Ellia Wright, Junior, Jordan-Matthews

#### Big Eight 3A

- Te'Keyah Bland, Sophomore, Northwood
- McKenna Snively, Junior, Northwood
- Skylar Adams, Freshman, Northwood

**Coach of the Year:** Cameron Vernon, Northwood

### Swimming

#### PAC 7 2A

- Women's 200 I.M. - Jennah Fadely, Senior, Jordan-Matthews

- Women's 100 Backstroke - Ainsley Canipe, Sophomore, Jordan-Matthews

- Women's 100 Breaststroke - Jennah Fadely, Senior, Jordan-Matthews

### Men's Soccer

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

- Justin Galiger, Senior, Woods Charter
- Elijah Heatherington, Senior, Woods Charter
- Kyle Howarth, Senior, Woods Charter

- Coyt Neagle, Sophomore, Woods Charter

- Marky Noronha, Senior, Woods Charter

#### Goalkeeper of the Year:

Coyt Neagle, Sophomore, Woods Charter

**Co-Coach of the Year:** Graeme Stewart, Woods Charter

**Honorable Mention:** Caleb Jackson, Junior, Woods Charter

#### PAC 7 2A

- Franco Basurto, Senior, Jordan-Matthews
- Alfredo Hernandez, Senior, Jordan-Matthews
- Brian Hernandez, Junior, Jordan-Matthews
- Cristian Cruz, Junior, Jordan-Matthews

- Cristian Escobedo, Senior, Jordan-Matthews

**Offensive Player of the Year:** Alexis Ibarra, Junior, Jordan-Matthews

**Coach of the Year:** Paul Cuadros, Jordan-Matthews

#### Big Eight 3A

- Michael Waudby, Senior, Northwood
- Gino Valenti, Sophomore, Northwood
- Walker Johnson, Junior, Northwood

- Aiden Bungay, Senior, Northwood

- Rafael Mantovani Ro-



Submitted photo

Chatham Charter's major award winners in basketball (from left to right: Jeff Patterson, sophomore Adam Harvey, Jason Messier) pose near the gym with their plaques in March. Patterson (women's) and Messier (men's) were named Central Tar Heel Conference Coaches of the Year, while Harvey was recognized as the Central Tar Heel Conference Player of the Year.

cha, Senior, Northwood

#### Honorable Mentions:

Adam Beaulieu, Junior, Northwood; Marek Beaulieu, Junior, Northwood

### Men's Lacrosse

#### Big Eight 3A

- Kade Little, Senior, Northwood
- Jake Mann, Senior, Northwood
- Hunter Klingel, Senior, Northwood

- Terry Moore, Senior, Northwood

- Troy Arnold, Senior, Northwood

**Goalie of the Year:** Hunter Klingel, Senior, Northwood

**Honorable Mentions:** Henry Sapienza, Senior, Northwood; Pierce Cook, Junior, Northwood

### Women's Lacrosse

#### Big Eight 3A

- Kendall Laberge, Junior, Northwood
- K.J. Hill, Senior, Northwood

#### Coach of the Year:

Larry Fritsche, Northwood

**Honorable Mentions:** Sophia Creamans, Sophomore, Northwood; Mia Collins, Sophomore, Northwood

### Football

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Parker Crowley, Senior, Chatham Central
- Wesley Buie, Senior, Chatham Central

**Offensive Player of the Year:** Michael Moore, Senior, Chatham Central

#### PAC 7 2A

- Eral Jones, Senior, Jordan-Matthews
- Jacquez Thompson, Senior, Jordan-Matthews
- Calvin Schwartz, Junior, Jordan-Matthews

**Big Eight 3A**

- Aidan Laros, Senior, Northwood
- Cam Entrekin, Senior, Northwood

- Robbie Delgado, Junior, Northwood

- Christopher Poston, Senior, Northwood

- Michael Anthony, Senior, Northwood

- Kentrell Edwards, Senior, Northwood

- Jack Vail, Junior, Northwood

- Jake Mann, Senior, Northwood

- Will Lake, Senior, Northwood

- Max Carr, Junior, Northwood

**Punter of the Year:** Aidan

Laros, Senior, Northwood

#### Honorable Mentions:

George Gilson, Junior, Northwood; Hue Jacobs, Senior, Northwood

### Men's Golf

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

- Seph Trageser, Freshman, Chatham Charter

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Preston Cox, Senior, Chatham Central
- Chandler Wilkes, Senior, Chatham Central

#### PAC 7 2A

- Noah Snyder, Sophomore, Jordan-Matthews
- Miller Phillips, Senior, Jordan-Matthews

#### Big Eight 3A

- Jake Conklin, Junior, Northwood

**Player of the Year:** Jake Conklin, Junior, Northwood

### Women's Golf

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

- Mackenzie Crossman, Freshman, Chatham Charter
- Elise Teddy Taylor, Freshman, Woods Charter

- Sophie Taylor, Junior, Woods Charter

**Player of the Year:** Mackenzie Crossman, Freshman, Chatham Charter

**Sportsmanship Award:** Woods Charter Wolves

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Gillian Kitchings, Senior, Chatham Central

**Big Eight 3A**

- Lily Jordan, Sophomore, Northwood

- Lindsey Vickers, Junior, Northwood

- Amelia Spell, Junior, Northwood

**Co-Player of the Year:** Lily Jordan, Sophomore, Northwood

**Co-Coach of the Year:** Jason Amy, Northwood

### Men's Tennis

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

**Honorable Mention:** Silas Christenbury, Sophomore, Chatham Charter

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Caleb Webster, Senior, Chatham Central

- Colby Williamson, Junior, Chatham Central

- Jacob Gilliland, Freshman, Chatham Central

- Preston Cox, Senior, Chatham Central

**Player of the Year:** Jayden Gilliland, Senior, Chatham Central

**Coach of the Year:** Heather Brooks, Chatham Central

#### PAC 7 2A



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Chatham Central sophomore starting pitcher Mary Gaines (14) — who was named the Yadkin Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year after the season — winds up to pitch in her team's 14-1 win over Jordan-Matthews on Thursday, April 22. Gaines allowed just two hits and one run, collecting 11 strikeouts in five innings in one of the best outings of her young career.



Submitted photo

Northwood sophomore Lily Jordan, who earned the Big Eight Player of the Year award this season, poses with her plaque after the Chargers won the Big Eight conference golf tournament on April 26. Chargers' head coach Jason Amy was also named Big Eight Coach of the Year. Jordan went on to tie for third place (84, +12) in the NCHSAA 3A Women's Golf State Championships in West End on May 11.



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Jordan-Matthews' star senior running back Jacquez Thompson (21) runs a 31-yard touchdown into the end zone in his team's loss to Randleman on March 12, but it would be called back for holding on the Jets. Thompson and junior Calvin Schwartz (23) both earned All-Conference honors in the PAC-7 conference for their play on defense this season.

- Buck Thornton, Sophomore, Jordan-Matthews

- Christian Campechano, Senior, Jordan-Matthews

- Kevin Hernandez, Senior, Jordan-Matthews

**Coach of the Year:** Nia Marsh-Pope, Jordan-Matthews

#### Big Eight 3A

- Jio Sumogod, Sophomore, Northwood

- Scott Gilliam, Senior, Northwood

**Honorable Mention:** Drew Sipe, Senior, Northwood

**Softball**

#### Central Tar Heel 1A

- Sydney Bowman, Senior, Chatham Charter
- Morgan Lineberry, Senior, Chatham Charter

- Taylor Jones, Junior, Chatham Charter

#### Yadkin Valley 1A

- Mary Gaines, Sophomore, Chatham Central

- Mary Grace Murchison, Senior, Chatham Central

- Lindsay Polston, Senior, Chatham Central

**Pitcher of the Year:** Mary Gaines, Sophomore, Chatham Central

**Co-Coach of the Year:** Jerry Polston, Chatham Central

#### PAC 7 2A

- Logan Gunter, Freshman, Jordan-Matthews

#### Big Eight 3A

- Erika Seils, Senior, Northwood

- Caroline Dorshimer, Senior, Northwood

- Zoe Hatzidakis, Sophomore, Northwood

- Susanna Lee, Sophomore, Northwood

- Carlee Harris, Sophomore, Northwood

**Honorable Mentions:** Callen Perchinsky, Freshman, Northwood; Sarah Warford, Freshman, Northwood

- Ava Arias, Freshman, Northwood

- Imogene Cook, Senior, Northwood

**Honorable Mentions:** Sarah Emrich, Sophomore, Northwood; Sydney Arnett, Junior, Northwood

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# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On May 25, Brittany Ashley James, 32, of 10219 Governors Drive, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Sgt. Amy Marris for intentional child abuse inflicting serious physical injury and negligent child abuse inflicting serious physical injury. She was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 7.

On May 25, Judah James, 32, of 10219 Governors Drive, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Devin Smith for intentional child abuse inflicting serious physical injury and negligent child abuse inflicting serious physical injury. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 7.

On May 26, Jessica Mae Derrick, 38, of 2261 Edwards Hill Church Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Sturdivant for failure to appear. She was issued an \$8,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Cumberland County District Court in Fayetteville on May 28.

On May 26, Latisha Nicole Minter, 49, of 245 Pinecrest Drive, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Jonas Lassiter by warrant service for another jurisdiction. She was issued a \$300 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 13.

On May 26, Rickey Leigh Lawson, 41, of 130 Doggone Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Jonas Lassiter for assault by strangulation. Lawson was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 9.

On May 26, Yasmine Emone Newby, 22, of 1221 West Eleventh Street, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Daniel Ortega for failure to appear on a charge of harassing phone call. Newby was issued a \$100 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 13.

On May 27, Benjamin Henry Buckner, 49, of 1249 Perry Graveyard Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Jonas

Lassiter for assault by strangulation, assault with a deadly weapon, second degree kidnapping, assault on a female and communicating threats. Buckner was held on a domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 7.

On May 27, Naim Amar Solomon, 23, of 2238 Kirkwood Street, High Point, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Sturdivant for domestic violence protection order violations. Solomon was held on a domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 9.

On May 27, Taylor Jordan Dowd, 25, of 1103 Seventh Place, Phoenix City, Alabama, was arrested by Deputy Phillip Hanson for failure to appear on charges of expired/no inspection and failure to report an accident, and driving left of center and expired registration card/tag. Dowd was issued a \$2,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Randolph County District County in Asheboro on July 21.

On May 27, Taylor Jordan Dowd, 25, of 1103 Seventh Place, Phoenix City, Alabama, was arrested by Deputy Phillip Hanson for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Dowd was issued a \$2,500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Carteret County District County in Beaufort on June 1.

On May 29, Candace Cheerice Marsh, 36, of 4215 Queen Victoria Place, Greensboro, was arrested by Corporal Michael Cox for injury to real property. She was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 28.

On May 30, Andrew Raul Perez, 36, of 2605 Old Mill Farm Road, Franklinton, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for assault on a female. He was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 9.

On May 31, Roland Vance Ellis, Sr., 54, of 12037 N.C. Hwy 902, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for assault on a female, assault by pointing a gun and communicating threats. He

was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 9.

On June 1, Felecia Revonda Little, 52, of 803 Pebblestone Drive, Durham was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for embezzlement. She was issued a written promise to appear in Wake County District Court in Raleigh on June 4.

On June 1, Jessica Mae Derrick, 38, of 2261 Edwards Hill Church Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Jonathan Frazier for non-physical resist, delay, obstruct. She was issued a written promise to appear in Randolph County District Court on June 28.

On June 2, Jamal Lynn Walden, 34, of 165 Old Walden Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Alex Lukasewycz for assault on a female and communicating threats. He was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on June 4.

On June 2, Elizabeth Kouba Thorn, 65, of 139 Prestonwood Drive, Pittsboro, was arrested by Sergeant Chris Burger for simple assault. She was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 9.

On June 3, Harold Nathaniel Smith Jr., 38, of 400 Brittany Lane, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for assault on a female and interfering with emergency communications. He was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 9.

On June 3, Dujuan Rashad Hood, 40, of 4836 Mann's Chapel Road, Unit B, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for assault on a female, assault inflicting serious injury, and injury to personal property. He was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 9.

On June 4, Michael Antonio Baldwin,

36, of 219 S 10th Avenue Apt. A3, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Jonathan Frazier for obstructing justice, accessory after the fact, driving while license revoked, passenger flee/accessory to injury/death, passenger failure to give info/aid, failure to report an accident. He was issued a \$1,500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 28.

On June 4, Christopher Bradley Wilson, 27, of 1844 Connors Court, Burlington, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Sturdivant for driving while impaired, simple possession of schedule VI controlled substance, simple possession of schedule III controlled substance, reckless driving and driving while license revoked. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 7.

On June 4, Montego Shane Scurlock, 35, of 200 Elvie Snipes Scurlock Road, Pittsboro, was arrested by Sgt. Chris Burger for resist, delay and obstruct. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 30.

On June 5, Johnnie Clifton Fogleman III, 36, of 1444 Henderson Tanyard Road, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for failure to appear. He was issued a \$5,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 14.

On June 5, Antonia Rodriguez Siler, 44, of 409 E 10th Street, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Jonathan Frazier for violation of pretrial release conditions for new felony assault charges while under supervision. He was issued a \$2,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on July 8.

On June 6, Armando Romero, 20, of 98 Highland Circle, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for assault by strangulation, assault on a female and battery of an unborn child. He was held on a 48-hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on June 28.

## DEPARTMENT SET TO GROW

# Police staff will expand under Siler City's proposed town budget

BY D. LARS DOLDER  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City Police Department's officer staff stands to grow by more than 25% under the town's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-22, with plans to nearly double in the next three years, according to Chief Mike Wagner.

The department is currently allocated 21 officers, as previously reported by the News + Record, but is operating below capacity now.

"There are two spots open," Wagner told the News + Record, "and we now have a supervisor's position open also that we're looking to fill."

If the town's board of commissioners votes to adopt the proposed budget, Wagner will get another three officers plus an evidence technician for fiscal year 2021-22.

"I'm excited. I'm elated. It's been a long road," he said. "These officers and staff are working hard every day under very unusual, extreme circumstances being short staffed."

Since arriving in Siler City two years ago to replace Interim Police Chief Jeanne Miller, Wagner has always overseen an understaffed force.

"Those three open positions plus the addition of the three more will balance out our shifts every day," he said. "They'll sort of get our shifts up — not quite to where they need to be — but it's definitely a big stride toward increasing our officer safety and increasing a level of performance to our community."

A dedicated evidence technician will improve overall workflow and enhance the department's ability to process crime scenes.

"We have an evidence room that needs full-time attention," Wagner said, "We've gotten to a level to where we're handling enough evidence that storage has become a problem."

The technician's job responsibilities will include organization and management of the evidence room, and collection and processing of evidence at crime scenes. As of now, a ma-

jor and a detective have been handling those duties part-time on top of their full-time assignments.

"And that's asking a lot of these folks," Wagner said. "We want to ensure that evidence room is first-rate, and we're at an age in policing where we collect so much evidence, and there's constant transformation of taking stuff to court and getting stuff sent to the lab for destruction, that we can no longer address those needs part time. That's what it comes down to."

Enhancing its evidence collection procedures and management will also improve the department's chances of qualifying for state accreditation — an honor SCPD has never achieved, which will make it more attractive to prospective employees and a stronger candidate for funding opportunities.

"When we get into becoming accredited," Wagner said, "that evidence room is a top priority and currently I don't think it would meet the standards."

Four new employees would mark a substantial thrust forward in Wagner's longterm plan to expand his department. In the last year, Siler City has experienced higher crime rates — both violence- and property-related — than state and national averages. Between Nov. 2019 and Oct. 2020, the town had 67 violent crimes, including homicide, rape, sexual assault and shootings, Wagner said. To combat the worrisome trend, he hopes the board will approve four new positions in each of the next three years, bringing the department close to 40 total officers.

"I think that ultimately, as the board has agreed," Wagner said, "we understand that we are not through growing yet."

But Wagner will be flexible, he says. The plan is fluid, and will adjust commensurate with the town's evolving conditions.

"Those are good numbers to shoot for, but we want to be good stewards of citizen money, and we also want to really have a strategic plan. So, the town manager and I will really

**'(I)t's definitely a big stride toward increasing our officer safety and increasing a level of performance to our community.'**

MIKE WAGNER, *Siler City Police Chief*

sit down and look and say, 'OK, do we need four more this year? Are we at a good stabilization point? Do we need more? Might we need less?' ... I don't believe in just throwing police officers at problems. We have to have a strategy."

The Siler City board of commissioners will host a public hearing for the town's proposed budget on June 21 after which they will vote to adopt the budget or send it back to staff for revisions. The new fiscal year begins on July 1.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Chatham Community Library presents 'K-12: Tracing the Latino Experience in Chatham County Schools'

PITTSBORO — In conjunction with the Chatham 250 celebration, Chatham Community Library will host a virtual lecture by Dr. Virginia Cárdenas, retired educator with Chatham County Schools.

The program — titled "K-12: Tracing the Latino Experience in Chatham County Schools — The Personal Journey of a Latina Educator," will be held virtually from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 25. A question-and-answer session will follow the lecture. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required and is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/CCL-Cardenas>. The event is part of a series of discussions chronicling the history of communities of color in Chatham County.

Dr. Cárdenas will take the audience on a journey through her personal walk as a Latina teacher, principal and administra-

tor of public schools. She will describe the experience of the first Latino students in Chatham County, who were members of a family recruited by the poultry industry. They were placed in the same classroom, because only one teacher in Siler City spoke Spanish at that time.

Dr. Cárdenas will discuss retrospectively how Chatham County Schools worked to address the needs of an unexpected influx of students by creating partnerships with other county agencies. She will tell of the successes, the failures, the barriers to equivalent education, and the lessons learned allowing Chatham and other counties to improve educational opportunities for Latino students.

Dr. Cárdenas began her career as a teacher in Chatham County Schools, and she later served as the director of the Magnet School Assistance Program for the Wake County Public School System. As a teacher, principal and school administrator, Dr. Cárdenas has worked to provide all children with a quality education that lays the foundation for success and global citizenship.

She holds a master's degree in school administration and a doctoral degree in school leadership from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is the chairperson of UNC's Alumni Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity, and former Chair of the ACRED Latina/o subcommittee.

Residents may visit the libraries' website, [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org), or contact the Library at (919) 545-8084 or [rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org) for more information.

### Siler City Parks & Rec offers summer open gym

With the arrival of summer, Siler City Parks and Recreation announces its summer open gym program.

Children are invited to visit the Ernest Ramsey Gymnasium — located at 512 East Sixth St. in Siler City — each weekday for open gym from 9 a.m. to noon. The program will operate from June 14 - Aug. 13, excluding holidays.

Open gym is offered to children ages 12 and under. Children ages 12 and un-

der must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.

Children 13 and older can participate from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

The program is designed to encourage recreational activity, social engagement and healthy lifestyles for the community during the summer break. Basketballs will be provided by the Siler City Parks and Recreation Department.

There is no cost to participate, but all participants must have a signed waiver by an adult. Waivers will be available at Ernest Ramsey Gym when signing in or available online at [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org).

To adhere to COVID-19 guidelines, masks/face coverings are encouraged for all patrons and when not able to socially distance of at least six feet from others.

For more information on recreational opportunities, visit the Town of Siler City website at [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org) or contact the Siler City Parks and Recreation Department at (919) 742-2699.



# Visit NC Farms adds Chatham County farms and agribusinesses to its app

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Chatham County farms and agribusinesses are invited to join the Visit NC Farms App. The Visit NC Farms App connects the dots in communities across North Carolina.

Using smart phone technology, residents and visitors can find farms closest to them with products and activities that interest them. Visitors can use the app to explore farms, farmers markets and local restaurants that are off the beaten path and unique to each community.

There are many benefits to the Visit NC Farms App, including:

- Showcasing farms on the app allows them to reach a broader audience of potential customers and repeat patrons.
- Businesses will be listed among an expansive and ever-growing collection of agriculture-based offerings.
- With both a map and a list view, users will be able to easily find the farm closest to them or filter based on offerings.
- Farm listings will feature a brief summary, engaging imagery, and push button shortcuts to call, visit their website, or get directions.
- User and member feedback ensures that the app stays relevant and up to date.
- Farm listings give the public access to real-time marketing opportunities

## Join today!



through push notifications to app users.

Chatham County farms and agribusinesses that can be found on the Visit NC Farms App include Angelina's Kitchen, Chatham Oaks Farm, Country Farm and Home, Dutch Buffalo Farm, Fearrington Farmers' Market, Leaning 7 Farms, Smithview Farm and Woodland Farm.

More information about the app can be found at [visitncfarmstoday.com](http://visitncfarmstoday.com). Interested Chatham County farms or agribusinesses may contact Tiffany Hancock, Visit NC Farms App Administrator, via email at [tw Hancock@ncsu.edu](mailto:tw Hancock@ncsu.edu).

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## Kiln opening



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Local pottery Mark Hewitt's first public kiln opening since the COVID-19 pandemic felt like a homecoming. Here, customers lined up on Johnny Burke Road in Pittsboro over the weekend to view pottery and purchase pieces.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Mark Hewitt's kiln, where earth, fire and the potter's vision meet to create one-of-a-kind pottery. Young people who grew up using Mark's plates and bowls often come back to create a wedding registry of pottery for their own homes.



Hewitt greets shoppers at his kiln opening over the weekend. Of the more than 175 who attended, more than a quarter were first-time visitors to Mark Hewitt Pottery.

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# Chatham Education Foundation donates more than 14,000 books through this year's 'Books on Break' program

From the Chatham Education Foundation

SILER CITY — “This is the BEST DAY EVER!” exclaimed a student from Virginia Cr.oss Elementary.

The excitement and anticipation in the air was almost tangible in the building on selection day for our Books on Break program. The children walking the halls to their next class anxiously awaited their class’s turn to shop. All the while wondering what books were available, would their favorite author or title still be there, how many books could they choose? For some of the kindergarten students, it was their first trip to the library ... ever! What a momentous moment for them!

This year, we were very excited to be back in the schools for the student selection day for our “Books on Break” program. This program is a free book fair

for students in some of our high-poverty schools in Chatham County. Depending upon grade level, students were able to choose between three and five books to take home to build their at-home libraries. Providing self-selected reading materials for the students to remain engaged in reading and learning over the summer is essential so they do not lose the important skills that they worked so hard to learn during the school year. If there were absent students or those who still attend virtual school, bags of books were packed for them to pick up. No student was left out.

Gratefully, we have been able to increase Books on Break by 50% every year for the past two years. This year, CEF donated over 14,000 books through this amazing program to six schools. This positively impacted over 2,300 students throughout Chatham County.

This was an incredible feat! We abso-

lutely could not have done this without the support of our amazing volunteers. More than 40 volunteers generously donated their time and efforts to accomplish this, as well as countless teachers and staff. Although, there was still some pivoting of the program, to be able to see the joy, excitement and appreciation from the students is overwhelming.

Without the support of our donors and sponsors, this program would not exist. We would like to give a special thank you to our individual donors and the following business sponsors: Chatham County Schools, Duke Energy, the Bastian Family Foundation, CAHEC, Bold Companies, Allen and Tate, Truist, Homes by Dickerson, Triangle Community Foundation and Central Electric. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We are STRONGER TOGETHER!



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**Two young Chatham elementary students read books they received at a CEF Books on Break distribution.**

For more information, go to <https://www.chathameducationfoundation.org>.

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## How Tigers Got Their Stripes

A Folktale from Vietnam

Make a tiny story book and read it to a friend or little sister or brother!

**HOW TO MAKE A TINY STORY BOOK**

- Number each part of the story and each picture in order. Cut them all out.
- Match the words with the pictures in the correct order.
- Paste each set of matching words and picture on a small piece of construction paper to make nine individual pages.
- Draw a cover and staple the pages together to make a tiny book.

The other animals thought the stripes looked funny. Even today Tiger hides in the shadows. And he is still searching for wisdom.

Tiger realized that he'd been tricked. He was furious as he pulled and clawed until he broke free of the ropes at last. But all that struggling had burned stripes into his beautiful golden fur!

Tiger asked Water Buffalo, "Why do you listen to that strange little animal? He has no claws or fangs or even beautiful golden fur."

The man said, "Wait here. I will go home and get wisdom for you. But first, please let me tie you to this tree so that you don't eat my goats."

One morning, Tiger saw his big, strong friend, Water Buffalo, pulling a plow in a field. A man was telling Water Buffalo what to do.

Long ago, Tiger was one of the proudest animals in the jungle. He was proud of his long fangs, his sharp claws and his beautiful golden fur.

Tiger wanted wisdom very badly, so he agreed to be tied to the tree. Then the man left with his goats. Tiger waited and waited. He waited for a day. But the man never came back.

The next morning, Tiger saw the man walking home with his herd of goats. "STOP!" Tiger roared. "Give me your wisdom or I will eat you!"

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‘HELP YOUR PEERS AS BEST AS YOU CAN’

# The Hispanic Liaison’s new deputy director brings wealth of information, heart to her role

**BY VICTORIA JOHNSON**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — When Chatham resident Hannia Benitez was younger, her mother taught her a few principles to live by: “Learn as much as you can. Ask a lot of questions,” and “also help your peers as best as you can.”

Today, Benitez, now 29, not only lives by those principles; she embodies them. After racking up knowledge from health care to property management, she’s decided to put it to use by giving back to her community as the Hispanic Liaison’s new Lee County deputy director.

The Hispanic Liaison officially opened a satellite office in Sanford last Tuesday after years of planning. From its new office, the Liaison plans to offer Lee County residents individualized assistance via their community support program, distribute information about crucial resources and provide COVID-19 response services.

“My role in this — I will help implement the program,” Benitez said, “and I’ll just be playing a key role in developing the trust with our community members, (working) to operate and create new relationships with local businesses, nonprofits, government and law enforcement agencies.”

### ‘I was blessed’

Born in Tecun Uman, Guatemala, Benitez moved to Siler City with her mother and sister in 1998 when she was a young child. From there, she attended Siler City Elementary, Chatham Middle and Jordan-Matthews, from which she graduated in 2010.

“Once a Jet, always a Jet,” she said with a laugh.

Siler City holds many fond memories for her — especially her school experiences, which helped her integrate into Chatham County.

For a long time, Benitez’s mother supported her and her sister as a single mother. In Guatemala, she was a kindergarten teacher, and she always encouraged her daughters to pursue their education.

“So my focus was on that and just getting that example,” Benitez said, adding, “We grew up around that, and I was blessed to really have a large support group, academically, and that was a big factor in the fond memories that I



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Hannia Benitez is the Hispanic Liaison’s deputy director for the nonprofit’s new Sanford satellite office, located at 215 Bracken St. She lives in Siler City and has been on the Liaison’s staff since January.**

have in Chatham County.”

After graduating Jordan-Matthews High School, Benitez bounced around different fields — and different cities. First up? Health care. She received a certificate as a Certified Nursing Assistant from Central Carolina Community College in 2014, and thereafter worked as a nursing assistant for several months.

In spring of 2016, she moved on to real estate and property management, working as a site manager for Community Management Corporation and soon after as a general manager for MJ’s Staffing Inc. In the first half of the decade, she also married Delfino Benitez, a Lee County native, and lived in Sanford for a few years before returning to Siler City in 2016.

“I would say I married into Lee County,” Benitez joked, “and it’s something that’s part of who I am now as well. It’s something that I’m proud of, and it’s something that we share with our (three) children and with our families to really showcase the beautiful things in our region.”

### ‘I didn’t think twice’

In 2016, she also got involved with

the Hispanic Liaison’s Board of Directors. She described her decision to join the nonprofit’s board as “just kind of going back to what was part of who I was.”

She first started participating in volunteer and community work when she was 12, she remembered, with communities of faith. She continued it in high school, joining leadership programs such as Future Leaders of America (FBLA) and AIM Club (Action, Inspiration and Motivation).

And while she was overseeing several apartments, an old high school acquaintance came knocking — John Byrne, a J-M teacher with whom she’d maintained a connection.

“He invited me to a staff meeting for El Vinculo, ‘Would you consider joining us?’” she said. “And I’m like, ‘Oh, my gosh, yes.’ You know, I didn’t think twice about it. And five years later, here we are.”

She served as board president for three years and worked with the Liaison and other Lee organizations as they sought to bring the Liaison to Sanford.

“(By working in) a lot of these different fields, I was able to have the experience, and the knowledge that, ‘OK, this I can all add,” she said. “... I’ve been blessed to have both doors be open to me, so that I can in turn give back to the community, and not only that, but take it a step further with El Vinculo.”

Last year, Benitez decided she wanted to do even more. Just before the COVID pandemic struck, the Liaison and its partners finalized plans for the Lee County satellite office. A few months later, they were able to secure a year’s funding for a Lee County deputy director — and once they posted the position, Benitez decided to give it a shot.

“I told Ilana, ‘I know this sounds crazy, but I want to get on this,’” she said with a laugh. “I want to do this for a living. I know I’ve been doing it on the side, but if you guys would consider

me, I’ll be more than happy to come in here.”

Ilana Dubester, the Liaison’s executive director, put her “through the wringer” during the interview, Benitez said, to ensure she qualified and eventually, she got the job. Benitez officially started the first Monday of January.

Until the Sanford office officially opened last week, she helped the Liaison with various projects while training — most notably the organization’s COVID-19 response program.

Recently, she had worked as a COVID-19 case investigator for the Carolina Community Tracing Collaborative. Her nursing background also afforded useful knowledge and experience.

“Before joining El Vinculo, I was temporarily doing case investigating for COVID response,” she said, “so I was like, ‘Hey, we did these strategies,’ you know, and being able to help our community members in that recent role as well really helped.”

Since joining, she said she’s asked a lot of questions, spoken with a lot of Lee County organizations and run all around Sanford trying to find office space to rent. Now, she plans to work on earning the Hispanic community’s trust in Lee County.

“Our biggest goal is the trust in our community, so that they know that, ‘Hey, you guys can reach out to us,’” she said. “‘We’re going to hear your concerns. We’re going to work with you through it. We’re going to be one-on-one.’”

So far, she said she’d enjoyed her work — and her coworkers — and hopes her example will inspire her children, just as her mom’s inspired her.

“(It) goes back to what my mom would say, ‘OK, let’s give back as best as we can because that’s what being part of the community is,’” she said. “That’s one of the biggest motivators, especially now that I’ve got three young kids that are looking at me.”

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# Hispanic Liaison opens new satellite office in Sanford

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SANFORD — Inside a squat building at 215 Bracken St., a small, two-desk office has turned into the Lee County base for a Siler City nonprofit’s far-reaching mission.

After operating out of Siler City for nearly 26 years, the Hispanic Liaison opened a new satellite office in Sanford last week to offer more direct services to Lee’s Hispanic residents — expanding on an outreach to Chatham’s neighboring county that began in 2009.

“We’re so nervous, you know, it’s like any new venture, but we’re very excited to really continue the work that we have been doing,” said Hannia Benitez, the Liaison’s Lee County deputy director. “... We’re just really excited to have a physical location for our community members to say, ‘Hey, I don’t have to travel the 30 minutes all the way there to get these kinds of services.’”

The Hispanic Liaison serves Spanish-speaking residents across four counties — Alamance, Randolph, Lee and Chatham — and for the last couple of years, Benitez estimates they’ve served hundreds of people in Sanford. According to U.S. Census data, Lee County’s population is about 20% Hispanic; Sanford’s population is 26% Hispanic. In comparison, Chatham’s population is just over 12% Hispanic, while Siler City’s is nearly half Hispanic.

“That’s where the opportunity came (from), and we’re glad that we have been able to be in Chatham County,” Benitez said. “We’ve been successful in the area. We’ve been able to help our Lee County families



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**The Hispanic Liaison held a ‘soft opening’ for its new Lee County satellite office on Tuesday, June 1. The Liaison’s Hannia Benitez will lead the new Sanford office, which is located at 215 Bracken St.**

and friends and community members, so we’re very excited that we’re able to expand into Lee County, because essentially, it’s still going to be El Vinculo Hispano.”

As such, the Liaison will offer Lee County residents many of the same services they offer in Chatham — first and foremost, their community support program.

“It’s the ‘bread and butter’ (program) helping community members with obtaining vital documents for themselves and for their children,” Benitez said, as well as any other area resources and services community members need help accessing.

Likewise, the Liaison will also offer Lee County clients free immigration consultations, plus distribute information about their rights, services and — of course — COVID-19. Via its COVID-19 response program, the Liaison plans to help residents get vaccinated, connect them with local health providers and offer financial assistance to Hispanic families in need through its Solidarity Fund.

“These have been services that have been

available to our (Lee) community members,” she said, “but right now it’s at their door.”

At first, the office will host clients by appointment only, and unvaccinated clients will be asked to wear masks. For now, Benitez plans to host only one client indoors at a time. To schedule an appointment, residents can call 919-292-0177 or email Benitez at [hannia@evhnc.org](mailto:hannia@evhnc.org).

“If you’re vaccinated, we’re able to remove the masks, but for the most part it’s going to be outside,” Benitez said, adding, “It’s a small working space, but as we expand, we’re hoping to get more clients in.”

### ‘It takes a lot of effort’

For the Liaison’s leadership, last Tuesday’s “soft opening” was a moment that’s been years in the making.

“When we reopened in 2016 (after closing in

2015), agency expansion was part of El Vinculo’s strategic vision at that time,” said Benitez, who was on the Liaison’s

board of directors before joining the staff. “In 2018, opportunity really came knocking

at the door. We were approached by the Hispanic Council of the City of Sanford and Lee County.”

This council, said member Dennis Duke, had one clear goal: establish a central organization, much like the Liaison, which could support the needs of Lee County’s Hispanic residents.

“When I was talking to other people and leaders in the community, they all used to say ... we’re all getting calls from the community, help them translate this document,” Duke said. “I got this document from the government or from the IRS. Oh, I need to make an appointment for a doctor, they don’t speak Spanish.’ We’re all helping people outside our jobs’

expertise, so that’s when I said, ‘We need something more centralized.’”

The Hispanic Council had originally emerged in 2014 at the behest of the City of Sanford and Lee County to advise both governments while they embarked on a three-year community evaluation, Duke said. It was part of the Building Integrated Communities (BIC) project, a statewide initiative designed to help local governments formulate practices to serve and engage with their immigrant populations.

In 2017, the project’s report came out describing the Spanish-speaking population’s various needs and growing size — and that’s when the council realized they needed to do something.

But how? “It’s just an advisory council,” said Duke, who’s also a bilingual social worker at Lee County Schools and the Liaison’s board vice president. “We couldn’t do much, so we wanted to be our own nonprofit. But we find out it’s not that simple. It takes a lot of effort, paperwork, a lot of players, a lot of pieces.”

In 2019, the Hispanic Council reached out to the Hispanic Liaison, and not long after, the two organizations decided to join forces.

“Instead of helping them open an agency here ... (we decided) that it would be a lot simpler and easier for everybody involved to just have a satellite office,” said the Liaison’s executive director, Ilana Dubester. “Then we proceeded to beat the bushes for money.”

But just after they’d finalized all planning in February of 2020, the pandemic hit. Everything dragged to a halt. Some personnel left, and

money became scarce, but things soon picked back up again. In January, the Liaison hired Hannia Benitez as the office’s deputy director after receiving funding from a few North Carolina foundations. A Lee County domestic violence nonprofit, HAVEN, agreed to rent office space to the Liaison in its building near downtown Sanford.

“I was really happy where we ended up because we have a partnership with HAVEN,” Dubester said. “We start small without giant overhead expenses, you know, get a foot in the door, and settle in and then eventually, probably, we’ll move on to a bigger place.”

They’ll also have a bigger opening celebration in the future, as well, Dubester added.

### ‘My goal now’

Now that they’ve set down roots, Benitez said her next steps will be spreading the word about their services, building trust and gathering feedback about what the community needs. To help Benitez, the Liaison is also working on hiring a Lee County program and volunteer coordinator.

“Any additional programs in Lee County are going to be implemented in response to Lee County community needs,” Benitez said. “... It just really depends on what we get back from the community.”

The dream, Duke added, is now a reality, and he’s going to do what he can to keep it going.

“My goal now is, we’re going to be knocking on doors,” he said. “We’re going to let people know we’re here.”

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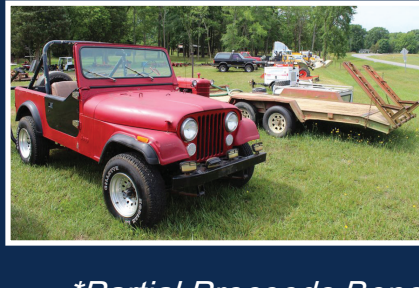
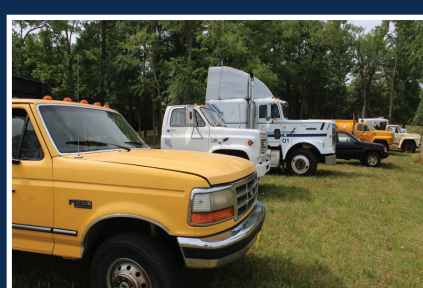
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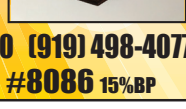
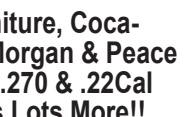
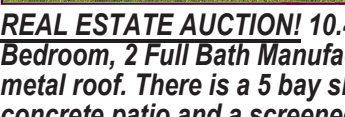
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same to the undersigned on or before August 20, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 20th of May, 2021. Steven Kloeblen Ancillary Executor of the Estate of Peter R. Kloeblen c/o Paul A. Yokabitus, Attorney 155 Parkway Office Court, Suite 200 Cary, NC 27518 My20,My27,Jn3,Jn10,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Jennifer Kara Hughes having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of **CHARLES RICHARD STATON**, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on May 7, 2021, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on or before August 18, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of May 2021. Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandever, 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150, Chapel Hill, NC, 27517. This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1. Austin C. Vandever, Attorney of Record 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150 Chapel Hill, NC, 27517 My20,My27,Jn3,Jn10,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **FRANK N. BAINE AKA FRANK NORRIS BAINE**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 27th day of August, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate

payment. This 27th day of May, 2021. JANET KOPITO, EXECUTRIX ESTATE OF FRANK N. BAINE AKA FRANK NORRIS BAINE Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 My27,Jn3,Jn10,Jn17,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons having claims against HELEN CATHERINE SILER AKA HELEN G. SILER aka Helen George Siler [hereinafter "Helen G. Siler"] of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 22nd day of February, 2021, are notified to present them to Michael R. Siler, Executor of the Estate of Helen G. Siler 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 September 2, 2021. 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 Helen G. Siler.

Those indebted to Helen G. Siler 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 My27,Jn3,Jn10,Jn17,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **TONYA RACHELLE TAYLOR**, Deceased, late of Chapel Hill, Chatham County, North Carolina (Estate File 21-E-282, Chatham County Clerk), this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at her listed address, on or before the 25th day of August, 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment. This the 25th day of May, 2021. Taylor Freeman 917 Saratoga Drive Durham, NC 27704 My27,Jn3,Jn10,Jn17,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons having claims against **VIRGINIA D. MARINO** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 5th day of May, 2021, are notified to present them to Martin G. Lutschauing, Executor of the Estate of Virginia D. Marino in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before September 2, 2021. 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 Virginia D. Marino. Those indebted to Virginia D. Marino are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 My27,Jn3,Jn10,Jn17,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 142**  
All persons having claims against **GLADYS HACKNEY THOMAS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of September, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of June, 2021. Janet T. Perry, Co-Executor 8156 Bethel South Fork Rd Snow Camp, NC 27349 Kathy J. Justice, Co-Executor 1728 Stonewood Drive Winterville, NC 28590 Jn3,Jn10,Jn17,Jn24,4tp

**PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET TOWN OF SILER CITY**  
The proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for the Town of Siler City has been presented to the Town Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection. To view the proposed budget, please visit [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org) or contact Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson at 919-742-4731 or [jjohnson@silercity.org](mailto:jjohnson@silercity.org). A public hearing will be held on the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on **Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Wren Memorial Library** located at 500 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina. Citizens are invited to submit written comments to Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson at [jjohnson@silercity.org](mailto:jjohnson@silercity.org). The following is a summary of the budget as presented: General Fund, \$8,481,375.00 Powell Bill Fund, \$569,340.00 Enterprise Fund (Water & Sewer, \$8,455,077.00 Enterprise Fund (License Plate Agency), \$160,636.00 TOTAL: \$17,666,428.00 Jn3,Jn10,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
HAVING QUALIFIED, as Administratrix of the Estate of **RONNIE MARSH**, 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 September 8, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 3rd day of JUNE, 2021. LYDE M. CHEEK, Administratrix of the Estate of RONNIE MARSH 2631 Rives Chapel Church Road Siler City, North Carolina 27344 (919) 663-2533 Jn3,Jn10,Jn17,Jn24,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM**  
THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 24th day of May, 2021, as Executor of the ESTATE of **JAMES ECKHARDT KURZ, SR.**, 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 3rd day of September, 2021 or this

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