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## HAS THE 1,4-DIOXANE DANGER PASSED?

# Pittsboro officials concerned, but still testing, offering free water for residents

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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PITTSBORO — Pittsboro officials said on Friday they were “encouraged” by the minimal amounts of 1,4-Dioxane measured in the most recently tested water samples after the improper discharge on Nov. 3 from the City of Greensboro, and were continuing to monitor water.

By Tuesday, however, the 1,4-Dioxane levels had increased to a point where

officials began to voice concerns. Town Manager Chris Kennedy sent another release letting residents know samples from Monday weren’t expected until Wednesday.

“The numbers are trending in the wrong direction,” he wrote on Tuesday. “but the numbers as of last Friday remain under the EPA’s 35 ug/L advisory level. The Town will continue to sample and report out the results as soon as we are able to do so.”

As of Friday, the town’s water tanks

were filled with water “consistent with concentration levels displayed for finished water,” Kennedy said, along with a chart provided in the release.

“The town will continue to pull samples until it is abundantly clear that the 1,4-Dioxane release has passed our raw water intake,” Kennedy said on Friday. “The water levels in the tanks should last the town 3-4 days, depending on consumption demand. While the town is not imposing any formal water restrictions to conserve water, any

conservation will assist in the longevity of the water in the tanks.”

Increasing the longevity of that water, Kennedy said, allows Pittsboro to continue to distribute “safe water free of elevated levels of 1,4-Dioxane by allowing us to limit our draws of raw water from the Haw River and adding more separation time from the contamination date that may prove beneficial should any remnants of the 1,4-Dioxane

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## PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST’S MILESTONE



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Church Pastor Rev. Robert Elmore shows members of the congregation of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church a time capsule they filled to commemorate the 150th anniversary.

# On land once known for bad behavior, church marks 150 years

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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PITTSBORO — Trades Hill near Pittsboro was once “a place for meetings, drunkenness and fights.”

Around the time the Civil War ended, the land which made up Trades Hill consisted of a store, horse stables and a saloon; it had also been home to a post office and served as training ground for Confederate soldiers.

“Many who visited the store called for a ‘bounce’ of whiskey,” according to a written historical account of the area, “a swallow

that cost a dime.”

But a century and a half ago, that all changed: the land was born again.

It was around 1870 that the Rev. G.P. Moore bought Trades Hill and not long after founded Trades Hill Church. In time, the land became known as Pleasant Hill — certainly more befitting for the home of a house of worship — and the church took on the name: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

On Sunday, Pleasant Hill celebrated its 150th anniversary.

Long-time member Bobbie Dwiggins has been attending Pleasant Hill since she was a tod-

dlar. She remembers hearing stories as a child about her family’s involvement in its founding.

“There’s a picture of my family member who started the church hanging in the church,” she said. “It was a one-room church at the time with two doors.”

Pleasant Hill parishioners celebrated the milestone anniversary by sharing memories during fellowship after regular worship services.

Dwiggins was among them.

“I’ve gotten married and moved off before, but I always found my

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CN+R file photo

Chatham County will lose the representation of State Senator Valerie Foushee (left) in the state’s legislative redistricting, but will still be represented by Robert Reives II in N.C. House Dist. 54. Sen. Natalie Murdock (right) will seek the Senate seat representing Chatham.

# New maps have Chatham losing Foushee, gaining Murdock

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
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After representing Orange and Chatham counties for eight years, Sen. Valerie Foushee will not serve Chatham if she’s reelected in 2022, following the redistricting of North Carolina’s three political maps for the next decade and approved along partisan lines earlier this month.

Foushee, a Democrat who lives in Orange County, told the News + Record the redistricting process should’ve included “more transparency” and opportunity for the public to participate.

“I enjoy working with residents of Chatham,” she said. “It was certainly an honor to represent Chatham in the Senate. I am willing to serve where I am designated to serve. But the processes are over. We have what we have, and I look forward to continued service to the state.”

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## SILER CITY COMMISSIONERS

# Immigrant Advisory Committee members are finally appointed

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON  
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SILER CITY — The Siler City Board of Commissioners appointed seven inaugural members to the town’s first Immigrant Advisory Committee Monday, reinvigorating a years-long initiative to better serve its immigrant population.

Among the new committee members, all migrated from Latin American countries or have Hispanic ancestry. According to 2020 census data, Siler City is nearly 51% Hispanic. All seven committee members also

reside in Siler City, which proved to be the determining factor for the board.

“Looking at this from a community-based perspective, there are seven that do fit the criteria and meet the scope of the guidelines of what the resolution established for these members,”

Town Manager Roy Lynch told the board, “and those are the seven that have a Siler City address and live within the community.”

The Siler City Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the formation of the town’s first Immigrant Commu-

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# Suspension, discipline disparities in schools highlighted by NAACP

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
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Black students are 4.4 times as likely as white students to receive short-term suspensions at Chatham County Schools, according to 2019-20 discipline data from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Short-term suspension rates for students with disabilities are 4 times higher than white students, according to that same data; rates for American Indian students are 3.5 times higher, multiracial students are 3.2 times higher and economically disadvantaged students are 2.4 higher.

Such disparities led the NAACP Chatham Community Branch #5377 in Pittsboro to form a criminal justice committee. Their task: studying the district’s discipline data and working with administrators to reduce such disparities.

“The reason we want to see a reduction generally is that we know that those disparities tell us that students are being treated unequally in some

way, at least when it comes down to how they’re categorized by race or disability status, or even economic status,” David Delaney, chairperson for NAACP Chatham Community Branch’s criminal justice committee, told the News + Record. “And if folks in the schools and families and community members can know why that disparate treatment is happening, then we might be able to go back and say, ‘We can fix it in particular ways.’ And there are lots of good reasons for doing that.”

The committee released a 49-page report, “Brighter Futures: A Plan of Action for a Community Partnership to Promote Student Achievement in Chatham County, NC” compiling its findings in September, which it shared with CCS.

The report recommends the following goals:

- limit school resource officer (SRO) disciplinary and investigative roles to state law mandates

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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.

### ON THE AGENDA

• The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22, via Zoom.

### OTHER

• A **Village Christmas Street Fair in Mon-cure** around the loop in Haywood on Saturday, December 4, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. featuring a Santa Claus greeting and Horse-Drawn sleigh rides, vendor’s market, 7 Springs Vineyard, food trucks, kids’ zone, and much more, with entry across from Liberty Chapel Church.

• The **Blood Connection Mobile Unit** will be at The Bynum General Store, 950 Bynum Road, Pittsboro, on November 27, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A \$20 donation will be made for every blood donor. Please come out and make a blood donation. The event is sponsored by Bynum Front Porch.

• **Chatham County Libraries** has announced that the **Outdoor Story Time** programs will continue through November 29, with the following weekly schedule: Mondays at 10:30 a.m., Natural Chef Café seating area on the C.C.C.C. Pittsboro Campus, adjacent to the Chatham Community Library, Pittsboro -Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., Goldston Public Library lawn, Goldston - and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., Natural Chef Café seating area on the C.C.C.C. Pittsboro Campus, adjacent to the Chatham Community Library. 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

## CORRECTION

In the Q&A about youth COVID-19 vaccines published with Dr. Michaela McCuddy of the Chatham County Public Health Department in the News + Record’s Nov. 11-18 edition, Dr. McCuddy stated, “We have had about 1.9 million hospitalizations of children since the pandemic started, and we have had almost 100 deaths in children in this age group, 5 to 11, from COVID-19.” The actual data is 1.9 million cases, not hospitalizations, according to the CCPHD. The CCPHD regrets the error.

hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy more activities. Story times will be offered rain or shine. Story Time will take a break during the month of December.

• **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.

• **Chatham CARES Community Pharmacy** will host its annual Celebration of Lights drive-through fundraiser on Dec. 4 at St. Julia Catholic Church in Siler City, from 6-7 p.m. Celebrate the season outdoors with a live band playing holiday favorites and a bilingual Christmas message, all from the safety and comfort of your own vehicle. Luminaries will be on display during the service, guiding vehicles along the drive-through holiday experience. The parking lot opens at 6 p.m., and visitors can drive through to look at the luminaries, or stop for the brief message. Admission to the event is free, and luminaries can be purchased for

\$10 each. 100% of the sale of luminaries will be used for prescription drug purchases, which are then dispensed to patients through Chatham CARES Community Pharmacy. Purchase your luminaries by calling Patricia at 919-663-0177. If you are purchasing luminaries in memory or in honor of someone and would like the name to be included in the program for the service, please do so by November 30.

• 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. 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 at <https://chatham-history.org>.

• **Second Bloom** has begun winter hours, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. We are located at 630 E. Street, Pittsboro, in the Food Lion Shopping Center. We are accepting donations of gently used men’s and women’s clothing and accessories. Credit cards are accepted. All proceeds provide support for

survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

• 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 adop-**

**tive** 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** — Pitts-

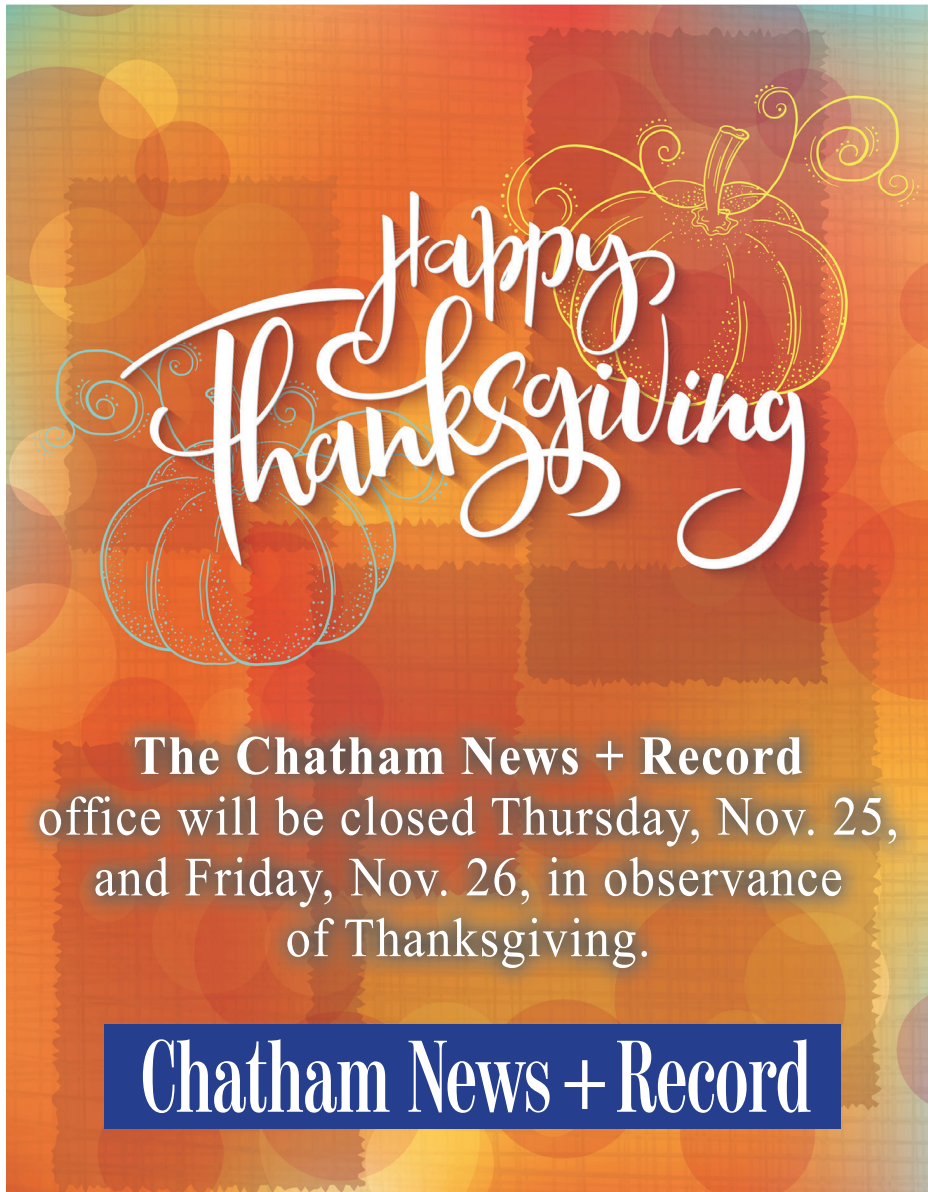
boro Serenity Seekers Al-Anon Family Group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Chatham Community Church, in the lower level of Chatham Mill, Pittsboro.

### 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.bstroop93.org](http://www.bstroop93.org) for more information.

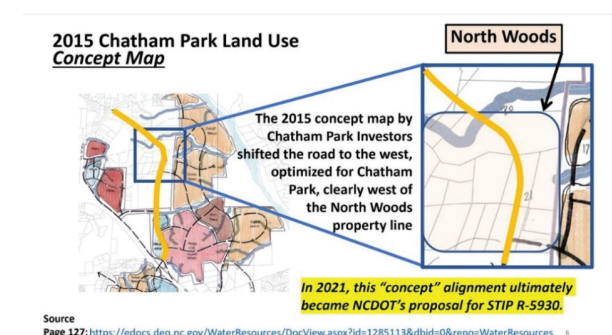
• **Pack 924** of Siler City First U.M.C. meets on from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts.

• **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.



## Why build the road through North Woods instead of on nearby land owned by Chatham Park?

### The Smoking Gun behind North Chatham Park Way



By: [Mark Pavao for North Woods neighbors](#)

In January 2021, NCDOT proposed to build North Chatham Park Way (STIP R-5930) through North Woods, a neighborhood established in the 1980s that is now surrounded by land owned by Chatham Park Investors. North Chatham Park Way will support the development of Chatham Park, so we asked: **Why build the road through North Woods instead of on nearby land owned by Chatham Park?**

After months of digging and evasive answers from **NCDOT, Chatham Park** (“we have nothing to do with North Chatham Park Way”) and **Kimley-Horn** (engineering consultant to both NCDOT and Chatham Park), we discovered that the **evaluation process was corrupted**. Along the way, we found the **SMOKING GUN** which is the **Chatham Park Land Use Concept Map**, drafted in 2015, which shifted the road from the neighborhood’s eastern boarder into the middle of North Woods. As you will see in the nearby photo, this concept map is nothing but a hand drawing that clearly shows Chatham Park’s intent.

## We sincerely hope that Pittsboro votes to STAND WITH NORTH WOODS.

We now know that the road alignment in the 2015 concept map **perfectly matches** the road developed by NCDOT between 2018-2020 and announced in January 2021. Chatham Park appears to have used its influence to position NCDOT to use its **power of EMINENT DOMAIN** to potentially take private land from the North Woods property owners for the benefit of Chatham Park Investors. Many people instinctively suspect that developers manipulate the system for their benefit, but it’s rare to see how they work their magic. With the benefit of hindsight, it’s easy to see the process and to see that this is a **LAND GRAB in plain sight**.

On August 23, 2021, the Pittsboro Commissioners asked NCDOT to evaluate an option east of North Woods. At that time, in the public meeting, NCDOT agreed to this request, but has done nothing towards studying a new option. In fact, NCDOT appears to have spent the last two months developing excuses and obstacles to convince Pittsboro to back down from its request.

On November 5, NCDOT sent an ultimatum letter to Pittsboro... it basically directed Pittsboro to send a formal request in writing by December 1 or NCDOT will proceed with its plan to destroy North Woods. Pittsboro Commissioners are scheduled to discuss and vote on this matter at their next meeting on November 22, 2021.

So, the future of North Woods will be decided on November 22. That day will either be remembered as the day when Pittsboro turned its back on North Woods, or the day when Pittsboro’s Commissioners voted to take a stand to preserve North Woods, a small part of what makes Pittsboro special... an established rural neighborhood that has been part of the fabric of Pittsboro and Chatham County for decades.

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## WATER

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release remain upstream of our water intake.”

Town officials continue to discuss remedies, Kennedy said, with the N.C. Division of Environmental Quality and with the City of Greensboro.

Pittsboro was alerted Monday the Greensboro had again allowed an excessive amount of 1,4-Dioxane — in the form of a “slug,” of concentrated segment of water — into the Haw. With each previous release, Pittsboro has detected the contaminant and by stopping the town’s draw from the Haw River.

The City of Greensboro has on more than on occasion discharged more than 20 times the recommended threshold of 1,4-Dioxane into the Haw River. 1,4-Dioxane, coming from a yet-to-be-identified source, is a synthetic chemical typically found in laundry detergent, shower

gel and other soaps. The toxic chemical is thought to be a likely carcinogen, so the EPA has a Drinking Water Health Advisory Level of 35 micrograms per liter of 1,4-Dioxane based on a 1 in 10,000 cancer risk for lifetime exposure.

In a release earlier last week, Kennedy said the town found almost nonexistent levels — mostly between 1 and 2 micrograms — of the chemical in its drinking water.

“It appears the town has ‘dodged the bullet’ with this release event,” Kennedy said last Friday.

The sample of water from Nov. 3, the day of the discharge, through Nov. 8 indicated only 1.07 micrograms per liter of 1,4-Dioxane was found in the drinking water. On Nov. 10, water samples were tested again and showed levels of 1,4-Dioxane had increased by less than one microgram per liter.

Last week, Kennedy said town staff believed the most

recent “slug” must have passed through Pittsboro outside of the water plant’s hours of operation. Some residents were skeptical on social media and said they believed the slug would take longer to come downstream due to low stream flow in the Haw River.

It appears residents may have been right after all.

Tuesday’s numbers indicate the “slug” in question may just be coming through Pittsboro, different than what Kennedy and staff originally thought to be the case.

According to a press release sent on Tuesday by Kennedy, 1,4-Dioxane levels had increased substantially from the last two reports. The raw grab from the Haw River saw an increase from 3.74 micrograms per liter on Nov. 11 to 9.80 micrograms per liter on Nov. 12.

Kennedy said in the press release he was concerned about the uptick in 1,4-Dioxane levels in the water and wants residents to remain diligent in

their conservation efforts.

“The Town is continuing to draw only the bare minimum of raw water to keep from inundating our system with contaminated water,” Kennedy wrote. “Town staff will continue to pull samples and seek rush orders on those samples so that we can continue to provide current updates of the water quality to our drinking water customers.”

Town staff expect the results from the next round of samples to come in within the next 24 hours.

Meanwhile, Pittsboro passed a motion Monday to contract with Chatham Marketplace to allow town water customers to access its water filling station for free. This move is a response to the recent delay of the Granular Active Carbon filtration system project — which is known to clean out chemicals such as chlorine or hydrogen sulfide from water — at the town’s water treatment plant, which will not be

completed until spring of 2022 because of supply chain issues.

Chatham Marketplace’s water filling station will be made available for free to any resident of Pittsboro who pays to use the town’s water utilities. The water filling station uses reverse osmosis and UV filtration to treat the water for “forever chemicals” such as PFAS and PFOS, meaning residents will be able to have a more dependable source for safe, clean water.

“The Chatham Marketplace filling station is currently active and ready for distribution as soon as the town contracts with the Chatham Marketplace,” Kennedy said in a memo to commissioners “Town staff believes that the town could be distributing water via Chatham Marketplace within two weeks following authorization.”

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## CHURCH

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way back to that church,” she said.

When the church started, Dwiggins said she was told it used to be segre-

gated by gender, with men sitting on one side of the church and women sitting on the other.

“There were two doors at the front of the church,” Dwiggins said. “The men would go in one door, and the women

would go in the other.”

Over the years, Dwiggins said, the church built in two Sunday School rooms, a fellowship hall and an office. The original church and its basement are still intact and in use, too. But

as the years have passed, the congregation has seemed to dwindle down to a handful of regulars — a couple of dozen or so members, mostly older local residents, according to Dwiggins.

“We used to have a bunch of people coming and a church that was almost full, and now, all of a sudden, we’ve dropped to almost nothing,” she said.

Rev. Robert Elmore has served as the pastor of Pleasant Hill for almost three years. He came after pastoring a United Methodist church. He filled in after one of the preachers died suddenly, and then was offered — and accepted — the pastoral position after another pastor left.

“I didn’t know how I felt about taking the responsibilities of a church at 79 years old,” Elmore said. “I told them I would think about it, and I wrestled about it with God — and you see where I’m at.”

Elmore said in the last month or two that he’s presided over four memorial services for deceased church members.

“We keep losing people, and for some reason, I don’t know why, but young people just are not interested in going to church,” he said. “My generation is about gone — when you get up in the 80s or 90s, you’re getting close to walking with Jesus.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to Pleasant Hill’s shrink-



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Responsive readings are a part of Sunday worship services at the church.**

ing congregation; more members have chosen to stay home because of COVID-related restrictions, or out of caution. As Elmore reflects on 150 years, it causes him concern.

“We’ve only had to shut our doors twice during the pandemic due to a COVID case in our church,” Elmore said. “We’ve put masks out in the front, we’ve got sanitizer and disinfectant, wipes, and we ask everyone to please wear a mask, but they still haven’t come.”

Dwiggins, who’s 71, is also concerned about the church’s future.

“I know the church will be here for the rest of my life,” she said, “but I don’t know how much longer it will last.”

For now, though, Pleasant Hill is a special

place for both Elmore and Dwiggins and the remaining members. Dwiggins says she feels she’s truly in the presence of something holy when she walks into the sanctuary.

“When I walk in that door, I can feel the Holy Spirit in this building,” she said. “I’ve been to other churches, and it’s just not the same.”

It’s not just the divine energy that makes this church special; it’s the sense of family and a feeling of community spirit that surrounds it that makes Pleasant Hill so unique.

“When I first came here, the people made me feel like I had been here my whole life,” Elmore said. “They were welcoming, and the feeling here was just different.”

Once visitors step inside the doors of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Dwiggins said they become a part of their church family.

“If somebody comes to us and says they need help, they need food or they need their light bill paid and we know that’s true, we’ll do without if it will help somebody in need,” she said. “Once you walk in that door, you are one of us.”



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church sing a hymn together during Sunday’s worship service.**



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# VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | REP. ROBERT REIVES II

## The bipartisan IIJA's impact on North Carolina

After decades of underfunding, the infrastructure of this country is about to be seriously improved.

We often take for granted that the roads and bridges that connect us to work, play and family are going to be there when we need them. But that takes smart, targeted investments in order to keep America moving. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a bipartisan bill signed into law by President Biden, will do just that. Here is how that legislation



**ROBERT REIVES III**  
N.C. House Representative

will have a concrete impact on North Carolina:

### Roads and bridges

Roads and bridges are the fundamental pieces of infrastructure that connect our country. North Carolina was an early investor in highways and that played a major role in turning our rural state into an economic powerhouse over the past century. But right now we have nearly 1,500 bridges and more than 3,100 miles of highway in poor condition. Over the past decade, that has contributed to a rise in commute times by more than 10%. That means more time away from our families and less time being productive at work. The new infrastructure bill will bring an estimated \$7.2 billion for our highways and almost

\$460 million for bridge upgrades over five years. Taken together, this is going to save people time and money, all while making our state more productive.

### Public transportation

Public transportation is another key investment this bill makes. Not everyone has or needs a car, but they still need to get around. Estimates suggest that North Carolinians who use public transportation spend significantly more time commuting. People of color are far more likely to use public transportation. By dedicating more money to public transportation, North Carolinians will have more and better options to get where they need to go. More than \$900 million is estimated to be heading our

way to build up our public transportation options and connect people to opportunity.

### Broadband

Our understanding of infrastructure has evolved over time, just like our economy. Today, we need to make investments in digital infrastructure as well. Too many North Carolinians struggle with high-speed internet access — a necessity in the 21st century. Broadband connects us to work, health care, schooling and more. Despite its importance, 14% of North Carolina households do not have an internet subscription and 4% of our state lacks any broadband infrastructure. The bipartisan infrastructure bill will ensure North Carolina receives at least \$100 million to

improve broadband coverage, helping connect more than 400,000 people. Access is not enough, though, and the bill also allows about one-third of North Carolinians to use the Affordable Connectivity Benefit to help low-income folks afford high-speed internet.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act does all of this and more. We have needed these strong investments in our state for years and now they are finally happening. The impact this legislation will have is going to be felt for decades and should help set North Carolina up for success in a global economy.

*Rep. Robert Reives II, a resident of Goldston, represents Chatham County in the N.C. House of Representatives.*

## Vaccines and Dolly

As she drove our sons to the pediatrician's office, my wife burst into a version of Dolly Parton's "Jolene."



**ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN**  
Hope Matters

"Vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, vaccine! I'm begging of you please vax your children!"

Parton would approve (and not only because my wife has a beautiful singing voice). The country music star donated \$1 million to fund the medical research for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Now that the Pfizer vaccine has been approved by the CDC for children ages 5 to 11 years, there is no need to wait any longer. In clinical trials, the vaccine has prevented infection in 90% of children. For the small number of those who have contracted the coronavirus, symptoms were minimized and recovery shortened.

Yet, I know that not everyone is singing the vaccine's praises. Vaccines have been politicized in this pandemic and there was already a movement against children's vaccinations before the coronavirus. Unfounded rumors persist that those vaccines can cause autism and other cognitive disorders. These are outright falsehoods and lack any scientific evidence whatsoever.

But in terms of the COVID-19 vaccine, I suspect many people are misled by half-truths. There are reports of heart inflammation known as myocarditis and pericarditis developing in children after vaccination. However, Jesse Hansen, M.D., pediatric cardiologist at University of Michigan Health C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, clarifies that not only is this very rare, but most cases have also been mild and short-lived, with patients recovering in a few days. Hansen also reports that heart inflammation occurs at much higher rates from a COVID infection.

Parton once said, "I like to give people information because everyone's life is different, and everyone's journey is different." I agree that information is important. There was a helpful Q&A about COVID-19 vaccines with Michaela McCuddy, the Chatham County Public Health Department's medical director, in last week's News + Record.

But the key to overcoming resistance to vaccines is not only changing minds but attitudes. And there is no speech or presentation, no scientific report or newspaper editorial that can move our hearts quite like music.

In the 2019 podcast series "Dolly Parton's America," I learned that human rights leader Nelson Mandela was a Dolly fan. Before he became president of South Africa, Mandela was jailed for 27 years as a political prisoner. In the infamous Robben Island prison, he convinced the guards to play "Jolene" over the speakers.

Rather than hearing it as a song about a rival in a romantic relationship, Mandela heard "Jolene" striking chords about shared loss and fear. His fellow prisoners had lost their freedom and feared for their future; the guards feared the loss of their country and their power. I'm not suggesting that these are equal losses but that both the jailed and the jailer shared fundamental feelings. According to Mandela, these two groups of people connected through music.

Despite political and cultural differences, most of us parents share the fear of losing our children. This fear can cause us to view one another as enemies. Or, it might bring us together. We can break down the barriers of ideological differences which so often imprison our minds. The truth shall set us free (John 8:32).

Let's give Dolly the last word. When she received her vaccination shot last February, she belted out on camera:

"Vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, vaccine! I'm begging of you please don't hesitate."

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## Timing may not be everything, but it plays a really big part

There's an old line about selling real estate that says the three most important things about it are "location, location and location." I always thought price had something to do with the deal, as well — but then maybe that's why I'm not in the real estate business.



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around

Likewise, there's an old saying that says a great deal about life in general and some specific things like airplane aerobatics (as the Thunderbirds fly around and cross in front of each other and fly upside down, and so forth). That's the old saw, "Timing is everything," and in many ways it's hard to argue with that line of thought.

Think back on your life and consider how some things happened and where you happened to be when they did and why or how you were there instead of somewhere else. What if you hadn't walked into the drugstore and seen your sweet patootie sitting there at the counter and had her steal your heart? What if you'd taken the job with Apple computers some years ago instead of selling pots and pans from the trunk of your car? Or what if you'd really paid attention in class instead of doodling on the cover of your notebook?

Timing plays really important parts in the really important parts of our lives, to be sure. But timing

is also a funny — not funny "haha," but funny in how it happens as part of our ordinary lives as well. And lately I've noticed a couple of what I guess are insignificant characteristics of time but which also seem to rear their heads more and more.

Both of them have to do with television and its programming. Let me go ahead and admit that to me today's programming, at least on the major networks, falls somewhere between lousy and the bottom of the sea. Comedy isn't funny; the laugh tracks prompt us to laugh at juvenile humor about potty humor and body parts. Drama is overdone and most of it has to do with folks shooting other folks and looking for CSI and DNA.

And so much of the "news" is really editorializing and then so much of what isn't someone's opinion is graphic description about things like how a young child is dismembered and so forth. Maybe I never set the woods on fire as a journalist but I knew enough to know you don't air all the dirty linen in public and you try to have some sense of common courtesy and decency. Every time I hear a TV talking head say something like "exclusive on Channel 14!" or whatever I wonder what do they think is really important here — that they're bringing us a significant story or that they're tooting their own horn.

Anyway, having said all that I'll admit that I still do like to watch the "news" but sometimes when a story has just gone off in which a reporter or anchor was lovingly gushing or

blowing smoke about someone or something and a commercial has just begun, I'll switch the channel and guess what: there's a commercial there, as well. Do television programmers have a written or unwritten rule that says they all must show commercials at the exact same time or is it just me?

And while I'm on a tirade about that, let me go ahead and note the second thing about TV and timing and that is that many of the products being advertised are for wants and needs that somehow don't seem too well suited for either the supper hour or mixed company of little folks.

Are you constipated? Check out the 6:30 news. Are you looking for two bathtubs you and your mate can lounge in on the back deck or by the shore or in the woods? Wait a few minutes past the commercial for the material that will keep you regular and you can catch that one as well.

Don't get me wrong. I don't think I'm a prude but I don't think you have to ... well, I think you get the picture. And I'm not against products being made and sold. I'm a big fan of the free enterprise system. That's one of the soapboxes I get on more frequently now than I once did.

Basically, I want my government — from the courthouse to the statehouse to the White House — to let me and my fellow Americans work as hard as we can and take the chances we want so we can make all we can. But that's another story for another day.

I just wish there was a little more, shall we say, "decorum" and a little less blunt. Maybe I'll see if the timing is right for me to go into the TV programming business.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Will there be a permanent labor shortage?



One of the surprises of the current economy is the labor shortage. Even though the unemployment rate is higher than it was prior to the pandemic, fewer people are looking for work. As a result, many businesses — from restaurants and trucking to construction and technology — have openings that are going unfilled. In North Carolina, there are approximately 90,000 fewer individuals in the labor market than before the pandemic. There's a huge debate swirling over the causes of this situation, with fingers pointed at many possible reasons. Generous federal financial help, continued fear about COVID-19, uncertainty over schools for households with children, lack of affordable child care and a surge in retirements are some of the causes offered. While there's hope the lack of workers will be resolved as the pandemic ultimately disappears, some experts are not so optimistic. In fact, for years

**MIKE WALDEN**  
You Decide

many demographers have been warning of a permanent worker shortage in the coming decades. It may just be that the pandemic brought the shortage earlier. An important concept in demographics is the “replacement birth rate.” This is the birth rate needed to replace deaths and keep the population unchanged. If the actual birth rate is higher than the replacement rate, then the population increases. Demographers estimate the replacement birth rate is 2.1 children per woman. If the birth rate is lower than this replacement rate, then the population decreases. In the case of the latter, a declining population will eventually result in a declining labor force. The statistics show the U.S. birth rate has been steadily declining and is below the replacement rate. The latest birth rate for 2020 is 1.6, well below the replacement rate of 2.1. This means that, based on domestic births alone, the nation's population would be declining. So far, immigration has prevented this, but there's no assurance this will continue in the future. There's a second issue at work causing concern about

the future labor force. Participation by adults in looking for and taking jobs has still not recovered from the pandemic. But even before the pandemic, labor force participation of both women and men had been falling. There have been numerous ideas as to why, including the high cost of child care, the increase in incarcerations, the disinterest of many young men in working due to drug abuse and video-gaming and the long period of time many young people are in college. Hence, with the future of immigration uncertain, there is a real chance our national population could shrink. Even with immigration, it's a fairly sure prediction that population growth will continue to slow. The big question is: how will this impact the economy? One possibility is that technology will fill the gap left by fewer workers. The capability of technology to perform human tasks has rapidly been increasing. Kiosks and tablets for ordering in restaurants, robots for storing and retrieving products in warehouses, and even machines for laying bricks and computers for building homes are just a few examples.

Five years ago, two British economists created big headlines by estimating that almost half of occupations were susceptible to having machines replace people in performing work tasks. At the time of the British study, the worry was about lost jobs and what the displaced workers would do. Ironically, with the prospect of fewer future workers, labor-saving technology may be exactly what is needed. There are also policies that can be used to increase the labor force participation of existing adults. Reducing the taxation of Social Security benefits for those still working but younger than the full retirement age could encourage more work from older adults. Encouraging the expansion of additional child care facilities could make it easier for parents who want to increase their work hours. A renewed focus on training incarcerated individuals in needed skills is a “win-win” for them and society. For individuals — especially younger individuals — who find formal education uninteresting and are distracted by video games and drugs, wider educational opportunities

might be explored. Exposure to occupations in the trades — tasks that are more physically oriented rather than cognitively focused — as well as to skills that can be acquired with short-term training, might give many youths a productive and compelling future. While trends in the North Carolina birth rate track national trends, North Carolina's situation does differ in one important way — in-migration. In-migration measures people moving to the state from other states. For years North Carolina has been a leader in in-migration, with many more people moving to the state compared to those leaving the state. Continuing to attract households and workers from other states is a way for North Carolina to avoid a worker shortage. Workers are a key part of our economy. In past decades we assumed people would be easily available to fill jobs. That time may be gone. How should we adjust to this new reality? You decide.

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### An open letter requesting Pittsboro uphold affordable housing recommendations

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Pittsboro Mayor and Town Commissioners,

We are Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE), a diverse group of Chatham residents working to advance racial equity in Chatham County since 2016. Not only do we facilitate racial equity workshops and offer our consulting services to local organizations and agencies guiding them to advance equity within their institutions, organizations, and communities, but we also aim to build conversations around difficult topics that affect us all. We community organize around issues that affect our common humanity, like affordable housing.

The impact of structural racism on home ownership and affordable housing is well documented in economic justice literature and in US history. Data shows that home ownership is not equitably accessible despite accounting for factors such as a stable job and education. There is a nationwide affordable housing crisis — one that has persisted for decades. We are asking the Town of Pittsboro decision-makers to address this issue with racial equity at the center.

Affordable housing affects individuals across socioeconomic backgrounds. Yet, Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) are disproportionately impacted at higher rates because of longstanding barriers to building and retaining wealth. At CORE, we have recently partnered with WEBB-Squared, a new non-profit seeking to build wealth among Black Business owners and entrepreneurs, to address the racial wealth gap in rural counties across the state starting in Chatham County.

Affordable housing, home ownership, and equitable development must be prioritized throughout Chatham County allowing for an inclusive housing policy. Adequate, well-maintained housing is the foundation of a safe and stable life. It is a basic human right. We are requesting the Town Board of Commissioners and Mayor advocate for the following recommendations:

- A minimum of 10-15% of proposed units dedicated to affordable housing
- Specify a portion of units to be used for 65% AMI or below
- Use true HUD definitions of affordability targeting households below 80%
- Remove the Land Donation equivalent and hold Chatham Park accountable to providing affordable housing
- Avoid creating a new

Affordable Housing non-profit but instead invest in staff and capacity to be able to implement, change policies, and navigate how these affordable units can become a reality

An important next step would be initiating an intentional process using a racial equity resource (e.g. Government Alliance for Racial Equity Toolkit) to assess potential biases and develop specific metrics, plans, and procedures to reduce racial bias in the housing sector. CORE stands ready to assist the Pittsboro Town Commissioners, Mayor, and Town Manager by providing input and resources as you engage in this important work. Please contact us at [info@corenc.org](mailto:info@corenc.org) if you would like to discuss further.

**Karinda Roebuck**  
*Executive Director, Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity*

### Election story was missing a few pieces

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Last week, the News+Record put out an “investigative” piece on the local Pittsboro election (“Negative flyer, online attacks haunt candidates in Pittsboro races,” Nov. 11-17 edition) that was missing a few parts. Reporter Taylor Heeden had it right that the flyer put out by the “Pittsboro For The People” PAC seemed to have it in for Commissioner Fiocco. She didn't mention any of the people who started that PAC, which it seems would be relatively simple to find.

Also, any digging in to the online local chatter would almost certainly have developed a picture of the other PAC involved, the “Friends of” the three local candidates (Fiocco, James Nass and Pamela Baldwin), who were being pushed as a troika on local signs. This PAC was started by Randy Voller. The chatter made it clear that Randy started this PAC, he and his wife were paid for services through same, and that the largest contributor was Mayor Nass — copies of the PAC filing documents were included.

All this was left out and Ms. Heeden wrote an article that seemed to present the opposition to Fiocco as an invalid one-off and left it to the reader to figure out why this was being done.

The complete picture might ask whether or not the oppo-

sition to Fiocco was, at least in part, the commissioner's connection to the candidate PAC and Voller himself. I don't have the answer to that myself, I just sensed I wasn't getting all the information out there from the article.

**Bill Crawford**  
*Pittsboro*

### More affordable housing at Chatham Park is needed, and can be accomplished

**TO THE EDITOR:**

The Pittsboro town board is currently reviewing a proposed affordable housing plan for Chatham Park. Maybe you already know this could affect you or yours, but if you think it doesn't I urge you to keep reading.

What is affordable housing? Officially, housing that doesn't cost you more than 30% of your household's gross monthly income. The official annual median family (gross) income for this area is based on three counties and might seem surprisingly high, \$86,400. If you are single or widowed and make less than \$48,400 a year you too could qualify for “affordable housing” — if it were only available.

Missing middle income housing, officially termed “workforce housing” based on sales price or rent rate related to income, is a supplemental form of affordable housing, that is also very hard to find.

Far too many households are paying too much for housing, if they can find it, and area workers, single or with families, especially need rental apartments they can afford. Too many people already working in Pittsboro can't afford to live here.

Chatham Park agreed to do something towards affordable housing as part of its initial approval six years ago and a plan is under review now, one that seems to fall short of what the development's new residents would need. If only 5% of the new homes and apartments need be affordable even for those middle incomes and lower, then 95% would be out of reach of the people who would actually make Chatham Park work. Thus minor tweaks of that percentage are not enough.

The plan also needs careful review of the many ways these requirements are proposed to be met, and the role of the town,

in order that whatever is agreed upon produces the expected tangible results, and does so as the development builds out.

While the town recently approved an incentives-only approach (all that the N.C. General Assembly would allow) it seems likely that the bulk of new housing to come will be in Chatham Park. This development is freed from many of the conditions making housing expensive and affordable housing projects so hard to get built, such as limits on density, lot size and setbacks in all directions, and, most importantly land cost. Since these folks are not actually builders, construction cost is not an issue, just their control of the acreage. They are already planning to mix in housing types.

As an agreement that might never be improved over the 40-year build-out I am trying to remain hopeful that this plan can be crafted to be more adequate and predictable. I wish the developers would grasp how much more attractive, famous, and successful their project would be if they aimed for it to be more comprehensive, more inclusive (and less exclusive) and more self-contained, as they advertise. If anyone is in a position to do that they are, and it could demonstrate that even in our out-of-control unregulated housing market, it can, in fact, be done.

**Liz Cullington**  
*Pittsboro*

### Affordable housing plan needs scrutiny

**TO THE EDITOR:**

In Pittsboro and Chatham County there's a major shortage of housing. Real estate values have shot up, and it's hard to find reasonably priced homes or rentals. The Chatham Park Investors (CPI) propose to fix this by developing more than 22,000 housing units. But their first offerings are too expensive for most Pittsborans, ranging from \$225k for a tiny 800 square feet, up to \$840k for 3,600 square feet.

CPI's draft affordable housing plan — required in return for the development's very high density — was only recently submitted after the first one was rejected four years ago. Their new plan would have 95% of all Chatham Park residences be out of reach of middle income families.

Expert opinions from policy

analysts and affordable housing developers (including Habitat For Humanity) say that we need at least 15% of new housing stock to be affordable. CPI's draft policy, however, agrees to build only 5% of their 22,000 units as affordable housing — a mere third of what we need.

This flaw is only the tip of the iceberg of a complicated policy that's filled with loopholes. For instance, land could be designated instead of houses — including unbuildable land, even up to one mile outside of Chatham Park. (Bear in mind, Pittsboro is only two to three miles wide.)

Will CPI equip these affordable housing developments (or land) with sewer allocations? Without that, these affordable houses or apartments are very unlikely to be built. There are many more crucial factors that need to be worked out, in public meetings and not in negotiations behind the scenes.

So the board has hard work to do, and if that takes time, it will be time well spent because whatever improvements we can get now will rule for the entire 40-year build-out of this gigantic project.

The town board worked many months in public to finalize the landscaping rules for Chatham Park. Affordable housing is much more crucial than landscaping, yet it hasn't received that level of scrutiny.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to collaborate with the largest modern development in the state, and a chance to create innovative affordable housing solutions that could be envied and modeled.

If you agree, let the mayor and commissioners know before Nov. 22 that this needs to be done right, rather than fast.

**John Bonitz**  
*Pittsboro*

*The writer is a member of the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners.*

### A big ‘thanks’ to Mountaire

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Mays Baptist Church would like to sincerely thank Mountaire Farms for their Thanksgiving for Thousands program that has been feeding needy families in the community. Over 5,000 boxes of food were packed on site, and loaded in vehicles or trailers.

We appreciate all the employee volunteers, their families, as well as all the young people that helped to make this project a success. Workers were singing, clapping their hands and rejoicing. The whole event was extremely well organized! Mountaire, you are making a difference in our community!

**Donald Lyerly**  
*Moncure*

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# VIEWPOINTS

## The people never spoke on statues

Although some pundits and grifters may claim otherwise, there's nothing new about populism. It comes in waves, often but not always in response to sharp economic downturns, and is driven by outrage against the mistakes or misdeeds of political elites. Sometimes that populist outrage is well-earned and its consequences beneficial. At other times, though, the flames of populism serve as little more than propulsion for demagogues seeking to make themselves new political elites in place of the old ones. George Orwell had their number, which he counted as legs. So did Pete Townshend of The Who, who invited listeners to “meet the new boss — same as the old boss.”



**JOHN HOOD**  
John Locke Foundation

If you go looking for clear definitions of the policy content of populism, you'll come away disappointed. But there's a common rhetorical denominator: populists tend to say things like “the People have spoken” even though they are actually in the minority and “the People” have done no such thing. It's currently fashionable to denigrate right-wing populism, of the sort that produced the January 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol. Although I'm no slave to fashion — my closet is full of clothes older than my grown children — I have repeatedly criticized such populist impulses myself, not only when expressed as conspiracy theories about stolen elections but also when directed against free trade, entitlement reform, and other causes that in my view cannot be abandoned by an American conservatism worthy of the name. Today, however, I will focus on left-wing populism, of the sort that has produced its own violence and chaos but

nowhere near the level of condemnation it deserves. The riots of 2020 alone resulted in dozens of deaths and north of \$1 billion in property damage. Of course, most people protesting the homicide of George Floyd were only expressing political views. They weren't rioters. By refusing to maintain order, however, state and local governments allowed some protests to devolve into riots. It was a colossal error. Their failure to enforce basic rules of conduct in public spaces had antecedents. Some happened right here in North Carolina. On August 24, 2017, a mob led by anarchist and communist activists toppled the Confederate Monument that once stood in front of Durham's old courthouse. Thanks to some combination of clumsiness and purposeful malfeasance by local law enforcement, no one was ever really held responsible for the crime. Almost exactly one year later, another mob (including

some of the same activists) tore down the Silent Sam statue on the Chapel Hill campus of the University of North Carolina. Again, there were no serious consequences for those responsible. Again, the mob was rewarded by having the statue removed permanently rather than restored to its original location, as it should have been, until such time that it might be removed by proper authorities employing legal means. As I wrote at the time, I was never sold on keeping those statues permanently in place. I don't think past generations get to decide in perpetuity what persons or images should populate public spaces. Confederate monuments have a history of their own, one that at best mixes familial desire to honor fallen ancestors with Lost Cause mythology and white supremacy. Should Silent Sam and comparable statues and memorials have been moved elsewhere, then, or just dismantled? That was a legitimate question. It

was not, however, answered by “The People.” It was answered by a self-anointed few who figured they'd get away with it. They were right. Most North Carolinians didn't agree. They opposed removing the Silent Sam statue, which was on state property. That remains the prevailing national sentiment about the larger issue. In a 2020 ABC News/Washington Post poll, only 43% of respondents favored “removing statues honoring Confederate generals from public places.” Think the majority is wrong about this? Then persuade them otherwise. But don't take the law into your own hands and then cloak yourself in populist claims that “the People have spoken.” They never got to.

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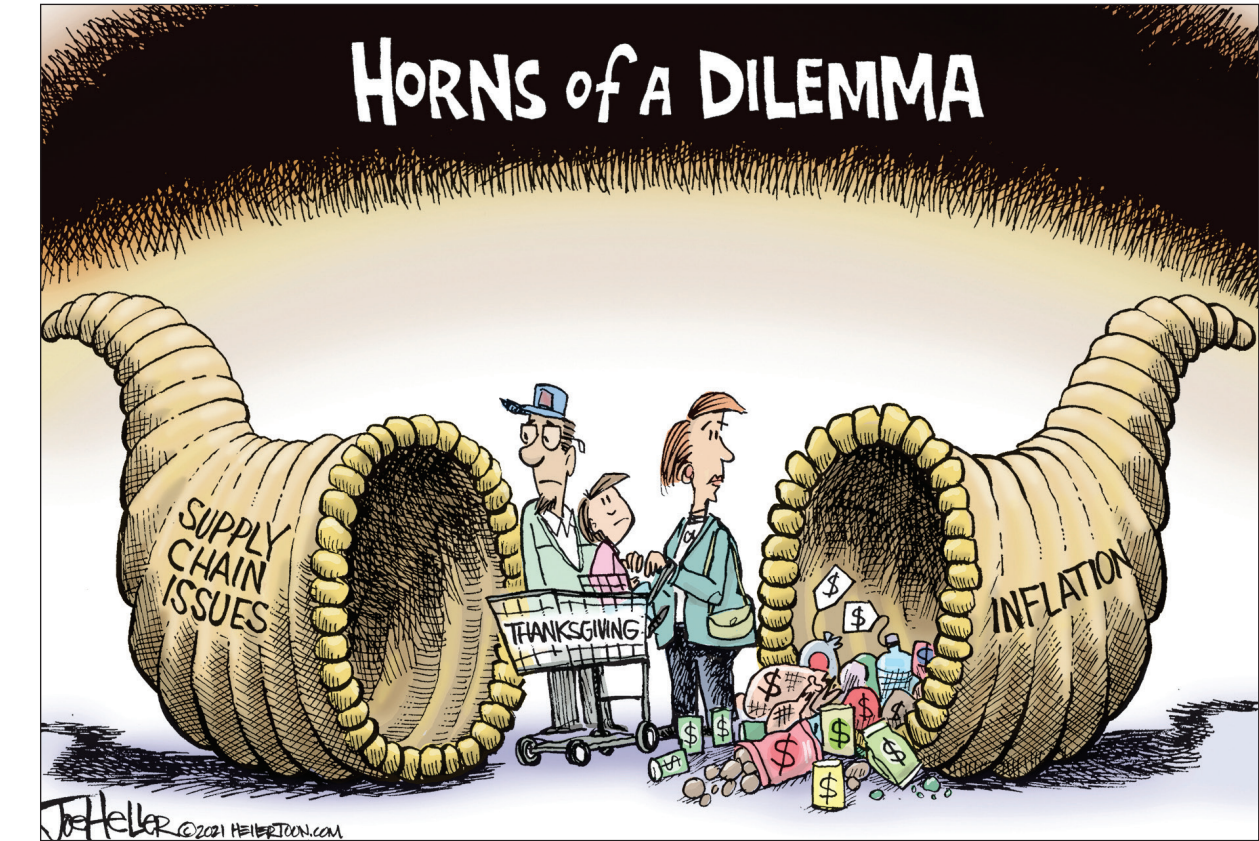
## We could all use a little more trust

I've been following the analysis by pundits, partisans and pollsters about the recent November elections, especially the gubernatorial races in neighboring Virginia and New Jersey. Opinions and suggestions are all over the board, but one column started me thinking. “Americans hate being told what to do,” wrote Kathleen Parker in The Washington Post. “And lately they've been told a lot: Stay at home. Stand apart. Wear a mask. Get a shot. Get the booster.” She's right. Americans, especially North Carolinians, have always been an independent lot. Many of us resent being told what to do. That said, how can we explain why we accept being told to drive on the right-hand side of the road, stop at red lights, wear seat belts, stand in line and abide by any number of other mandates? The real reason is that who is telling us is equally or perhaps more important than what we are told to do.

At the heart of the issue is trust. We will listen to and follow those whom we trust, and either ignore or disobey those we don't. It wasn't too many years ago that when a government official, business leader, religious figure or anyone in a position of authority told us something we believed it. We knew that at some level they looked after their own best interests but we also, perhaps naively, believed they mostly acted in what was the best interest for most of us. We learned differently. How and when did that change? Our trust bubble was pricked in 1968 when Walter Cronkite returned from Viet Nam and told us our military and political leaders had been lying to us. We weren't winning the war in Southeast Asia. Cronkite reported we were “mired in stalemate” and he believed the war to be unwinnable. Yet another puncture occurred when Richard Nixon lied to us about Watergate. The Catholic Church pedophile scandals further eroded our trusting natures, as did revelations about corrupt political, business and legal deals. In response, the media plunged full bore into investigative reporting instead of accepting carte blanche statements from those in authority. They were often antagonistic, looking for untruths and breaches of faith. Like the COVID pandemic this attitude spread rapidly. We don't know who to trust and, sadly, now approach most everything and everyone with the posture that we won't trust you until you prove we can. That's no way to live and no way to move forward.

Here are some thoughts to build trust: First, understand this is going to be a slow process. We must be open-minded and willing to put the past behind us and stop dwelling on it. We need to change our attitudes, going into relationships and situations with a posture of trust rather than mistrust. At the same time, we need to be vigilant and ask questions, letting people in authority know we are watching. And when people act trustworthily, we should reinforce and praise these actions. To be trusted you must be trustworthy! Earning trust is more incumbent on people in positions of authority. Begin by recognizing the pervasive lack of trust, understanding that what you do behind closed doors is just as important as what people see. Honest communication is essential. Promises alone don't count; you have to speak, act and live truth. Instead of covering up problems, misdeeds or failures you must be accountable and own them, explaining clearly what you are going to do to correct current situations and prevent future ones. Trust is easy to break but hard to restore. But more trust is what we need today.

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## UNC's history: a minority view

Last month, U.S. District Judge Loretta Biggs ruled that UNC-Chapel Hill does not discriminate against white and Asian-American applicants when it factors race in its undergraduate admissions process. She explained, “While no student can or should be admitted to this



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

University, or any other, based solely on race, because race is so interwoven in every aspect of the lived experience of minority students, to ignore it, reduce its importance and measure it only by statistical models ... misses important context to include obscuring racial barriers and obstacles that have been faced, overcome and are yet to be overcome.” The possibility that Blacks may be getting preferential treatment in admissions today would seem amazingly strange to students Harvey E. Beech, James L. Lassiter, J. Kenneth Lee, Floyd B. McKissick and James R. Walker when in 1951 they enrolled in the law school and became the first Blacks admitted to UNC. Their struggle for admission is chronicled in a new book, “To Drink from the Well: The Struggle for Racial Equality at the Nation's Oldest Public University” by Geeta N. Kapur. The book examines examples of

racism at UNC through the years beginning with the laying of the cornerstone of Old East, the campus's oldest building. In 1793, when the university's founder, Richardson Davie, led a solemn Masonic service; no Blacks were in close attendance even though enslaved labor had produced the bricks for the new building. The law students admitted in 1951 were not the first Blacks to seek admittance to UNC. On March 13, 1933, Thomas Hocutt attempted to apply to UNC's pharmacy school. The immediate response from the admissions dean: “Negroes are not admitted to this university.” Hocutt was represented by Conrad Pearson, a young Durham lawyer. Pearson thought that response made clear that race was the reason his admission was denied, a fact that, if not admitted, would have to be proved in court. The situation split the Black community in Durham. Leaders such as C.C. Spaulding, head of the highly successful Black insurance company, North Carolina Mutual, and Dr. James Shepard, president of North Carolina College for Negroes, worried that the efforts to enroll Blacks at UNC would disrupt the good working relationships they had with the white community. They told Pearson that the admission effort must be dropped. Spaulding told “terrifying stories about the Wilmington Race Riot,” implying that Hocutt's efforts to enroll could

spark something similar. Ultimately, Hocutt's lawsuit against UNC was dismissed, in part because he could not provide a transcript of his attendance at North Carolina College. Dr. Shepard had refused to release it. Although Hocutt failed, his and Pearson's efforts helped chart a successful path for the Black law school applicants almost 20 years later. Kapur sets out these efforts in illuminating detail. She also charts Durham native Pauli Murray's unsuccessful attempt in 1938 to gain admission to UNC's School of Social Work. Murray, who grew up in Durham, later gained national fame as a civil rights lawyer and Episcopal priest. She wrote long letters of protest about the admission denial to UNC President Frank Porter Graham and President Franklin D. Roosevelt and gained widespread attention to her case. But, as Thurgood Marshall explained to her, the NAACP would not take her case because she was no longer a North Carolina resident, having been in New York City since 1926. Books about the University of North Carolina are plentiful, but a history of the institution written by a minority is a rarity. Kapur grew up in Kenya and has family connections to Indians, Blacks, and whites. She graduated from UNC and its law school. As a student she identified as a Black. While she is proud and grateful for her university experience, she remembers that every day she felt the weight of racism that still infects the institution. Her unique perspective makes her book compelling reading and a valuable resource for anyone seeking to better understand UNC's history and current challenges.

*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.*

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# MEMBERS

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nity Advisory Committee on June 21. The idea originally emerged several years ago amid a two- to three-year community planning project called Building Integrated Communities (BIC).

Launched in 2017, this project brought the town, the Hispanic Liaison and community members — including some now leading the Immigrant Advisory Committee — together to identify immigrant residents’ needs and create a plan to address them. Forming an immigrant advisory committee was one such step in the project’s finalized plan, but the COVID-19 pandemic and personnel turnover delayed its implementation until June.

The original application period for those wishing to be appointed to the committee closed on Aug. 9, and the town had originally planned to present all applications to the board during an August or September board meeting, according to Lynch. After receiving too few applications, however, the town reopened the application process twice, extending the deadline to Nov. 1. The extended deadline also gave board members more time to review the pool of applicants, which

Commissioner Chip Price had asked for last month.

“There’s some folks on here who’ve got some real good qualifications,” Price told the board on Oct. 18. “I was impressed, but at the same time, there’s several people on there — I have no clue who they are, and I personally would like to have a little bit more time to ... for lack of a better term, vet some of these people, maybe even talk to them personally.”

By Monday night, the town had received 11 applications, three of which came in during the second extended application period. The four rejected applicants applied with Durham, Chapel Hill and Pittsboro addresses, including Ilana Dubester, the executive director and founder of the Hispanic Liaison in Siler City.

“I’m very excited that the committee has finally formed and with a strong slate of candidates!” Dubester told the News + Record. “I’m also very happy that many Siler City residents applied and were selected. This is a good day for our community and for Siler City.”

According to the town’s resolution, the seven-member committee will provide a bridge between the board and immigrant residents, offer strategies to foment civic participation among

immigrant residents and serve as a forum to both discuss and address the immigrant community’s concerns.

Committee members will also take the lead on implementing any and all recommendations outlined in BIC’s action plan to better serve the town’s immigrant residents.

The appointees include:

• **Hannia Benitez**

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

After a brief stint in Sanford, she moved back to Siler City with her husband and three children in 2016. Benitez has served a three-year term as the president of the Hispanic Liaison’s board of directors and now manages the Liaison’s Sanford satellite offices as its Lee County deputy director, a role she’s occupied since January.

“Born in Guatemala and raised in Siler City, my goal within our immigrant community, which includes me, is to ensure that our voices are heard in an equitable and just manner,” she wrote in her application to the town. “I believe that the best anchor for change is communication. When this is present, many things can be accomplished.”

• **Norma Jisselle Perdomo**

Honduran native and Siler City resident Norma Jisselle Perdomo works as an immigration attorney at Vasquez Law Firm in Raleigh. Prior to becoming an attorney, she taught ESL at Central Carolina Community College.

“As an immigrant and

advocate for immigrants, I have a vested interest in working with underrepresented communities,” she wrote in her letter of interest. “I was part of the initial Building Integrated Communities (BIC) project which started years ago in Siler City.”

• **Victoria Navarro**

Born in Mexico, Victoria Navarro migrated to Siler City with her family in 1996 when she was 4 years old. She works with a higher education-focused marketing firm in Raleigh to reach underrepresented communities. She’s also served as a family engagement coordinator with education nonprofit LatinxEducation to help Latinx students and families through the college application process.

“While I feel fortunate to have found the connections and skills that have allowed me to feel heard in the community, I know that is not the case for many,” she wrote. “I wish to be that voice to represent the opinions and concerns for family and friends that don’t hold the same privilege as I do.”

• **Carlos Simpson**

Siler City resident and Costa Rica native Carlos Simpson manages a translation, interpretation and notarization business. A veteran, he served on the Chatham County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee in the late 2000s and ran for several local offices, including Siler City mayor and the county school board, in the early 2010s.

“I wish to serve on this committee to assist in the advancement of the Hispanic immigrant community to achieve a healthier community!” he wrote.

• **Danubio Vazquez Rodriguez**

Born in Mexico, Danubio Vazquez Rodriguez

moved to the U.S. when he was almost 10 years old. Thereafter, he was enrolled in Siler City Elementary and ultimately graduated from Jordan-Matthews. He now works in Chatham County Schools’ Pre-K department, helping families apply for one of the district’s Pre-K slots across seven schools.

“It would be my pleasure to be part of this group, because I grew up in the community ... and because I feel that I have all the skill to represent our people,” he wrote. “I would like to become the leader that I found in those that taught me to speak up and not be afraid. I want people to feel included, heard, feel like they matter!”

• **Norma Hernandez**

Norma Hernandez has lived in Siler City all her life — save for a few months in Mexico, her birth country. She attended Siler City Elementary School “back when no other children looked like [her],” and ultimately graduated from Jordan-Matthews, after which she attained a bachelor’s degree in social work from UNC-Greensboro.

After working in Chatham County Schools, she joined Chatham County’s Department of Social Services, where she’s now a social worker. Both roles, she wrote in her application, have allowed her to give back to her community, but now she’d like to do more “at a macro level” for the Latino community.

“Earlier this year, I had reached out to Commissioner [Franklin] Gomez to share my concern over the need to have a Latino committee with members who were local residents,” Hernandez wrote. “While the Hispanic Liaison does amazing things

for the Hispanic community, I feel they only represent a small portion of it, and our community has a large number of small business Latino owners, many formal churches, and a growing number of homeowners. It was high time Chatham County had formal representation.”

• **Shirley Villatoro**

Born in California, Siler City resident Shirley Villatoro is the daughter of two green card holders from Guatemala — a vantage point, she said, which allowed her to witness firsthand the difficulties immigrants face in the U.S.

While finishing her final year at UNCG as a pre-law student, she’s working as an office manager and legal assistant in Commissioner Lewis Fadley’s Siler City law office. In the past, she’s also volunteered with the Hispanic Liaison as a peer tutor and with Chatham County as a Guardian ad Litem.

“If I am selected to the Immigration Community Advisory Committee, it is my hope to help Siler City achieve its vision by assisting the Town with immigration issues that face our very diverse population,” Villatoro wrote in her application. “I believe that our diversity is one of our strengths.”

The committee’s first organizational meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Wrenn Memorial Library’s multipurpose room. There, committee members will appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson and set meeting dates, times and terms, as well as go over legal requirements with town staff.

*Reporter Victoria Johnson can be reached at victoria@chathamnr.com.*

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An open letter of **GRATITUDE** to:

- Town of Pittsboro and Chatham County
- Pittsboro Commissioners Baldwin, Bonitz, Farrell, Fiocco and Shipp

Since January, the North Woods neighborhood has been highlighting our struggle with NCDOT. To recap, NCDOT has proposed to build North Chatham Park Way through North Woods. The road could be built around North Woods on undeveloped land owned by Chatham Park. Following extensive research, we have found that NCDOT’s proposed alignment was actually first suggested by Chatham Park in 2015, three years before NCDOT started working on the project. In 2018, NCDOT hired Chatham Park’s engineering consultant to support North Chatham Park Way and the rest is history.

North Woods neighbors have written letters, sponsored petitions, met with NCDOT, presented to Pittsboro and Chatham County leaders, anything and everything we could think of to draw attention to our situation. Two weeks ago, we hosted an informational booth at the Pittsboro Town Fair.

Through all of our efforts, one thing is clear. **The Pittsboro community strongly supports North Woods.** And the Pittsboro Commissioners also support North Woods and asked NCDOT to evaluate an option that would largely save North Woods. **THANK YOU, we are very grateful!**

Now, after two months of NCDOT and Chatham Park lobbying against North Woods, NCDOT is forcing the Pittsboro Commissioners to reconfirm their prior request to evaluate an option that could save North Woods. The discussion and vote is scheduled to take place on November 22, 2021.

NCDOT and Chatham Park are lobbying for Pittsboro to stand down and turn away from North Woods. Their perspective appears to be that if it’s good for Chatham Park, it’s good for Pittsboro.

North Woods believes that everyone is well served by a modest shift in the road... Chatham Park gets their Park Way, Pittsboro gets a road that will take trucks out of the downtown area, NCDOT gets to show that it can be flexible, and North Woods will survive and continue to be part of the special fabric of the Pittsboro and Chatham County community for another four decades.

We are very grateful for the support of the greater Pittsboro community and ask one last time... stay firm and please **STAND WITH NORTH WOODS.**

Mark Pavao and the North Woods neighborhood  
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# DISCIPLINE

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- eliminate disparities across student groups in disciplinary practices or reports to law enforcement
- reduce by 90% the sum of reports to law enforcement as well as disciplinary practices that remove students from normal learning environments.

CCS's Chris Poston, who was named the district's executive director for excellence and opportunity earlier this year, said the CCS Equity and Excellence for Everyone (E3) team is continuing to focus on these issues. Poston's new role, also new to the district, will involve leading efforts to implement the district's equity plans, which have formally been in place for the last five years.

A big emphasis for the team this year, Poston said, is on building positive relationships between students and staff, with the hope of creating a more inclusive space for more students. Last semester, the group also launched its two-year equity training and assessment efforts with a group called The Equity Collaborative.

"... We've been talking about, what are some of the barriers that students are facing? And how can we create some additional opportunities for our students?" Poston said. "I think as we create those opportunities and give more kids access to them, we'll see a decrease in our discipline data, because kids have this agency to want to engage."

## 'How can we not make everything punitive?'

The state's most recent discipline data is for 2019-20, which includes March 2020, when N.C. schools were closed by Gov. Roy Cooper to slow the spread of COVID-19.

According to that data, disabled, Black, Hispanic and multiracial student groups in

Chatham experienced much higher rates of alleged criminal acts at school and referrals to law enforcement than white students, the Chatham NAACP's report said. Black and multiracial students were the only racial subgroup with higher rates of both.

Moving forward, the group's criminal justice committee hopes to work with CCS to better understand the reasons for such disparities.

"For student privacy and other data reasons, we don't know anything more about those circumstances that led to suspensions, or to referrals to law enforcement," Delaney said. "Because that's not in the data that the state makes available to the public."

Though the NAACP's committee doesn't know specific reasons behind CCS's 2019-20 discipline incidents, Delaney said the committee anticipates that several reasons contribute to existing disparities.

One such reason is zero-tolerance policies — laws or codes dictating that certain acts by students will always be addressed in a certain way. State law, for example, requires principals to report certain assaults or acts at school to law enforcement.

"The NAACP seeks to 'eliminate zero-tolerance policies implemented in our schools, which are keeping kids out of the classroom and putting them on a path from the schoolhouse to the jailhouse,'" the Brighter Futures report says. "Zero-tolerance policies often involve expulsions, out-of-school suspensions, transfers out of normal learning environments, or reports to law enforcement. Such policies emerged over decades, concurrent with a more visible presence of law enforcement officers in U.S. schools."

Delaney said zero-tolerance policies can also be more informal — such as a principal or teacher always responding to certain behaviors with officer referrals that might lead to suspensions.

CCS has worked to promote

restorative school practices in recent years, said Executive Director of Student Services Tracy Fowler. The district has also hosted student focus groups to learn how students feel about school discipline and engagement, particularly among African American students — about whom data shows consistently experience the highest disparities.

Among African American female students, Fowler said, many mentioned feeling unequally targeted by teachers enforcing school dress codes. Though dress code violations themselves don't typically turn into suspensions, Fowler said, it's an example of how potential bias among teachers can create disparities and student frustration, which leads to disengagement.

"How can we not make everything punitive? We've had a lot of conversations around that, and we did see some decrease in the data for a little while, but some of it increased again, over some time," Fowler said. "But it's definitely been this kind of effort to make sure that we're having conversations and working with staff to look at alternatives to out-of-school suspension."

## 'It's worth really digging into'

In recent years, protests to defund the police led some students and community members to call on school boards and systems to remove school resource officers — law enforcement officers assigned to one or more public schools within a local school administrative unit — from schools.

CCS has 11 school resource officers, according to Chief Operations Officer Chris Blice, who are primarily assigned to middle and high schools. The district has a memorandum of agreement between the Chatham County Sheriff Department, Pittsboro Police Department and Siler City Department.

School resource officers can perform investigations and arrests, search and interrogations — which some think may potentially increase disparities among already marginalized students. Last January, a two-part report by Scalawag, a nonprofit magazine focused on Southern politics and culture, documented student efforts at Wake County Schools to remove school resource officers from their schools. At Raleigh's Enloe Magnet High School, 74% of students stopped by SROs were Black in 2019-20, while only 6% were white, according to a fact sheet compiled by the Education Justice Alliance, the Scalawag report said.

Blice said the officers' primary function is to promote school safety and security by building positive relationships with students.

"They're really helping kids understand that law enforcement is most definitely not your enemy, and they're really there to help you," said Blice, a former school principal.

"There's a lot of catch-phrases and a lot of things out there, and it's always amazing to me how schools get pulled into those kinds of things," he said. "You know, school resource officers in schools don't do discipline — so they're not suspending kids by law, they can't do that, only principal can suspend. It isn't their role, and it's not what they do. School resource officers are a good thing in our schools, and it's a very positive thing. It's positive for the kids. It's positive for our staff. It's positive for our schools. It's positive for our communities. These folks are great, and they train to work with kids."

The Chatham NAACP report doesn't address or take a position on the need for school resource officers, but instead encourages CCS to reduce any existing disparities among officer actions.

"The school system has told us that there are so

many instances where they see kids respond positively to an SRO, and that's great," Delaney said. "But what we also know is that there are communities, particularly those who are experiencing these disparities, who do not traditionally have positive interactions with law enforcement early on. And so to create a circumstance where those children must continue to encounter law enforcement in some combination of ways, may not be the best thing to do — and we should be able to talk broadly about those issues."

SROs account for little of school discipline practices, Delaney said. Addressing school discipline practices holistically is an important part of helping achieve student success, he said. In many cases, Chatham is doing better when it comes to discipline disparities than neighboring counties and school districts, the NAACP report says.

Still, studies show that students who enter the criminal justice system are more likely to end up to have recurring incidents in the criminal justice system, and according to Chief District Court Judge Samantha Cabe, suspended students are three times more likely to end up in the criminal justice system than students who are not.

"Now that we agree on what the data show — they show disparities, we all understand the importance of capturing and addressing that behavior early to prevent folks living a life in prison or having those experiences as a child," Delaney said, "Don't you agree that it's worth really digging into the way that those students are becoming suspended in the first place, and try(ing) to eliminate those needs?"

*Are you a student or parent with thoughts on school disciplinary practices? We'd love to hear from you for future stories. You can reach Reporter Hannah McClellan at hannah@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at @HannerMcClellan.*



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# MAPS

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Chatham will now have a new state senator after the 2022 election, with Democrat Sen. Natalie Murdock representing the new Senate District 20 if reelected.

“It is no secret that the redistricting process failed to provide maps that represented the interests of North Carolinians. The reality is that North Carolina is a 50-50 state, but these gerrymandered districts give Republicans a heavy partisan advantage,” Murdock told the News + Record. “That said, I am honored that I will be representing the wonderful folks in Chatham County.”

The first lawsuit challenging North Carolina’s new political districts as unconstitutional partisan gerrymandering was filed the day after the districts were approved, the Raleigh News & Observer reported. That lawsuit only challenges the congressional map, but all three new maps — for North Carolina’s 14 seats in the U.S. House, 50 seats in the N.C. Senate and 120 seats in the N.C. House — passed along partisan lines with Republicans in support and Democrats opposed.

All the new maps would give Republicans a sizable advantage in future elections even if the two parties roughly split the statewide vote 50-50, the N&O reported outside political analysis shows, with the new Congressional map expected to give Republicans a 10-4 or 11-3 advantage in 2022.

Chatham’s representative in the House, Robert Reives II (D-Dist. 54) — who serves as the chamber’s minority par-

ty leader — will also see a change in his district borders if reelected. Right now, his district includes Chatham and part of Durham County. According to the new redistricting, his district no longer includes Durham.

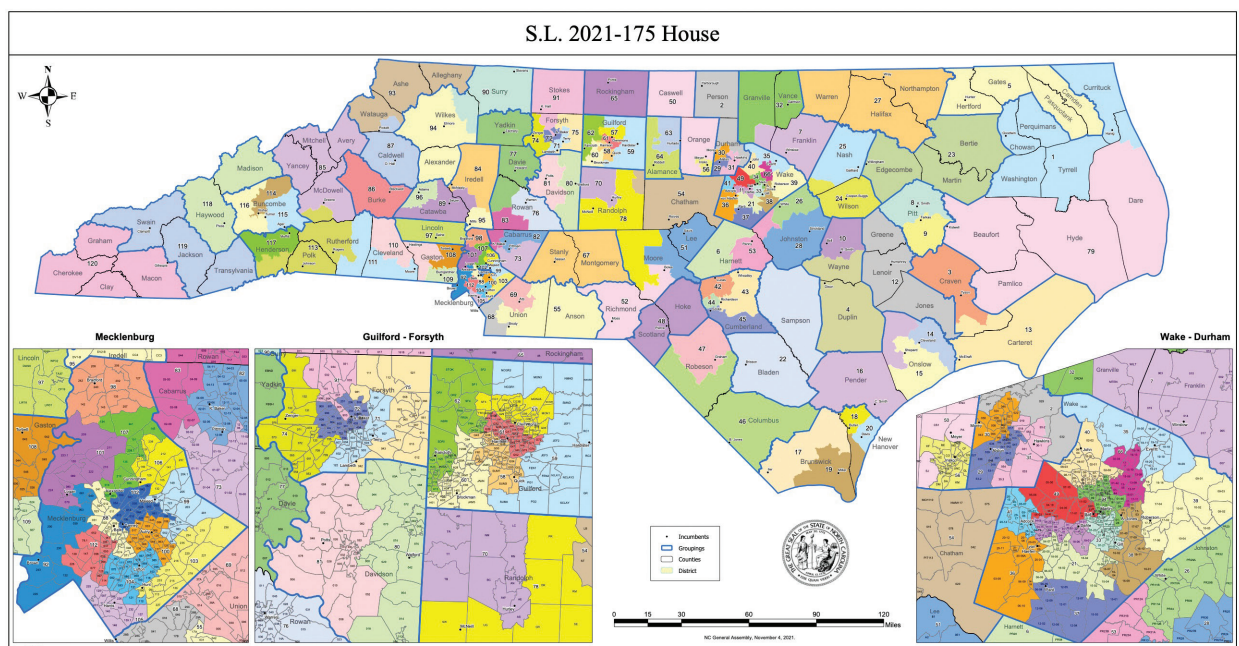
Reives told the News + Record the new maps will lead to an “outsized Republican political advantage.” He previously proposed an amendment to state law that would shift redistricting authority from the General Assembly to an independent commission.

“This year’s redistricting process unfortunately left us in the same position we were in before,” he said.

“The legislative and congressional districts presented do not represent the diversity of North Carolina. These maps also will lead to far fewer people of color serving in the General Assembly — I don’t believe any of these results are positive for our state. This process has shown that we as a body just cannot produce the maps this state deserves. We should have an independent entity drawing these maps, not politicians.”

Redistricting aside, Murdock said she’s prepared to learn about issues important to Chatham residents, specifically naming clean air and water, access to health care and school funding.

“Those are top priority and I know that some of what I’ve learned while serving Durham will lend itself to me in Chatham,” she said. “Representative Reives will be a great resource for me; I look up to him as a mentor and a friend and he looks forward to supporting me as well.”



Courtesy of the N.C. General Assembly

The proposed map for N.C.’s House of Representatives districts.

Foushee’s new district includes Orange, Caswell and Person counties. She still plans to seek another term in the Senate, the News + Record previously reported.

“I’m not happy about it,” Foushee told the News + Record of the likely redistricted lines in August. “I’m happy

to serve, let’s be clear, but as a representative of Chatham now for eight years and my husband was born in Chatham — we have lots of friends and relatives in Chatham, he has siblings who live in Chatham and my sister lives in Siler City — I wasn’t just representing the county itself.

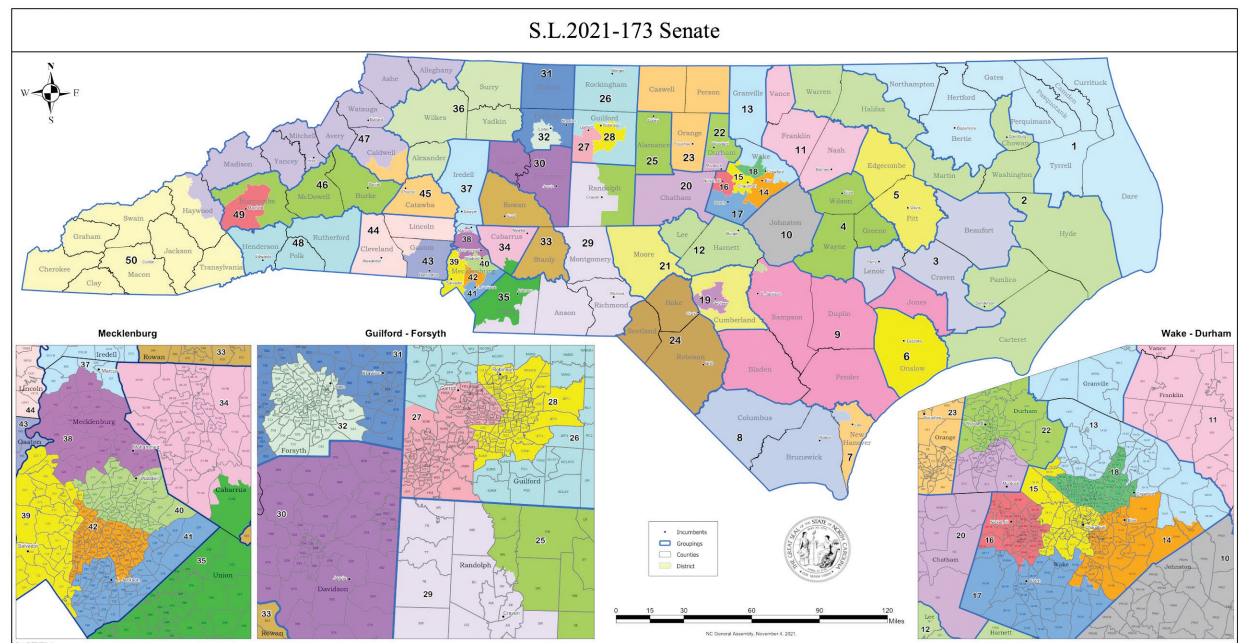
Because of our relationships with friends and family, it was like one continuous district. There were no county lines for me.”

Even so, Foushee expressed confidence in her colleague’s future representation of Chatham in the Senate.

“Senator Murdock will be a fine senator

for Chatham,” Foushee said. “She’s engaged. She’s a people person. Chatham will not lose anything in this representation with Sen. Murdock.”

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Crystal Waddle records fireworks on her cellphone Saturday night near downtown Siler City. The fireworks display was the last in a series of events recognizing 250 years since the founding of Chatham County.



Staff photo by James Kiefer

A volunteer stands by a viewing area in Siler City on Saturday evening waiting to welcome spectators to a fireworks display. The event was the finale of Chatham County’s 250th anniversary celebration.

# Siler City decides on redistricting map

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City commissioners met on Monday evening to discuss a wide range of issues, including choosing a redistricted map for March municipal elections and the appointment of the first members of its

Immigrant Advisory Committee after approving the committee in June.

### Redistricting

Commissioners held a public hearing regarding census redistricting on Monday before choosing a final map — opting to move forward with the Option A map, which was

presented to the commissioners at the last regular meeting on Nov. 1.

Commissioner Chip Price said he liked Option A the most because it resembles the current map the most.

“The only difference I can see between the two is B is trying to project some population growth,

which is just a guess, while A is just based on facts,” he said.

Commissioner Bill Haiges said he liked Option A because it makes the districts easier to distinguish.

“Looking at both, I figured especially the boundaries between district four and five I thought looked a bit cleaner in Option A, so that was the one I was going to recommend,” he

said.

No one from the public came to comment on the issue of redistricting. Commissioners will approve the new map at their Dec. 6 meeting in two weeks.

Siler City’s election, which was delayed due to the census data, will be held on the same day as the March 8 mid-term primary and the filing period will take place from

Jan. 3 through Jan. 7.

### Immigrant Advisory Committee

Siler City commissioners appointed seven members to their new Immigrant Advisory Committee, culminating years of work into a final product. The town received 11 applications from people interested in the committee, and Town Manager Roy Lynch recommended appointing the seven applicants from within Siler City limits.

The four people rejected had addresses outside of Siler City, one of which was Ilana Dubester, the executive director and founder of the Hispanic Liaison in Siler City.

“Looking at this from a community-based perspective, there are seven that do fit the criteria and meet the scope of the guidelines of what the resolution established for these members,” Lynch said. “Those are the seven that have a Siler City address and live within the community.” (See front-page story in this week’s edition.)

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# Fall Bazaar

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PEACEFUL PATHWAYS FOR CAREGIVERS



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**The Chatham Council on Aging’s Susan Hardy spoke with passion and compassion at the dedication ceremony for the ‘Peaceful Pathways for Caregivers’ area at Northeast District Park.**



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**Teepa Snow was the featured speaker at Wednesday’s dedication.**



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**Dennis Streets, the director of Chatham Council on Aging, also spoke at the ‘Peaceful Pathways’ dedication.**

# COA’s respite for caregivers and loved ones dedicated

**BY JIMMY LEWIS**  
Chatham County Council on Aging

CHAPEL HILL — Being a caregiver, particularly for a loved one with dementia, can amount to a job lasting 24 hours a day. Breaks are fleeting, and the ability to enjoy personal time is few and far between.

The demands can seem never-ending. In this case, who is providing care to the caregivers?

That’s where Peaceful Pathways for Caregivers contributes to a solution.

A joint venture of the Chatham County Council on Aging, Chatham County Parks and Recreation and the Chatham County Center of N.C. Cooperative Extension, the Peaceful Pathways area at Northeast District Park was formally dedicated last Wednesday under an existing shelter.

In addition to a picnic table, the area includes three rocking chairs and a rocking swing. Six separate flower beds were planted, each representing a color on Teepa Snow’s GEMS model. Snow, the owner of Positive Approach to Care and a dementia education specialist with over 40 years’ experience, served as the event’s featured speaker. She has spent a large portion of her career expanding the scope of dementia care beyond



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**The Chatham Council on Aging’s ‘Peaceful Pathways for Caregivers’ area was dedicated last Wednesday at Northeast District Park. The project was a joint venture of the COA, Chatham County Parks and Recreation and the Chatham County Center of N.C. Cooperative Extension.**

the cookie cutter “mild, moderate and advanced” stages.

The idea for the project started with Susan Hardy, the Council’s Human Services Team Leader & Caregiver Specialist. Attendees were encouraged to take river rocks and paint the name of a caregiver or loved one, placing it along the dry riverbed that runs through the GEMS gardens.

“My idea for the park was all about giving a caregiver a place to go and feel good, and not

look at negative statistics about how many people have died with dementia, or how many people developed dementia over their lifetime,” Hardy said. “I didn’t want anything that was depressing. I only wanted things that would be uplifting.”

That’s the cornerstone of Snow’s GEMS model, which serves to account for both the “good” and “bad” days a dementia patient may experience. Even in the throes of later-stage dementia — or in Snow’s model, the “Ruby” or

“Pearl” gardens — there can be moments where the patient returns to “Sapphire” or “Diamond” status. Sapphire represents a normal, aging brain, while Diamond is a clear mind that has encountered rigidity. Declining levels of cognition are marked by Emerald, Amber, Ruby and Pearl, respectively.

“One day, the mind might be a Sapphire with no problem,” Hardy said. “It’s like they’re back to their normal selves one day.”

The initial idea for Peaceful Pathways came about roughly a year ago when Hardy shared an article with COA Exec-

utive Director Dennis Streets about a park in upstate New York that provided space for caregivers and their loved ones.

The COA pressed forward during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to explore the feasibility of bringing a respite area to Chatham County. Hardy consulted with family caregivers, and nearly all expressed interest in an outdoor area tailored to them and their loved ones.

“Given the existing paths that mark this park, we all loved the serenity of this area,” Streets shared. “Nestled among pine trees, over-

looking the pond, with a shelter already built years before through the support of Carolina Meadows — this was a perfect spot for our first Peaceful Pathways area.”

Preliminary plans are under way for additional Peaceful Pathways locations in other geographic areas of Chatham County. Those ideas recently received a boost via a grant from the NextFifty Initiative, a Colorado-based foundation that supports efforts to improve lives of older adults and their caregivers.

“Even in my caregiver support group, I had one caregiver talking about how she was dreading taking her husband to the beach because she thought it would be really difficult for her,” Hardy recalled. “She said once he got there on the beach, surrounded by nature, she said he was wonderful. It was like that the whole time we were outside, they can remember that from their childhood.”

For more information about the work of the Council on Aging, visit [www.chathamcoa.org](http://www.chathamcoa.org). For information about Teepa Snow, visit [teepasnow.com/](http://teepasnow.com/).



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**Caregivers and family members wrote names and messages on rocks to be placed in the gardens.**



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**The ‘GEMS’ garden at the the Chatham Council on Aging’s ‘Peaceful Pathways for Caregivers’ area included these beautiful flowers.**

*Lewis is the Director of Grants and Communications at the Chatham County Council on Aging.*

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## 2021 ‘Studio Tour’ set for first 2 weekends of December

From the Chatham Artists Guild

The 29th Annual Chatham Artists Guild Studio Tour will welcome visitors into member artists’ studios on Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12.

Held only once a year, the 2021 Tour promises to be one of the largest in memory with a total of 54 participating artists. Members of the Guild will offer original works of art, including paintings, sculpture, pottery, photography, glass, wood, jewelry, and digital and fabric art.

“We’re fortunate to have distinguished charter Guild members, along with many new artists, participating this year,” said Guild President Gina Harrison. “The Tour has become a holiday tradition, and an opportunity to see and purchase unique original art. We are excited to welcome art lovers and patrons from across the state as well as down the street.”

With roots that date back to 1992, the Chatham Studio Tour was the first of its kind in North Carolina and became a model for other arts groups. By open-

ing their studios to the public, member artists discovered a means for building a community among artists and connecting artists to their community. Today, the work of the Guild and Studio Tour continues to grow and to contribute to Chatham County’s reputation as an arts destination.

The Tour is self-guided, allowing for a relaxing drive through Chatham County’s rolling hills and pastoral farmlands to visit open studios that dot the countryside. Visitors can use the map provided in the Tour brochure, which

can be found in the Nov/Dec issue of Chatham Magazine, in local shops or online at <http://www.chathamstudiotour.org>.

The Chatham Artists Guild (CAG) is an organization of artists whose purpose is to maintain artistic excellence among our members. Their mission is to raise awareness and appreciation for the visual arts, including the cultural and economic contribution it makes to the community, and connect member artists with art patrons. Visit [www.chathamartistsguild.org](http://www.chathamartistsguild.org) to learn more.





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## Seaforth High School's ribbon-cutting

Seaforth High School held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Wednesday to celebrate the opening of the new school, the first high school the district has built since 1972.



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**Former Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Derrick Jordan (left) spoke during Wednesday's ceremony, along with current Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson.**



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**Chatham County Commissioner Diana Hales and Chatham County Board of Education member Jane Allen Wilson attended Wednesday's event at Seaforth High School.**



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**Students participated in the ceremony, with the band and cheerleaders performing the Seaforth fight song and student leaders offering tours of the school.**



Photos courtesy of Chatham County Schools

**On hand at the ceremony were several elected officials, including state Sen. Valerie Foushee, Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson, members of the county commissioners and school board, former Superintendent Dr. Derrick Jordan and current Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson.**

## NURSES ARE EXHAUSTED

# 'We've been in this war for almost two years now'

**BY HEIDI PEREZ-MORENO**  
UNC Media Hub

RALEIGH — In short breaks throughout her work shift, Donna Cranford will find time to sort through stacks of patient files towering over her nursing station cubicle.

The stacks grow as the day goes on at the Preston Medical Associates' busy nursing station. She makes mental notes of the million and one tasks she needs to do. The light on the office phone won't stop blinking red with unanswered voicemails and calls.

It is difficult to attend to menial paperwork when you have dozens of patients to see.

"There's always something that can happen in the clinic that's going to deviate you from that," Cranford said.

On most days, Cranford will power through the day's work so that she can get home to her husband and son. But some days are harder than others.

Waking up and realizing she has to go to work will trigger anxiety and nerves. Putting on her scrubs takes more mental stamina. Sometimes the bags under her eyes haven't yet deflated from the day before.

"Truthfully, there are many days that are hard," Cranford said. "But I love what I do. It's important to me to be here for the patients and for my teammates because, when one of us is down, it only causes additional stress for those of us working at the department."

On a typical day, Preston Medical Associates will see as many as 125 patients, leaving the load to be split among the three licensed practitioners at the clinic.

Cranford sits at one of the station's four desks — directly across from the only other nurse working the Friday shift. A third nurse originally scheduled to work has taken a personal day. Since the pandemic began, two open nursing practitioner positions have remained unfilled.

"It doesn't necessarily impact the amount of patients we are seeing, but it does put a lot

of extra responsibility in and work on the two nurses that are remaining," said Schquithia Peacock, who co-owns Preston Medical Associates. "They're often there after the 5 o'clock hour, which is when we typically stop."

Preston Medical Associates isn't alone in facing this shortage. Across North Carolina, nurses at major hospital systems, private practices and clinics are struggling to hire nurses. In Wake County alone, there are roughly 800 vacancies for nursing positions at WakeMed Hospitals, hospital spokesperson Debra Z. Laughery said.

A September survey by the North Carolina Nurses Association found that, among more than 450 respondents, the majority reported feeling additional stress and burnout due to the pandemic and nursing shortage. Around 58 percent of respondents reported experiencing shortages in their workplace.

"Has it had an impact? Absolutely — it limits our ability to be able to take care of patients," said Dennis Taylor, who formerly served as president of the N.C. Nurses Association.

### How did this shortage happen?

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, it felt as though nurses were adapting to the demand of working additional hours and handling viral case-loads among patients.

Taylor, who is a trauma ICU nurse at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, said nurses were learning to adapt, including hopscotching to different departments based on staffing needs.

"They were very good at adapting to changing their roles and potentially working in areas that they might not necessarily have been educated in," Taylor said. "Basically, just pitching in and doing whatever needed to be done to take care of the patients that needed to be taken care of."

The distribution of the

vaccine, which began in December, provided a glimmer of hope. By spring, COVID-19 case counts were decreasing. But, months later, hospitalization and ICU capacity rates were rising again following a surge of Delta variant cases. Nurses faced a second COVID-19 wave, having barely recovered from the first.

"People are tired," said Meka Douthit, director of nursing at Cone Health in Greensboro and current president of the state Nurses Association. "We've been in this war — it's like a war-zone — for almost two years now."

The UNC Health system reported more than 1,000 registered nurses openings in August. Nursing turnover had increased from 17.8 percent in 2019 to 19.5 percent in 2020, according to a national survey from Nursing Solutions Inc.

But staffing shortages among nurses isn't only linked to the COVID-19 pandemic. It only made the issue ever so clear.

One of the biggest contributors to the shortage is a decline in nurse educators able to train and recruit incoming nurses to the field. Only 3 percent of nurses in North Carolina are also educators out of about 125,000 practitioners working across the state, according to research from the N.C. Board of Nursing.

But it's not that there's a lack of interest in the field. Getting into nursing school is increasingly competitive, and many schools turn prospective practitioners away. Salaries for nurse educators are also, on average, lower than what they could be making at a hospital or private practice.

"Nursing is having a really difficult time right now recognizing nurse educators as a profession within itself," Taylor said.

But COVID-19 burnout is a contributor as well. Douthit said it's become even more commonplace for nurses to work overtime and get calls on their day off — either from their team or another department — asking them to work a shift.

"I've seen nurses that have been in the profession for a long time, longer than my 25 years, saying that we're OK — but we're not OK," Douthit said. "You almost see them at the point of mental break."

It's hard to work when COVID-19 has disrupted your life. Since it began, Cranford must go home and confront the virus again after having it be a running theme at the office.

At home, her 5-year-old grandson asks: "Why do we have to wear masks? Why can't I play with my friends outside? Why can't I sit next to my friend at school?"

She tries to retain the normal aspects of her life. Eating dinner with her family after work. Or reading a bedtime story to her grandson before bed.

"Sometimes I'm so tired," Cranford said. "But those are some of the things that I think are important to keep his life normal with the craziness out here in the world."

When an uncle died of COVID-19, it became harder for her to go into work.

Through all this, Cranford puts on her scrubs and reports for work. Sometimes, she takes a breather in the office alone. Other times, she has to let herself shed a few tears to process the grief and stress.

"There are some days that I get angry and I'm like 'I don't want to do this anymore,'" Cranford said. "There are some days that are hard and that are emotional and you just naturally don't want to do that. But I've been a nurse for 30 years and I can't imagine doing anything else."

### Finding nursing staff during COVID-19

Months before the pandemic started, one nurse at Preston Medical Associates quit.

Finding someone didn't seem like a hard task at first — like fishing out of a pond. Maria Salsone, office manager at the clinic, searched through nurse employment, social networks and job postings hoping to find someone to take her place.

"I've gotten three people through agencies," Salsone said. "They all left."

Then COVID-19 hit. Weeks into it, another nurse left after becoming pregnant. Once she had the child, she came back, but shortly left once more after realizing she needed to take care of the newborn.

Although the office was only down two nurses, that's nearly half of the clinic's staff. With hundreds of patients typically docked for a day's work, two extra sets of hands on deck play a key role in ensuring the office runs smoothly.

Finding people to occupy those two spots was harder than it looked. In the last year, there have been roughly 50 applications. Many either didn't have the right training or qualifications.

Others went through an interview process and made it to a training that lasted weeks, but either weren't able to handle the workload or didn't have enough training at a private clinic.

It's led to those around the office lending a helping hand wherever they can and taking on tasks that aren't necessarily on their job descriptions. If they're a nurse short, Salsone or someone else in the office will sometimes walk a patient to their room and take their vitals.

The office gets increasingly more stressed when one nurse goes on vacation and is even more understaffed. Salsone tries to recommend to the nurses that they don't take vacations at the same time unless absolutely needed.

Under those circumstances, nurses will take on additional patients and have more paperwork to sort through.

"We want them to have breaks, but it's always a struggle trying to keep up," Salsone said.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **AILEEN MCGUIRE**, deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before February 4th, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 4th day of November, 2021. Maureen Bonanno, Executor Estate of Aileen McGuire c/o Roberson Law Firm 1829 E. Franklin St., Ste. 800C Chapel Hill, NC 27514 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **LESTER ROGERS** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 29th day of October, 2021. Jeffrey N. Rogers, Administrator CTA of The Estate of Lester Rogers P.O. Box 415 Siler City, North Carolina 27344 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ATWATER & LEE ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tp

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**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The undersigned, having qualified on the 21st day of October, 2021, as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **AUGUSTA ANNA MYLROIE**, 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 4th day of February, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 4th day of November, 20 21. Linda M. Daniele, Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of Augusta Anna Mylroie Post Office Box 57579 Durham, North Carolina 27717 Julia G. Henry Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 591** All persons having claims against **JACKSON GIBBS HITCHCOCK**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of November, 2021 Amanda Suttle Hitchcock, Executrix 100 Della St Chapel Hill, NC 27516 N4,N11,N18,N25,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH POE CANCELLARO NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

**ANCILLARY EXECUTOR'S NO-**

**TICE** The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Executor of the Estate of **JUDITH POE CANCELLARO**, deceased, late of Washington County, Tennessee, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before FEBRUARY 12, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 11th day of November, 2021. Henry Anthony Cancellaro 2222 Nantucket Drive Johnson City, TN 37604 Sonia L. Toney, Attorney for Estate Maddrey Etringer Smith Hol-lowell & Toney, LLP P.O. Box 507 Eden, NC 27289-0507 Telephone 336-623-4491 N11,N18,N25,D2,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF BEVERLY A. HOLLIS FILE No. 21E633** David B. Hollis, having qualified as Executor for the estate of **BEVERLY A. HOLLIS**, Deceased, in the Office of the Chatham County Clerk of Court, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the said Decedent, to present the same to the Executor on or before February 14, 2022, said date being at least three months from the date of the first publication or posting of this Notice as indicated below, or the same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Estate, please make immediate payment. This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. 28A-14-1. This 11th day of November, 2021. All claims are to be sent to David B. Hollis, Executor c/o Eldredth Law Firm, PC 115 S. Saint Mary's St. Ste. C Raleigh, NC 27603 N11,N18,N25,D2,4tp

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**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 431**  
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Mark Braund Carpenter, Executor  
7409 Russell Rd  
Indian Trail, N.C. 28079  
N11,N18,N25,D2,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 575**  
All persons having claims against **BILLY GOODMAN CLARK, SR.**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 8th day of November, 2021.  
VICKIE CLARK WINSTEAD, Executrix  
101 Arvo Lane  
Cary, NC. 27513  
N11,N18,N25,D2,4tp

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
**FILE NO.: 20 JT 45**  
IN RE: "J.G."  
DOB: 5/19/20  
**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**  
TO: Biological father/Father/unknown father of the above male child, born at WF Baptist Health-High Point Center, High Point, NC to Maranda Gilmer. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor child. You have forty days from 11/11/21, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may and will be terminated upon failure to answer the petitions within the time prescribed. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney by contacting the Chatham County Clerk of Court. STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P.  
BY: /s/ANGENETTE STEPHENSON

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N11,N18,N25,3tc

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
**FILE NO.: 20 JT 43**  
IN RE: "L.W."  
DOB: 12/18/19  
**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**  
TO: Shannon Brown/Shawn Clayton/Anthony Peoples/Biological father/Father/unknown father of the above female child, born at UNC Hospital/Chapel Hill, NC to Ashley West. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor children. You have forty days from 11/11/21, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may and will be terminated upon failure to answer the petitions within the time prescribed. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney by contacting the Chatham County Clerk of Court. STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P.  
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**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEVELOP A BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY**  
Site Name: Townsend & Acme-McCrary Site  
Brownfields Project Number: 20060-16-019  
Pursuant to NCGS § 130A-310.34, Mountaire Farms Inc., as Prospective Developer, has filed with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") a Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property ("Property") in Siler City, Chatham County, North Carolina. The Brownfields Property, which is the former site of the Townsend Inc. chicken processing plant, Acme-McCrary warehouse, Glendale Hosieri, and other commercial uses, consists of 70.983 acres and was originally comprised of five parcels in Siler City with the following

addresses: 1100, 1101 and 1200 East Third Street; 1240 and 1314 East Eleventh Street. On June 27, 2017, the Prospective Developer combined the five parcels into two existing parcel identification numbers: Parcel ID 16852 and Parcel ID 61441. Parcel ID 16852 is the result of combining the parcels located at 1100 and 1200 East Third Street, which are now both addressed as 1200 East Third Street. Parcel ID 61441 is the result of combining the parcels located at 1101 East Third Street and 1240 and 1314 East Eleventh Street, which are now all addressed as 1101 East Third Street. Mountaire Farms Inc. requested that DEQ amend the Notice and Brownfields Agreement in order to incorporate an additional 34.033 acres of property along East Raleigh Street identified as the Smith Property (Parcel ID 16864), which brings the total surveyed acreage of the Brownfields Property to 70.983 acres. Environmental contamination exists on the Brownfields Property in groundwater, soil and stream sediment. Mountaire Farms Inc. has committed itself to no uses other than industrial, warehousing, medical and health-related services for employees and their dependents, office, and associated parking uses on the Brownfields Property. The Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property includes: (1) a proposed Amended Brownfields Agreement between DEQ and Mountaire Farms Inc., which in turn includes (a) a map showing the location of the Property, (b) a description of the contaminants involved and their concentrations in the media of the Property, (c) the above-stated description of the intended future use of the Brownfields Property, and (d) proposed investigation and remediation; and (2) a proposed Amendment to Notice of Brownfields Property prepared in accordance with NCGS § 130A-310.35. The full Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property may be reviewed online at the DEQ public record database, Laserfiche, by entering the project number 20060-16-019 into the search bar at the following web address: <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WasteManagement/Welcome.aspx?dbid=0&repo=WasteManagement>. Written public comments may be submitted to DEQ within 30 days after the latest of the following dates: the date this Notice is (1) published in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the Brownfields Property is located, (2) conspicuously posted at the Brownfields Property, and (3) mailed or delivered to each owner of property contiguous to the Brownfields Property. Written requests for a public meeting may be submitted to DEQ within 21 days after the period for written public comments begins. Those periods will

start no sooner than November 19, 2021, and will end on the later of: a) 30 and 21 days, respectively, after that; or b) 30 and 21 days, respectively, after completion of the latest of the three (3) above-referenced dates. All public comments and public meeting requests should be addressed as follows:  
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N18,1tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E-559**  
All persons having claims against **MICHAEL WESLEY CATES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 18th day of November, 2021.  
Wendy C. Burgess, Executrix  
c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC  
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N18,N25,D2,D9,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 659**  
All persons having claims against **CAROLYN N. PITTMAN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 18th day of November, 2021.  
Gregory B. Pittman, Executor  
2304 Cypress Bend Dr. S., Apt B312  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 646**  
All persons having claims against **NANCY OWEN FOLTZ**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 18th day of November, 2021.  
Sidney Allen Foltz III, Executor  
4258 Rives Chapel Church Road  
Siler City, NC 27344  
N18,N25,D2,D9,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21-E-418 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, Janet Doublier, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **EUGENE BOSHES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before 18th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 17th day of November, 2021.  
Janet Doublier  
c/o Shanelle K. Edmonds, Attorney for the Estate  
Hopper Cummings, PLLC  
Post Office Box 1455  
Pittsboro, NC 27312  
N18,N25,D2,D9,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21-E-663 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, Christina Lynn Blankenship, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **CHARLES MICHAEL BLANKENSHIP**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before 18th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 17th day of November, 2021.  
Christina Lynn Blankenship  
c/o Shanelle K. Edmonds, Attorney for the Estate  
Hopper Cummings, PLLC  
Post Office Box 1455  
Pittsboro, NC 27312  
N18,N25,D2,D9,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 669**  
All persons having claims against **HARRIET DICKENS GEORGE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 18th day of November, 2021.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 670**

All persons having claims against **RANDALL KELLY OATES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of February, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 18th day of November, 2021.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY TO A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**  
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WHEREAS, the Chatham County Health Department has two bicycle trailers to be declared surplus as they are no longer needed by the Department; and  
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# Duke Energy awards Siler City's SCDO a \$5K grant

CN+R Staff Report

SILER CITY — The Siler City Development Organization (SCDO) has been awarded \$5,000 from the Duke Energy Hometown Revitalization Grant Program to help improve building façades and interior rehabilitation in downtown Siler City. These funds, along with contributions from the town and community businesses, will support

exterior and interior building improvements for downtown. SCDO offers an investment matching program to pay back portions of façade upgrades and building rehabilitation. Façade and building projects can be expensive, and this supports and incentivizes businesses to continue to invest and build up Siler City's economy. For more information on the façade and building re-

habilitation grants or to apply to the SCDO grant matching programs, please contact Jack Meadows, at [jmeadows@silercity.org](mailto:jmeadows@silercity.org) or 919-742-2323. SCDO is a catalyst for the growth and sustainability of Siler City's economy and quality of life. In total, the program has supported more than \$50,000 in improvements in Siler City. SCDO is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.



Submitted photo

From left, Richard Szary, Cindy Dameron, Jack Meadows, Duke Energy's Indira Everett, Curtis Brown, Cindy Poindexter, Cecil Wilson and Travis Patterson pose after Siler City's SCDO organization received a \$5,000 grant from Duke Energy.

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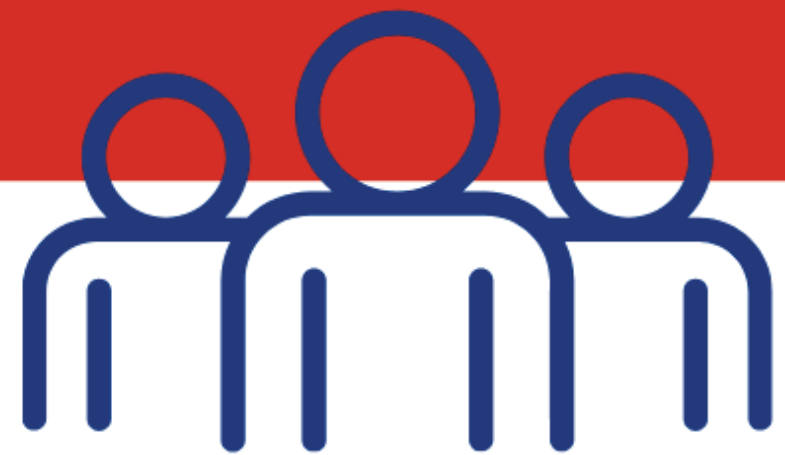
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JORDAN-MATTHEWS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Jets, carrying ‘shock-the-world’ mentality, ready themselves for season in 6-team jamboree

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — In an effort to change the program’s culture and encourage interest in the team, Jordan-Matthews hosted its first women’s basketball jamboree last Saturday alongside five other schools from across the region.

The Jets, coming off of a 1-10 season during the pandemic-shortened 2020-21 campaign, went 1-2 in an action-packed day of basketball that included a heartbreaking ending against Western Alamance, a commanding win over Carrboro and a lopsided loss to Orange. The other teams participating in the jamboree were North

Stokes and Southwestern Randolph, neither of which faced off against J-M. While the final scores of the scrimmages don’t really matter — nor did the Jets’ 1-2 jamboree record — J-M Head Coach Lamont Piggie seemed optimistic about what he saw from his team in the trio of exhibition matches. “At the end of the day, ev-

erything exceeded the expectations that I had,” Piggie said following the event. “There’s still a lot of things that we need to work on, both defensively and offensively, but overall, I think we’re in a good place right now.” In the jamboree’s first contest, the Jets took on the Warriors of Western Alamance,

where they opened with an impressive showing, pulling away from the Warriors toward the end of the first half. With less than a minute to play in the first half, Jets senior guard Eillia Wright — the team’s leading scorer last season, averaging 16.5 points

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## Queen City’s most polarizing superhero returns

On March 18, 1995, a press release was sent out via fax to reporters across the country, courtesy of Falk Associates Management Enterprises Inc. (FAME). It carried a two-word message from 32-year-old NBA superstar Michael Jordan, who had been on a brief hiatus from basketball as he chased his (minor league) baseball dreams: “I’m back.”

Jordan went on to win three more titles with the Chicago Bulls in a much-celebrated three-peat that began the first full season after his return. Since Jordan’s official retirement in 2003, the six-time NBA champion has made a name for himself as one of the kings of the Queen City — and all of North Carolina, his home state — after becoming the principal owner of the NBA’s Charlotte Hornets.

But as of last week, his competition as North Carolina’s biggest star is once again in contention.

Last Thursday, the Carolina Panthers announced they had reached a one-year deal with former MVP starting quarterback Cam Newton, worth up to \$10 million.

And just three days later, Newton suited up for the Panthers against the Arizona Cardinals. He didn’t start — P.J. Walker did, subbing for the injured Sam Darnold — but in his first offensive snap of the season, Newton took the ball on a QB keeper and ran to his right, where he snuck past the pylon for a two-yard TD that gave the Panthers a 7-0 lead.

The FOX cameras and A.V. crew then caught Newton’s celebration, where he stared down the red sea of Cardinals fans in the end zone and screamed:

“I’m baaaaaaack!” While it was much more animated and much flashier than Jordan’s 1995 press release, it was exactly what you’d expect from the true king of Charlotte.

And now that he’s back — probably only for a year or so with Carolina likely looking towards a younger QB in next year’s draft — Panthers fans should sit back and enjoy the ride.

Newton, who played nearly eight full seasons as the Panthers’ starting QB after they took him with the first overall pick out of Auburn in the 2011 NFL Draft, provided Panthers fans with the best memories of the team’s 26-year history.

I’m old enough to remember the buzz surrounding Newton when he was in the midst of his prime.

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Staff photo by Laieke Abebe

The Jordan-Matthews men’s soccer team huddles together just before their fourth-round playoff game against the Greene Central Rams in Snow Hill last Wednesday. The Jets went on to lose the game, 3-1, putting an end to its previously unbeaten season with a 20-1-1 overall record.

GREENE CENTRAL 3, JORDAN-MATTHEWS 1

# Jets unbeaten season ends in state quarterfinal loss to Rams

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY**  
News + Record Staff

SNOW HILL — Los Jets’ 20th anniversary season — and its magical moments, impressive streaks and community-wide celebrations — came to an end last week, just shy of making history.

A recipe that included a two-hour road trip on a short week, paired with a hungry Greene Central squad, came together last Wednesday night to serve the Jets their first loss of the season, knocking out Chatham County’s lone remaining playoff team in the state quarterfinals.

The No. 6 Jets (20-1-1) fell to the No. 2 Greene Central Rams (24-1) in the Elite Eight of the NCHSAA 2A men’s

soccer state playoffs, 3-1, with the game having been pushed up a day — with just one day of rest after both teams’ third-round matchups — to avoid possible rain forecast for last Thursday.

The loss puts an end to the Jets’ undefeated season, with the team’s only previous blemish coming in a 1-1 tie with the Asheboro Blue Comets in the second game of the year.

In the 10th minute of Wednesday’s contest, Jets junior Zander Ocampo gave his team a 1-0 lead on an acrobatic goal off of a free kick opportunity. But it’d be the last score of the game for a J-M team that struggled offensively down the stretch.

“I think we started on fire against them, we really put

them back on their heels,” Paul Cuadros, the Jets’ longtime head coach, told the News + Record. “We scored the first goal and we had the opportunity to get more, I would say, but we didn’t convert on them.”

The Rams proceeded to score three unanswered goals — one off of a free kick, one off of a penalty kick and the third off of a corner kick — over the next 70 minutes, putting the Jets in a hole they simply couldn’t fly out of.

And it all started with a slight bit of controversy.

With just 21 seconds remaining in the first half, Rams junior midfielder Ariel Nunez scored on a free kick from about 20 yards out. The shot flew high into the air before curving sharply into

the right corner of the net as a majority of players stood in place on the field.

Yet, as the Greene Central players, including Nunez, ran toward their benches in celebration, a gaggle of Jets surrounded the official who’d been in charge of awarding the free kick.

Their complaint? They said he never blew his whistle to signify the ball was live — hence why Nunez’s shot caught the Jets entirely off guard as they looked to still be setting up their wall at the top of the penalty area.

“They equalized on a goal that was a tricky play,” Cuadros said of the Rams’ first goal. “Our goalkeeper was just setting up his wall

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## Ranking MLB’s top 2021-22 free agents

The 2021-22 Major League Baseball free agent class is loaded with star-studded



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CN+R Intern

shortstops and elite veteran pitchers. With the collective bargaining agreement set to expire on Dec. 2, however, many players are expected to wait to sign after a new deal is reached.

So here’s a guide to my Top 5 free agents and my prediction for likely destinations for each.

**Carlos Correa**  
Perhaps the greatest villain in the Houston Astros sign

stealing scandal is now a free agent. The 27-year-old shortstop is still one of the top players in the game at his position and will make himself a lot of money this offseason. Correa led the Astros to an American League Championship while batting .279 with 26 home runs and 92 RBI.

Many don’t expect the Platinum Glove winner to re-sign with the Astros. It’s likely that Correa remains in the American League with the Tigers as a possibility because former Astros manager A.J. Hinch now works in Detroit. Never count out the New York Yankees for a major signing as well, especially since they need a shortstop.

**Corey Seager**  
The biggest knack against

Seager is his durability. The Dodgers shortstop played in just 95 games in 2021, and 26 games in 2018. However, his 2020 postseason showed why he’s one of the most talented hitting shortstops in the game. On the way to the World Series two years ago, he smashed seven home runs and torched some of the game’s top pitchers.

It’s likely that the Yankees will land one of the top shortstops on the market, but if it’s not Seager, he could remain with the Dodgers. The Giants and Phillies also make sense for the shortstop entering his prime.

**Freddie Freeman**  
Freeman finally got his ring. The 12-year Atlanta Braves legend helped secure the team’s first World Series win

since 1995. The 2020 NL MVP showed no signs of slowing down this year, batting .300 with 31 home runs and 83 RBI in 159 games. His 120 runs also led the league. It’s hard to imagine the Silver Slugger playing for any team outside of Atlanta, but teams will definitely show interest. He’ll likely stay with the Braves.

**Max Scherzer**  
Scherzer is one of the most intriguing candidates this offseason. As a 37-year-old pitcher, it’s hard to imagine him getting a long-term deal. However, he might be an anomaly.

He is still as dominant as ever and posted a 2.46 earned run average behind a 15-4 record

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CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

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

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY**  
News + Record Staff

The winter sports season is finally here! (Sort of.) Last week, basketball kicked off in Siler City with Chatham Charter being the first school to tip-off its respective seasons, while Seaforth and Woods Charter will follow this week, along with wrestling getting started this week. By next week, all of Chatham will be participating in both sports, culminating in the start of the winter sports season just ahead of Thanksgiving break. Here are this week's schedules and last week's results.

## THIS WEEK

### Wednesday, November 17

Wrestling: Northwood men at Walter M. Williams, 6 p.m.

### Thursday, November 18

Basketball: Seaforth at Carrboro

(women at 4:30 p.m., men at 6:30 p.m.; scrimmages)  
Wrestling: Chatham Central men at Trinity, 5 p.m.  
Basketball: Chatham Charter vs. Vandalia Christian School (women at 6 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.)

### Friday, November 19

Basketball: Chatham Charter vs. Uwharrie Charter (women at 6 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.)  
Basketball: Woods Charter at Oxford Prep (men at 6 p.m., women at 7:30 p.m.)

### Saturday, November 20

Wrestling: Seaforth men at Franklinton Duals at Franklinton High School, 9 a.m.  
Wrestling: Chatham Central men at Orange, 5 p.m.

## LAST WEEK

### Monday, November 8

Soccer: The (6) Jordan-Matthews men

defeated the (3) North Carolina School of Science & Math Unicorns, 3-1, in overtime in the Sweet 16 of the NCHSAA 2A state playoffs. Scoring for the Jets in the victory were seniors Irvin Campos (2 goal) and Alexis Ibarra (1 goal).

### Tuesday, November 9

Basketball: The Chatham Charter women crushed the Vandalia Christian Vikings, 59-29, on the road to open the season.  
Basketball: The Chatham Charter men won a lopsided game against the Vandalia Christian Vikings, 70-38, to open the season.

### Wednesday, November 10

Soccer: The (6) Jordan-Matthews men fell to the (2) Greene Central Rams, 3-1, on the road in the Elite Eight of the NCHSAA 2A state playoffs. Scoring the lone goal for the Jets was junior Zander Ocampo. The Jets finish the season with just one loss, compiling a 20-1-1

overall record. See story in this edition.

### Thursday, November 11

Basketball: The Chatham Charter women dominated the Research Triangle Raptors, 61-10, to improve to 2-0 on the season.  
Basketball: The Chatham Charter men defeated the Research Triangle Raptors, 58-45, on the road to improve to 2-0 on the season.

### Friday, November 12

Basketball: The Chatham Charter women defeated the N.C. School of Science & Math Unicorns, 74-56, to improve to 3-0 on the season.  
Basketball: The Chatham Charter men won a lopsided game against the N.C. School of Science & Math Unicorns, 57-32, to improve to 3-0 on the young season.

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# CCCC volleyball coach Bill Carter to retire

From Central Carolina Community College

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College Volleyball Coach Bill Carter has announced his retirement from coaching after 13 years of leading the CCCC volleyball program.

"I have enjoyed the success of our volleyball student-athletes off the court the most," Carter said. "Seeing evidence of athletes graduating from a program at CCCC, a four-year university or attaining a career path that utilizes their potential is what has given me the most gratification

over the past 13 years as the head volleyball coach. Also, watching our assistant coaches grow in their ability to guide, motivate and teach the CCCC student-athletes has been incredible. I have enjoyed the journey on a day-to-day basis, which has created new relationships and strengthened current relationships."



Carter

This year's fall 2021 team finished the season on a high note, winning six consecutive matches

before falling to Sandhills Community College in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 10 Tournament Championship.

The spring 2021 team won six of its eight matches and claimed the NJCAA Division III Region 10 regular season and tournament championship.

"I am opening up space in my life to be there for the ones I love. Coaching volleyball will always be a passion for me, but it is time to pass the torch to the young guns," Carter said. "I have always given it my all and will have no regrets walking away. I

set out a long time ago to raise the bar for volleyball in Lee County, North Carolina — and I think I did that, while leaving the game in the great hands of the young. I feel great about the state of the volleyball program at Central Carolina Community College and look forward to seeing where it will go next."

"We are very thankful for all that Coach Carter has done during his 13 seasons at Central Carolina," said Jonathan Hockaday, CCCC Athletic Director. "He was able to bring us our first region championship in volleyball and lay the foun-

dation for a successful volleyball program. He will be missed greatly by Central Carolina athletics, and we wish him all the best."

What message would Carter like to convey to the student-athletes that he has coached at CCCC?

"I want all the student-athletes, past and present, to knock down barriers, refuse to set limits on themselves or others, reach for the highest star and be proud of whatever they accomplish on this journey we call life," Carter said. "I want them to know that I always will believe in them and the passions

they pursue in life. I want them to give all they have to achieve their dreams."

Carter notes: "It has been a blessing to be a college volleyball coach at Central Carolina Community College, a place where dreams are created, visions are shaped and futures are forged. The luckiest man is the one who lives out his passion with the ones he loves and who love him. Go Cougars!"

For more information on Central Carolina Community College — which is dedicated to providing pathways to achievable dreams — visit [www.cccc.edu](http://www.cccc.edu).

## NEWTON

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Discussion about him was in constant rotation on national sports talk shows.

Kids everywhere — especially in our state — were mimicking his over-the-top touchdown celebrations.

Everyone wanted a piece of Cam. Whether you couldn't stand him and wanted him to fail or loved him and bought his jersey in three different styles, you were drawn to him. It was impossible not to be.

I even remember passing by a small gas station outside of downtown High Point, where a man had a stand selling self-made Newton shirts (t-shirt version of jerseys) during his MVP campaign in 2015.

Not only was Newton flashy, exciting and jaw-dropping with his Superman-esque abilities, he was also incredibly good at winning football games.

He led the Panthers to the best season in franchise history in 2015, where he helped them to a 15-1 overall record en route to a Super Bowl 50 appearance, where Carolina lost to Peyton Manning's Denver Broncos, 24-10, in the team's second Super Bowl since the franchise's inception in 1995.

He's been an NFL MVP, Offensive Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, one-time First-Team All-Pro selection and three-time Pro Bowler (2011, 2013 and 2015).

Oh, and don't forget the 2010 Heisman Trophy sit-



Courtesy of the Carolina Panthers

**With his first touch of the ball since re-signing with the team earlier last week, Panthers quarterback Cam Newton ran for a touchdown as part of the team's 34-10 win over the Arizona Cardinals.**

ting in his trophy case at home, perhaps his most prestigious award of all.

To make a lengthy story not-so-lengthy, Newton is undeniably the most exciting player in Panthers' history. And arguably one of the most exciting players in North Carolina sports history.

And yet, despite all he did to bring the Panthers back into relevancy after a brutal 2-14 season in 2010 — followed by growing pains in his first couple of years — he's also one of the most disrespected and most underrated players in North Carolina sports history.

Over the course of his career, Newton rarely got favorable calls from the refs — likely due to his size, which prompted most officials to keep their flags tucked in their belts during potential roughing-the-passer penalties — and he was disliked by a plethora of fans both in and outside

of the Tar Heel State.

People hated the way he danced after jumping over the goal line on QB sneaks.

They hated his confidence.

They hated his trash talk.

They hated his Alice in Wonderland-like fashion both pre- and post-game.

And, even if most of his doubters wouldn't admit it, they hated the idea that a Black quarterback could have so much success at the QB position, something he — and now countless others — debunked.

But even with the hate, Newton kept delivering, time and time again.

It fueled him. It inspired him. It made him better.

That is, until injuries caught up with him, derailed his 2018 and 2019 seasons and forcing him out of Carolina under less-than-ideal circumstances and leading him



Courtesy of the Carolina Panthers

**Newly re-signed Panthers quarterback Cam Newton (center) screams "I'm baaaaaack!" after running in a touchdown in his team's 34-10 win over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.**

to a one-year stint with the New England Patriots in 2020 that didn't go quite as planned.

But now, Newton is baaaaaaack in Carolina.

And after a 34-10 shellacking of the previously 8-1 Cardinals — who were notably without starting QB Kyler Murray — in which Newton accounted for two TDs (in his first two touches of the ball) in a backup role, it's clear that Newton's passion is something the Panthers had been desperately lacking since his departure.

And while it's unclear if he'll be the starter for the Panthers going forward, one thing's for certain: Superman's ready.

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# LOSS

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when their main player (Nunez) just kicked it. And the ref had not blown the whistle. The ref had not controlled the game like the previous game (against N.C. School of Science & Math) had been controlled. ... It caught us off guard and equalized, which was really crappy for us because we felt like they hadn't really earned a goal."

In the second half, Nunez helped the Rams take the lead on a penalty kick that he quickly slotted past J-M goalkeeper Ricardo Rocha, who incorrectly predicted the location of the ball.

Then, just eight minutes later, the Rams scored the dagger on a perfect corner kick from Nunez to senior Jose Morquecho, who knocked it into the net on a header and effectively ended the Jets' shot at a semifinal appearance.

Despite allowing three goals on the night — easily the most J-M's allowed in a game all season, having never allowed opponents to score more than one up to that point — Cuadros said he felt his defense looked solid.

"In soccer, you earn goals by breaking down defenses and scoring, and you can certainly get goals through free kicks, trickery and things like that, but that's on us for not having the situational awareness to prevent that," Cuadros said. "I never felt like Greene Central broke through the midfield, broke us down, got behind the

defense and went one-on-one with the keeper and forced him to make a save. That never really happened."

J-M had its opportunities on offense, including a left-side shot by senior co-captain Alexis Ibarra that hooked just narrowly past the far post that, had it gone in, would have been a "game killer," according to Cuadros.

"We would have gone up 2-0," Cuadros said. "A shot like that just crushes you."

While the Jets have looked nearly flawless at times this season — posting 10 shutouts and 14 games scoring at least six goals during their 22-game campaign — their struggles against the Rams came as no surprise.

Coming off of an intense third-round matchup, Cuadros said travel and fatigue may have played a factor in the Jets' lack of polish.

Third-seeded NCSSM played J-M to the wire in Durham just two days earlier, where the Jets needed two goals in overtime to compensate for a late score by the Unicorns and advance to the Elite Eight with a 3-1 victory.

Then, after playing 100 minutes against the Unicorns on the road, the Jets, despite being the lone undefeated team in the 2A East Region, were forced to make the 123-mile trek to Snow Hill for their matchup against the one-loss Rams.

The minutes played — and miles traveled — start to add up this late in the season, said Cuadros. "I have to confess that



Staff photo by Laieke Abebe

**Jordan-Matthews' Armando Rocha (11) dribbles the ball past a Greene Central defender in the Jets' 3-1, fourth-round playoff loss to the Rams last Wednesday in Snow Hill. The loss was the first time all season J-M allowed more than one goal in a single game.**

I think Monday night's game against Science & Math took a lot out of us," he said. "Back-to-back travel games are always really difficult to do. We had a couple of those during the season, but at the playoff level, they're super intense games. ... Trying to win on the road is really difficult, especially if there's a lot of distance."

The NCHSAA seeds teams based on RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) ratings, taken from MaxPreps, which primarily takes into account a team's strength of schedule.

Since the Jets' newly aligned conference, the

Mid-Carolina 1A/2A, consisted of just five teams this season — including Chatham's Seaforth High School, consisting of only freshmen and sophomores and which went winless in the conference, and another which played just 10 total games due to COVID-19 issues (Cummings) — their RPI ranked them No. 6 in the 2A East despite their undefeated record.

Hence the team's play-off road trip.

The Jets' third-round win over the Unicorns two nights earlier was not only a hard-fought game, but also an emotional one.

With this being the 20th anniversary season of the creation of Los Jets, each moment, goal and win packed an extra special punch for Cuadros, who helped create the team in 2001 and has been its head coach ever since.

But none more than the Jets' victory against NCSSM.

Along with the overtime finish, for Cuadros, a lot of the emotion came from those who showed up to support the Jets in their Sweet 16 matchup.

"We had maybe 150 or 200 people at that game and it overwhelmed Science & Math because they don't usually have a visiting crowd like that,"

he said. "On the visiting side, we had a couple of bleachers ... but there was no way all of those people could sit in those bleachers, so you had people standing along the sideline."

Cuadros said that the large contingent of fans began wandering a little too close to the field, so he went over to tell them to move back so they didn't interfere with the game.

"And as I made my way down that line, I could see all these faces of kids that I coached, boys and girls, over 20 years ago, from various years," Cuadros said. "I saw some from 15 years ago, some from 10 years ago, some from five or two years ago, even, and it was like taking a trip through time with these faces and it was incredible. It was an incredible moment that I'll never forget."

The Jets may not have capped off their 20th anniversary season with a state title, but they ended with a very fitting 20 wins on the year, along with an Elite Eight finish, conference title and undefeated regular season on its resume.

In short, Cuadros said, this season was a re-sounding success.

"The journey that was this year, it was a lot of fun, I enjoyed myself," Cuadros said. "This year's squad was a delight. They're all a bunch of great kids, all dedicated. ... These kids were different, so they were a joy to coach."

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with both the Los Angeles Dodgers and Washington Nationals. His WHIP also led the National League. With the Los Angeles Angels signing Noah Syndergaard, that likely takes them out

of the Scherzer sweepstakes. He could also team up with Dusty Baker in Houston or Gerrit Cole in New York, but those both seem unlikely compared to him re-signing with the Dodgers.

## Marcus Semien

Three years ago, the thought of Semien being one of the

most sought-after free agents would have been laughable. The middle infielder had never made an All-Star game, won a Gold Glove or been in the running for an MVP.

Now, he's done all three.

His breakout season came with the Oakland A's in 2019 when he hit a career-high 33

home runs and finished third in MVP voting. In 2021, he outdid himself, hitting 45 home runs while playing in all 162 games for the Toronto Blue Jays. He also stole 15 bases.

Semien's landing destination is hard to predict. As one of the more under-the-radar stars, he could go undervalued, but

he's now proven himself in two different seasons. If the Blue Jays want to keep their powerful lineup together, he could re-sign, but it's likely he finds a home elsewhere.

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# Chargers, Hawks gear up for the winter wrestling season with talented underclassmen on deck

The weather changing and the clocks turning back signifies one thing: the winter sports season. Included in that is wrestling, which starts up this week as both Northwood and Seaforth begin their 2021 campaigns.

Northwood, coming off of a season that included two state championship qualifiers — freshman Josh Miller (now at Seaforth) and sophomore Cliff Davis — is attempting to recreate last season’s success with a new head coach, Joe Harris, at the helm. Seaforth, in its first season as a program, is working strictly

with underclassmen under former Northwood head coach Ryan Armstrong, who said he has high hopes for this season despite the inexperience of most of his squad.

This week, the News + Record spoke to both Harris and Armstrong to discuss their team’s season outlook, star performers and how they’ve prepared their underclassmen for the road ahead. Conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

## RYAN ARMSTRONG, SEAFORTH WRESTLING

**What has the last month or so looked like for you and your team, especially with all of them being either freshmen or sophomores with most of them having never wrestled before?**

Like I keep telling the boys, the parents and the community, our thing is that the boys you see today will not be the boys you see before we go to regionals. We have set the bar high, we’re going after the conference. We’re planning on making a run at regionals and putting some put some bodies at the state tournament this year, but they have to buy-in. Coming in with a brand new program, with brand new kids, we can’t neglect our higher kids, but we also can’t neglect our lower kids, so our goal is to teach them the basics and teach them the right way. They’re not going to go out there and score a bunch of points and stuff like that, but they’re going to be competitive and they’re at least going to know what they’re dealing with. We’ve been focusing on your standard setups, your takedowns, giving them one good position on the bottom, giving them one good move on top, so we’re focusing on that. Like we told them, ‘Some stuff you’re going to get and there’s going to be stuff that you’re not going to get, so we’ve just got to figure out what works for you and then go from there.’

**You coached Josh Miller — the 3A state runner-up in the 106-lb. weight class in 2020-21 — at Northwood last season and now have him at Seaforth this year. What do you expect to see out of him this season?**

We see a state champion out of him. He’s put the work in during the summertime and the offseason. The biggest thing we’re seeing from Josh is the leadership. Not so much last year because he was a small fish in a big pond and we had some dominant leaders in that room at Northwood, but we’re seeing right now where, this is Josh’s team and Josh is taking the team underneath him and we’re building a family, we’re building a culture and Josh is leading by example. My thing with Josh is, I’ve got to keep him competitive, so we’ve made our schedule around Josh a little bit. We’ve got him into some 4A tournaments, knowing that our boys will probably get beat up pretty good at those tournaments, but we still have to grow Josh as an athlete.

**Alongside Josh, who are some of the other wrestlers on your squad that you could see taking major leaps this season?**

The Armstrong boy , we’ve got high hopes for him. Then there’s Walker Bowman , brand new kid that’s strong as an ox. We’re seeing a lot of potential out of him. If we can keep growing him and he listens and he stays the suit, he’ll make a run for it. We’ve got a couple of young kids that’s 138-145 lbs. but we don’t really know what it looks like. We’ve got Anthony Veschi, he’ll be in either 152 or 160, he’s strong and he’s going to make a run. I’ve got Roger Eubanks, who’s also strong and he’s going to make a run. I’ve got Cole Ballard, he’ll have a good season this year, as well. And then there’s Mike LaTucci, another strong kid, well disciplined. I owe a lot to the football coach, Terrence Gary, for the discipline that he’s instilled in the football players. They’re catching on quick. They’re coachable and we’ve got to win in the books in order to win on the on the mat.

**What have been some of the biggest challenges for you in taking over a group of underclassmen and starting a brand new program with them?**

We’ve always walked into programs with a little bit of talent, but now we’ve got all of the talent and no technique, so we’ve had to change our coaching style this year to adapt to green wrestlers.

## Ryan Armstrong

**ROLE:** Head Coach, Wrestling

**EXPERIENCE AT SEAFORTH:** First season

**NOTES:**

- Wrestled in high school in Ohio, was a state placer in 1995
- Entered the Army in the mid-90s and became a member of the World Class Athlete program — allowing service members to participate in athletics — in 1997
- Was Northwood’s head wrestling coach during the 2020-21 season before making switch to Seaforth
- Has coached programs across the country, including Ohio, Texas and Oregon

• **FROM THE COACH:** “(Taking over a brand new program) is fun. It’s hard. It’s probably the hardest thing we’ll do, but the end state is that we’re going to build champions here.”

## Seaforth Hawks

**CONFERENCE:** Mid-Carolina 1A/2A

**RECORD:** 0-0 (season hasn’t begun)

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE:**

- Saturday, Nov. 20: Franklinton Duals Tournament at Franklinton, 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 23: at North Moore, 6 p.m.

It’s been a roller coaster. I left a lot of great kids at Northwood that I had and they relied on me. I left my oldest son there, that piece of it breaks my heart that I couldn’t stick around, but coming into a brand new room and building my program around some good coaches. I wouldn’t even say it’s my program, it’s our program. And seeing the community involvement — at our scrimmage last Wednesday, I was laughing at Coach Jason Amy because we wrestled in the auxiliary gym and he said when we fill it, we can move into the big gym. ... Well, we had it filled. So it’s going to be exciting. The community wants to see the Northwood-Seaforth match and we’re going to give it to them. It’s exciting, but I’m nervous at the same time. The outside supporting cast that we have, we couldn’t ask for anything better. We’ve just got to go out there and put what we’re being taught to use on the mat and then execute.

**Why should fans be excited to come out to Seaforth wrestling matches this season?**

**We’re going with the saying ‘Dare to Dream.’ We need to rally around our guys and show them the support because we are going to be a state championship team. It may not be this year, but it’ll be sooner than later. So they need to come out and support a program that’s going to be a state championship-caliber program for years to come.**

**With this program being brand new and this team being so young, how far do you expect them to go this year?**

Like I’ve told these guys, there’s no reason why we don’t win a conference championship this season. We’ll do OK in regionals, I wouldn’t expect a whole lot coming out of regionals, but a lot of that is going to depend on what team shows up in January. We’ve got a five-meter target, a 10-meter target and our 20-meter target is a state championship, but if I was to call it today, there should be no reason why we don’t win a conference championship in our first year.

## JOE HARRIS, NORTHWOOD WRESTLING

**You’ve mentioned that you’ve helped out as a wrestling assistant before taking the Northwood head coaching gig. What’s are some of the biggest differences between being an assistant coach and being a high school head coach?**



Joe Harris

**Since taking over as head coach in October, what have you done to help get your team prepared for the upcoming season?**

I’ve been making them run a lot, getting their stamina and cardio up. I’ve also got the seniors where, instead of me going out there teaching it, I’ll have the seniors go out there in the middle of the mat and show them how to do the moves and I’ll walk around the room to make sure everybody’s doing it right. But I like the seniors doing it because it’s teaching them leadership to go out there and take charge and show the team what to do.

**Last season, Northwood had success with two underclassmen qualifying for states in freshman Josh Miller (now at Seaforth) and sophomore Cliff Davis. What do you think Davis’ experience last year will bring to the team this season?**

He’s taking charge and leading the team like he should and he’s shown good talent. I’m really just waiting to see his first match to see what he’s truly capable of, but I think he’ll bring a lot of good to ur team.

**You guys had a scrimmage at Seaforth against them and Carrboro last week. How’d that go? How does scheduling scrimmages like that benefit your team?**

We actually didn’t get to wrestle Seaforth because of an injury, but when we wrestled Carrboro, we did really well, we only had two kids that lost due to just little mistakes that they made like not really staying in good position, but other than that, the team looked pretty good.

I think it benefitted us well, especially when it comes to new wrestlers that have never been to a wrestling match or ever had to deal with one

## Joe Harris

**ROLE:** Head Coach, Wrestling

**EXPERIENCE AT NORTHWOOD:** First season

**NOTES:**

- Graduated from Northwood in 2016, where he wrestled for three seasons
- Took over the Northwood head coaching job after the departure of Ryan Armstrong (now Seaforth’s head coach)

• **FROM THE COACH:** “(My favorite part about being the head coach) is really just seeing the outcome of the new wrestlers that came in not knowing a thing to learning it and being able to do them now.”

## Northwood Chargers

**CONFERENCE:** Central 3A

**RECORD:** 0-0 (season hasn’t begun)

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE:**

- Wednesday, Nov. 17: at Walter M. Williams, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 22: at Chapel Hill, 6 p.m.

to show them what it’s all about and what all they should be expecting.

**Who are the wrestlers on your squad that you think could take that next step this year?**

We have a new guy, Ethan Kuball, that came from out of state and he’s really impressed us a lot. He knows what he’s doing and he does very good. And then there’s Coltrane Northington, who’s improving and working hard. And then there’s all of the freshmen, who are actually doing really well and learning at their pace and getting it down.

**Why should fans be excited about Northwood wrestling this season?**

I think they should be excited because we have a really strong team. We’ve got a lot of guys that want to compete and give it their all and are looking to be successful out there.



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# CCCC men's, women's cross country teams participate in NJCAA Division III Cross Country Championships

From Central Carolina Community College

MILLEDGEVILLE, Georgia — The Central Carolina Community College men's and women's cross country teams participated in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III National Championship last Saturday at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Britt Lehman (Jordan-Matthews H.S., Siler City) led the men's team, finishing 30th out of 140 runners. Kyle Howarth (Woods Charter School, Mebane; 49th), Gabriel Lenz (Lee Christian School, Sanford; 103rd) and Colby Day (Cape Hatteras Secondary School, Frisco; 120th) also competed for the Cougars' men's team.

Bersai Perez (Lee County H.S., Sanford) paced the women's team, finishing 55th out of

90 runners. Kimberly Castro Vasquez (Harnett Central H.S., Lillington; 82nd), Emilie Obregon (Triton H.S., Dunn; 83rd) and Angelika Adriano (Pinecrest H.S., Aberdeen; 90th) also competed for the Cougars' women's team.

Both CCCC teams won the NJCAA Division III Region X championships under the direction of Coach Richard Briggs.

"After winning regionals, going to nationals is like icing on the cake," said Briggs. "I want my men and women to enjoy the experience and years from now know that they did something special."

Lehman has led the CCCC men's team and won the Region 10 Runner of the Year honors.

"Britt has a passion for running and doesn't let anything get in his way," said Briggs. "He's a full-time student with a

full-time job, manages to train and always brings it when it's time for competition."

Lehman became interested in cross country as a high school freshman. "I enjoy the fact that it gives me a rush, it's like my adrenaline just shoots up," Lehman said of his enjoyment of cross country. "It gives me a push to work on myself to be a better athlete. When I'm running, any stress or bitterness is taken away when I'm running. It gives me freedom."

Lehman said he was honored to be a part of nationals and looked forward to the race.

"It's the big stage! I love that feeling of competing with the best of the best," said Lehman prior to the race. "As for the team, I'm extremely happy they are going to nationals. I feel as if they will make a huge impact at nationals and will

bring home some hardware. We all have worked so hard for this moment."

Other CCCC men's team members were Howarth, Lenz, Jackson Cole (Grace Christian School, Sanford), Day and Eddy Giron Dominguez (Jordan-Matthews H.S., Siler City).

Perez has led the CCCC women's team and won the Region 10 Runner of the Year honors.

"Bersai is amazing! She's never participated in athletics before, but you would never know it," said Briggs. "She's a competitor who is always looking to improve. When it comes to the word tough, I think Bersai."

Perez said she first became interested in cross country during the summer of 2021.

"Before this, I liked running for fun and to be stress free as well as to lose weight and

I really wanted to join a sport that required running. That is when I heard about cross country and decided to give it a try," she said.

How does she feel about participating in the NJCAA Division III National Championship?

"I think that this is a huge opportunity to get to go to a new place and experience something that I would have never known I would be a part of," she said before the race. "As a team, I think that we are really strong and that we can do something great in the upcoming nationals."

Other CCCC women's team members are Vasquez, Obregon, Charmaine Robison (Lumberton H.S., Lumberton) and Adriano (Pinecrest H.S., Aberdeen).

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## JETS

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per game — took over, scooping up a loose ball and scoring on a fast-break layup, along with an and-one layup shortly after (she missed the free throw), just before time expired.

Wright scored seven of her 16 points in the opening half, her final basket giving the Jets a 17-10 lead they'd carry into the break.

"She's going to be the

difference-maker for us," Piggie said. "She's the engine that keeps us pushing because she has that drive. She's been wanting to push the ball up the floor and play aggressive defense. It fits right into her character. She's not scared of anything."

The second half, however, was a different story as Western Alamance opened with a 10-2 run that gave the Warriors a one-point lead, 20-19, five minutes into the period.

Throughout the half, the Warriors continued

to capitalize on second-chance attempts, grabbing offensive boards much more efficiently than they'd done in the opening 20 minutes.

With time ticking down and the Jets facing a five-point deficit, Wright dove to the basket and scored with less than 30 seconds left in the game, putting her team within three. After a missed one-and-one free throw on the other end, the Jets had a chance to tie the game but were unable to get a good look from behind the arc, the

game ending at 35-32.

Even though the game didn't count in the standings, Piggie said he enjoyed that his team got a taste of what it's like to play until the last possession in a nail-biting situation.

"If you prepare for this now, then if we play a close game, let's say in our first game of the season, then we know how to handle this situation when it counts," Piggie said. "It's good to get it out of the way early. That way we'll be prepared for when it happens in a game because we've been there before."

The Jets won the following game against the Carrboro Jaguars, 35-28, before losing by double-digits to the Orange Panthers, who tore up their competition throughout the day.

Playing against high-level competition like Orange, Carrboro and Western Alamance — all schools in the 3A classification — only stands to make the Jets better against schools in their own 2A class and, more specifically, the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference.

That was one of the major reasons for Piggie's decision to schedule the jamboree, he said.

"For us to go against 3A schools of that caliber and us to play the way we did, showed a lot of growth, for me, from the first day of tryouts to now," Piggie said. "It just gets you ready for the season as far as letting us know what we need help with, what we can do better, then improve from there."

Changing the culture It's been four seasons since the Jets have had a record of .500 or better, which came by way of a 14-14 finish during the 2017-18 campaign.

You'd have to go back



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Jordan-Matthews sophomore guard Lia Carter (10) pushes through contact during a layup attempt in the Jets' first jamboree game last Saturday against Western Alamance. J-M narrowly lost the scrimmage, 35-32, after a second-half barrage by the Warriors.**

three additional seasons to find the Jets' last winning record: 19-8 in the 2014-15 season, which included a deep playoff run to the third round.

Since then, J-M has had five losing seasons, capped off with its 1-10 year in 2020-21.

Following their one-win season, Piggie — also the school's second-year track & field coach — took over the head coaching position this past summer with a mission to reignite a struggling program.

"This offseason, man, some of the stuff we worked on was changing the culture from last year to this year, letting them know that, 'Hey, this is not last year, this is not last year's team. You were 1-10 last year but it's a whole new year,'" Piggie said. "You've got to get them to buy in to the system. ... Just keep encouraging the players, teaching them the fundamentals and techniques of how you want things

done."

Piggie's culture change also goes as far as the style of play he wants to implement: a fast-paced, run-and-gun offense with stingy defense to boot.

And the players have already been receptive to it.

"The team's buying into what we've talked about the last two weeks in practice as far as pushing the ball up the floor, being aggressive and playing hard-nosed defense," Piggie said. "They surprised me (on Saturday) with the style of play and how they're picking up on it. Based on (the first game) alone, I'm excited for the season."

Piggie's willingness to plan and host a women's basketball jamboree is a testament to his desire to grow the game and get both the school and town interested in what's happening inside of J-M's gym.

After the success of Saturday's event, which also doubled as a fundraiser, Piggie said he hopes to make this an annual jamboree instead of a one-off event.

Maybe next year, he said, they'll double the amount of teams participating.

"If we want to grow the program, (the jamboree) is a good fundraiser, but it also allows you to look at your team before the season starts ... and shows you what you have to work with," Piggie said. "I'm excited to see what we can do and how we can turn around a 1-10 program. ... We've got a chip on our shoulder. ... We're going to shock the world. It's a new era over here, a new era for Jordan-Matthews girls' basketball."

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# Here's your makeup exam if you missed Constitution Day

**BY BUCK RYAN**  
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With all this talk of federal mandates, did you happen to catch the one a couple of months ago, on Sept. 17?

For the past 16 years, the federal government has insisted on a Constitution Day celebration, or more precisely:

"Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution."

That's the language that U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd, a Democrat from West Virginia, slipped into a fiscal 2005 omnibus spending bill.

There's a little wiggle room in the federal mandate, as UNC's law school scheduled its Constitution Day virtual event on Sept. 23, then planned an annual First Amendment Day event for Sept. 29.

Every year about this time, the depressing results of the Annenberg Civics Knowledge Survey are published.

Can you name the three branches of government?

About 56 percent of U.S. adults can.

Can you name the five protections in the First Amendment?

Well, 74 percent know freedom of speech is one. You get the idea.

There's so much in the air about threats to democracy and so little about civic education.

If somehow you missed the celebration marking the Constitution's signing in 1787, welcome to a makeup exam to get you back on track:

**Question No. 1:** Does the phrase "a government of the people, by the people and for the people" appear in the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence?

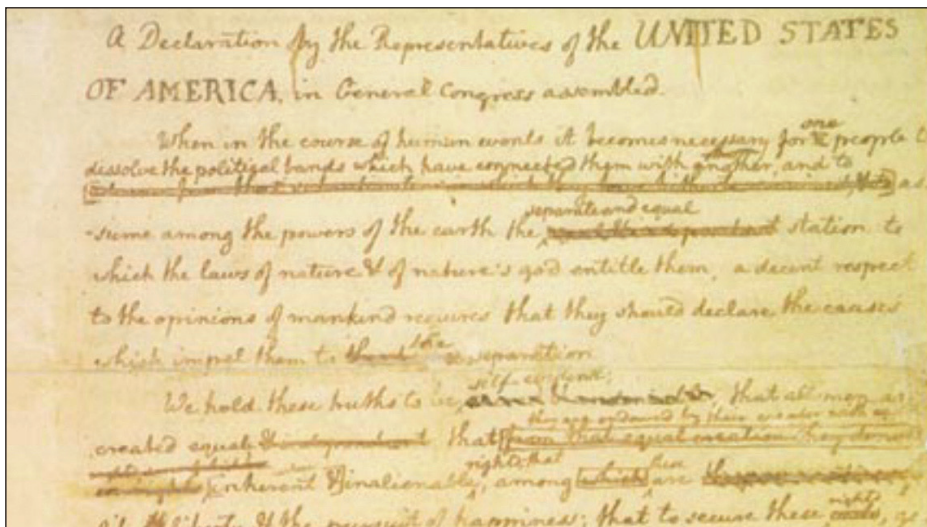
**Answer:** Sorry, trick question. Those are 12 of 272 words in Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, which begins "Four score (that's 80) and seven years ago." Lincoln was speaking in 1863, so you can do the math: 1863-87=1776. If you borrow Lincoln's expression, please don't drop any of the three prepositions (of, by, for).

**Question No. 2:** True or false, Thomas Jefferson wrote these immortal words for the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable."

**Answer:** True. Jefferson, the youngest member of the declaration writing committee, wrote that sentence, but everyone needs an editor: The oldest member, Ben Franklin, edited it to read: "We hold these truths to be self-evident." Franklin was born in 1706, so in 1776 he was really old as life expectancy was 30-something. The declaration's central argument was that our rights come from God, not any King.

**Question No. 3:** True or false, people calling George Washington "Your Excellency" got some founding fathers nervous, so they went back to work on the Constitution.

**Answer:** True again. Here's a brief timeline: After defeating the world's greatest army (Great Britain) in the Revolutionary War, which lasted eight years (1775-1783), our patriotic soldiers took a break. Meanwhile, our founding fathers drafted the Constitution, signed in 1787, but it took a couple of years to be ratified (1789) so that we could actually elect our first president. When George Washington kept being called



Courtesy of the Library of Congress

**If 'Constitution Day' means anything, it means the United States is a work in progress.**

"Your Excellency," some of our founders got the creeps because it sounded too much like the king they fought so hard to defeat. Only two years later, they ratified the Bill of Rights (1791) as the first 10 amendments to the Constitution to make sure "We the People" stayed in charge.

**Question No. 4:** True or false, obviously the First Amendment — "the most powerful 45 words in the world" — came first because it was our founding fathers' primary concern.

**Answer:** False. The "first" amendment originally was drafted as Articles 3 and 4 in the Bill of Rights. It became first by default when previous amendments failed to be ratified. If anything was a primary concern, that would be religion, which is listed first among the five protections in the First Amendment. Jefferson's tombstone at Monticello doesn't say he was the third president of the United States, but it does record that he was the "author of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom." The great historian Thomas D. Clark felt that religion was the most important protection because "it kept the United States out of religious wars that held back the rest of the world." My own favorite is the right to peaceably assemble because it's the basis that allows for freedom of religion, speech, the press (public square), and the right to petition the Government for a redress of grievances (go march on Washington or the state Capitol, or go fight city hall).

**Question No. 5:** Roughly what was the time lag between America's first newspaper and the First Amendment's protection of a free press?

**Answer:** Roughly a century. "Publick Occurrences, Both Forreign and Domestick," considered

America's first newspaper, was published in 1690 as four pages with the last page blank so you could write in your own news and notes — an early version of Facebook. The newspaper told the story of the first Thanksgiving (that's how we know), but also took a National Enquirer turn by reporting the King of France's rumored affair with his son's wife. Needless to say, it lasted only one issue before it was shut down by government censors. In those days, "the greater the truth, the greater the libel." It would take a century before we established freedom of the press with the First Amendment in 1791, beginning "Congress shall make no law ..."

**Question No. 6:** How long did it take for Congress to make a law scrapping freedom of the press?

**Answer:** Only seven years. In 1798 Congress passed the Alien and Sedition Acts, which were used to put newspaper editors and publishers in jail for criticizing the President of the United States. That 18th century version of "cancel culture" was called "sedition." When one Founding Father (President John Adams) signed the acts into law, another one (an outraged Vice President Thomas Jefferson) wrote the Kentucky-Virginia Resolutions to call for the acts' repeal and started running for president. Jefferson hired a "scandalmonger" journalist, James T. Callender, to smear Adams in the press during the Election of 1800. The Alien and Sedition Acts faded away when Jefferson was elected president, but some things like scandalmongers never disappeared. The "alien" in the Alien and Sedition Acts, by the way, dealt with immigration, allowing for the deportation of foreigners.

**Question No. 7:** True or false, the U.S. Constitution became a beacon for other nations around the world, but the light starts to flicker in the face of other cultures.

**Answer:** Yep, that's true. We shouldn't take our all-American culture of citizenship, honed in a street fight for 245 years, for granted. Broadcast legend Bob Mulholland, the former president of NBC, took a couple of Harvard law professors to Mongolia in the early 1990s to help the country's new leader, an admirer of muckraker Ida Tarbell, write a free press law. How did it go? "The first page said we'll have a free press," Bob said, "and the next 12 pages started with the word 'But.'" If you go to China's constitution, you'll see the Big 5 protections in our First Amendment listed under Articles 35 and 36. The foundation for our culture of citizenship was laid with another Big 5 stated in the Constitution's Preamble where "We the People" dedicate ourselves to: 1) establish justice, 2) ensure domestic tranquility, 3) provide for the common defense, 4) promote the general welfare and 5) secure the blessings of liberty. Remember, we're a nation built on the twist of a phrase: "Give me liberty or give me death."

**Question No. 8:** So how many amendments to the Constitution do we really have?

**Answer:** Technically, there have been 27 amendments to the Constitution, from 1791 to 1992, but the 18th Amendment (1919: We need Prohibition!) and the 21st Amendment (1933: Oops, no, we don't!) neutralize each other, so really we have 25 in play. The record time for ratification is 202 years, 7 months and 10 days. Yep, that was the 27th Amendment, which may

have never occurred if a student didn't dispute his grade on a research paper in 1982. We can thank Gregory Watson, a 19-year-old sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, for campaigning that an original part of the Bill of Rights, Article 2 which was not ratified in 1791, was still a good idea. In 1992 Watson got vindication that his "C" grade was too low as the 27th Amendment became official: any law that increases or decreases the salary of Congress members cannot take effect until after the next election of the House of Representatives. The moral of the story: Power to "We the People" includes disgruntled teenagers, too.

**Question No. 9:** Yes, we have three branches of government, but what do we do if they're all corrupt?

**Answer:** Wave the Bill of Rights! The Constitution has seven articles, but all the action tends to focus on the first three, also known as the three branches of government. So how did the founders choose to order those three? Hint: If the Preamble starts with "We the People," where would you go to find "the people's House"? Yes, Congress, or the legislative branch, comes first. Unfortunately, as Mark Twain observed: "There is no native criminal class except Congress." What then is the second article, or branch? Right, the President, or executive branch. This has always been tricky. Thomas Paine called Washington "treacherous" and "a hypocrite in public life" in a 1796 letter to him ending, "the world will be puzzled to decide, whether you are an apostate or an impostor." Yikes, yes, that's the same Paine whose "The American Crisis" ("These are the times that try men's souls") Washington had read to his troops at Valley Forge. The third article established the judicial branch, or the Supreme Court. You know, that's what FDR was stopped trying to pack to tilt decisions his way.


So if all three branches of our government are corrupt, what then? Enter the Fourth Estate, or the power of the press to serve as a watchdog against government abuses, and take comfort in all 10 amendments in the Bill of Rights.

**Question No. 10:** How can we have "a more perfect union" when nobody's perfect?

**Answer:** We just keep trying. How imperfect we are can be seen in the time lag between "all men are created equal" (Declaration of Independence, 1776) and the 13th (abolishing slavery, 1865), the 14th (citizenship for former slaves, 1868), 15th (right to vote regardless of race, 1870) and 19th (women's right to vote, 1920) amendments. "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants," as U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis wrote, so beware of people hiding in the shadows. In 2011, after a lot of Tea Party virtue signaling, the House of Representatives went boldly forward to read the Constitution out loud on the floor of Congress. Except for one thing: they amended the Constitution to delete the part about slaves being worth three-fifths of a person. If Constitution Day means anything, it's the courage to tell it like it is: we are a work in progress.

**Time's up! Your makeup exam is complete. How did you do? If you didn't score 10 out of 10, please start making plans for your next Constitution Day celebration.**

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## Mosaic’s Holiday Market

Cecily Fountain, 4, of Pittsboro shows off a plastic hand mold she obtained at the Pop-Up Holiday Market on Saturday.



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Sisters Sophia Glover, 9, and sister Skylar, 6, from Silk Hope, had a successful day at the Children’s Business Fair at Mosaic.



Aromatic Roasters Barista Leavitt Browning-Howe and Gloria Mock of the News + Record show off the newspaper’s Chatham Brew coffee and a recent copy of Chatham Life magazine, which features Leavitt’s brother, Stillman, on the cover.  
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Mosaic’s event, featuring a Childrens Business Fair and Pop-Up Holiday Market, drew a strong turnout.



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The String Band of Durham performed bluegrass music on the Mosaic stage.

## Maximize Your Charitable Giving

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday, when people are encouraged to donate to charitable organizations. If you’d like to take part in this special day, you’ll want to maximize the effectiveness and benefits of your charitable gifts.

So, consider these questions:

- *Is the charity reputable? Does it use its resources wisely?* Most charitable organizations are honest and dedicated to helping their specific causes. But sometimes there are a few “bad apples” in the bunch. These groups aren’t necessarily fraudulent (though some are), but they may spend an inordinate amount of their donations on administrative expenses, rather than directing this money to where it’s most needed. Fortunately, you don’t have to guess about the trustworthiness or the efficiency of a particular group, because you can check on it.

To make sure that a charity is an actual charity – one that is tax-exempt and listed as a 501(c)(3) organization – you can go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), the website of the Internal Revenue Service, and hit the “Charities & Nonprofits” link. An organization called Charity Navigator ([www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)) tracks charitable groups’ financial health and accountability, including how much is spent on administrative and fundraising costs. Generally speaking, a charitable group that dedicates more than about 30% to 35% of its total costs to administration and fundraising expenses might be considered somewhat inefficient, though you’d want to evaluate each charity individually, since extenuating circumstances can occur. Keep in mind, though, that smaller charities may not have the same resources as a national organization to provide the reporting necessary for Charity Navigator.

- *Will my employer match my contribution?* You can make your charitable gift go a lot further if your employer matches it. Typically, companies match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match at 2:1 or even higher. Check with your human resources department about your company’s policy on charitable matches.

- *Are my charitable gifts tax deductible?* A few years ago, Congress significantly raised the standard deduction, which, for the 2021 tax year, is now \$12,550 for single taxpayers, \$25,100 for joint filers and \$18,800 for heads of household. As a result of this increase, many people no longer itemize and thus have less financial incentive to make charitable contributions.

If you still do itemize and you’re thinking of making charitable gifts, you generally have a choice between giving cash and another asset such as stocks. Each type of gift could earn you a tax deduction, but a gift of appreciated stocks could be more beneficial because you may also be avoiding the capital gains tax you might incur if you eventually sold the stocks. You should consult with your tax advisor and the charity (not all accept investments) before making the cash-versus-stock decision.

Even if you don’t itemize, you could still get a tax benefit from making a charitable contribution. That’s because Congress has extended part of the COVID-19-related legislation that allows taxpayers to claim charitable deductions of \$300 (for single filers) or \$600 (for married couples) if they claim the standard deduction. The charitable donations must be made in cash, not stocks.

Giving Tuesday comes just once a year, but your gifts can have lasting benefits. So, be as generous as you can afford – and enjoy the good feelings that follow.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On November 9, Andrew Cole Heins, 33, of 8108 Siler City Glendon Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Yuridia Robles for order for arrest related to child support. He was issued a \$2,000.00 secured bond and is schedule to appear in Randolph County Child Support Court in Asheboro on November 18.

On November 9, Corey Montrell Moore, 27, of 235 Hyatt Court, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Olivia Soles for failure to appear. He was issued a \$2,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Durham County District Court in Durham on November 10.

On November 9, Daniel Quevedo Zagada, 23, of 1101 Belford Close, Lot #6, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for failure to appear regarding a release order. He was issued a \$1,000.00 secure bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on December 15.

On November 10, Albert Karali, Jr., 62, of 1251 The Preserve Trail, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Reggie

Griffin for second degree forceable sex offense, sexual battery, and practicing massage therapy without a license. He was issued a \$60,000.00 secure bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 17.

On November 11, John Michael Crowell, 44, of 228 Golfers View, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for assault by pointing a gun. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on December 8.

On November 11, Curtis Blake Rader, 24, of 2245 Arthur Teague Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Tyler Welch for assault on a female. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 23.

On November 11, Curtis Blake Rader, 24, of 2245 Arthur Teague Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Tyler Welch for assault on a female. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 23.

On November 13, Serena Tabatha Dona York, 48, of 444 Evie Lynn Road, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. She was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 15.

On November 14, Rashonda Amir-Julian Blue, 23, of 5001 S. Alston Avenue, Durham, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for simple assault and disorderly conduct. She was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on December 15.

On November 14, Cedric Tamiko Alston, 53, of 706 Roberts Chapel Road, Goldston, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for failure to comply with judgement. He was issued a \$500.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on December 15.

On November 14, Richard Charles Barker, 24, of 2151 Lystra Road, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for failure to appear regarding a hit and run, leaving the scene of an ac-

cident, and property damage. He was issued a \$500 cash bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 16. Barker

On November 14, Kyuana Tena Reaves, 42, of 215 Horton Road, Goldston, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for failure to comply with judgement. She was issued a \$200 cash bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on December 14.

On November 15, Tammy Mariah Huggins, 35, of 421 Dalton Drive, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for failure to appear on charges of misdemeanor larceny. She was issued a \$700.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on December 7.

On November 15, Amanda Marie Pyles, 33, of 1537 NC Highway 42, Goldston, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for assault and battery. She was placed under a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on December 8.

## COVID-19 vaccine now recommended for children ages 5-11; local options available

From Chatham County Public Health Department

PITTSBORO — The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended on Nov. 2 that all children ages 5-11 years old receive the COVID-19 vaccine, a decision based on strong evidence showing the Pfizer COVID-19 pediatric vaccine is both safe and effective for children this age.

With this recommendation, local providers will soon begin giving the vaccine, with more options coming in the weeks ahead as supply increases. Please call ahead or register in advance, as appointments

are limited. Options for 5-11 year-olds to receive the vaccine in Chatham County include:

- Talk to your child's doctor's office. Many will be offering the vaccine soon and can answer questions you may have about the vaccine.
- The Chatham County Public Health Department: Wednesday and Friday afternoons at the clinic in Siler City (1000 S. 10th Ave.). Appointments are required and slots are limited. To schedule an appointment, please call 919-742-5641.
- StarMed Healthcare: Wednesday afternoons from 2-7 p.m. at the Goldston Town Hall (40 Coral Ave.), beginning Wednesday, Nov. 10th. To

schedule an appointment, visit <https://starmed.care/vaccine/> or call 980-445-9818.

New options are expected in the next week. Check <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/kids/locations> for a list of providers, including options in neighboring counties.

"I know many are excited by this news and are eager to get their children vaccinated against COVID-19," said Chatham County Public Health Director Mike Zelek. "We will continue to work hard to make the vaccine accessible to everyone across Chatham."

While children are typically at lower risk

of serious illness from COVID-19 than most adults, they are still at risk. The Delta variant especially has not spared children, and some have experienced long-term side effects from infection, also called "long COVID." Additionally, nearly 100 children ages 5-11 have died from COVID-19 since the pandemic began. After a thorough review of the data,

the vaccine has been shown to be safe and help children of this age from getting sick from COVID-19.

"This is an important step to helping us get back to normal," added Zelek. "Getting vaccinated keeps children safe while engaging in activities like sports and hanging out with friends. Plus, fully vaccinated children do not need to quarantine if they are

exposed to COVID-19, meaning they can remain in school."

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and the CCPHD's vaccination plans, visit [www.chathamcountync.gov/coronavirusvaccine](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/coronavirusvaccine). To learn more about the Chatham County Public Health Department, visit [www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth) or [www.facebook.com/chathamhealth](https://www.facebook.com/chathamhealth).



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## Fall colors

This Japanese maple's colors sparkle on a recent fall afternoon. Autumn colors are peaking across most of central N.C.



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More than 4,000 U.S. locations will open to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse project. Local volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, through Monday, Nov. 22, offering a curbside option.

Courtesy of Samaritan's Purse

## 3 churches serve as drop-off location for Samaritan's Purse project

CN+R Staff Report

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Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts — filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys — to children worldwide since 1993. This is a project that everyone can still be a part of, even with COVID-19 restrictions.

Individuals, families and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage.

"In the midst of the pandemic, children around the world need to know that God loves them and there is hope," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "A simple shoebox gift opens the door to share about the true hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ."

Those interested in more information on how Operation Christmas Child is making adjustments during its National Collection Week can visit the organization's Important COVID-19 Updates webpage for the latest information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

The site can be found at [www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/).

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 188 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts.

Local locations include:

• **Pittsboro Baptist Church, 121 W.**


**Salisbury St., Pittsboro, during these days and times:** Wed., Nov. 17: 5-7 p.m.; Thur., Nov. 18: 1-3 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 19: 5-7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 20: 10 a.m.-noon; Sun., Nov. 21: 1-4 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 22: 10 a.m.-noon.

• **Loves Creek Baptist Church, 1745 E.**

**11th Street, Siler City, during these days and times:** Wed., Nov. 17: 1-3 p.m.; Thu., Nov. 18: 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 19: 1-3 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 20: 1:30-4 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 21: 1:30-4 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 22: 9-11 a.m.

• **Tyson's Creek Baptist Church, 10891**

**Siler City Glendon Rd., Bear Creek, during these days and times:** Wed., Nov. 17: 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Thu., Nov. 18: 5-7 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 19: 6-8 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 20: 10 a.m.-noon; Sun., Nov. 21: 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 22: 9:30-11:30 a.m.



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# Personal trainer accused of sexual assault

From Chatham County Sheriff's Office

CHAPEL HILL — The Chatham County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating allegations of sexual assault occurring at 1251 The Preserve Trail, Chapel Hill. Investigators say property owner Albert Karali

Jr., 62, has been operating a personal business out of his home address for years. Two of Karali's former clients have now come forward to report being sexually victimized by Karali at his residence between 2014 and 2021. The Sheriff's Office has since charged Karali with two counts

of felony 2nd degree forcible sex offense, two counts of sexual battery, and two counts of practicing massage therapy without a license. However, the investigation remains ongoing as authorities attempt to gather more details about Karali's business and his interactions with clients. "At this time, we cannot

rule out the existence of other victims," says Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Sara Pack. "We encourage anyone with information about Karali or his alleged sexual misconduct to contact investigators immediately. If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse or assault, we implore you

to call 919-542-2911 to speak with an investigator and file a report as soon as possible." Karali was booked into the Chatham County Detention Center under a \$60,000 secured bond ahead of his scheduled court appearance in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Nov. 17.

## Superintendent helps out in cafeteria



Courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Nutrition service employees Karen Holden and Mandy Cheek pose at George Moses Horton Middle School. Holden and Cheek have been co-workers for 13 years.



Courtesy of Chatham County Schools

Chatham County Schools Superintendent Anthony Jackson helped serve lunch at George Moses Horton Middle School on last month, joining a district push for nutrition service volunteers to help mitigate staffing shortages. Jackson is pictured here with employee Karen Holden.



## Communities In Schools Chatham County

### Our Mission

The Communities In Schools Chatham County (CISCC) mission is to surround students with a network of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. More explicitly, Communities In Schools Chatham County (CISCC) aims to provide assistance in five critical areas; a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a marketable skill to use upon graduation, a chance to give back, and a healthy start for a healthy future. Our programs target and provide support to referred students with the highest risks for underachievement due to poverty and instability by attending to the holistic needs of the individual youth which are required to overcome adversity and find success through sustained resiliency.

### Wish List

Menors, Lunch/Reading Buddies, Tutors, Sustaining donors, Resource Providers and Partners, Increased funding to expand services to more students and schools in need of support across Chatham County.



### Background

Since 1989, CISCC has made a positive impact on the lives of 1000's of Chatham County youth and families through our 7 unique school and community based programs. We fuel personal potential, so every student can take charge of their story and define their success for life. We sustain our mission by supporting all referred youth in reaching their full potential by:

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1 Worker welfare gp.	1 Globe	39 Firearm rights org.	80 Open delight
5 Bark syllables	2 — Paulo	40 H.S.-level exam	81 Devilkins
11 Perform a dynamic crowd action in a stadium	3 Coxa, more familiarly	45 Popular dog biscuits	82 School in Berkshire
20 Hospital bed attachment	4 Some nuts	46 Shirk	83 Natal lead-in
21 Nomadic type	5 Jason's ship	48 "— the season ..."	84 Bando of baseball
22 Turpentine, for one	6 Horse hue	49 Sharp taste	85 Sense no danger
23 1983-2014 periodical for adolescents	7 Perturb	50 Place to live	86 Oscar winner
25 Reins are parts of them	8 Parisian bud	51 Pines	87 Play — (enjoy some tennis)
26 The first task on the to-do list	9 Title anew	52 Willing to participate in	91 Alternative to a right hook
27 Help-wanted, e.g.	10 One of the Corleones in "The Godfather"	53 Musical exercise	92 Drifting at sea
29 Musician Nugent	11 Cry from Homer	54 Mixed greens	93 Car part between headlights
30 Musician DiFranco	12 City in Kansas	55 Lover of Lucy Fable	94 Acupuncture item
31 Africa's Sierra —	13 Actress Wright	59 Fable penner	95 NFL rusher
33 No-problem advancement	14 Fit carmaker	60 Town shouter	96 Savor pekoe, say
37 What a bilingually sarcastic person has	15 Up 'til "Cursed" director Craven	61 User's shortcut	97 Certain fuel-carrying ship
41 Ostrich lookalike	16 "Cursed" director Craven	62 Relatives of geese	98 Take a break
42 Olympic swimmer Tom	17 Really attack	63 Rake parts	100 Burj Khalifa locale
43 Royal heirs, often	18 Capital of Austria	64 Those elected	101 Super-angry
44 Veep's boss	19 Junior naval officer	65 Rapper — e.g.	106 Razor brand
	20 Young	66 Actress Meg	107 Skinny
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		68 Croissant, e.g.	110 Sweetie
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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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### THE CN+R REVIEW | NEIL MORRIS

## Sumptuous Western ‘The Harder They Fall’ is a new take on a old yarn

Straddling the line between homage and re-

vision-ism, “The Harder They Fall” features for-



**NEIL MORRIS**  
Film Critic

tale inside a burnished tableau. The opening title cards declare that while the story is fictional, “These. People. Existed.” — these people being an assemblage of actual African-Americans in the Old West who, while contemporaries of the well-known legends of yesteryear, have been lost to the dustbin of history. Writer-director Jeymes Samuel (aka British singer-songwriter “The Bullitts”) lends his contemporary musical ear and cinematic eye to this postmodern spin on the spaghetti Western.

In real life, the cast of characters, many ex-slaves, were outlaws, lawmen, rodeo performers, and even mail carriers. Samuels re-purposes their legacies into antiheroes in an old-fashioned revenge tale. Years ago, bad guy Rufus Buck (Idris Elba) gunned down the parents of young Nat Love before carving a cross into Love’s forehead. The embittered Love (Jonathan Majors) grows up to become an outlaw himself, along with a gang that includes long-suffering girlfriend Stagecoach Mary (Zazie Beetz) and gunmen Bill Pickett (Edi Gathegi) and Jim Beckwourth (RJ Cyler).

Love’s lifelong thirst for vengeance is renewed



**Regina King, Idris Elba and LaKeith Stanfield star in ‘The Harder They Fall.’**  
Courtesy of Netflix

### THE HARDER THEY FALL

**GRADE:** B +

**DIRECTOR:** Jeymes Samuel

**STARRING:** Jonathan Majors, Idris Elba, Zazie Beetz, Regina King, Delroy Lindo, Lakeith Stanfield, RJ Cyler, Danielle Deadwyler and Edi Gathegi

**MPAA RATING:** R

**RUNNING TIME:** 2 hr. 17 min.

when Buck is sprung from prison by his own gang, chiefly the brutal Trudy Smith (Regina King) and contemplative quick-draw artist Cherokee Bill (Lakeith Stanfield). When Buck and company reclaim the African-American-inhabited town of Redwood, Love makes his way there with the added aid of marshal Bass Reeves (Delroy Lindo) and bar bouncer Cuffee (Danielle Deadwyler), patterned after the real-life Cathay Williams, a black woman posing as a man credited as the first female to enlist in the US Army.

Samuels applies a glossy varnish to the well-worn retribution yarn, incorporating

hip-hop elements into the score to compliment some slick, eye-popping camera work — Mihai M Iaimare’s cinematography is truly awards-worthy. Each scene holds the potential for a sensory feast — as just one passing but memorable example, an overhead shot captures two characters in conversation on a sunbathed dirt street, with the casted horizontal outline of their silhouettes projecting their gestures. Yeah, the grit and grime is often offset by some incongruous set design — when Love and Cuffee rob a bank in a white town, all the buildings are literally painted all white, a silly but striking spectacle. Still, there is some ingenious visual flair at work, all of it the evolutionary offspring of Sergio Leone.

A film cast is truly heavyweight when Idris Elba is a relatively minor player. Majors’ star continues its steady rise, backed by memorable turns from King, Stanfield, Deadwyler, and Lindo. Samuels is more dedicated to historical stimulation than historical fidelity — you’ll glean more facts from Wikipedia than the film itself. But Westerns have long been a product of atmospherics, and in that vein “The Harder They Fall” is a transgressive take on a proven formula.



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: FEELINGS OF DEEP AFFECTION

As leather	Cookie	Luck	Sledding
As nails	Customer	Old world	Spot
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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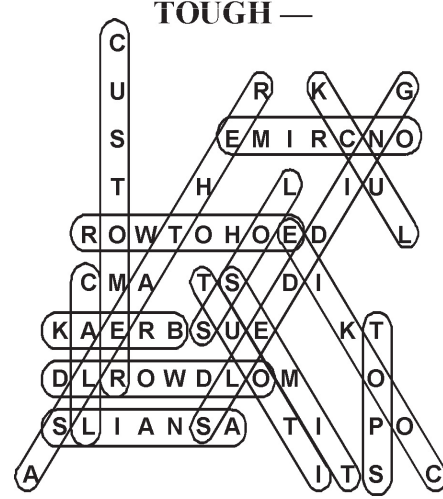
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TOUGH



## An explanation, of sorts

I have been visiting my new favorite grocery store every Wednesday and aside from always ordering some pizza we'll have for dinner later, I have two "TO DO" lists. One: I have a grocery list that varies, but usually includes produce, sometimes yogurt, and more prepared meals than it should. Two: I visit certain products the same way I would if TJ Maxx or Talbots started carrying Chanel or Louboutin: keeping my hands behind my back I gaze wonderingly and dream. As one enters, the first of these demonic triggers materializes before my tired, hungry

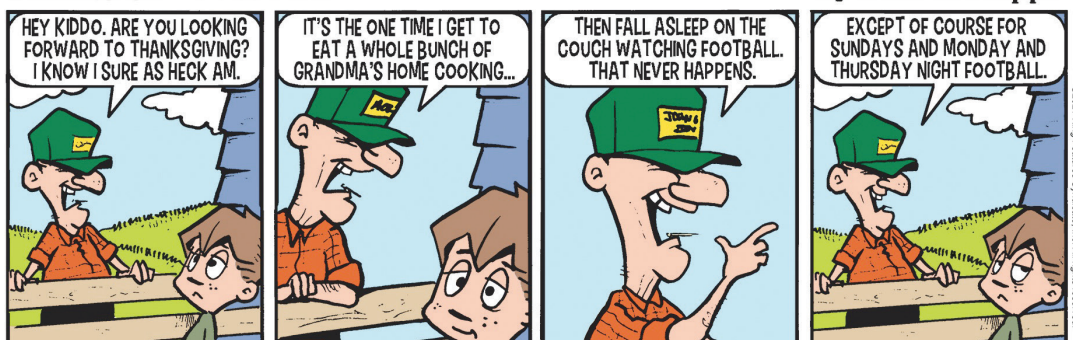
eyes. A square table far in the distance is turned diagonally and can be viewed from almost the second I walk through the door. Its contents are equally visible. It is stack after stack of boxes of their chocolate chip cookies that are probably better than I could make. Then they went ahead and doubled the chocolate chips and added some kind of demonic chocolate shards. But it's the bright white strip on the prow of this ship of desire that makes me weak in the knees. It is to me what Kate Winslet was to hordes of tweens coming of age in the mid-90s. It is a sculpture which almost literally brings me to my knees. It is tubs of their very delicious buttercream. B.U.T.T.E.R.C.R.E.A.M.

To my equal parts pride and shame, I've never left with one of those tubs 'o love. Then I walk past the wall of cakes. I guess they have three or four or six other cakes, but my gaze is always locked on their white cake. More of that soul-destroying buttercream covering and thickly dividing what eats like angel's food but with just enough structural integrity to support the buttercream. I buy nothing, I can't afford the calories. After ordering the pizza, I eventually wander over to the premade stuff, including artisan sandwiches, delicious food from all around the world, glorious, gorgeous salads, and perfectly prepared diner classics. I usually pick up a couple, but limit my purchases because they can quickly become a drain on my wallet that I

can't afford. Then I reach the most perfidious portion of the store. In the back corner waiting for me after just about every temptation has tried my soul beyond human endurance. I see you, Job. The struggle is real. After all of that, I come to the area which shelter the boutique butcher and the cheese nirvana. I come to this modest little square pink meat about the size of a child's wooden block. It's hermetically sealed and a pound of it is, at last check, two hundred twelve dollars per pound. \$212. It's the Japanese beef that comes from cattle that are living their best lives. Each muscle fiber is accompanied by an equally-sized strand of fat. It makes the beef a very pale, but healthy and delicious scarlet.

The Kid and I once went to a dinner and were served Wagyu carpaccio. Slivers of beef that were silky and ridiculously, spellbindingly flavorful. The salty, iron flavor of organ meat was tempered and made luxurious by all that amazing fat. Finally, one Wednesday night after a pretty good week at work, I succumbed and purchased a cube for a pre-dinner treat. So, I planned to do a specially plated, hopefully attractive photo shoot. I sliced it, and sprinkled a couple with large, flaky finishing salt. And the next think I know I'm standing in the middle of the living room, looking at an empty plate and licking my fingers. ...and that's why, Gentle Reader, there are no photos this week. Thanks for your time.

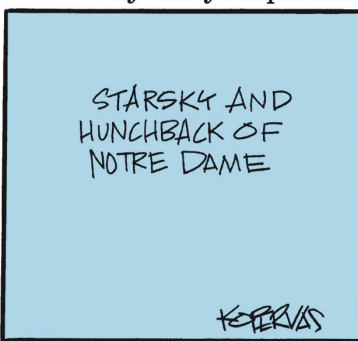
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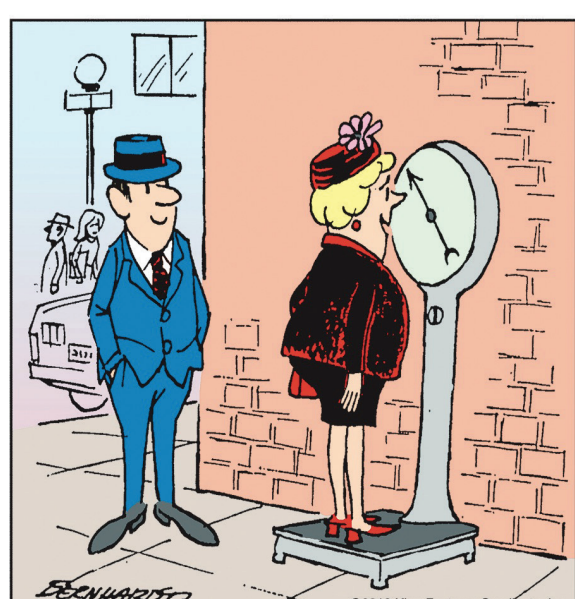


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David Bradley

As the Mosaic development continues in its upward progress, the Jersey Mike's restaurant is open for business.

# Jersey Mike's Subs open in Pittsboro

From Jersey Mike's Subs

PITTSBORO — Jersey Mike's Subs, known for its fresh sliced/fresh grilled subs, opened at 60 Mosaic Blvd., in Pittsboro on November 3.

Franchise owner Charlie Farris held grand opening and fundraiser from Wednesday, November 3 to Sunday, November 7 to support Northwood High School Boosters Friends and Alumni Association. Customers with a special fundraising coupon could make a minimum \$2 contribution to NHSBFAA in exchange for a regular sub.

"We are thrilled to bring the best sub sandwich on the planet to Pittsboro," said Farris. "Many of our new employees attend Northwood High School and play on the sports teams there, so the NHS BFAA (Boosters, Friends, and Alumni Association)

seemed like a perfect partner for our grand opening fundraiser. Mr. Vernon, the athletic director, has been an awesome partner so far, and we look forward to working closely with Northwood and their athletic department."

Guests can place take-out orders in-store or for pickup through the web-site or through the Jersey Mike's app. Additionally, delivery is available in most areas through the Jersey Mike's app or through third-party delivery partners. Curbside pickup is available for orders placed in Jersey Mike's app.

Jersey Mike's premium meats and cheeses are sliced on the spot and piled high on in-store baked bread. Jersey Mike's fans crave their subs made Mike's Way® with the freshest vegetables – onions, lettuce and tomatoes – topped



David Bradley

**Sandwich makers at the new Jersey Mike's in Pittsboro work quickly to produce subs made to order. The restaurant is in the new Mosaic development, behind the Refuel gas station/convenience store.**

off with an exquisite zing of "the juice," red wine vinegar and an olive oil blend. Authentic cheesesteaks are grilled fresh.

The restaurant's hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week. You can contact this location directly at 919-533-4227.

Jersey Mike's believes that making a sub sandwich and making a difference can be one and the same. Since 2010,

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David Bradley

**Hungry patrons wait patiently in Pittsboro as employees of one of the new restaurants in town, Jersey Mike's, craft each sandwich made by order.**



David Bradley

**A customer walks out of the new Jersey Mike's in Pittsboro Saturday afternoon with a hand-made sub sandwich. The new restaurant is in the Mosaic development, across the street from Northwood High School.**

## NEWS BRIEF

### COA's 'Angel Tree' program seeks help

The Chatham County Council on Aging will hold its annual Angel Tree event through Dec. 3. To participate, persons may go to the Council's Eastern Center, 365 Hwy. 87 North, Pittsboro or the Western Center, 112 Village Lake Rd., Siler

City. Beginning Friday, Angel Trees will go up inside both centers. Participants may request any number of angels and return gifts by Dec. 3. Delivery will take place Dec. 3-17.

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— CN+R staff reports



## Chatham COA Events & Announcements

November 18th through November 24th

### Thursday, November 18th

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Take Off Pounds Sensibly \(TOPS\)](#) at 1:00 PM 🧘

### Friday, November 19th

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧘
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class](#) at 10:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills and on Zoom) 🧘 📶
- [Friday Night Dance](#) at 7:00 PM (on site at WCSC - Siler City) 💰

### Monday, November 22nd

- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 10:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center (Pittsboro) and on Zoom) 🧘 📶

### Tuesday, November 23rd

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CHATHAM CHAT | CORA'S HOLIDAY PLANS

# 'Turkey Tuesday' and donations highlight Chatham Outreach Alliance's commitment to the hungry

It's Thanksgiving season, which means CORA — the Chatham Outreach Alliance — is working overtime to provide food to individuals and families within the community who are in need during difficult economic times.

This week, we speak with Melissa Driver Beard, CORA's executive director, about "Turkey Tuesday" and other holiday preparations. Driver Beard has been working in the nonprofit sector for nearly 30 years at local, state, national and international levels. After working for many years in developing countries, she made the decision to address poverty and hunger closer to home and began her work with CORA in 2019. Beard is a North Carolina native, a UNC-Chapel Hill graduate, a self-proclaimed "travel addict" and proud mom.

## How did this summer and fall — with COVID still around — compare to last summer and fall for CORA and its staff and volunteers?

This past summer, with the exception of continuing to serve outside, was a bit more "normal." By that, I mean service numbers were closer to pre-COVID service numbers. We averaged serving 33 families per day throughout the summer. Summers tend to be a bit slower for us; pre-COVID service numbers were close to 25 families per day.

## Food price increases and supply chain issues have made it harder for many families to access food and prepare meals. What does all that mean for the 10% of Chatham residents who already faced food insecurity?

It means they should come to CORA. We have been incredibly fortunate and continue to receive significant donations of both food and funding. We were (and still are) well supplied with dry goods, shelf stable groceries, baked items, dairy, eggs, meat, and produce. We have even been able to re-institute a degree of client choice in our drive-thru.

## You've kicked off your Holiday Food Drive. What's taking place, and what are your biggest needs?

Yes! Mountaire is donating 100 holiday food boxes. We are able to purchase turkeys through the Food Bank of Central and Eastern N.C. this year. Turkey Tuesday — our holiday food drive at Food Lion Governors Club — was held all day on



Staff photo by Kim Hawks  
**CORA Executive Director Melissa Driver Beard (left) and Community Support Manager Meredith Katibah sort fruits to be distributed to families in need of food.**

Tuesday of this week.

For those who want to donate through the holidays, our most needed items include:

- small turkeys/turkey breasts
- mini hams
- boxed stuffing/corn-bread mix
- packets of gravy
- canned fruit/veggies
- pie/cookie/brownie mix
- fresh apples (please package in a separate bag to prevent damage)

## How can people help?

People can help by spreading the word to those facing hunger that CORA is here for them through the pantry (10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday) and Mobile Markets (in Siler City at Technology Way every fourth Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and every second Tuesday at Nature Trail from 4-6 p.m.)

At CORA, we often get the question, "Should I donate food, or should I just write a check?" The simple answer is to do what makes you feel more connected to our mission. Both help us feed those facing food insecurity in our community.

If you prefer to shop and donate food, we just ask that you check in and see what our needs are. You can find this information on our website at [www.corafoodpantry.org/ways-to-give/donate-food/](http://www.corafoodpantry.org/ways-to-give/donate-food/). Each month, we curate the food list each to match our inventory and provide families with the food they want.

Monetary donations are important too! We are able to buy food in



Staff photo by Kim Hawks  
**CORA's Meredith Katibah speaks with a client at the organization's Pittsboro location Monday.**

bulk at wholesale prices, cheaper than food on sale at the grocery store. Your cash donation is going to supply more food for people in need. Also, money that is donated can go toward buying fresh food like meat, produce, dairy, and bread which are all great additions to the shelf stable foods that are donated.

Of course, we also always need volunteers. To become a volunteer at CORA, please email [meredith@corafoodpantry.org](mailto:meredith@corafoodpantry.org).

## It's Thanksgiving season...what are you and your staff at CORA most thankful for?

Personally, I'm most

thankful for my son. But I think I can speak for the CORA team when I say that we are thankful for the opportunity to serve our neighbors. We are also thankful for CORA's many volunteers.

We saw what it was like during 2020 to try to run this operation without them! It was so hard — and so quiet! We're glad to have them and the spirit they bring with them back at CORA. I think we're thankful for each other, too. Like so many others, we all went through some trying times last year and that made us a lot closer as a team. We really rely upon one another to get things done!



Staff photo by Kim Hawks  
**Volunteer Bob Goetze sorts supplemental food bags for CORA recipients. He started volunteering at CORA earlier this year.**



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**Enrique Romero-Hernandez, a CORA volunteer, helps prepare for the distribution.**



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**A steady line of cars arrived as soon as CORA's food pantry opened on Monday.**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks  
**Michelle Sherman, who began volunteering for CORA last year, is one of the many helpers who make CORA's efforts successful.**



THANKSGIVING FOR THOUSANDS

# Mountaire's holiday event

SILER CITY — Mountaire Farms distributed 5,000 boxes to 83 total organizations at Saturday's "Thanksgiving for Thousands" event. About 150 volunteers — including Mountaire employees, family members and elected officials — were in attendance. Mountaire Farms partnered

with Piggly Wiggly to purchase canned goods for the food distribution, and will do so again for Christmas for Thousands. Congressman Ted Budd, Siler City Commissioners Chip Price, Lewis Fadelly and Curtis Brown, and Town Manager Roy Lynch were in attendance

"This was a great event that displayed the coordination and teamwork of our company's departments while giving back to the community," said Sasha Duncan, the community relations manager for Mountaire Farms of North Carolina. "It was exciting to see our production, shipping, purchasing, live,

and even more departments chip in to pack boxes for thousands of members of the Chatham County and surrounding communities." Mountaire Farms is excited to expand these efforts and host its first Siler City Christmas for Thousands event on Saturday, Dec. 11.



In these photos taken during Saturday's 'Thanksgiving for Thousands' event at Mountaire, employees and other volunteers work to help distribute 5,000 boxes of food to be distributed among churches and nonprofit organizations. Mountaire plans a similar event closer to Christmas.



COVID-19

## Pittsboro ends mask mandate

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Pittsboro has ended its indoor mask mandate after reinstating it in late September. COVID-19 cases throughout N.C. have seen a downward trend, including in Chatham County. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 County Dashboard, Chatham County's positivity rate is at

3%, below the 5% goal the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services has established. However, the CDC has also penned Chatham County as an area of "substantial community spread." The agency suggests Chatham County residents should continue to wear their masks to lower the community spread. "Everyone in Chatham County, North Carolina should wear a mask in

public, indoor settings," according to the CDC's website. Pittsboro originally reinstated its mask mandate in September due to a rise in COVID-19 cases across Chatham County due to the Delta variant. Chatham COVID numbers have since decreased, and, according to Mayor Jim Nass' press release, this allowed for Pittsboro to end its masking requirement on Nov. 9.

"As a result of improving COVID-19 trends since the amendment was entered, the undersigned determines that in consideration of all available data related to the impacts of COVID-19 in the Town of Pittsboro, the Amended Proclamation of a State of Emergency related to COVID-19 heretofore entered on Sept. 24, 2021, is no longer necessary and is therefore rescinded and terminated," Nass said in the release.





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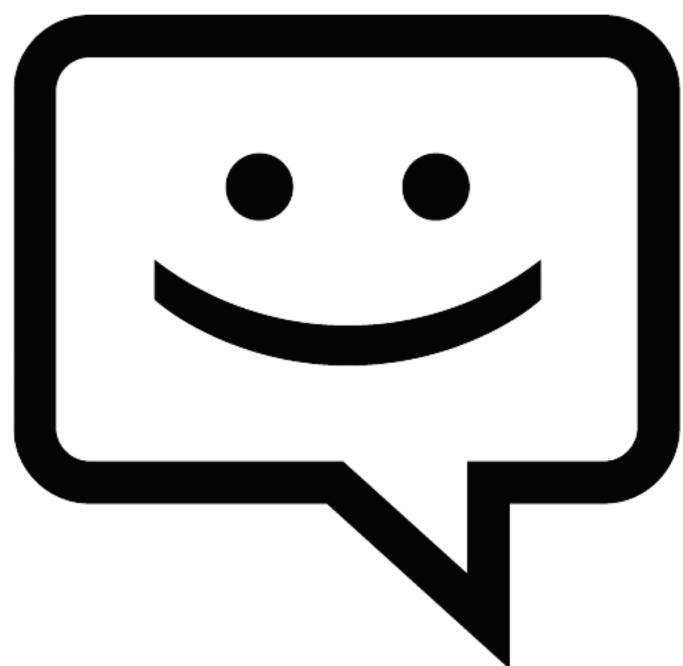
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**2021 Chatham County  
Community Assessment**

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OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE FOR ALL  
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## CHATHAM TALKS: COMMUNITY STORY CIRCLES



Join a conversation in your community to share your stories and perspectives about living in Chatham County! Everyone who lives, works, plays, and/or worships here is invited to tell their own story. Visit the website below to find times, dates and locations for the next event!

[chathamhealthalliancenc.org/storycircles](https://chathamhealthalliancenc.org/storycircles)

## CHATHAM SNAPSHOTS



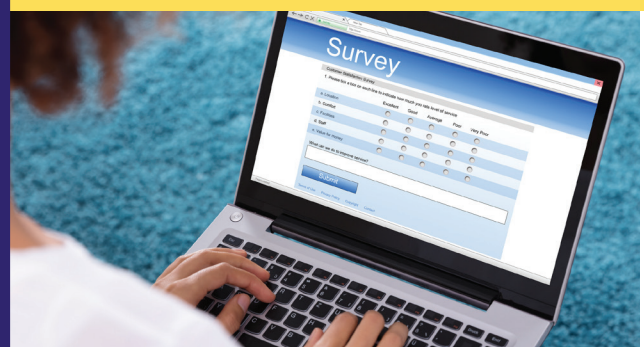
Submit a photo that shows Chatham County through your eyes! Participate in the 2021 Chatham County Community Assessment by submitting photos answering 1 of 4 prompts:

- What home looks like for you in Chatham
- What your life looks like in Chatham
- What you think is the best of Chatham
- How you see yourself reflected in Chatham

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**NEW: Participants automatically entered into weekly drawing for \$20 VISA gift card!**

## SUPPLEMENTAL SURVEY



Take the 2021 Community Assessment Supplemental Survey to share your thoughts and opinions about health and well-being in Chatham County!

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