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## Cooper encourages ending school mask mandates days after CCS move to optional policy

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
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Less than three days after the Chatham County Schools Board of Education voted 3-2 to gradually transition to optional masking “on or about March 7,” dependent on advice from state and local health departments, Gov. Roy Cooper encouraged North Carolina municipalities and school boards last Thursday “to end their mask mandates.”

Kody Kinsley, Secretary of the N.C. Dept of Health and Human Services, said the move to voluntary masking could start March 7, “at the discretion of local authorities.”

“This variant is clearly more

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**DR. ANTHONY JACKSON, CCS Superintendent**

contagious, yet generally causes less severe illness, particularly to people who are vaccinated and boosted, and now people know how to gauge their level of risk and decide how to best protect themselves,” Cooper said on Thursday. “As a result of all these factors, I encourage schools and local governments to end their mask mandates.”

Under CCS’s roadmap approved last Monday, Feb. 14, masks became optional for athletes and spectators beginning

Feb. 15. On Feb. 21, changes made to the K-12 StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit went into effect — ending individual contact tracing in schools and not requiring asymptomatic people with COVID exposures to stay home from school. And “on or about” March 7, the first Monday of the month, the district will move to a mask-optional policy — encouraging and providing vaccination opportunities before then.

The district said it would

make the final decision “depending on data and advice from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, the Chatham County Health Department and the ABC Science Collaborative,” and according to community transmission metrics set by the state health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Under that guidance, a school district can move to optional masking when community transmission levels decline

to moderate or low levels of community transmission and remain there for seven consecutive days — something Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson anticipates occurring by the proposed March timeframe.

The board meets next March 14, at which time the roadmap plan says members can “make adjustments as necessary” regarding COVID data. A specially called meeting will take place before then to look at the county’s data in relation to the intended mask-optional move, the district said, but that meeting hasn’t been scheduled as of press time Tuesday.

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### YOUNG YOGIS: ‘RELAX, FOCUS AND RESET’

## Communities In Schools brings yoga to Chatham classrooms

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PITTSBORO — A new support activity at George Moses Horton Middle School led by Chatham’s Communities In Schools is a hit among participating students: Friday yoga classes.

“Beyond providing physical movement and activity, yoga can teach mindfulness and deep breathing,” says CIS’s Shirille Lee, the student support specialist. “The classes give students a chance to relax, refocus and breathe away stress. These are important skills for anybody, particularly for students who sometimes feel anxious or are dealing with emotional stressors.”

The yoga classes are part of Horton’s daily intervention time, 30-minute blocks of time dedicated to additional student support. For most of the week, this class time is set aside for academic support and is topic-based, according to Principal Bradyn Robinson.

“On Fridays, we have introduced and implemented social and emotional supports teaching self-care skills towards self-advocacy, confidence and

interrelationship building — skills that help them to be successful as middle school students in trying times,” Robinson says. “Yoga allows them to focus on themselves without a lesson plan in front of them. Kids enjoy it — it’s very different from anything else they do throughout the day.”

The co-ed classes offer several physical and mental benefits, as yoga is widely lauded for expanding body strength, flexibility and mindfulness. It is practiced as a means to raise awareness of the mind-body connection through one’s breath.

“Yoga is a way for children to not only develop more awareness between their breath and their body and their mind, but also to have a stronger body and calmer mind, to regulate their attention and thoughts,” says yoga instructor Marcia Cordova-Roth.

With a background in public health, designing systems of care for women, children and families, Cordova-Roth worked with the N.C. Div. of Public Health and is currently

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Staff photo by Kim Hawks  
**Instructor Marcia Cordova-Roth ends the class in a simple seated position of gratitude.**

## ELECTION ‘22 Candidate filing set to resume

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Election filing is set to resume this week after a series of legal proceedings regarding new electoral maps following North Carolina’s 2020 Census.

Candidate filing for the 2022 Midterm Elections will begin Thursday, Feb. 24, and will run through March 4, according to Pandora Paschal, the director of elections for Chatham County’s Board of Elections.

The filing period for the primary elections was originally scheduled for December, but stopped on Dec. 8 shortly after starting. At that time, the North Carolina Supreme Court halted filing for all races and delayed the primary election until May 17 due to a gerrymandering lawsuit regarding the redistricted maps approved in November.

What followed the suit involved several legal complaints, ultimately resulting in the case reaching the state’s Supreme Court. They ruled the maps to be unconstitutional, and the General Assembly went back to redraw the maps.

Until the N.C. Superior Court

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### THE CN+R Q&A | MIKE WILEY

## Chatham performer, playwright tells history in multiple places

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
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Nationally known actor and playwright Mike Wiley is something of a local legend. He’s spent the last decade bringing educational theater to schools and communities in Chatham and across the country, emphasizing key events and figures in African American history.

Through his own company, Mike Wiley Productions, Wiley introduced many students to the legacies of important, but often relatively unknown, African American historical figures.



Submitted photo  
**Mike Wiley in a scene from his performance, ‘The Fire of Freedom.’**

And in 2020, the start of the pandemic and closure of schools and theaters across the country required Wiley to

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## PES radio show takes parent communication to ‘whole new level’

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN  
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PITTSBORO — A few months ago, dropping kids off at Pittsboro Elementary School meant approximately six to 10 minutes of sitting in the carpool line.

As of Jan. 10, it means listening six to 10 minutes of something a bit more exciting: 92.7 FM WPES In The Morning, a radio segment with students to highlight school news and happenings.

“I get texts from parents like, ‘Today’s show was great,’ and it’s fun to have that kind of engagement,” said Pittsboro Elementary Assistant Principal

Zack Chutz. “Kids talk about it at school in the halls, and they want to be part of it — so it’s been received quite well.”

Chutz got the idea for it during drive-thru graduations at the beginning of the pandemic, when he noticed how short a student’s celebration was in comparison to the time they spent in the car line.

“I started thinking about having a connection point to people driving through,” he said.

He thought about drive-thru movies and socially distanced radio broadcasts, but in the end, landed on a morning radio

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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 available at the 100 block of E. 3rd St.

## ON THE AGENDA

**The Chatham Clover Creators 4-H Club** is doing a collection for the Chatham County Animal Shelter. We are collecting Kong toys, Purina brand food for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens, laundry detergent and bleach. Donations can be dropped off at the collection box in The Chatham Rabbit Coffee Shop until the end of March. Donations would be appreciated!

**Siler City Parks and Recreation announces Homeschool Recess!** - Enjoy the Open Homeschool Recess Program for families to play and have fun. Free program - no registration is required, however a waiver must be signed at each session. Guardians must supervise their children. Program is not designed to meet official Homeschool requirements. Basketballs will be provided. Face coverings required while inside the gym. If you have any questions, call 919-742-2699, recreation@silercity.org, or www.silercity.org. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Paul Braxton Gym, February thru March, 2022, 115 South Third Avenue, Siler City.

**Celebrity Dairy** announces its open barn and tours, in progress now. Currently anticipating over 100 baby goats, we are opening the farm for others to enjoy. Visitors will get a tour of the dairy farm with a chance to frolic with, pet and snuggle with baby goats. For more information, go

to www.CelebrityDairy.com or Contact The Inn at Celebrity Dairy at 919-742-5176.

**Siler City Parks & Recreation** launches Tennis & Pickleball Classes, partnering with Tennis Bloc. Classes are now open for enrollment and will be offered to all ages and skill-levels. All classes will be held at the Bray Park Sports Complex, 700 Alston Bridge Rd, Siler City. **Spring tennis classes** will be offered through May 4. Lessons for ages 8 and younger will be held Mondays 5:30 to 6:30pm (beginner-intermediate), ages 9-10 will be held Mondays 4:40-5:30 p.m. (beginner-intermediate), ages 11-18 will be held Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (beginner-intermediate), and adult beginners will be held Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

-- **Spring pickleball classes** will be offered March 5 - May 7. Lessons for ages 11-18 will be held Saturdays 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., adult beginners will be held Saturdays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and adult intermediates will be held Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration is now open with a registration fee of \$85 which covers the entire season. Multi-participant discounts available. To register, please visit tennisbloc.com and search for programs offered in Siler City. Registration will remain open until sessions are full. For more information, email info@tennisbloc.com or contact the Siler City Parks and Recreation Department at (919) 742-2699, email recreation@silercity.org, or visit the Town Website at www.silercity.org.

**Siler City Parks and Recreation - Coed Youth T-Ball** is offered to participants ages 3-6 (age determined as of

May 1). The **Youth T-Ball** league introduces new and returning players to the game of baseball. The league focuses on teaching and improving fundamentals including hitting, throwing, catching, and baserunning. **Youth Coed Coach Pitch** is offered to participants ages 7-8 (age determined as of May 1). **Youth Baseball** is offered to participants ages 9-12 (age determined as of May 1) and **Youth Softball** is offered to participants ages 9-12 (age determined as of August 1.). There are four ways interested participants can register. Registration is now available online on the Town of Siler City website at www.silercity.org, in City Hall (311 N 2nd Avenue, Siler City) Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., by mailing the registration form and fee to P.O. Box 769 Siler City, NC 27344, or by dropping the registration form and fee in the drop box located on the exterior of City Hall. Registration is only \$25 and the deadline to register is March 4 (or until full). --- Siler City Parks and Recreation is actively seeking volunteer coaches for the upcoming season. Volunteer coaches are the backbone to a successful program as they donate their time and knowledge to teach our young participants the values of teamwork, dedication, sportsmanship, and fundamental skills in each sport. Anyone interested in coaching, please contact Siler City Parks and Recreation at 919-742-2699 or email recreation@silercity.org. All volunteer coaches must submit an application for consideration. For more information, contact Siler City Parks and Recreation Department at 919-742-2699, email

recreation@silercity.org, or visit the Town Website at www.silercity.org.

**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.

**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://chathamhistory.org.

**Second Bloom** winter hours, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. We are located at 630 E. St., 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 accept-

ed. 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.

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

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

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

**Motorcycle Association** — The Motorcycle

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

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

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

## Scout News

**Boy Scout Troop 93** in Pittsboro meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit www.bstroop93.org for more information.

**Pack 924** of Siler City First U.M.C. meets from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts.

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- 2328 Andrews Store Road (24.385 Acres)
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- 00 Quakenbush Road (46.2 Acres)
- 27 Mt. View Church Road (4.04 Acres)
- 0 Hawkins Avenue (9.7 Acres)
- 0 NC 42 Highway (10.89 Acres)
- 388 Wade Bright Road (10 Acres)
- 0 Roselle Road (46.204 Acres)
- 720 Hamlets Chapel Road (.69 Acres)

**LAND (Representing Sellers) 6 Units**

- 13120 Strickland Road (16.25 Acres)
- 45 The Whites Way (5.61 Acres)
- 00 Roberts Chapel Road (123.87 Acres)
- 0 Hamlets Chapel Road (42.805 Acres)
- 18 Pearleman Teague Road (2 Acres)
- 0 Old Graham Road (161.97 Acres)

**LAND (Representing Buyers) 1 Units**

- 45 The Whites Way (5.61 Acres)

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**COMMERCIAL (Representing Buyers) 1 Units**

- 45 West Street (Pittsboro)

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- 168 Culberson Drive (Siler City)
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- 427 Fenton Place (Charlotte)
- 52 Gentle Winds Drive (Pittsboro)
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- 5144 Rives Chapel Church Road (Siler City)
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- 130 Estes Drive (Chapel Hill)
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**RESIDENTIAL (Representing Buyers) 9 Units**

- 73 Dairymont Drive (Pittsboro)
- 40 Pinehurst Lane (Siler City)
- 168 Culberson Drive (Siler City)
- 427 Fenton Place (Charlotte)
- 4513 Bumphus Road (Chapel Hill)
- 107 Hawks Spiral Way (Pittsboro)
- 85 Herndon Creek Way (Chapel Hill)
- 729 Hope Hills Drive (Siler City)
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**PROPERTIES CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT**

**LAND (Representing Sellers) 4 Units**

- 1429 Van Thomas Road (Pittsboro)
- 1315 Hoyt Scott Road (Bear Creek)
- 745 Mert McManus Road (Bear Creek)
- 2349 S. Main Street (Goldston)

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# CCS parent announces bid for board of education seat

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PITTSBORO — Chatham County Schools parent Jessica Winger formally announced her candidacy for the district's Dist. 3 Board of Education seat last Wednesday, after first announcing her intended run during the public comments portion at last Monday's board meeting.

Winger, who has four children at CCS, has been a vocal proponent of an optional school masking policy over the last year at board meetings. She also consistently advocated for a return to in-person learning while CCS was in a hybrid or remote learning schedule.

"Amidst the upheaval in public education during the last two years, Mrs. Winger became an active advocate at Chatham Board of Education meetings by consistently providing her perspective as a parent who had, within her own household, experienced the full ramifications of pandemic-related policies," an emailed release on Wednesday said. "Over that time, she has brought greater community awareness to the decisions made by the school board as



Submitted photo

**Jessica Winger, shown here with her family, has announced she's seeking a seat on the Chatham County Board of Education.**

well as the details of board procedures and the processes by which the board operates. She spreads understanding at first through informal conversations, and later by creating and managing the 'Parents of Chatham County Schools NC' Facebook page."

The Dist. 3 seat is currently held by Vice Chairperson Del Turner, who has

served on the board since 2010. Turner, who volunteered in schools in various roles for more than 35 years, has consistently fought for cautious COVID protocols on the board. At Monday's meeting, she was the only board member to vote against a gradual approach to optional masking "on or around March 7" because it was too soon to do so. (Board member David Hamm also voted against the motion, but because he said March 7 wasn't soon enough.)

Ahead of the board's contentious vote, Winger urged a shift to optional masking before announcing her run for the board.

"In the past year and a half, I've witnessed the disconnect in out-of-touch views of the board members, and I've heard parents and students' voices marginalized," she said, adding that school board members are supposed to be nonpartisan. "Our community is filled with many different views, but you wouldn't know that from listening to a board meeting. So, when are families going to be fairly represented?"

Winger then said she would run for the seat, receiving applause and some cheers from those in attendance.

"I will be the family's voices at these board meetings. I will represent the diverse views," she said. "I will listen to you and try to bring those voices to these meetings instead of marginalizing them. This is not about a parent takeover, but we need a voice in this conversation."

Winger is a parent representative on North Chatham Elementary School's Leadership Team (SLT), is an active member of the North Chatham Elementary School PTA and recently became a substitute teacher at CCS. She also volunteers with the children's activity group at her church and teaches yoga.

You can learn more about Winger's campaign at [www.WingerforBOE.com](http://www.WingerforBOE.com).

Though the board is divided by districts, each member is selected at-large, meaning any Chatham voter can vote in the Dist. 3 race in November. As a nonpartisan race, the Board of Education races will not be on the primary ballot this summer, only the November general election.

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## MASKS

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"We believe we came up with a balanced approach to move this forward," Jackson told the board regarding the district's proposed roadmap to optional masking. "We believe that with the support of our public health officials, we can manage this. We believe that given the appropriate structures, we can continue to do what we're doing."

"The only caveat I will put out there is that if the data begins to go back up," he said, "We may have to come back to you and ask for a reversal."

At the time of publication, it wasn't clear if the board would still consider the CDC's community transmission metrics in its decision.

"Chatham County Schools' proposal to move

### Optional masking in Chatham Schools: what do you think?

Informal poll on CN+R website on the masking issue.



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to optional masking on or around March 7 aligns with Gov. Roy Cooper's call last week for school districts to eliminate mask mandates," Jackson told the News + Record this week. "People have the opportunity between now and March 7 to get a vaccination if they so choose, or to get a booster shot if they need one. Our rates of infection have been declining steadily, and I believe we are at the point where we can offer our students the choice between wearing and not wearing a mask."

With 142 cases per 100,000 people and a 10.14%

positivity rate, according to CDC county data on Tuesday, Chatham is still an area of high transmission. There have been 1,210 cases among students and staff since the first day of school, and just three clusters, according to the district's COVID dashboard on Tuesday.

#### 'Free the Smiles'

State legislators passed a bill last Thursday — at nearly the same time Cooper made his recommendation — that would let parents decide whether to let their children wear masks in schools, instead of school boards. Known

as "Free the Smiles," the bill only mentions students, not adults.

The House of Representatives voted 76-42 in favor of the bill before the governor's press conference; the Senate voted 28-17 to pass the bill as Cooper spoke. Also last Thursday, the governor said he was hesitant to remove power from school boards to adjust its authority to change masking rules. If Cooper were to veto the bill, it could be overturned if it received an equal amount of bipartisan support.

Some people suspect Cooper's recommendation came in anticipation of the "Free the Smiles" bill. The News & Observer asked Republican Senate leader Phil Berger ahead of the vote on Tuesday if the legislation was a way to push Cooper to act.

"I think people in North Carolina are wanting their elected representatives to pursue matters they see as important," Berger told the N&O. "And at this point in time, I can't think of hardly any matter that parents of school-age children view as more important than getting their kids out of required masks. And so I think it's incumbent upon us to move forward and address that issue."

Since September, the board has taken a vote regarding its masking policy each month, in accordance with state law. Under the recently passed bill, such monthly votes would no longer be required.

CCS administrators and Chatham health officials have long followed public health guidance recommending that mask mandates remain in place until the county's transmission rates fall below the CDC's suggested levels, which are also included in the state health toolkit. It's unclear how those recommendations will be updated in the toolkit, which Kinsley said would be updated by March 7.

By Tuesday, more than half of the state's 115 school districts moved to make masks optional, with at least 25 school boards voting to do so since state health officials announced the easing of COVID-19 quarantine and contact tracing requirements.

The passage of the optional masking bill and Cooper's recommendation follows months of some parents calling for an elimination of mask requirements at board meetings — citing social and emotional harm to children and difficulty breathing from required mask-wearing.

National polls have consistently found throughout the pandemic that the majority of Americans are

in favor of indoor mask mandates. A majority of parents want masks required in schools, a February Capitol Fax poll found, with 57% preferring masks and 36% wanting them optional. Some parents say more people are in favor of optional masking now than earlier in the pandemic. An informal, unscientific poll on the News + Record's website indicated a vast majority of those responding were in favor of making masks optional, rather than mandated.

The debate over masking is present among students, too.

Rowe Kinnett, a 3rd grader at Pittsboro Elementary School, wrote board members last week regarding optional masking — shared with the News + Record by his mom.

"I am nervous about it because COVID-19 is still going on and is extremely contagious... also the kids in preschool aren't even old enough to get vaccinated," he wrote. "In conclusion, I want everyone to be safe and not get COVID-19. Thank you for reading my email."

At CCS's last board meeting, 9th grader Natalie Cojado asked the board to remove its mask mandate and social distancing policy.

"Along with it being ridiculous, these mandates and regulations are mentally damaging," she told the board. "Are you protecting us the right way? Because it looks like you are causing more problems than fixing them. ... Let me and my fellow students ages 5-18 decide what's good for us. We know our bodies far better than you ever will."

Following Gov. Cooper's recommendation last Thursday, parents on both sides of the mask debate had questions.

For those against mandates, March 7 is an arbitrary date that is also too far away.

For those in favor of mandates, the recommendation toward optional masking — regardless of community transmission levels — feels rushed. Though cases are down significantly from the peak of Omicron, they are still about as high as before Omicron.

Cooper did not address the community transmission metrics previously cited to make decisions about mask mandates during his recommendation.

Community members on both sides of the masking debate told the News + Record that Cooper's recommendation seems to contradict his prior emphasis on following the science as a reason to keep mandates in place.

Mike Zelek, the director of the Chatham County Public Health Department, said there was much to be optimistic about regarding COVID.

"Case rates in Chatham have been coming down quickly over the last few

weeks, from a peak of over 1,400 in mid-January to now below 200," he told the News + Record on Sunday. "The positivity rate was over 20% and is now around 10%. And hospitalizations statewide are about half of what they were when they peaked in late January. This is all good news that we have been eager to see throughout the Omicron surge."

Those numbers, however, still reflect high community transmission of COVID in Chatham, according to Zelek.

Zelek said the health department will continue encouraging people to get vaccinated, get boosted and wear masks indoors "so that come March 7th, we are in a strong place according to the metrics."

"I hope this recent announcement encourages some out there to get vaccinated and get boosted," he said. "And to be clear, this is not a recommendation against wearing a mask, it speaks specifically to mandates. Many, including me, will continue to wear masks, especially in crowded indoor settings. That's appropriate, and I hope [it] does not become stigmatized as we continue to adapt to the rapidly changing and complex times."

Eric Wolak, the chief operating officer and chief nursing officer at Chatham Hospital, told the News + Record on Friday that though "the Omicron surge is clearly subsiding," case trends in the state and Chatham remain too high to move to optional masking.

"I believe we have reached an inflection point where the public is getting more and more exhausted from the pandemic, but the science remains the same," Wolak said. "I believe this is what we are seeing here with Governor Cooper's changes to mask requirements for the state. While it is very understandable that people desperately want a semblance of normalcy and are mentally and emotionally exhausted from two years of the pandemic, it is important to also reinforce that the science and the data indicate something different."

In Chatham, about 60% of people are vaccinated — a statistic that Wolak said should lead to reinforcing mask wearing and vaccinations/boosters following Omicron.

"There is simply still too much of the virus in the community to ease up now," he said. "I recognize that opinion is an unpopular one, which is why we are beginning to see changes in policy. However, policy is not science, and science is not policy."

For his part, Cooper said his recommendation was a step toward "more normal day-to-day life."

"It's time to focus on getting our children a good education and improving our schools," he said last Thursday, "no matter how you feel about masks."

## Estate plans let you control your legacy

When you hear "estate planning," what do you think of? For many people, these words evoke images of immense wealth. But estate planning isn't just for the wealthy — it's for everyone. And it's about more than preserving wealth — it's about putting you in control of your own legacy. But how can you achieve this worthy goal?

You can start by identifying your estate planning objectives. Here are some of the most common ones:

- Controlling movement of assets to beneficiaries — During and after your lifetime, you will want to ensure your loved ones receive what you want them to have, and when. Through documents such as a will and a living trust, and techniques involving life insurance and using proper beneficiary designations, you — not the courts — will control the movement of your assets to the desired recipients.
- Naming someone to make decisions for you if you become incapacitated — Naturally, you hope to stay in good physical and mental shape throughout your life and remain capable of making your own financial and health care decisions. But the future is not ours to see, so, to protect your interests and those of your loved ones, you may want to consider creating arrangements such as a power of attorney, health care directive and a living will. In this way, you'll still be able to control the key choices that may lie ahead.
- Providing for minor children or dependents — If you have young children or other dependents, you'll want to be sure they'll be looked after if you aren't around. In your estate plans, you can name a guardian for them. You can also use various estate planning tools, such as life insurance, beneficiary designations and the establishment of a trust to provide

the necessary financial resources for your loved ones.

- Supporting charitable organizations — Leaving something behind for your family is obviously an enormous part of your legacy — but it may also be important to you to provide support for charitable groups whose work you've admired. Of course, you can contribute to these organizations while you're alive, but through strategies such as donor-advised funds and charitable remainder trusts, you can include these groups in your estate plans.

- Managing taxes efficiently — If you're likely to have a large estate, your heirs may need to be concerned with income and estate taxes. To help control these taxes, you can take a number of steps, such as making outright gifts to your family during your lifetime, establishing an irrevocable life insurance trust, creating a family limited partnership and making charitable donations.

All the estate-planning strategies and techniques mentioned here can be complex — so, to implement them, you'll need to work with an estate planning attorney and a tax professional. You may also want to include your financial advisor, who can help ensure your estate planning objectives align with your important financial goals, such as living comfortably in retirement and providing for your children's or grandchildren's education.

By identifying your objectives and working with your professional team, you can create an effective estate plan — and help yourself maintain control of your legacy.

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GUEST COLUMN | REP. ROBERT REIVES II

## N.C. needs a governing body that values differences of opinion and isn't afraid of the word 'compromise'

Last week, the N.C. House of Representatives took important votes on three redistricting maps: one for the North Carolina House, one for the North Carolina Senate and one for our congressional districts. Normally, the process would come down to a party-line vote. That is what happened just a few months ago in November, when the majority drew maps that were ultimately thrown out by the

North Carolina Supreme Court for overt partisan gerrymandering. But with an opportunity to start from scratch and draw a map that better represents our state, the N.C. House actually managed to forge a consensus. The redraw focused on counties listed in the court order that needed to be remedied; it did not include Chatham County. I worked closely with Republican Leadership to negotiate a North Carolina House map that is much fairer and stands a better chance of passing court muster. Unfortunately, the same collaborative process did not take place with our congressional maps, nor did the State Senate manage to

reach a similar deal. This process confirmed two things for me.

One is that we have the capacity and the willpower to get big, bipartisan deals done. This isn't the first data point; last year we held multiple press conferences announcing major accomplishments like the first budget in years or the Apple announcement of its new headquarters in the Triangle. We can put aside partisan differences and get a good deal for North Carolinians.

The second is that redistricting should be delegated to an independent commission. We were able to reach a bipartisan deal on the North Carolina House map, but this

only happened because the North Carolina Supreme Court struck down the original draw. I am proud of the work we did together to get this map done, but I don't believe we should have to do it again. Last year, I introduced the Fair Maps Act, legislation that would remove the ability to draw maps from politicians and give it to an independent commission. I believe that North Carolinians will have more confidence in a process done by an entity that does not stand to benefit from redistricting. I prefer a process where voters choose their representatives, not the other way around.

I know that North Carolinians will be better served by

a map that gives voters a fair chance to elect the representative of their choice. We can continue to build toward a body that values differences of opinion and isn't afraid of the word "compromise." Gerrymandered districts encourage a political environment that trends toward the extremes. North Carolinians want a legislature that gets things done for them on issues that matter. I am proud to continue serving Chatham and our state at the negotiating table to make sure we fight for the best possible outcome.

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

## Quietly unfolding: A tribute to pastors

Novelist Marilynne Robinson wrote in appreciation of her pastor, "There is no way of reckoning the value good pastors bring to the lives and communities that are privileged to know them, or the extent of their influence, which is usually quiet, unfolding over time."

I wish to pay such respects, first, to my father, then to all faithful pastors.

Dad recently announced his intention to retire this fall after more than 40 years of ordained ministry, including the last 37 years in the same congregation. Many parishioners have only known the Moravian Church in Raleigh with him at the helm. "Helm" refers to the tiller or wheel of a ship. It is an image for steering, and my father has certainly guided the congregation over the years. Over his career, Dad led capital campaigns to pay off the sanctuary and build the new Christian education building, envisioned the preschool, and most recently developed livestream ministry during the pandemic. I could list many more accomplishments. But the work of a faithful pastor includes countless intangibles.

"Pastor" is from the same root word as "pasture." Ancient Israel likened both mortal kings and the Lord God to a shepherd. Instead of standing at the wheel or the pulpit, this image entails walking with the sheep. It is not always easy or glamorous to be in the moment with the flock. Think of what sheep drop along the way! Yet, my father recently preached, "Can we be at peace where we are? Or must we constantly be looking ahead?" He and his congregation will appreciate the holy moments of this final leg of their journey together. I also consider the same questions in terms of my ministry, which started out not too long ago.

It is true that my role includes taking the helm and planning for the future. Yet, when I look at the pastors whom I consider to be the most faithful shepherds through these challenging times, I see them coming beside people and trusting what will quietly unfold. This quality of peace in Dad's pastoral leadership is what I would hope to emulate.

There was a Youth Sunday years ago when my younger brother stepped into the pulpit wearing one of our father's suits and proceeded to mimic Dad's mannerisms. The congregation roared with laughter! As adults, I'm the one who has modeled my career after Dad's example. Not as much in the public roles of ministry, like preaching style, but in his pastoral habits: writing notes, making visits and, above all else, listening. What I learned from my father, as well as other mentors, is the ministry of presence — the very quiet yet radical work of a pastor who walks and lives the faith by being present and faithful and also by trusting in those moments of hardship, struggle and conflict that we are not alone.

How can we be at peace where we are? A pastor practices radical acceptance and nurtures relationships. The flock may not hear what is said from the pulpit or fully grasp the vision of the strategic plan. Yet, many will always remember when a pastor was present. It is those quiet, intangible moments, often private, that have a profound impact even though they may seem so simple and insignificant. A parishioner once said of her former pastor, "She always knew just when to be there." I'm sure there are many in his congregation who would say the same of my father. I can think of no greater tribute.

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## Behind every good man .... and all that stuff

I saw on the local funeral home's website the other day that Colleen

Boone had passed away. Having grown up in Pittsboro, I had known her many years, as well as knowing one of her two daughters and her husband who still live in the community.

It had been some time since I'd seen her, and I didn't realize she was 95. She was and always will be, in my finest Southern boy tradition, "Miss Colleen." I know she wasn't literally a "miss," but that's the way Mama raised me and, frankly, I don't care for the word "Ms." — pronounced "miz." It sounds too much like the sound a carbonated soft drink makes when you pop the top.

There are lots of things that could be — and were — said about Miss Colleen through the years but when I think of her, I think of something that, to me, really was special about her. Her other half was Harold Boone, a fine fellow in his own right, but to countless Pittsboro boys through the years, he was Scoutmaster.

There were a couple of troops — his 93. And there was 915 and I think maybe one that was 929. Some of those numbers are starting to be lost in the pages of time.

I was in Troop 93 for a short

time at maybe 13 or so; can't really remember. I had been a decent Cub Scout, earning some steps through the ranks and picking up a few arrow badges here and there. My den mother was another great Pittsboro resident — Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Fuller's wife. Funny, now I can't remember her first name. But when it came time to move on to Boy Scouts, it didn't work out.

And that wasn't Harold's fault; it was mine. I was lazy. Not motivated. Plus, transportation to meetings became a problem. And later when some of those had been resolved, I'd gotten a work permit and was enjoying making a dollar an hour stocking shelves and carrying groceries at the local Progressive Store. While I was doing that, other guys went hiking, camping over the weekends, even going to New Mexico's Philmont Scout Ranch over the summers. Wherever there was a scout event, Harold Boone's boys were there. Today, he's remembered for all his contributions with the Scout "hut" and grounds on the west side of town named in his memory.

And that's what makes Miss Colleen special. Harold got — and in certain age groups today still gets — kudos and thanks for all he did for hundreds, dare I say thousands, of boys. But Harold wasn't alone. I don't know what it was like for the two of them to juggle schedules of work, marriage and parenthood, but

by all accounts, they made it work. Harold was gone a lot with his boys and Miss Colleen had to agree to that. While he was gone, she kept the engines running. So, while Harold gets much credit — deservedly so — for all he did for his boys, it couldn't have happened without Miss Colleen.

There's a lesson in that for us — namely that even if you're not the point man on patrol or the guy getting the glory, you have a role to play in the success of things. I'm sure Harold realized how valuable Miss Colleen was to the scouting effort, and there were dinners and banquets and events from time to time where she and the other folks behind the scenes could be told "thank you."

But never forget it takes everyone to pull off good stuff. And Miss Colleen was a big part. Old Boy Scouts still around today should say a big "thanks" in her memory and maybe model themselves after her selfless giving.

Couldn't hurt.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Parents know best ... or do they?

Public schools have long been under the microscope and deservedly so, since they receive a large amount of our tax dollars and involve our most precious assets — our children. We want our youngsters to receive the best education possible, but recently the examination of public schools has turned into almost a witch hunt over mask mandates, critical race theory and sexual identity.

Tami Fitzgerald, executive director of the right-leaning North Carolina Values Coalition, tried to justify recent actions. “Parents are upset about what their kids have been learning in school. They’re upset about the mask mandates that still perpetuate around the state. And it just seems like there’s been a great awakening among parents,” she said. Indeed. What has caused this “great awakening” that

has resulted in angry protests, calls for banning books and disruptive school board meetings? Dig deeply and you will discover the impetus comes from extremists whose primary objective appears to be to make you afraid of most anything that doesn’t originate or agree with their politics. It’s not like they are intended to actually improve education. They aren’t.

Can you remember when you first heard about critical race theory (CRT)? The concept began in the 1970s, but it wasn’t until 2020 when we first heard cries coming from the right trying to scare parents and the public about the ills of teaching the history of race in America, maintaining CRT is about making white people feel badly about themselves. At first, we discounted these rants as disguised attempts to prolong white supremacy, but it goes much deeper.

The real purpose is that if they can make you afraid of what your children are being taught, it isn’t too much of a leap to cause you to distrust the entire education system.

These same scare tactics are being employed to create distrust in our election systems, our health care system and just about any and all government programs. Once the seeds of doubt and distrust are planted into large numbers of people, it doesn’t take much to convince you to vote for their cult ... and it is a cult.

It’s working. Enrollments in public or traditional schools decreased for the third consecutive year. Carolina Demography reports a 63,000-student decline in 2020-21 enrollments compared to 2019-20. In some of our fastest-growing counties, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools recorded a drop of 8,000 students, Wake County declined by 4,200, Winston-Salem Forsyth decreased by 3,200 and Guilford 2,900. Some of the enrollment declines can be attributed to the pandemic, but those students didn’t just vanish.

Where did they go? Charter schools saw much of the increase, as did home schooling and private schools. But undoubtedly the disruption, distrust and doubt sown has had

an effect on traditional schools and with that enrollment decline comes a corresponding reduction in badly needed funding to public education.

Remember that charter schools are public schools too, since they receive public funding. They just don’t have all the oversight and regulations of traditional schools. You don’t hear all the angst over their policies and teachings? Wonder why?

Don’t jump to the conclusion I am implying that everything done in the name of education (or any of the other systems listed above) is perfect and without need for improvement. Traditional schools need major changes and reforms. But with all the confusion, is there any wonder why teachers are burned out and leaving the classroom? Why good people won’t offer themselves to become school board members or school volunteers? And college students are smart enough to know they don’t want a career dealing with all this ruckus.

Let me respond to the claim that parents know best what should be taught in our

schools. If so, why aren’t they teaching? Why train teachers, if any run-of-the-mill parent can walk in a school and do a better job? Would you tell a brain surgeon or airline pilot that you know best about how to do their job? Parents should be involved in their children’s education and have the right, nay the obligation, to learn what their students are being taught. If dissatisfied, they also have the choice to remove their student and place him or her in a private school or home school them. But they don’t have the right to try to blow up the whole system.

Parents and the public need to be alert enough to know we are being “spun.” We all need to discern the difference between “boogeyman” tactics and what is really happening.

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## When schools compete, students win

The late Walt Disney made a name for himself, and a fortune, by excelling in fields crowded with other high performers: cartooning, publishing, filmmaking, marketing and storytelling.

“I have been up against tough competition all my life,” Disney once said. “I wouldn’t know how to get along without it.” There’s nothing perfect about competition. It’s exhausting, sometimes frustrating, often messy. There are no guarantees. Still, competition usually drives cost down and quality up. Its absence usually leads to trouble.

Those of us who advocate educational freedom bring a variety of assumptions and objectives to the cause. We don’t all make the same arguments and favor the same policies. What we share is a common belief that students will receive a better education when their parents are empowered to make choices among competing alternatives.

Our belief is based on common sense and personal preference. Few of us would prefer to live in a community where there’s only one place to buy our groceries or clothing, one restaurant to get a bite, one channel to watch, one doctor to visit, or one lawyer to hire. We want multiple options because that makes it more likely we’ll find one to our liking. We want multiple providers competing for our business.

If the case for educational freedom were predicated solely on this personal belief, though, we’d be inviting the argument that there’s something unique about schooling, something that makes competition harmful in education even if it’s helpful in other sectors.

Fortunately, we don’t have to rely on supposition. We know from practical experience that educational choice is commonplace and popular. North Carolina has had charter schools for a quarter of a century and school vouchers for nearly a decade. Other states have had school-choice programs in place for longer than that. Ever increasing numbers of parents happily exercise these options, just as even larger numbers happily use their government grants or subsidized loans to patronize competing preschools, colleges and universities.

Other countries also have education systems that feature

parental choice and tax funding for private alternatives. Some 90% of 15-year-old students in Hong Kong attend privately managed schools, as do about three-quarters of 15-year-olds in Belgium, two-thirds in Britain and the Netherlands, 42% in Australia, 39% in Korea and 31% in Japan.

In theory, this could all be a waste of resources — or worse. But a large and growing body of research suggests otherwise. Whether privately run schools are consistently better at educating students is not really the key question, by the way. What matters most is whether increased competition — among public schools at least, and within a broader market of options at most — tends to make schools more effective and students and their families better off.

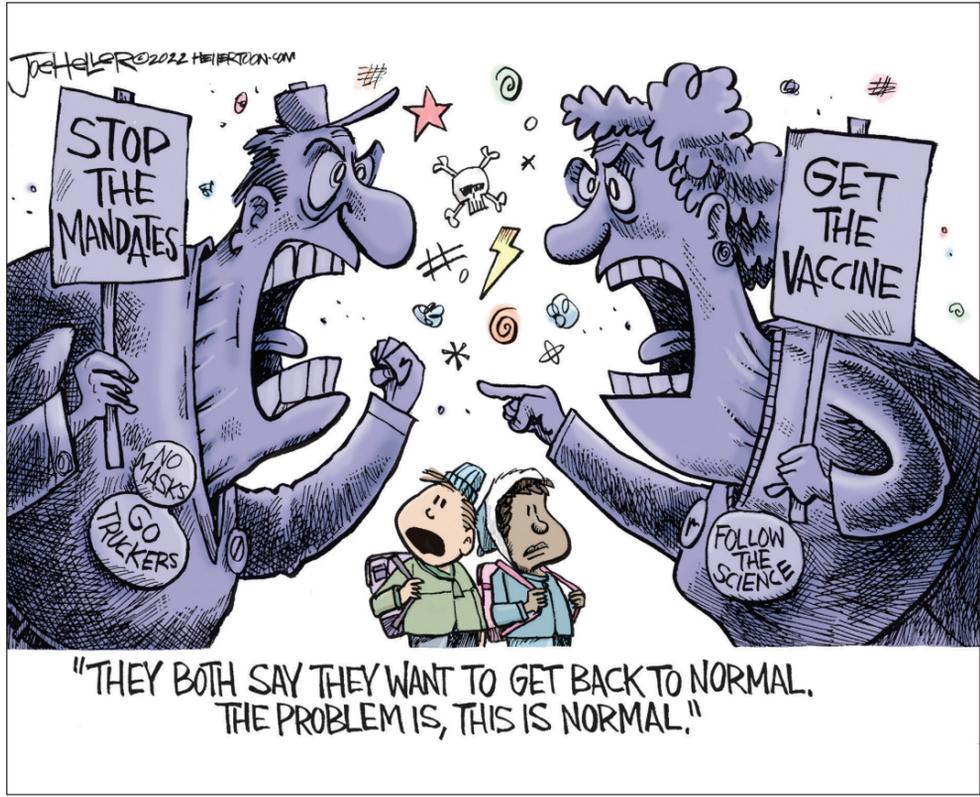
A study published in the latest issue of the journal Education Next found such benefits from the robust school choice available in Florida. “Students enrolled at local public schools with more market competition from nearby private or parochial schools,” they wrote, “earned higher scores in reading and math and were less likely to be absent or suspended from schools.”

Another new study focused on a Los Angeles initiative in which parents were given more choices among public high schools. The authors concluded that the increased competition “boosted student outcomes markedly, closing achievement and college-going gaps.” They found that Los Angeles parents placed great weight on academic quality when making choices, creating “competition-induced incentives” for schools to improve their effectiveness.

Some of the scholarly support for the value of school competition comes from right here in North Carolina, where researchers have found that proximity to charter schools tends to boost the performance of students who continue to attend district-run schools, though the effects vary in size and scope.

I know that vociferous critics of choice are unlikely to find such evidence persuasive. Nor is the academic literature unanimous on the subject. Still, there’s nothing weird about importing competition into education. It’s popular. And it likely improves school quality.

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### LETTERS

#### An open letter to the school board about its optional masking decision

TO THE EDITOR:

Good morning, school board members and Superintendent Jackson. I’m writing this morning to express my profound disappointment in and frustration with your recent decision to end Chatham County Schools’ mask mandate in March. As the parent of a 6th-grader and a 4th-grader and the husband of a school employee, I live in one of many households you are putting at increased risk.

There is still time to reverse this decision, which was made against the advice of epidemiologists but in evident lockstep with a scientifically illiterate parent group armed with little more than folk wisdom and anti-mask superstition. In addition, the decision to end the mask mandate was made in anticipation of lower community transmission numbers rather than with those numbers achieved. That’s a reckless conditional. It’s also powerfully short-

sighted during the ongoing teacher and staff shortage that has rocked schools nationwide, our own system included. Decisions that risk the wellbeing of the school community will drive away more teachers and staff. I get it: why stay in an increasingly dangerous work environment where wages have been stagnant for years and your health can be put at risk by the whims of a small board of local politicians? Show your teachers and staff that you value them by consistently acting with their safety in mind.

As for me, COVID-19 is not a hypothetical or exaggerated risk, regardless of the variant. Thanks to my current leukemia therapy, my immune system crashes every few weeks. Without regular immune booster shots, I have zero protection. This renders my Pfizer vaccine less effective than it should be. Let’s be clear: I’m not seeking pity. My health is what it is, and I live a very good life. I’ve adjusted my expectations to what is possible during a pandemic, and I thrive within them (it’s called being an adult). As I’ve

learned from my years with chronic cancer, I’m far from alone, and people in similar situations are especially at risk when the entitlement, ignorance and baffling deficit of patience and compassion of anti-masker groups sway public policy.

Be patient. Be compassionate. Be scientific. Reverse your decision, please, and do the absolute bare minimum to protect the greater community.

**Corbie Hill**  
Pittsboro

#### Thank you, Mr. Gardner

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you, thank you, thank you. There are never enough “thank yous” for those like Charles Gardner (“Servant leader”: Gardner broke barriers while making a difference,” Feb. 17-23) who daily put their lives on the line to protect and serve. For they are a major part of the backbone that makes ours a great Nation. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

**Carol Gene Good**  
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WHAT'S NEXT FOR N.C. REDISTRICTING?

# Primaries remain scheduled for May 17, but as courts get look at new maps, several factors could change that

BY JORDAN WILKIE  
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*Editor's note: Political districting maps are still being contested in the courts. The News + Record's coverage will be updated online and through our Chatham Brew newsletter.*

After a two-week sprint, the state Supreme Court's deadline looms for North Carolina's General Assembly to submit revised political maps after justices ruled the prior maps to be unconstitutional partisan gerrymanders favoring Republicans.

Last Thursday afternoon, the General Assembly passed the new map for the state House with bipartisan support. Later that night, the legislature passed the state Senate and U.S. congressional maps on party-line votes.

Earlier Thursday, state Sens. Paul Newton and Warren Daniel, the Republicans responsible for drawing new state Senate and U.S. congressional maps, presented them to the House redistricting committee.

"We believe that if either party runs good candidates and good campaigns and touches the issues that people care about, either party could have a majority at the end of the next election," Newton said about the Senate maps.

Daniel presented the U.S. congressional maps and described them as highly competitive. Both senators described the maps as passing the mathematical measures for partisan fairness that the state Supreme Court laid out as potential tests for constitutionality.

But Democrats protested, along with one Republican.

"Boy, I'm really not sure how this map is going to pass constitutional muster," said Rep. Pricey Harrison, D-Guilford, during the floor debate.

The constitutional standard for these maps was only set earlier in the week, when the state Supreme Court released its full opinion on Monday. The court previously released

## What's next

### REDISTRICTING LAWSUIT SCHEDULE

Last Friday: 5 p.m. deadline for the General Assembly and plaintiffs to submit maps to the court

Monday, Feb. 21: 5 p.m. deadline for the General Assembly and plaintiffs to submit comments on each other's maps

Wednesday, Feb. 23: Noon deadline for the trial court to approve the General Assembly's maps or adopt maps from plaintiffs

Feb. 23: 5 p.m. deadline for an emergency application of a stay with the state Supreme Court

If no party asks for a stay, the elections will likely follow the schedule below. If a party asks for a stay and the state Supreme Court grants it, every step below will likely be delayed.

### ELECTION SCHEDULE

Absentee-by-mail ballot portal is open.

Feb. 24-March 4: Candidate filing. Candidates who filed under the previous districts and want to move under the new maps can ask to have their first filing negated and refile.

March 28: County boards of elections will start mailing out absentee by-mail ballots. The State Board of Elections could delay this to April 1 if some counties need more time.

April 22: Civilian voter registration deadline for the primary.

April 28: One-stop, in-person early voting period begins.

May 10: Last day for civilians to ask for an absentee ballot.

May 14: Last day for one-stop, in-person early voting period.

May 17: Election Day for the primary and delayed municipal elections. All absentee-by-mail ballots have to be in the mail and postmarked by this date.

an order Feb. 4 that gave some guidance about what it would look for in constitutional maps.

Harrison based her analysis of metropolitan counties, such as Guilford in her district, that were split in the proposed congressional map.

Rep. John Szoka, R-Cumberland, a 20-year military veteran, voted against the congressional maps for splitting up Fort Bragg, the largest military base in the county. The maps followed the court's mathematical standards for fairness at the expense of keeping communities of interest together, he said.

Rep. Charles Graham, D-Robeson, partially agreed with his Republican colleague. Graham had hoped to see more preservation of communities of interest, namely a U.S. congressional district encompassing all of the Sandhills region of the state. An early proposed version of the map included such a district, but in

this passed version, the region is split into three districts.

Last Friday, the maps were filed with the three-judge panel at the trial court to review the maps for compliance with the state Supreme Court's order on what counts as constitutional political maps. The court may also consider maps from the three groups that sued the Republican legislative leaders in December to stop their first attempts at redistricting from going forward.

As it stands now, the 2022 primaries are scheduled for May 17.

### Trial court to decide, again

When a plaintiff raises a constitutional question in North Carolina's courts, it goes in front of a panel of three Superior Court judges. The panel appointed in this case, of two Republican judges and one Democrat, previously said

the Republican maps drawn in November were constitutional.

Plaintiffs appealed that decision to the state Supreme Court, which overturned the decision. The higher court laid out some standards by which the partisan skew of a map, or how much it favors one political party over another, can be measured for constitutional compliance and sent the case back to the three-judge panel.

Now, Judges Graham Shirley II, R-Wake, Nathaniel Poovey, R-Catawba, and Dawn Layton, D-Richmond, had until noon Wednesday (past the News + Record's press time) to decide which maps the state will use in its 2022 primaries.

Each of the plaintiff groups in the case — the N.C. League of Conservation Voters, the Democratic Party-affiliated National Redistricting Fund and the nonpartisan good-governance group Common Cause — can submit their own maps for consideration.

If no party appeals the decision, the primaries would likely proceed as planned. Candidate filing would open Thursday, Feb. 24, and close March 4. Then, absentee-by-mail ballots would go out at the latest on April 1. Early in-person voting would start April 28, and the primary election day would be May 17.

But an appeal of the trial court's decision from any party by 5 p.m. Wednesday would likely have delayed all that, according to Catawba College political science professor and redistricting expert Michael Bitzer.

"It's an extremely tight window that we're operating under right now, and any further delay will have an effect on the primary date," Bitzer wrote in an email to Carolina Public Press.

That's even before considering the potential complications of an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court or the legal fight over the eligibility of U.S. Rep. Madison Cawthorn, R-Hendersonville, to run, both of which

could further disrupt parts of the elections.

### How voters are affected

Redistricting "is the most political activity in American politics," and North Carolina's voters are watching it play out in real time, Bitzer said.

As a consequence, voters have seen their voting districts split, zipped back together and recombined in ways that could change who is on their ballots. The primary was delayed from March and could be delayed again.

Guilford County has seen some of the most dynamic proposed changes to its political maps.

But for voters who may be confused or frustrated with the redistricting process, the county's election director, Charlie Collicutt, wants voters to remember there's so much more on the ballot.

Voters could see county commissioners, sheriffs, school board members, bond issues or municipal offices on their ballots come May. Each of those elections is important, so even if voters are throwing up their hands with the state legislature or congressional elections, their votes can still make an impact in other races, Collicutt said.

Once candidate filing is complete, elections officials like Collicutt will have a couple of weeks under the current schedule to create ballots for each precinct in their counties. When that happens, voters can use N.C. State Board of Elections website to look up sample ballots to see the candidates and races that will be on their ballots to help them prepare to vote.

Voters can already request an absentee-by-mail ballot, which will be mailed out at least 45 days before the election. Even if they request an absentee ballot, voters can still choose to vote in person but may not do both.

"I'm a voter, too, and I don't want it to be hard and confusing," Collicutt said.

## ELECTION

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approves the legislature's new maps, Chatham County's state and federal electoral districts are still not official.

"We don't know what congressional district we are in yet," Paschal said. "We were under the old map until we got a new map, but then they struck those maps out — so it's a whole confusing situation."

The primary elections are scheduled for May 17, with in-person early voting scheduled to start on April 28. Under that primary date, the deadline to finalize the contested maps is Feb. 23. By the time of publication Tuesday, the courts had not yet approved the redrawn maps.

The May primary election will also accept absentee ballots, according to Paschal. She said the state's Board of Elections has already started taking requests for absentee ballots, which will begin to be mailed out to voters on March 28. Voters have until May 10 to request an absentee ballot.

"Civilian voters must return the return envelope with the voted ballot by 5 p.m. on May 17," Paschal said. "The absentee ballots received after 5 (p.m.) on Election Day will be counted only if they are postmarked on or before Election Day and received by mail no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday after the Election."

Absentee voting has changed slightly from last year, Paschal said. Voters must now present two witness signatures for each absentee ballot instead of one, which had been allowed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The extended nine-day period after Election Day for receiving absentee ballots — put in place due to COVID-19 restrictions — has also been eliminated.

Other changes have also been implemented at the local level for this year's primary elections.

**I can say with confidence here at the Chatham County Board of Elections Office there is no type of fraud or any kind of inconsistencies that we know of that goes on.**

**PANDORA PASCHAL**, director of elections

Polling places have changed in several precincts; Paschal said voters should look out for those changes in their mailbox.

"For the changes we made — by law — we have to mail out a mailer to the voters so the voters will be notified 30 days before the election," Paschal said. "Voters can also check to see their polling places, and they can do that by going to the voter lookup on ncsbe.gov or they can call our office."

There will also be unique elections in two of the county's municipalities — Siler City and Cary.

Both of these towns had to delay their municipal elections to redistrict their local electoral maps for 2020 census population changes. They will host their general municipal elections at the same time as the primary elections on May 17.

Paschal said voters in these towns will receive a special ballot containing the races for the various local seats up for election this year as well as the primary ballots for the state and federal offices.

"Siler City residents will be able to vote for the mayor and their at-large person, but if they are in a Siler City district, that district will be on their ballot," Paschal said. "We don't know right now how many ballot styles we'll have, but we do know there will be different styles for Siler City and also for the Cary voters."

Another issue Paschal addressed was the topic of voter fraud and the potential for fraud during the 2022 primaries and midterm elections.

After the many claims of voter fraud and misinformation surrounding the 2020

presidential election, Paschal said she wants Chatham County voters to know the system in place at the local Board of Elections is fraud-free.

"I can say with confidence here at the Chatham County Board of Elections Office there is no type of fraud or any kind of inconsistencies that we know of that goes on," Paschal said. "We're very transparent, and I also would encourage anyone who maybe doesn't feel secure about it, they are welcome to give us a call, come in the office and we'll be glad to go over our processes with them."

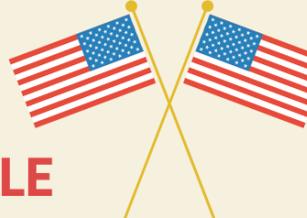
Paschal said once absentee ballots start to arrive at the county's board of elections office, they will hold meetings to count those votes, which are open to the public to view.

Due to the pandemic, the Board of Elections has held its meetings via livestream for the public. Paschal is hoping that for this year's cycle they will be able to have members of the public be able to attend in-person.

"We try to be very transparent here," Paschal said. "Any questions that they have, we'll be glad to answer them. If we can't answer them, then we will find somebody who can to make them feel better about the process."

Contact the Board of Elections office by email at [elections@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:elections@chathamcountync.gov), or by calling 919-545-8500. The elections office is located at 984 Thompson St., Suite D, in Pittsboro and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

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## THE 2022 ELECTION CYCLE

**Primary election: May 17**  
**General election: November 8**

**LOCAL ELECTIONS**  
Siler City and Cary will host their general elections during the May primary.

CONTESTED SEATS: Siler City Mayor, Siler City Town Board District 1, Siler City Town Board District 5, Siler City Town Board - At Large, & Cary Town Council - At Large



**CHATHAM ELECTIONS**  
Chatham County races will include Board of Education and Board of Commissioners.

CONTESTED SEATS: Commissioner Districts 3, 4 and 5, Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, Board of Education Districts 3, 4 and 5.



**STATE LEGISLATURE**  
Chatham County's state House and state Senate districts will be official once maps are approved by the courts.

CURRENT CONTESTED SEATS: N.C. Senate, District 20; N.C. House, District 54



**OTHER RACES IN 2022**  
There are several other seats open this election cycle, including some federal positions.

**OTHER CONTESTED SEATS: U.S. Senator, Congress, N.C. Supreme Court, District Attorney, various judgeships**



**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 28:** Absentee ballots will start being mailed to voters

**April 22:** Voter registration deadline

**April 28:** Early voting begins for the primary elections and for Siler City and Cary's municipal races

**May 10:** Absentee ballot request deadline

**May 14:** Early voting ends at 3 p.m.

**May 17:** Primary Election Day



**Chatham News + Record**

# Second 'Big Night in for the Arts' fundraising event to air in March

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON  
News + Record Staff

First, COVID-19 pandemic restrictions forced venues all over the country to cancel gigs and shows without warning. Then prolonged restrictions and caution prevented venues and artists from scheduling shows and rebuilding gig pipelines.

Now, though back in business, surviving venues and artists still have to navigate various lingering pandemic considerations and unpredictability — from mask-wearing and possible exposure to new, out-of-the-blue vaccine-evading variants.

“Working in the arts is rarely a consistent sort of income situation,” Cheryl Chamblee, the Chatham Arts Council’s artistic director, told the News + Record. “But this pandemic, even now, has made it so unpredictable that it’s really challenging for the artists.

“There are so many hard things on so many levels for folks,” she added. “There is a lot of grief and loss — a huge amount — but artists are inherently creative, and so we are figuring it out. We are figuring out ways to get the work out there, ways to be inspired, ways to support others through the arts.”

That’s why WRAL and four Triangle-based arts organizations, including the Chatham Arts Council, have once again



Courtesy of the Chatham Arts Council

**Chatham County potter Mark Hewitt will offer an umbrella pot up for auction after WRAL broadcasts ‘Big Night in for the Arts,’ a show intended to raise money for four Triangle-based arts councils and the artists they serve. Hewitt’s work has been featured in the Smithsonian and other museums across the country.**

joined forces this year to raise funds to help the arts community continue to rebuild and emerge intact from the pandemic.

First held last year, this fundraising initiative — a show called “Big Night in for the Arts” — will feature performances from regional artists, address the pandemic’s impact on the arts and highlight the missions of its four organizers: the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, Durham Arts Council, the Orange County Arts Commission and the Chatham Arts Council.

WRAL will air the

event at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10. Viewers may donate online during the broadcast at bit.ly/35bcsZc. Donors may choose to support all four organizations or keep their dollars within a single county. All funds raised will go toward arts programming, organizations and artists across the four counties the show’s organizers serve.

“[This event] is both regional and highly local, and I really love that about it,” Chamblee said. “It’s really cool. I hope people will, you know, get cozy on their living room couch, and just have a

really good time watching it.”

The event’s participating artists include Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist Nnenna Freelon, North Carolina Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green, musician Ben Folds, folk band Hiss Golden Messenger, and Pittsboro tap dancer Jabu Graybeal.

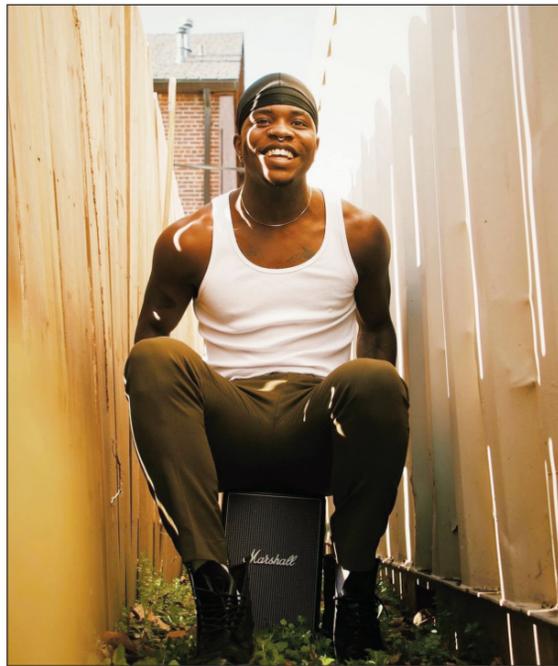
The show will also highlight Chatham potter Mark Hewitt, whose pottery has been featured in the Smithsonian and other museums across the country. Originally from England, Hewitt has

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Photo by Andrea Akin

**Pittsboro tap dancer Jabu Graybeal performs at Chatham Mills for his recorded segment of ‘Big Night in for the Arts’ last week. The show, which will feature performances from four other artists, will air at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10.**



Courtesy of the Chatham Arts Council

**Pittsboro tap dancer Jabu Graybeal will be one of five artists performing during ‘Big Night in for the Arts.’ Others include Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist Nnenna Freelon, North Carolina Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green, musician Ben Folds and folk band Hiss Golden Messenger.**

## PLAYWRIGHT

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pivot — leading to the creation of eight virtual performances available online and by DVD.

Wiley, who has a masters of fine arts from UNC-Chapel Hill, was the 2010 and 2014 Lehman Brady Visiting Joint Chair Professor in documentary studies and American studies at UNC and Duke University. In addition to his numerous school and community performances, he has appeared on Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel and National Geographic Channel and been featured in Our State magazine, PBS’ “North Carolina Now” and WUNC’s “The State of Things.”

Wiley is also a founding board member of School of the Arts for Boys Academy (SABA), a Chatham-based charter school set to open next fall that is focused on using the arts and culturally responsive teaching to empower Black and brown boys.

Wiley previously told the News + Record he’s seen the positive impact arts can have for students as a playwright and artist in residence at multiple schools.

“Here’s an opportunity to really focus on those young men who, perhaps without the kind of focus that SABA could give them, may not get up in the higher echelons of boardrooms or be doctors, lawyers, film directors, artists, visual artists, performing artists,” he said in July 2020. “They may not see themselves in those roles until someone shows that is a possibility and that’s not always apparent in a traditional public school setting.”

This week, as February’s Black History Month wraps up, the News + Record spoke with Wiley about his virtual performances along with his hopes for what students gain from watching them. The following interview has been lightly edited for length and clarity.

**Can you share more about your virtual performances and what they entail?**

There are eight different selections of virtual performances. Each one of them is a production of one of my solo plays — ranging from “One

Noble Journey: A Box Marked Freedom,” which is about Henry “Box” Brown, this enslaved man who mailed himself from Richmond, Virginia, to Philadelphia in 1849; to “The Fire of Freedom,” story of Abraham Galloway, North Carolina Senator, escaped slave, union spy; “Brown v. the Board of Education: over 60 Years Later,” which is about the Brown v. Board of Education decision and brings it into the present as well; “Blood Done Sign My Name,” which is my adaptation of Tim Tyson’s book of the same name — that is myself, as well as gospel vocalist Mary Williams, singing throughout that particular piece.

I decided when the pandemic hit in 2020 and I saw that 2021 was going to devastate theaters, especially touring productions that specialize in performances for colleges, secondary schools, communities, and so on and so forth — I realized that I was going to have to pivot to be able to sustain my own business. This was also at a time in this country when there was this recognition of the harms that have been done to Black Americans and people of color for generations, and realizing people were going to need performances like mine, perhaps, to talk about, to engage in, to spark dialogue.

So in that, I asked and was offered the stage at The Clayton Center in Clayton, North Carolina. Scotty Henley, who is the director of that performance space, reached out to me through my agent and said, “How would you like to just shoot your performances here on this stage? We’ve got staff, we’ve got technicians that are not able to work as much because of the pandemic, and having you here would give them something to do.” So I jumped on the opportunity, and we took the summer of 2020 putting my performances on film ... and had them ready for early January when folks started asking for virtual performances. It really worked out great, and they’re still working out really wonderfully because, of course, there are a number of communities and schools that are still wary of having performers in their space, having large audiences together. And so they’ve continued to ask for those virtual perfor-

mances. So, it’s been helpful for everyone.

**You mentioned these performances were very much a result of pivoting during the pandemic. What changes have taken place since then, and what have you learned over the process?**

Oh, gosh, you know, because I am a solo performer, I’ve always considered myself flexible, right? Meaning, if a particular performance space is not available, and someone says, “We’re going to have to use this other performance space for today’s show,” I’m a solo actor, sure, fine, that works for me, absolutely no problem. It’s just me, myself, and my production manager who comes along with me to run the technical aspects of all of my performances, so all of these things together are things that normally happen. But then the pandemic hit, and so it meant that performances were being postponed — rarely canceled, but postponed, and postponed multiple times. So when it looked like we were going to be able to go back to work and perform publicly last summer or late spring of last year, it was postponed again, and again and again.

In fact, I’m currently performing, going out on the road even today to perform shows that were scheduled for last year or a year before last. And so it takes that kind of flexibility, but also I’m blessed to have those things to have to deal with — some performers have had whole seasons canceled and not rescheduled. So I’m lucky that some places decide, “OK, well, I can’t really have you in my space just yet, but let’s go ahead and have a virtual performance,” or it’s become a hybrid, where I will perform live from The Clayton Center with five cameras on me and people at home watching, which we’ve done a few times before, and then I’ll immediately do a talk back from there, or I will come to their space, do a performance and then for the two weeks after the performance, they will stream the recorded version of the same performance. What it does is it allows people that want to come to whatever performance space it is to come see the performance live, and those folks

who still aren’t comfortable with that can stay home and have access to it for a week.

**Are you partnering with any schools in Chatham?**

I’ve been truly blessed in Chatham County because of the great partnerships that I have forged with the Arts Council here. Cheryl Chamblee and the other lovely individuals at the Arts Council have been supportive of not just my work, but just my philosophy over the past 10 years or so. I actually just finished a week-long residency in the schools, and so I performed my Jackie Robinson play for Moncure School and then spent two days in the classrooms there as part of a residency on writing and theater performance. Then I performed my Jackie Robinson play for North Chatham Elementary School, and then spent two days with their classes talking about what I do — drama, as well as a writing workshop.

**Why do you see these performances as being useful, particularly for students and in-school settings?**

Well, they are a supplement to what the teachers are able to teach in the classrooms, right? They are a way to make history walk and talk, stand up out of the textbook and off the computer screen, in a way that invites them to explore the history in a dramatic way that sticks with them in their memories and in their interest for years to come. I hear from folks who have seen performances in their childhood who are now teachers, saying, you know, your play influenced my life and I’m now a teacher in such and such. A person sent me a lovely email from Seattle, Washington, saying that they had enjoyed my performances several times when they were in elementary and middle school, and now they are a teacher in Seattle working with their diversity and inclusion committee at the schools. That my plays happen to have stuck in her mind for that many years now makes me feel old, but at the same time makes me feel very proud.

**You recently sent out your newsletter with a Black History Month tagline promoting the performances. Do you find that you usually have a spike in schools using some of these performances**

during Black History Month?

It’s my busiest time of the year. It really is — January, February, March, because of MLK Day, then Black History Month and then folks that weren’t able to get me in Black History Month, because the month is so crowded actually booked me in March. So the first three months of the year are my busiest months of the year.

The virtual performances have really helped that because in the past, I and my agent, who lives in Durham, would find that there are so many times where someone would call up and say, “Can we get him on this specific date?” And more often than not, I’d booked that date two years ago. Every once in a while folks lucked out, but now the virtual performances give one the opportunity of being in a few places at once. Today (Feb. 14), for instance, I’m heading up to Morganton, North Carolina, to perform at Western Piedmont Community College, and at the same time, you know, students in Chapel Hill are able to watch Brown v. Board of Education and nobody loses out. Or the students at East Millbrook Middle School in Wake County are able to watch “Tired Souls: Martin Luther King and the Untold Stories of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.” All of these places are able to benefit from these stories and this history, even if I am not there in person.

**What are some of your main hopes for how these performances are used and what students get out of watching them?**

My hope is that they have a continued interest in the deeper understanding of American history — how we all got to where we are now, because we can’t really have a complete understanding and appreciation for where we are in the world today without understanding where we have come from and the leaps and hurdles that it took to get to where we are. We cannot have an understanding for the sacrifices made without understanding who made those sacrifices.

For more information about Mike Wiley Productions, or to buy a DVD or schedule a performance in your school or community, visit: [mikewileyproductions.com/contact/](http://mikewileyproductions.com/contact/)

# YOGA

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a member of the adjunct faculty with the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health.

“Yoga can teach ways to calm ourselves, slow ourselves down and be aware of tightness in our shoulders or chest,” says yoga instructor Karen Frisch. “It can help us breathe, reducing anxiety and tension.”

A certified yoga teacher, Frisch has worked with senior citizens, patients with dementia and young adults and youth with cognitive challenges. Frisch was instrumental in bringing yoga classes to CIS. Both Cordova-Roth and Frisch are involved in each class at Horton Middle School.

Both instructors say that they can observe differences between when students enter the room and when they leave.

“They’ve changed, they’re calmer, rested and relaxed,” says Cordova-Roth. Each session ends with a two-minute rest, or pose, called “savasana.”

“They absorb everything they did, integrate it into the body and then go on about their day,” says Frisch.

The instructors talk to kids about things they can do when they are not in yoga class — how to breathe and move in certain ways to release tension and stress, according to Cordova-Roth.

“Yoga is beneficial even in sports,” says Lee. “It provides great stretching for athletes.”

While stress and anxiety can naturally occur at times among middle school students, the need for increased academic, social and emotional support programs was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which required students to engage in virtual learning from home, according to Robinson.

“Due to the year we had, a year at home, some of the typical, normal behaviors, maturity and social skills that you would expect of a certain level are lacking,” says Robinson. “We missed a year, and we’re trying to get them caught up on things they didn’t have an opportunity to learn at home.”

Robinson has worked at Horton Middle School for five years thus far — the first three as assistant principal; the past two as principal.

A lot of students returned to school with some anxiety over concerns about the pandemic and exposure to the virus, according to Lee.

“Remote learning seems easy, but it’s really not,” she said. “A lot of kids did not do well with it. Isolation is just not good for anybody; our kids need to have the ability to mingle and be with peers and build relationships.”

CISCC is a highly valued partner in education. With 10 employees, three team members are embedded in specific schools in Siler City.

“I am the wanderer, not dedicated to one school,” says Lee, who spends a day per week at three different schools: Horton Middle, Siler City Elementary and Pittsboro Elementary.

She’s been with CIS for 23 years.

“Shirille (Lee) is an awesome asset for this school,” says Robinson. “Anything we need as far as bringing in outside resources, she brings in. Communities In Schools is the first place we turn to, our first point of contact, when we need something.”

Cordova-Roth offers high praise to Chatham schools, including Horton Middle, and CISCC for embracing volunteers.

“I just give them a tremendous amount of



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Seventh graders at George Moses Horton Middle School enjoy yoga classes as part of a Communities In Schools outreach program. From left: instructor Kim Serden Caraganis, Mariah R., Morgaine E., instructor Marcia Cordova-Roth, Jada E., Mia D., Ava B., Stella L. and Annagrace Z. There are many physical and mental benefits of practicing yoga, including calming the mind and improving balance.**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Student Annagrace Z. goes into a pose that gently stretches her body, builds stamina and calms her mind.**

**Yoga is a way for children to not only develop more awareness between their breath and their body and their mind, but also to have a stronger body and calmer mind, to regulate their attention and thoughts.**

**MARCIA CORDOVA-ROTH, yoga instructor**

credit for bringing in things like yoga that students may not otherwise be exposed to — for being open to helping the kids and making time during the day,” she said.

CIS exists to support students and staff. “We are flexible in what we offer, depending on what an administration feels they need,” says Lee.

Currently, the organization is utilizing reading groups and specific books and other social and emotional learning programs to teach empathy, compassion, inclusivity and diversity. Other CIS youth development programs include mentoring, family advocacy, community service/restitution and teen court.

Another couple of yoga instructors have been brought on board and will be working with students at Pittsboro Elementary starting soon. Discussions about longer-term goals include following a group of participating students all the way through 8th grade to record data of benefits towards incorporating more mindfulness activities into the curriculum.

“We want to monitor and obtain results to see how developing more empathy and compassion for others can help with academics and behavior,” Lee says.

What is evident is that the Horton Middle School yoga classes are popular with the kids participating.

“They come in very talkative and giggly, but



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Mia D. practices a yoga pose during a class at Horton Elementary School.**



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**Student Morgaine E. slowly stretches from one side to the next to relieve tension.**

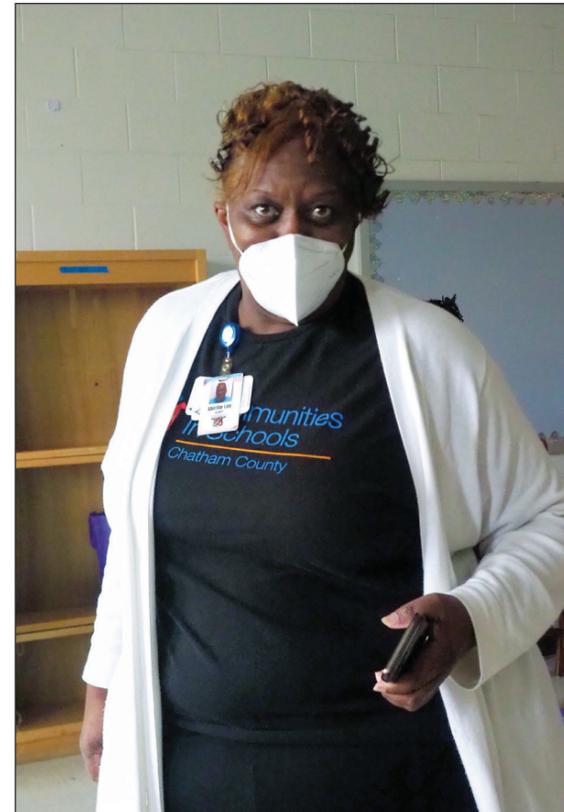
before long, they are more attentive,” she said, “calling out the names

of the poses, practicing their breathing — and reaping the benefits.”



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**Jada E. holds a postural pose during a class.**



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**Shirille Lee is Chatham Communities In Schools’ student support specialist.**



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# OBITUARIES

## DONALD 'DON' LEWIS BEANE JR.



Donald "Don" Lewis Beane Jr., 54, of Siler City, passed away on Monday, February 14, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones at his home.

Mr. Beane was born in Chatham County on July 29, 1967, the son of Donald Lewis Beane Sr. and Camela Perry Crutchfield.

Don spent his working years as a Sports Editor for the Chatham News. Don played baseball at Guilford College and continued on to be a renowned Athletic Coach, as well

as a mentor and life coach for numerous Middle and High School students in Chatham and Randolph County. He loved spending his time at the beach, especially the Emerald Isle and Atlantic Beach Area. Don cherished his time with his family; he loved his daughters immensely. In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul and Carlene Perry.

He is survived by his daughters, Cheyenne and Jillian Beane of Wilmington; wife, Tanya Beane of Siler City; step-daughter, Inessa Ravat of Siler City; mother, Camela Beane Crutchfield and husband Alfred of Liberty; brother, Perry Beane and wife Lindsey of Greensboro; life friend and children's mother, Kimberly Jarman Beane; nieces, Sandra and Aiden Beane; and nephew, Colby Beane.

The family received friends on Friday, February 18, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Ave., Siler City. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at First United Methodist Church, 1101 West Raleigh Street, Siler City with Rev. William Sabiston officiating. Burial followed at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Brenner Children's Hospital c/o Colby Beane with your check payable to Wake Forest Baptist Health, note "Brenner Children's" on the memo line of your check and send to: Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 571021, Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home assisted the Beane family.

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

## SEAN ALLEN

Sean Allen, 49, of Rosebud, Texas, died Saturday, February 12, 2022, in a Temple hospital after an extended illness.

Mr. Allen was cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sean was born March 19, 1972, in Fort Worth and was adopted by Bill and Beth Allen. He attended Rosebud-Lott Primary, Intermediate, Junior High and High School. He graduated from Rosebud-Lott High School in 1990. He played basketball and tennis while in high school and was named Super Cen-Tex and Academic All-State in basketball his senior year. He was a member of the National Honor Society. He attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, majoring in accounting, and graduated in 1994.

After graduation, he moved to Chapel Hill. He married Devon Loeffler of Huntsville on March 4, 1994. They were divorced in 2012. They have two children, Madeleine and Caroline.

Sean worked in the power industry and held various jobs all across the United States, including two years working in Texas for ERCOT, as part of the team to develop a new software program to control the power grid, a program based on the documents that established the grid. He also worked for Progress Energy and BP.

Besides his love for his daughters, Sean's consuming interest was cooking. He was a gourmet cook and his expertise ranged across many different cuisines. His daughters were especially fond of his chocolate pecan bourbon pie that he made often at Christmas.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother, Beth Allen of Rosebud, his daughters, Madeleine Allen and Caroline Allen of North Carolina, and his sister, Shannon Allen of Austin, Texas.

## ROSWITHA FRANZISKA FEDERLEIN MORRISON

Roswitha Franziska Federlein Morrison, 75, of Sanford, passed on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital.

Services will be held at a later date.

She was born June 11, 1946, in Germany. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Surviving is her daughter, Tara Morrison of Broadway; son, Andrew Finch of Louisville; brothers, Bernd Federlein and Bobby Federlein, both of Schweinfurt, Germany, and two grandchildren.

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

## RUTH MAXINE MCNEILL OLDHAM

Ruth Maxine McNeill Oldham, 86, of Bennett passed away on Friday, February 18, 2022, at Chatham Hospital.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022, at the Bennett Baptist Church cemetery with Rev. Tim Strider and John Phillips presiding.

Ruth was born in Chatham County on August 4, 1935, to Frank and Jessie Hancock McNeill. She was a member of Bennett Baptist Church and had worked at the John Plant Company for 38 years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Harvey Oldham, one brother and four sisters.

Ruth is survived by her son, Danny Keith Oldham of the home; and one grandson.

Condolences may be offered online at [www.joycebrady-chapel.com](http://www.joycebrady-chapel.com).

## CHARLIE BERT SLOAN IV

Charlie Bert Sloan IV, 47, of Broadway, passed away at his home.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Juniper Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne O'Quinn and Pastor Eddie Thomas officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Charlie was born in Lee County on December 1, 1974, the son of Charlie Bert Sloan III and Donna S. Gendics. He was preceded in death by his father and his infant son, Chaz Worthington Sloan. He worked in construction and wood working.

Charlie is survived by his mother, Donna Gendics of Sanford; daughter, Hope Marie Sloan of Chatsworth, Georgia; son, Charlie Brent Sloan of Broadway; sisters, Wendy Sloan Phillips of Broadway, Tammy Sloan Palmieri of Holy Springs; and his maternal grandmother, Jackie Thomas of Broadway.

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

## FANNIE JANE WARE

Fannie Jane Ware, 82, of Sanford passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at Sanford Health & Rehabilitation.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Sunday, February 20, 2022, at Knotts Funeral Home with burial following in Liberty Chapel Church Cemetery.

## ANNETTE (SMITH) FOX

Annette (Smith) Fox, 64, of Siler City passed away on Friday, February 11, 2022, at UNC Hospital in Hillsborough.

Services being provided by Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

## MARJORIE (MARSH) WHITE

Marjorie Marsh White, 81, of Siler City passed away on Friday, February 11, 2022.

Services being provided by Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

## WILLIS BROOKS

Willis Brooks, 73, passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Services being provided By: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

## MADELINE HOLLEMAN HUDSON

Madeline Holleman Hudson, 97, formerly of Pittsboro, passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.

The family received friends on Thursday, February 17, 2022, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at Loves Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022, with Rev. William Fields officiating.

Ms. Hudson was born in Durham on March 25, 1924, the daughter of Julius and Zada Howard Holleman. She was a member of Loves Creek Church. She retired after years working as an inspector for Collins & Aikman. In addition to her parents, Madeline is preceded in death by her sisters, Alma Smith and Eva Mae Holt, Mary Alice Luther, and Inez Sessoms; brothers, Marvin and J.D. Hollerman.

She is survived by her sons, Hal Hudson of Kings Mountain, Larry Hudson of South Carolina, and Bobby D. Hudson of Siler City; sister, Doris Tant of Pittsboro; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home assisted the Hudson family.

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

## SALVADOR HERNANDEZ TORRES

Salvador Hernandez Torres, 71, of Lillington, died Friday, February 11, 2022, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville.

Services will be held at a later date in Mexico.

He was born in Mexico on February 26, 1950, and was preceded in death by his parents.

Surviving is his wife, Josefina Sanchez Albarran of Mexico; a daughter, Mirta Hernandez Sanchez of Mexico; sons, Daniel Hernandez Sanchez and Juan Hernandez Sanchez, both of Lillington; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

## HOWARD EARL MOODY

Howard Earl Moody, 62, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital.

The funeral service was held on Friday, February 18, 2022, at 3 p.m. at Ephesus Baptist Church with Pastor Larry White presiding. The burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Howard was born in Lee County to the late Charlie and Mary Dupree Moody. He was preceded in death by his brother, Mike Moody. He worked at Allied for many years.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Teresa Bowlin Moody of the home and a stepson, Michael Phillips of Sanford.

Arrangements are by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

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## JAMIE BRANDON WESLEY

Jamie Brandon "Gump" Wesley, 50 of Sanford, died Sunday, February 13, 2022.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 17, 2022, at Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Broadway with Rev. Gary Moore officiating.

Jamie was born on June 17, 1971, son of Hiram Anderson Wesley and Brenda Gail Rudd Roguska. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Lucille Rudd and Eddie and Ruby Wesley.

Surviving is his mother, Brenda R. Roguska of Rotonda West, Florida, and his father, Hiram Wesley of Sanford; his wife, Jennifer Wesley of Greensboro; sister, Angela Devries of Cape Coral, Florida; and brother, Jason Wesley of Moncure.

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

## MONICA LACHELLE MILLER

Monica Lachelle Miller, 35, of Siler City, passed away Monday, February 14, 2022, in Pittsboro.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home in Pittsboro.

## RUTH ELLEN CRAVEN CLARK

Ruth Ellen Craven Clark, 80, of Ramseur, died Thursday, February 17, 2022, at her home.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 21, 2022, at Loves Creek Baptist Church, where she was a member, with Rev. Kenny Black, Rev. Tim Strider, and Pastor Ethan Clark officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ruth Ellen was a native of Randolph County, born July 31, 1941. She was the daughter of the late Richard and Edna Stout Craven. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Eugene Craven.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Edmond Alexander Clark Sr. of the home; daughter, Pamela C. Bonk of Forest Oaks; sons, Timothy Clark of Stehen City, Virginia, Bill Clark of Greensboro, Eddie Clark of Seagrove; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Loflin Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Ramseur.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

## EDWARD HOOKER JR.

Edward Hooker Jr., 89, of Huntersville, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at Novant Health.

Services being provided by Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

## JEAN LUPOLD KNEPP

Jean Lupold Knepp, 86, of Bear Creek, passed away Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at Moore Regional Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Antioch Christian Church with Rev. Jimmy Tolton officiating.

Mrs. Knepp was born in Clinton County, Pennsylvania, on March 21, 1935, the daughter of George and Marguerite Watkins Lupold. She was a member of the Antioch Christian Church. She spent her working years as a registered nurse. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Keller.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Knepp Jr.; son, Robbie Knepp of Spring Lake; daughter, Erin K. Warrick of Pikeville; four grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Knepp family.

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## RALPH LESLIE WATSON

Ralph (Moe) Leslie Watson, 46, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Life Springs Church.

Ralph was born November 12, 1975, to Leslie Watson and the late Regina E. Smith.

## CARRIE B. PATTERSON

Carrie B. Patterson, 60, of Aberdeen passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Graveside service was held at Averys Chapel F.W.B. Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 20, 2022.

## TYRON LAMONT JONES JR.

Tyrone Lamont Jones Jr., 23, of Sanford, passed away on February 6, 2022.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church, with burial following in Lee Memory Garden.

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# New 'pay what you can' cafe set to open in Pittsboro

Jennie Knowlton, founder and executive director of The Quiltmaker Café, began her first nonprofit journey early last year, along with her husband, David, and daughter, Elizabeth.

Having experienced food insecurity herself during different periods in her life, she says she can personally relate to the dignity lost as choices become fewer and fewer. With The Quiltmaker Café — set to open soon in Pittsboro — Knowlton is excited to combine her passion for reducing waste with her desire to address growing food insecurity by providing a space where all are welcome to a meal and community. This week, we spoke with Knowlton about her plans for the cafe.

## Let's start with your mission and objective ... what will The Quiltmaker Café do and offer for Pittsboro and the rest of the Chatham community?

The Quiltmaker Café's mission is to provide community and healthy meals to all people, regardless of means. We plan on accomplishing this mission by offering Pay-What-You-Can meals with no pricing, offering choices for meal options and portion sizes, sourcing local food, relying on volunteers for running the café, and providing community tables where all are welcome.

## What was the inspiration for it?

During a family vacation, we visited our first pay-what-you-can café in Red Bank, New Jersey, and absolutely loved the concept. Not long after, our daughter, Elizabeth, went to college at Appalachian State, and we happened upon F.A.R.M. Cafe in Boone, which is just as amazing, yet run in a completely different way. When COVID hit in March 2020, the three of us felt sidelined watching so many others lose their jobs and experience severe health issues. We felt that it was time for us to make a drastic turn in our collective lives' path.

When Elizabeth came up with the idea to start a PWYC, it literally felt like time had stopped, and our true family calling had been realized! When it came to choosing a name, "The Quiltmaker Café", was immediately agreed upon by all of us. Elizabeth had grown up reading "The Quiltmaker's Gift," a children's book by Jeff Brumbeau with illustrations by Gail de Marken. We started researching and reaching out to others for input, and it has just kept rolling since then!

## Can you summarize the principles of "One World Everybody Eats"?

OWEE is a national organization dedicated to supporting and assisting Pay-What-You-Can cafes. There are currently 30 individual cafes of this type in the U.S. OWEE has defined seven main elements that can be found in successful PWYC cafes:

1. Pay-What-You-Can pricing: some cafes offer a suggested price, and others run on Free Will donations. But all of them allow for choice in how each guest can participate in the community of the café.

2. Having an option to volunteer in exchange for a meal: provides an option to "pay" that is



Submitted photo

## Jennie Knowlton

dignified and creates an equalizer for paying and non-paying customers.

3. Employees earn a living wage.

4. Guests choose their portion sizes: not only provides the dignity that comes with choice, but cuts down on food waste.

5. Café is mostly run by volunteers: allowing all to participate in the community of the café.

6. Healthy, seasonal food is served: allowing local producers to also participate in the café.

7. Community table is offered: along with smaller individual tables, several community tables will be made available providing an opportunity for conversation, understanding and a real sense of "we're all in this together."

## And about pricing - how will that work (and please touch on your "transparency board"?)

At The Quiltmaker Café, there will be no pricing, and every guest will have the ability to choose their meal from the same menu as everyone else. Some examples of payment would include donating financially, donating produce, and/or volunteering at the café. Some will pay extra, some will volunteer, some will pay less. In all cases, guests will check out in a way that does not create an obvious difference at the register in who is paying and who is not.

To help give folks an idea as to what it costs for the café to run, we will post a "transparency board" that will list the average daily costs to open the café each day, the average daily food costs for a meal, the average cost of similar restaurants in the area, etc. But these amounts will be informational only, and participation is completely up to each individual.



## You haven't finalized a lease or location yet, but what are you projecting as timeline for opening? And after opening, when will the café operate?

We are hoping to open sometime this summer/fall. Our biggest challenge is locating a pre-existing restaurant space, so there are a lot of different factors that could alter that timeline. Once open, we are planning to serve breakfast and lunch five days a week, from Friday-Tuesday.

The choice of being closed on Wednesday and Thursday was based on the fact that St. Bartholomew's Community Lunch is served every Thursday and the new Chuckwagon program (which serves frozen prepared dinners) is held on Tuesday evenings. By working alongside that existing schedule, we can more likely ensure that all community members can depend on at least one hot meal a day.

## Most of us are quite familiar with CORA, the West Chatham Food Pantry, and the weekly meal served at St. Bartholomew's in Pittsboro. Can you talk about how The Quiltmaker has collaborated with other organizations, and how what you'll do will complement their work?

Pittsboro has several programs that are wonderfully helpful to our food insecure population, and we are proud and excited to partner with several of them. CORA has served over 11,000 residents in Chatham County during 2021 and are excitedly awaiting their additional building to be completed, which will allow clients to "shop" for the items they want and need.

Additionally, the St. Bart's Community Lunch serves over 140 lunches every Thursday and offers both a regular meal and a vegetarian option to guests. TQC will complement these beloved community programs by providing additional food and resources to alleviate the growing problem of food insecurity affecting our entire region.

Many times, our food insecure community members do not get to

experience the pleasure of "the eating-out experience" i.e., choosing a meal, being waited on, savoring the experience with other guests, etc. A top priority of the café will be stressing the importance of inclusion and participation of our larger community for the success of the café and to communicate the seven core values of OWEE. One of the most exciting ways of doing this will be having larger tables or seating areas where individuals and small groups can sit with others and make a larger group that can cross social, economic and other societal boundaries. Additionally, local chefs in the community have pledged to create top-notch menu items, allowing guests, not only the dignity of a full-service menu, but the high quality of chef created items that they may not have the chance to experience otherwise.

## How will you be funded? And staffed?

The Quiltmaker Café's funding is expected to be split evenly between two funding sources. Fifty percent will come from revenue generated by the free-will donation for meals. The other 50% will come from peer-to-peer fundraising and donations from community members.

The café intends to have a paid staff of two to four employees: executive director, kitchen manager, possibly a restaurant manager and volunteer coordinator in the future. Although only employing a few people, those employees will receive a living wage, which is not something always found in the food service industry. The staff will also grow as the restaurant becomes more successful.

## Why is the notion of dignity so important?

One of the top priorities of the café, along with offering healthy food and community, will be to provide guests options that are dignified and empowering.

One of the first things most people start to experience with food

insecurity is the lack of options. Being able to make choices for yourself builds confidence and self respect. So, everything in the café will be offered with a choice. The choice of how to participate in the community. The choice of menu options and portion sizes. The choice of joining others at the community table or enjoying a meal on your own.

We also believe that donors and paying guests will be just as excited to visit the restaurant. Our menu is being created by two local, amazing chefs: Sera Cuni of Root Cellar Cafe and Bill Hartley of The Postal Fish Co. Guests will not only experience top-notch menu items but can feel good about themselves by helping to provide those same meals for community members experiencing food insecurity. Ingredients will be as fresh and locally sourced as possible, supporting local farms and producers. And we will be offering vegetarian and gluten free options for anyone with dietary restrictions!

## You've mentioned that loneliness is as rampant as hunger - how will you combat both?

The Quiltmaker Café will only thrive with a strong community connection. This will be a place where all are welcome, not only to receive a meal but to also participate in the operations of the café. Volunteers who are there to do a good deed and those who are there to enjoy a meal will be indistinguishable and will be functioning as a team rather than on separate sides of the counter. It will also be a place where you may eat your meal alone, but only if you choose to do so. Our community tables will symbolize the very heart of the cafe's focus.

## You'll introduce this on a bit more formal basis at Pittsboro's First Sunday event ... what will happen then?

We will be a vendor again this year at Pittsboro's First Sunday, on March 6 from 12 to 4 p.m., and this time we will be offering a pay-what-you-can meal. Chili and a vegetarian soup will be offered for lunch, along with a drink, and all guests are welcome! There will be no cost for this lunch, although donations will be accepted. We are

very excited to share the pay-what-you-can model with our community members for the first time!

## Why did you choose Pittsboro over Siler City?

While the need in Siler City is high, there is also a true need in Pittsboro that cannot be ignored. In order for the PWYC model to be successful, the location of the café must be in a centralized place that both those with food insecurity and those able to pay more than the average amount should feel welcome and comfortable. Depending on the area, most cafes need to have 50-75% of their guests able and willing to donate for their meal. Pittsboro, being the seat of Chatham County, is also located on somewhat of the dividing line between higher income cities (Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Cary, etc.) and areas with a greater need (Siler City, Sanford, etc.).

Pittsboro is also the home and community of our family, and we plan to be a part of the daily operations of The Quiltmaker Café. In a practical sense, we need to be readily accessible to the location, should any problems arise with staffing, building maintenance, etc. Pittsboro allows that accessibility while also addressing the needs of that community. While these reasons may be true for the café to open and stay open, the need in other parts of Chatham County has our attention. This will continue to be a top priority, and while we may open our first location in Pittsboro, we are committed to finding ways to overcome this divide and will continue to consider options in the future.

## How can people help or find out more?

Check out our website at [www.thequiltmaker-cafe.org](http://www.thequiltmaker-cafe.org). There, anyone can donate and sign up for our newsletter to receive updates on location, opening date, upcoming fundraising events and volunteer opportunities. We have a lot of fun events coming up, including a shiitake mushroom inoculation workshop and a dish drive. Also, you can help by simply spreading the word! Share our Facebook page and Instagram (@quiltmakercafe) with family, friends and neighbors!



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## LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of **JANE BECK BRYAN**, deceased, of CHATHAM County,

## CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

**Line ad deadline** Tuesday — Noon

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N.C., are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before May 3, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 3rd day of February, 2022. Clinton E. Bryan, III, Administrator

Of the Estate of JANE BECK BRYAN  
C/O Pat Leigh Pittman, Attorney  
Dunn, Pittman, Skinner & Cushman, PLLC  
3230 Country Club Road  
New Bern, NC 28562  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** All persons having claims against **ANNETTE H. SUTTON** aka Annette Elaine Sutton of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 9th day of December, 2021, are notified to present them to William Brent Sutton, Executor of the Estate of Annette H. Sutton aka Annette Elaine Sutton in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before May 12, 2022. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Annette H. Sutton aka Annette Elaine Sutton. Those indebted to Annette H. Sutton aka Annette Elaine Sutton are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. Dean P. Broz, Atty for the Estate Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22 E 038 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** The undersigned, Carol Phillips, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **RITCHIE RAY PHILLIPS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of May, 2022, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 3rd day of February, 2022. Carol Phillips, Administrator c/o Shanelle K. Edmonds, Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 8** All persons having claims against **BETTY DENKINS MOODY aka BETTY ELEANOR MOODY** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of February, 2022. Phyllis H. Bayles, Executor 698 Jim Gilliland Road Siler City, NC 27344  
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**NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT** Notice is hereby given to the

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known and unknown relatives of those persons in nine possible burial sites, with the potential of more, located in an unmarked cemetery on property owned by Gregory W. Stafford, and located in Chatham County, North Carolina, Parcel No. 89255; that said cemetery is located on the West Side of the Mod parking area off of Sanford Road, Pittsboro, North Carolina; that there are approximately 9 unmarked graves found within the cemetery; that Gregory W. Stafford has been thus far unable to ascertain all of the the closest next of kin of any of the burials; that the subject graves to be moved will be relocated and re-interred in the graveyard of the Pittsboro United Methodist Church located at 71 West Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312. As complete a record as possible of those re-interred will be on file with the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina. These unmarked graves will be removed under the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §65-106, and that Gregory W. Stafford will be responsible for all reasonable expenses pertaining under the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §65-106. This notice will be published at least once a week for four successive weeks in the Chatham News and Record in Siler City, North Carolina. Anyone having information about these graves or the next of kin please contact Gregory Wayne Stafford, 901 Jordan Hills, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. F3,F10,F17,F24,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Shawn E. Crutchfield qualified before the Chatham County Clerk of Court on January 26, 2022, as the Administrator of the Estate of **PAMELA LOU FLETCHER**, 11138 NC HWY 42, Sanford, NC 27330. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations, as required by N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1, having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the attorney designated below on or before the 3rd day of May, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payments to the undersigned. Payments and claims should be presented to: Deirdre M. Stephenson, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1433, Sanford, NC 27331-1045. F3,F10,F17,F24,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, having qualified on the 28th day of January, 2022 as Executrix of the Estate of **BENNETT WATSON COWPER ROBERTS, JR.**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to Exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of May, 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 3rd day of February, 2022. Angela Lane Roberts, Executrix of the Estate of Bennett Watson Cowper Roberts, Jr. c/o Gwendolyn C. Brooks Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 F3,F10,F17,F24,4tc

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 20 JT 28 IN RE: "D.T." DOB: 6/3/17**  
**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**  
TO: Biological father/Father/unknown father of the above female child, born in Orange County, NC to Marisa Temkey. 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 2/10/22, 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/will be terminated upon failure to answer the petition 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 Attorney for Petitioner, CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 109 Conner Dr. Suite 208 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 Telephone: (919) 869-7795 F10,F17,F24,3tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 60**  
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **RICKY LEE AUSTIN**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 60**  
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **RICKY LEE AUSTIN**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 60**  
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **RICKY LEE AUSTIN**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate

of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at her address, 85B Rocky Knolls, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27516, on or before the 12th day of May, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 2nd day of February, 2022. Luana Ludwig Austin, Executrix 85B Rocky Knolls Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

**GUNN & MESSICK, PLLC**  
P.O. Box 880  
Pittsboro, North Carolina  
27312-0880  
F10,F17,F24,M3,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 57**  
All persons having claims against **SARA H. BURGESS** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 10th day of February, 2022. James Clinton Burgess, Executor 710 Buttonwood Dr Hillsborough, NC 27298 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 731**  
All persons having claims against **ELAINE KNIGHT** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 10th day of February, 2022. Christopher Knight, Administrator 220F Windsor Place Circe Randleman, N.C. 27317 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KARIAMU WELSH, DECEASED 22 E 35**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **KARIAMU WELSH**, Deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MOLEFI K. ASANTI, ADMINISTRATOR for the decedent's estate on or before the 11th day of May 2022, at the office of LOCKAMY LAW FIRM, P.A., Attorneys, 3130 Hope Valley Road, Durham, North Carolina 27707, Attention: MOLEFI K. ASANTI, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named estate c/o MOLEFI K. ASANTI, ADMINISTRATOR. MOLEFI K. ASANTI, ADMINISTRATOR of KARIAMU WELSH, Deceased P. RYAN LOCKAMY, Attorney LOCKAMY LAW FIRM, P.A. 3130 Hope Valley Road Durham, North Carolina 27707 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 465**  
All persons having claims against **PEARL MATTIE CORLEY** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 10th day of February, 2022. Marc Andrew Lockley, Executor 624 Tidewater Dr Sanford, NC 27330 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons having claims against **JUDITH GRAYSON LOHMAN** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 17th day of December, 2021, are notified to present them to John G. Lohman, Executor of the Estate of Judith Grayson Lohman in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before May 19, 2022. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Judith Grayson Lohman. Those indebted to Judith Grayson Lohman are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. Dean P. Broz Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MAURICE DUANE HEIDEL**  
**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MAURICE DUANE HEIDEL** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the

estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517, on or before the 11th day of May 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 10th day of February, 2022. Richard Adamson, Executor of the Estate of Maurice Duane Heidel Dori J. Dixon Schell Bray PLLC Attorney for the Estate 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons having claims against **ALAN WAYNE BANDY** aka Alan W. Bandy of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 18th day of November, 2021, are notified to present them to Wanda B. Bandy, Executrix of the Estate of Alan Wayne Bandy aka Alan W. Bandy in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before May 19, 2022. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executrix, and the devisees of Alan Wayne Bandy aka Alan W. Bandy. Those indebted to Alan Wayne Bandy aka Alan W. Bandy are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 56**  
All persons having claims against **JOHN ANDREW KULASH** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 10th day of February, 2022. Lisa Patrice Pollard, Executrix 153 Evergreen Drive Pittsboro, NC 27312 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tp

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 735**  
All persons having claims against **JUANITA BOWMAN** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 10th day of February, 2022. WALTER MICHAEL KULASH, Administrator PO Box 252 32 Blands Knob Road Little Switzerland, NC 28749 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tp

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in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This the 7th day of February 2022. Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandever, 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514. This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1. Austin C. Vandever, Attorney of Record 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 654**  
All persons having claims against **GERALDINE WILLIAMS POLLARD** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 10th day of February, 2022. Lisa Patrice Pollard, Executrix 153 Evergreen Drive Pittsboro, NC 27312 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tp

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2022. Johnny Bowman, Administrator 179 Papou Lane Siler City, N.C. 27344 c/o Lewis Fidelity Attorney 119 N Fir Avenue Siler City, NC 27344 F10,F17,F24,M3,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 63**  
All persons having claims against **BILLIE M. HAMKE** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 17th day of February, 2022. Dean A. Hamke, Executor 304 Mattered Dr Clayton, NC 27527 c/o Brady/Cobin Law Group, PLLC 4141 Parklake Avenue, Suite 130 Raleigh, NC 27612 F17,F24,M3,M10,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 63**  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **JOHN BRUCE BAIRD**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to present them to William Benjamin Baird, Executor of the decedent's estate, on or before May 17, 2022 in the care of the undersigned or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This 17th day of February, 2022. William Benjamin Baird, Executor Estate of John Bruce Baird Wilson Reives & Silverman, PLLC Post Office Box 1653 Sanford, NC 27331 F17,F24,M3,M10,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 759**  
All persons having claims against **WASIM QUDOOS CHAUDHRY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 17th day of February, 2022. William Benjamin Baird, Executor Estate of John Bruce Baird Wilson Reives & Silverman, PLLC Post Office Box 1653 Sanford, NC 27331 F17,F24,M3,M10,4tc

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All persons having

87175 and 7339.  
The purpose of the public hearings is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. The complete records are on file at the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection through e-mail. Substantial changes in the proposed amendments may be made following the public hearing. The meeting will be held via Zoom, a teleconference software. Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the Town's website at [www.pittsboronc.gov](http://www.pittsboronc.gov). If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Cassie Bullock, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at [cbullock@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:cbullock@pittsboronc.gov) by 4 p.m. on February 28, 2022.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **AUBREY BARRETT VICKERS**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, on the 11th day of February, 2022, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before the 19th day of May, 2022, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 17th day of February 2022. Richard Vickers, Personal Representative, c/o Larry H. Rocamora, Attorney for the Estate, McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson, & Hinkle, PLLC, 3211 Shannon Road, Suite 400 Durham, NC 27707

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 83**

All persons having claims against **NOAH MIAH MATTHEWS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 17th day of February, 2022. Micah Noel Matthews, Executor 4101 Five Oaks Drive, Unit 31

Durham, NC 27707  
c/o Bagwell Holt Smith, P.A.  
111 Cloister Ct., STE 200  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 88**

All persons having claims against **HELEN COUNCILMAN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 17th day of February, 2022. Harold Councilman, Administrator 1806 Ronald Scott Rd. Bear Creek, N.C. 27207

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS PAZ ABRAHAM BONILLA COUNTY OF CHATHAM NORTH CAROLINA 22 E 71**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **PAZ ABRAHAM BONILLA** deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Evi Griselda Bonilla, Executor of the decedent's estate on or before May 20, 2022, c/o Katherine T. Merritt, Attorney for the Estate, at P.O. Drawer 1529, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278, or be forever barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor. This the 17th day of February, 2022. Evi Griselda Bonilla, Executor of the Estate of Paz Abraham Bonilla Coleman, Gledhill, Hargrave, Merritt & Rainsford, P.C. Katherine T. Merritt, Attorney for Estate P.O. Drawer 1529 Hillsborough, NC 27278 (919) 732-2196

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**AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 21 SP 40 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Brandon Ashley Powell and Jayne C. Powell a/k/a Jayne S. Powell to Paul S. Messick, Jr., Trustee(s), which was dated April 11, 2013 and recorded on April 12, 2013 in Book 01679 at Page 0662, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the

undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for **sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse** where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on **March 7, 2022 at 01:00 PM**, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Chatham County, North Carolina, to wit: Adjoining the land of Brooks Estate, W.D. Taylor, and SR 1006, and BEGINNING at an iron pin in Brooks' line, same being South 08 degrees 23 minutes West 112.13 feet from a stone in W. D. Taylor's corner and running thence with the line of Brooks' Estate South 08 degrees 23 minutes West 1281.24 feet to an iron stake just north of SR 1006, the original corner of W. D. Taylor's land; thence North 54 degrees 04 minutes West 215.44 feet to a nail and cap in the center line of SR 1006; thence with the center line of SR 1006 North 44 degrees 10 minutes West 179.73 feet to a nail and cap in the center of SR 1006; thence a new line with W. D. Taylor North 25 degrees 40 minutes East 1123.06 feet to the beginning, and containing 4.984 acres, according to a survey made by Roger Clarence Cagle, Registered land surveyor, December 27, 1974. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as **11803 Siler City Glendon Road, Bear Creek, NC 27207**. A certified check only (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. **THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED**. Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/ are Brandon Ashley Powell and wife, Jayne S. Powell. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination

to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b) (2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 20-03525-FC01

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 90**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **DAVID E. CLARK**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at her address, 1318 Old Sanford Road, Moncure, North Carolina, 27559, on or before the 24th day of May, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 17th day of February, 2022. Lisa S. Long Moncure, North Carolina 27559 GUNN & MESSICK, PLLC P.O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 204**

All persons having claims against **WILLIAM W. BEAVERS, SR.** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 24th day of February, 2022. **CO-EXECUTORS:** Betty Beavers 2341 Vander Oldham Rd. Bear Creek, NC 27207 William W. Beavers, Jr. 2693 Vander Oldham Rd. Bear Creek, NC 27207 Pamela B. Haga 1329 Front Ave; Unit 309 Columbus, GA 31901

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 740**

All persons having claims against **ALICE OLENE MOON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 24th day of February, 2022. Brenda Brower, Co-Administrator 2004 Flint Ridge Rd Siler City, NC 27344 Faye Kinton, Co-Administrator 2253 Flint Ridge Rd Siler City, NC 27344

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

The undersigned, Rochelle Bryarley, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **BRANDON WADE BRYARLEY**, 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 May, 2022, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 17th day of February, 2022. Rochelle Bryarley, Administrator c/o Shanelle K. Edmonds, Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 382**

All persons having claims against **WILLIAM BATTY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 24th day of February, 2022. Susan B. Long, Executor 27 Grove Point Pittsboro, NC 27312

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **COLLEEN F. BOONE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at their address, 6181 US Highway 15-501N, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 24th day of May, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 21st day of February, 2022. Linda Gail Ellis, Co-Executor Ronald Ellis, Co-Executor 6181 US Highway 15-501 N Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 GUNN & MESSICK, PLLC P.O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **LISA ANNE DOROTHY LAWSON**, deceased of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, corporations, and other entities having claims against the said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of May, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery of any such claims. All debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 24th day of February, 2022. Christian Emde Lawson, Administrator c/o Ethan C. Timmins Patrick Law, PLLC 3805 University Drive, Suite A Durham, NC 27707

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH**

**DOCKET NO. E-2, SUB 1288 BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct Approximately 1.3 Miles of New 230 kV Transmission Line in Chatham County, North Carolina  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 7, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP or Applicant) filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity to construct approximately 1.3 miles of new 230 kV transmission line in Chatham County, North Carolina.

The preferred route's southern endpoint is a proposed tap of DEP's existing Harris Plant – Siler City 230 kV transmission line, approximately 200 feet southeast of the Bynum Tap 230 kV transmission line. From the southern endpoint, the line is proposed to travel north, paralleling DEP's existing Bynum Tap 230 kV transmission line for approximately 1.1 miles. The proposed line then continues northeast for approximately 0.25 miles into the northern endpoint, the planned substation site, south of Hanks Chapel Road. Anyone wishing to view DEP's application and the detailed maps concerning this project may do so on the Commission's web site, [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net) (search for Docket No. E-2 Sub 1288). These materials may also be reviewed at the following DEP location: 410 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, by contacting Michael Sykes at 919-546-6848 prior to the visit.

The Commission has scheduled the application for a public witness hearing at 7:00 p.m., on June 7, 2022, at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse, 9 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina. This hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are received on or before May 18, 2022. Persons desiring to intervene as formal parties of record should file a verified petition under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-103(b) and Commission Rules R1-5, R1-19, and R8-62(i) no later than Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Such a petition should be filed with the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Intervenor's shall also file the direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses with the Commission on or before May 18, 2022.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their position in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 and reference Docket No. E-2, Sub 1288. Such written statements will be included in the Commission's official files. If the public hearing is not canceled, however, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons submitting statements appear at a public witness hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements. The Public Staff of the Utilities Commission, through its Executive Director, is authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Executive Director should be addressed to: Mr. Chris Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to: The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to [utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov](mailto:utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov). ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION. This the 21st day of February, 2022. NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION Erica N. Green Deputy Clerk F24,1tc



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# RADIO

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show. Chutz worked with Pittsboro resident and friend Corbie Hill, who helped him get a handle on audio-software platform Audacity.

Now, the show plays every day.

The minutes-long, prerecorded segment plays on a loop repeat during the carpool dropoff time to anyone on campus tuning into 92.7 FM. Due to privacy concerns and copyright law, the show doesn't currently have a public archive of past episodes, but Chutz has been brainstorming ways to share episodes with PES community members.

One of Chutz's favorite episodes so far featured students sharing what makes them happy, followed by Pharell Williams' song "Happy."

Fisher, a kindergarten-er, said (with an audible smile), "Um, being at school and seeing my friends."

Clara, a 3rd grader, enthusiastically answered, "Doing gymnastics."

"It's just sweet, you know, 5-year-olds talking about something that makes them happy," Chutz said. "And you hear the chatter of the room that they were in when we record it. It's just wholesome and comforting and really sweet."

The show has received a lot of support since its launch, Chutz said, something he hopes PES can one day turn into a fundraising arm for the school through "WPES In the Morning" sponsors.

"I (love) this innovative idea! I arrived early to work just to sit in the parking lot to listen," tweeted Amanda Moran, the district's assistant superintendent of academic services and instructional support. "What makes me

happy is seeing innovation and kids being highlighted in our schools. Folks, PES just elevated the morning car line. Whole new level!"

The long-term goal for the show, Chutz said, is for it to be "100% kid-led" — something that mostly happens nine out of 10 days already, he said.

Pittsboro Elementary also started an after-school club, Panda Productions Crew, to help with the show and learn skills like interviewing, recording and using basic audio editing features. For Black History Month, the crew interviewed Black leaders in Chatham, including CCS Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson and Charles Gardner, Chatham's first Black chief deputy. ("Maybe 20 years from now, we'll hear some kids who say their entry into podcasting was PES In the Morning," Chutz said.)

Chutz wants to broadcast 180 unique episodes over the course of a school year. Though making the episodes sometimes adds more stress and time to an already overloaded schedule, Chutz said his efforts are worth it.

"This was a space for us to reach 70% of our people who are dropping their kids off in the car line that was before this totally absent of any connection," he said. "And gosh, mornings are stressful. It's so hard to get your kids up and dressed and fed and out the door to get them into the building on time.

"And so if we can alter that experience just a little bit for a sizable portion of our community, I think it changes the effect of the school day for everybody," he continued. "It's a little thing, but spread out over a lot of people, has a big impact."

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# BIG NIGHT

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achieved renown for his distinctive functional pots, especially large planters and jars, which he creates using local clays inside his wood kiln in Pittsboro.

"Regional arts institutions have been extremely important in my life as a potter here in Chatham County," Hewitt told the News + Record. "... The arts organizations create a cultural climate within the region that's important and significant, and shows the diversity and talents of all the different artists in the state, nationally and internationally."

As part of the event, viewers will tour Hewitt's Pittsboro studio and learn a little about how he crafts his pieces. After the broadcast, viewers may bid on one of Hewitt's pieces.

"Certainly for me as a visual artist, I'm donating an umbrella pot, which is, you know, a substantial piece. It's about maybe 26 inches tall and 12 inches wide," he said. "It's a significant piece that has a story of its own, and I told WRAL that. I'm very happy to have it go to auction and raise money for local arts organizations."

Last year's show attracted 35,000 viewers, according to the Chatham Arts Council's February press release, and raised over \$350,000 for all four arts organizations, with help from 600 corporate sponsors and individual donors. The Chatham Arts Council alone received around \$35,000 in donations, which the nonprofit used to fund several arts programs designed to put artists back to work and democratize access to the arts.

Among other projects, last year's event donations helped finance the council's JumpstART grants, which the organization offered to Chatham artists, paying them to create and then publicly exhibit their work during November's Chatham Experience.

Part of the funds also went toward the organization's four-part Arts for Resilient Kids work, including the council's Artists-in-Schools initiative, last year's ClydeFEST in the Wild, and ArtAssist for Kids, which provides

arts supplies to students without home access.

The fourth program under their Arts for Resilient Kids work, the organization's truck and trailer roving performances, met students where they were, bringing the arts to neighborhoods across Chatham.

"We were doing our Artists in Schools virtually last year," Chamblee said, "... and we're also really aware that so many children in Chatham do not, for all sorts of reasons, have strong access to Wi-Fi or strong digital access. So, we thought, 'OK, how can we, at least for some of those children, get the arts to them?' And so, it became a case of taking the arts to the kids, as opposed to the kids coming into the arts."

The organization procured a truck and trailer, enlisted several local artists — including Diali Cissokho, the Takiri Folclor Latino dancers and Geoffrey the Bubble Guy — and rode into the Love's Creek and Nature Trail mobile home communities last year to perform.

"We started it again this year because it was so inspiring," she said. "The communities were so welcoming; the children and the families there were delighted and delightful. So, just some really beautiful moments."

Remaining funds — plus dollars raised during this year's show — will go toward similar arts programs, including an arts organization grant called "Survive to Thrive" this spring.

## 'It will take investment'

The pandemic, Chamblee said, has been quite the roller coaster for everyone, and the "whiplash has been intense" most especially for performing artists who need live audiences to complete their work.

So, what will it take for the arts and artists to recover from it all?

"I think it will take investment, and I mean that on a lot of different levels," Chamblee said. "I think it will take public and private investment in artists and in arts organizations, and in what we can bring to this community. ... There's also, I think, a sort of a heart investment that is happening and will need to continue to happen on the part of audiences — and artists, of course."



Photo by Andrea Akin

**Pittsboro tap dancer Jabu Graybeal performs at Chatham Mills for his recorded segment of 'Big Night in for the Arts' last week. The show, which will feature performances from four other artists, will air at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10.**

It'll also take recognition, she said. People rely on the arts and artists to get them through difficult and confusing times, especially now during a national mental health crisis that has impacted nearly everyone in some shape or form.

"We know that the arts can help with that; the arts are a tool and a resource, and so, we're really focusing on that in so much of what we do," she said. "That's a big part of getting artists back to work — making sure that we as a community are recognizing artists as a resource, and paying them for what they can bring to our lives in this moment that is so desperately needed."

So, one good way to start? Tuning into March's Big Night in for the Arts and supporting a local arts organization or two.

"If we can harness that power of the arts, I believe that we can pull through this time in a way that people feel less alone, and that we have a stronger recognition of our shared humanity," Chamblee added. "That's a necessity. That's not a luxury, especially right now."

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Have you been searching for your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? Well, perhaps a few leprechauns can help. Please join Chatham Park in support of the inaugural YMCA Leprechaun Dash on March 12 at 8:30 a.m. This 5K / 10K run raises money for children in Chatham County through the YMCA Annual Campaign.

Beginning at the Chatham YMCA (287 East Street, Pittsboro), you'll race through Vineyards at Chatham Park where you'll find an exhilarating downhill finish.

The 5k and 10k races have a registration fee of \$45. If you register prior to March 1st, included in your fee is a "Hipster Leprechaun" t-shirt and the satisfaction of knowing you have supported a great cause. Prizes will be awarded for age groups as well as the best leprechaun attire. Don't forget to wear green!

The YMCA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. They offer a variety of programs for all stages of life on the YMCA website.



"Our Mission at the Chatham YMCA compels us to embrace, reflect and celebrate the richness of diversity within each other and the many communities we serve," said Lee Bowman, Advisory Board Member of the Chatham YMCA. He continues, "We are excited about this event, as it provides funding for the programs and activities right here on the local level for the Chatham YMCA."

All proceeds raised during the race support children in Chatham County through the YMCA Annual Campaign. The Annual We Build People Campaign provides financial assistance for after-school and summer day camps. Each year, the Chatham YMCA provides \$100,000 in scholarships for childcare and youth-oriented pro-

grams where they seek to build people through outdoor activities, sports, and leadership development.

"We are proud to be the signature sponsor of this event to support the Chatham YMCA," said Executive Vice President Vanessa Jenkins of Preston Development Company. "Their mission, vision, and values are aligned with Chatham Parks, and we truly appreciate their inclusion of all people in every stage of life. It is an organization that is committed to strengthening the community. It goes without saying that Chatham Park embraces this philosophy wholeheartedly, and we look forward to a long-lasting relationship with the Y for years to come."

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# Chargers win dunk fest vs. Rockets to claim Central 3A conference title

BY BLAIR MITCHELL  
News + Record Correspondent

PITTSBORO — In one fell swoop last Friday, the Northwood Chargers completed a 3-0 season sweep of the Person Rockets and won the Central 3A conference title in what was a very physical battle on both sides.

There was no better way to top off the Central 3A Conference Tournament than Friday's contest, which was an all-around tough and bruising game that didn't disappoint from beginning to end.

Once it was all said and done, Northwood eked out the win on their home court, 56-50, finishing with an impres-

sive 12-0 conference record, excluding their 2-0 run in the conference tournament with wins over Orange and Person.

The Rockets refused to simply hand the Chargers the trophy, however.

Person's talented, athletic roster made this an exciting game that kept fans wondering who would pull out the victory until the last minute.

"It was a tough game and they deserve a lot of that credit," said Chargers Head Coach Matt Brown after the win.

The game started with the Rockets snagging the opening tip and sophomore Ty Outlaw scoring to make it 2-0. Then, Person turned on the defense, playing tight on the Chargers' first

possession, forcing a turnover that led to junior Ben Pettiford scoring quickly.

Northwood's 6-foot-11 junior Kenan Parrish got the Chargers on the board with two buckets in the paint, scoring the first four points for his team.

Then, as would become commonplace throughout the game, Northwood sophomore Drake Powell dunked the ball to tie it on a putback attempt following a missed 3-pointer.

The Rockets were able to force a Chargers turnover and senior JaSi-el Bumphus capitalized on the play, scoring on the other end to put his team ahead, 10-6, at the first timeout.

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Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Northwood sophomore Drake Powell (in white) slams home an emphatic dunk in the Chargers' 56-50 win over the Person Rockets in the Central 3A conference title game last Friday.

## BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

# Which Chatham-area teams have a shot at a 2021-22 state basketball title?

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
News + Record Staff

You can't spell "NCHSAA basketball" without C-H-A-T-H-A-M.

Actually, you can, but you surely can't tell the story of this year's state basketball playoffs without mentioning one of North Carolina's most well-represented counties.

With nine representatives from Bear Creek, Chapel Hill, Pittsboro and Siler City preparing to take the floor in both the men's and women's tournaments, Chatham has a real shot to make some noise once the playoffs get underway this week.

From one-loss powerhouses like the Chatham Charter men (28-1) and Northwood women (24-1) to the feisty underdogs like the Chatham Central women (12-12) and Seaforth men (12-9), the county's basketball landscape has almost never been so intriguing.

Here, the News + Record breaks down all nine teams and takes a look at key players and major storylines heading into the 2021-22 NCHSAA playoffs, sorted by classification.

### Men's 1A

**Chatham Charter Knights**  
**Record:** 28-1 (10-0 in Central Tar Heel)

**Conference:** Central Tar Heel 1A (champion)

**Seed:** No. 1, 1A East

**First Round Opponent:** vs. No. 32 Gates County, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Potential Second Round Matchup:** vs. No. 16 Jones Senior OR vs. No. 17 Northwest Halifax, Thursday

The Chatham Charter Knights have beaten every single team they've faced this season.

Seriously.

Their only loss came on Dec. 3 against Uwharrie Charter — a 57-56 loss in overtime — whom they'd beaten a couple of weeks earlier, on Nov. 19, by a 50-46 score.

Aside from that incredibly small blemish, the Knights have been



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Northwood sophomore guard Fred Whitaker Jr. (0) passes the ball to junior Koda Lewis in the Chargers' 62-37 win over the Jets on Dec. 1 in Siler City.

nearly perfect this year, racking up a 28-1 record as they secured their third straight season with just one regular-season loss.

The last time they had 28-plus wins with only one loss, they made it all the way to the state semifinals (in 2020, where they lost to Winston-Salem Prep by 5 points).

After a surprising first-round "upset" in last year's tournament — the No. 7 Knights were trounced by No. 10 Mountain Island Charter, 72-46 — Chatham Charter's back with a vengeance.

The Knights are led by established juniors Adam Harvey (15.2 points-per-game and 6.9 rebounds-per-game, leads team) and Aamir Mapp (11.6 PPG), both of whom have versatile skill sets that have only gotten stronger after last year's COVID-shortened season.

But the terrifying part about playing the Knights: you never know who's coming to play.

They may beat you with Harvey or Mapp, but they also could gash you with one of their talented freshmen: guard Beau Harvey, one of the team's floor generals, and Brennen Oldham, an athletic 6-foot-6 center who can just about do it all.

Their versatility and depth is what makes them so frightening and undoubtedly deserving of the 1A East's top seed, the only Chatham team to earn their region's No. 1 spot.

**Chatham Central Bears**  
**Record:** 9-11 (6-5 in Mid-Carolina)  
**Conference:** Mid-Carolina 1A/2A (runner-up)

**Seed:** No. 10, 1A East

**First Round Opponent:** vs. No. 23 Bertie, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

**Potential Second Round Matchup:** at No. 7 Pender OR vs. No. 26 Rosewood, Thursday

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## MID-CAROLINA 1A/2A CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

# Bears conquer Mustangs, Cavaliers in conference semis, fall in title games

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
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BURLINGTON — Less than 20 minutes after the final buzzer sounded, Chatham Central senior Nick Jourdan stood near the door to the gym's main lobby dressed in street clothes.

He answered questions with a sense of confident tranquility.

"I'm just doing what I'm supposed to do," he said, nonchalantly, when asked about a shooting performance that saw him score 27 points, including six 3-pointers.

It doesn't matter how you want to describe his offensive performance — "on fire," "lights out," or "absolutely bonkers" — because, at the end of the day, he's just doing his job.

Jourdan's shooting clinic was just one element of what was a near-perfect night for the Chatham Central Bears at Cummings High School in Burlington, where the women's team defeated the hometown Cavaliers, 36-30, and the men's team crushed the North Moore Mustangs, 62-43, in the semifinals of both Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference tournaments.

By the end of the night, the Bears were headed to the conference title game in both brackets, a feat achieved by two other Chatham schools last week: Northwood in the Central 3A tournament (both Chargers teams won title) and Chatham Charter in the Central Tar Heel 1A tournament (both Knights teams won title).

In the case of the Bears, however, their respective conference championship games didn't go exactly as planned, with the men's team suffering defeat, 79-57, at the hands of the unbeaten Cummings Cavaliers (19-0), and the women's team falling to the Seaforth Hawks for the third time this season, 56-32.

While Chatham Central came up empty-handed in the end, it didn't take away from Thursday's semifinal showing — a night that legitimized the Bears as a formidable threat in both brackets of the 1A state playoffs.

### Three strikes, you're out

Ahead of the Bears' throwdown with the Mustangs, there was a small bit of concern.

We all know the classic sports idiom: It's hard to beat a team three times in a single season.

Robert Burke, the Bears' men's basketball coach, admitted it was on his mind, with Chatham Central having already beaten North Moore by double digits twice this season — by

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# Here's what really matters with Juwan Howard

I almost decided to not write about what happened with Juwan Howard this past weekend. It's been overblown and way over discussed. However, I did feel like I had something to add.

In case you missed it, following Michigan men's basketball's road loss to Wisconsin on Sunday, head coach Juwan Howard and Wisconsin coach Greg Gard got into a heated

altercation that ended with Howard slapping a Wisconsin assistant.

Howard was frustrated that Gard called a timeout with the game out of reach and appeared to say "I'll remember that" in the handshake line. Gard proceeded to grab Howard and then things got physical. Multiple players were suspended for their role in the aftermath and Howard got five games himself.

It was a terrible decision by Howard and one I'm sure he will regret. He's the leader of young adults and his actions are supposed to be a model for

them. It's his job.

But the reaction from people across the reaction world bothered me. Some called for the banning of the handshake line. But if you can't act respectful for 15 seconds following a game, we have some serious issues.

Yes, Howard should face a punishment, but many people were calling for him to be fired. In my opinion, it's about how he responds to this incident that really matters.

Does he learn from it? Does he explain to his team how he should have appropriately responded? Does he become a

better leader from it?

Humans make mistakes and although he's a 6-foot-9 celebrity, he's also a human. Let's give him a chance to make something positive out of this. He can use this as a teaching moment for his kids. Howard didn't commit a crime or hit another player. It also didn't appear that anyone was seriously injured from anything he did.

Earlier this season, Gonzaga coach Mark Few was arrested for driving while intoxicated. It was somewhat of a big deal at the time, but nothing compared to this. The punishment he

received proved that, too. He missed just one game, the season opener against Dixie State. What Few did is inexcusable and also a felony. But it seemed that he wasn't held to the same standard because it wasn't caught on live television.

It's obvious that Howard's actions were wrong. There's no denying that. But maybe instead of completely calling for an end to his career, we can turn this into a teaching moment to become better leaders.

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## CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

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

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This week, we enter the home stretch of the winter sports season, with the basketball playoffs having begun on Tuesday for a whopping nine teams across the county, including a few conference champions: the Chatham Charter men and women (Central Tar Heel 1A), the Northwood men and women (Central 3A) and the Seaforth women (Mid-Carolina 1A/2A). Our full basketball playoff preview can be found in this week's edition.

With the weather finally beginning to warm up ever so slightly, we also have a few outdoor sports debuting this week with exhibition matches: baseball, lacrosse, men's tennis, softball, track & field and women's soccer. It's a phenomenal week of local sports, so let's make the most of it. Here's this week's schedule and last week's results.

## THIS WEEK

## Wednesday, February 23

Baseball: Northwood vs. Apex Friendship, 4 p.m. (scrimmage)

Track & Field: Seaforth vs. Woods Charter, 4 p.m.

## Thursday, February 24

Lacrosse: Seaforth men at Apex Friendship, 4:30 p.m. (scrimmage)

Tennis: Seaforth men vs. Riverside, 4:30 p.m. (scrimmage)

Baseball: Chatham Central vs. Southwestern Randolph, 5 p.m. (scrimmage)

Baseball: Jordan-Matthews at Chapel Hill, 5 p.m. (scrimmage)

Soccer: Seaforth women vs. Carrboro, 5 p.m. (scrimmage)

Basketball: Chatham Central, Chatham Charter, Northwood, Seaforth, Woods Charter women vs. TBD (depending on Tuesday's results; 2nd round of NCHSAA playoffs), times TBA

Basketball: Chatham Central, Chatham Charter,

Northwood, Seaforth men vs. TBD (depending on Tuesday's results; 2nd round of NCHSAA playoffs), times TBA

## Friday, February 25

No events scheduled.

## Saturday, February 26

Baseball: Chatham Central at Grady Lawson Preseason Classic (hosted by Eastern Randolph), time TBA

Softball: Northwood vs. Southern Lee, 10:30 a.m. (scrimmage)

Softball: Northwood vs. Northern Durham, 12 p.m. (scrimmage)

Softball: Northwood vs. Cardinal Gibbons, 4:30 p.m. (scrimmage)

Basketball: Chatham Central, Chatham Charter, Northwood, Seaforth, Woods Charter women vs. TBD (depending on Tuesday's results; 3rd round of NCHSAA playoffs), times TBA

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## LAST WEEK

## Monday, February 14

Basketball: The Seaforth men fell to the North Moore Mustangs in a close game, 42-40, in the first round of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament.

Basketball: The Woods Charter men dominated the Southern Wake Academy Lions, 58-34, in the first round of the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Tournament.

## Tuesday, February 15

Basketball: The Jordan-Matthews women lost to the Cummings Cavaliers, 40-31, in the first round of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament.

Basketball: The Jordan-Matthews men fell to the Graham Red Devils, 65-60, in the first round of the Mid-Carolina

1A/2A Conference Tournament.

## Wednesday, February 16

Basketball: The Northwood women crushed the Orange Panthers, 66-36, in the semifinals of the Central 3A Conference Tournament. Leading the Chargers on the night were senior Olivia Porter (20 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 5 steals, 2 blocks), senior Caroline Allen (15 points, 12 rebounds) and junior Te'Keyah Bland (15 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 blocks).

Basketball: The Seaforth women thrashed the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 56-34, in the semifinals of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament.

Basketball: The Chatham Charter women defeated the Woods Charter Wolves, 54-41, in the semifinals of the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Tournament. Leading the Knights on the evening were senior Alexis Baldwin (17 points, 18 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals), junior Tamaya Walden (17 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals) and sophomore Delana Loflin (14 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist).

Basketball: The Northwood men defeated the Orange Panthers, 65-52, in the semifinals of the Central 3A Conference Tournament.

Basketball: The Chatham Charter men won a lopsided game over the Woods Charter Wolves, 77-29, in the semifinals of the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Tournament. Leading the Knights on the evening were junior Adam Harvey (18 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals, 1 block), junior Jackson Brown (13 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals), junior Aamir Mapp (12 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals) and freshman Beau Harvey (11 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 6 steals).

## Thursday, February 17

Wrestling: Northwood had three wrestlers competing in the NCHSAA 3A Wrestling State Championships, where

Jake Dunning (220 lbs) advanced to the quarterfinals with a win over Dudley's Tayshaun Glover in the first round, while Andrew Kimbrel (138 lbs) and Ethan Kuball (160 lbs) both lost their opening matches.

Basketball: The Chatham Central women narrowly defeated the Cummings Cavaliers, 36-30, in the semifinals of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament.

Wrestling: Seaforth had four wrestlers competing in the first round of the NCHSAA 2A Wrestling State Championships, where Layne Armstrong (113 lbs) advanced to the quarterfinals with a win by decision (15-14) over West Davidson's Abraham Taha, while Lockard Bowen (120 lbs), Chance Cody (126 lbs) and Judge Lloyd (152 lbs) all lost their opening matches.

Basketball: The Chatham Central men trounced the North Moore Mustangs, 62-43, in the semifinals of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament.

## Friday, February 18

Wrestling: Northwood (3A, Jake Dunning, 220 lbs) and Seaforth (2A, Layne Armstrong, 113 lbs) had wrestlers competing in the championship bracket on Day 2 of the NCHSAA Wrestling State Championships, with Dunning losing to North Iredell's Eddie Flores by 6-1 decision in the quarterfinals and Armstrong defeating Bunker Hill's Christian Garcia by fall in the quarterfinals before losing to R-S Central's Sumter Horton by 8-7 decision in the semifinals.

Basketball: The Chatham Charter women defeated the Clover Garden Grizzlies, 50-42, in the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Championship to claim the conference title. Leading the Knights on the evening were senior Alexis Baldwin (16 points, 17 rebounds) and junior Tamaya Walden (15 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 6 steals).

Basketball: The Northwood

women dominated the Eastern Alamance Eagles, 50-28, in the Central 3A Conference Championship game to secure the conference title and complete a perfect season in-conference. Leading the Chargers on the night were senior Olivia Porter (21 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block) and senior Natalie Bell (11 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals).

Basketball: The Seaforth women trounced the Chatham Central Bears, 56-32, in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Championship game to claim the conference title and finish undefeated in the conference. Leading the Hawks on the night were freshman Peyton Collins (26 points, 4 rebounds, 5 steals) and freshman Gabby White (14 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 6 steals).

Basketball: The Chatham Central men were trounced by the unbeaten Cummings Cavaliers in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference title game, 79-57.

Basketball: The Chatham Charter men crushed the River Mill Jaguars, 75-34, in the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Championship game to complete an unblemished conference season. Leading the Knights on the evening were junior Adam Harvey (17 points, 4 rebounds, 7 assists, 2 steals, 1 block), junior Aamir Mapp (14 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals), sophomore Aidan Allred (12 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist) and freshman Brennen Oldham (11 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block).

Basketball: The Northwood men won a thriller against the Person Rockets, 56-50, in the Central 3A Conference Championship to claim the conference title and finish the conference season unbeaten.

## Saturday, February 19

No events scheduled.

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## TOURNEY

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13 on Jan. 26 and 12 on Feb. 9.

And with the Mustangs having just upset the second-seeded Seaforth Hawks two nights earlier, 42-40, to knock them out of the tournament's opening round — after losing to them twice this season, also by 12 and 13 points — it was obvious North Moore was out for revenge.

It showed in the game's first quarter, with the Mustangs hanging alongside the Bears, even taking an early 7-5 lead on a bucket from freshman Colby Pennington, but back-to-back steals helped give the Bears a 13-7 advantage in the blink of an eye.

The Mustangs tied the game at 14 apiece by the end of the period, however, thanks to Pennington using his feet to score in the paint, then draining a 3-pointer a couple of possessions later before senior Logan Ritter hit the tying basket just before the buzzer.

Then — despite North Moore's quest to slay yet another one of their higher-seeded conference foes — Jourdan happened.

After scoring a measly 4 points in the opening period, the 6-foot-1 senior took it to the next level in the second, starting the quarter off with 8 straight points, coming from two corner 3-pointers and a transition pull-jump jumper off of a steal.

At times, it looked like he couldn't be stopped.

"Nick came out and was on fire," Burke said after the game. "I don't think he missed but one (3-pointer) in the first half."

In total, Jourdan scored 12 points in the second period, including a quartet of 3-pointers that contributed to his grand total of six that helped bury the Mustangs as the game progressed.

But, again, he was just doing his job. And his job led the Bears to what became a 33-25 halftime lead that would only grow larger.

Collin Lagenor, the Bears' 5-foot-11 senior center, also performed his job at a high level against North Moore, helping to slow down the Mustangs' offense — namely in the paint — during the second half.

He's been one of the team's biggest leaders, often playing much larger down low than his size would suggest. "The work with Lagenor inside was huge for us," Burke said. "He may not be 6-foot-4, but he knows how to put himself in position up front."

"They don't expect anything from a small guy like me," Lagenor added. "Trying to find their weakness, trying

to find my way around them. Fade-aways kind of work for me, they can't block it all of the time."

The second half was a killer for North Moore, which allowed Chatham Central to get out to a 10-point lead by the end of the third quarter, 44-34, thanks to a pair of late 3-pointers by junior Travis Crissman and Jourdan, who drilled one at the buzzer that acted as a stake through the Mustangs' hearts.

Then, in the fourth quarter, it all fell apart as North Moore struggled to put the ball in the basket, waiting until there were just 23.7 seconds left — after most starters had been taken out of the game — to score their first field goal of the period.

That shot — an and-one bucket in the paint from junior Jamorion Horne — cut the deficit to 20 points, 60-40.

The Bears had done it — they'd proved the idiom wrong.

"I was kind of worried about it going in because I know the saying," Jourdan said, "but it worked out all right."

## Strengths and weaknesses

Chatham Central's women's basketball team has plenty of expertise in the area of top-notch defense.

It's one of the cornerstones of Head Coach Lynda Burke's system.

Since conference play began on Jan. 7, the Bears have allowed more than 40 points in just three games — all to the streaking Seaforth Hawks, who won all three — and have allowed 30 or fewer in seven of those contests.

In other words, defense is kind of their thing.

And Thursday's matchup with the Cummings Cavaliers proved it.

In the first half of the conference semifinals, the Cavaliers scored 13 points, stemming from two single-digit quarters that were direct results of the Bears' physical defense that not only forced 10 turnovers, but also severely limited their opponents' ability to score the ball.

In 16 minutes of game time in the first half, the Cavaliers scored 11 of their 13 points off of free throws — and made just one total field goal.

The Bears may have gotten a little too physical at times — allowing 14 free throw attempts in the first half compared to six of their own — but it undoubtedly worked.

"In the first half, they didn't have many baskets, they had mostly free throws," Lynda Burke said. "That was big."

By the halftime break, the Bears were nursing a 21-13 lead and, thanks to their defense, were in full control of the game.



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Chatham Central junior Jaylee Williams (20) lays the ball up in the Bears' 36-30 win over the Cummings Cavaliers in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference semifinals last Thursday. Williams is one of the cornerstones of the Bears' strong defense.**

But that didn't last long.

In the third quarter, Cummings benefited from the resurgence of senior forward Jahmaria Miles — who is a major reason for the Cavaliers' bounce-back after an 0-7 start to the season — as she drew two fouls, made four free throws and scored a put-back bucket in the paint before the Bears were able to add a single point to their third-quarter box score.

Miles' second pair of free throws tied the game at 21 apiece, capping off an 8-0 run for the Cavaliers.

Later in the period, junior Dori Paylor drained a 3-pointer to give Cummings its first lead of the game, 25-23, which ended up as the score heading into the fourth quarter.

And with the Bears' sudden scoring woes and all of the momentum swinging toward the home team, it looked like it was officially the Cavaliers' game to lose.

But the Bears weren't going down without a fight.

To open the fourth period, Bears junior Kailey Green stole the ball and darted down the floor to score with ease, tying the game at 25.

It was obvious this quarter would be different than the last.

While the Bears were unable to find the basket for the rest of the game, they also made it nearly impossible for the Cavaliers to score, too.

"That's one thing I stress more than anything else is that if we stop them defensively, then the offense will come," Burke said. "because as long as we get more points than them, it doesn't matter."

In all, the Bears and Cavaliers combined for just two field goals in the entirety of the fourth quarter, with each team hitting one apiece while



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Chatham Central senior Nick Jourdan (20) shoots a jumper in the Bears' 62-43 win over the North Moore Mustangs in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference tournament semifinals. Jourdan knocked down six 3-pointers on an evening that his coach, Robert Burke, said he was 'on fire.'**

combining for nine turnovers.

With defense undoubtedly being one of the Bears' strengths, their ability to win came from one of their biggest weaknesses: free throws.

Starting at the 2:27 mark of the final period, the Bears shot 13 free throws, knocking down eight of them — including six in a row from a combination of freshman Karaleigh Dodson, senior Ivey Tillman and Green — to seal the 36-30 victory.

In that same span, Cummings shot (and naturally made) zero.

"We hit some big free throws at the end, which has not been our forte this season, but tonight they came in big," Burke said. "The second half was kind of rough, but we pulled it through because those free throws were huge."

After their conference championship losses, Chatham Central's men's and women's teams earned the No. 10 and No. 9 seeds in their respective NCHSAA 1A East brackets, with both securing home playoff games that begin on Tuesday (after the News + Record's press time).

It'll be a shot for their strengths — senior leadership for the men, hard-nosed defense for the women — to take them as far as they can.

They've already proven that it's possible to exceed expectations.

Why not do it again?

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2021-22 NCHSAA WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# 'Wait till next year': Chargers, Hawks come up empty-handed, get much-needed experience in wrestling state tournaments

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**Seaforth 113-pounder Layne Armstrong (left) readies himself to take on West Davidson's Abraham Taha in the 1st round of the NCHSAA 2A Wrestling State Championships, where Armstrong won the first state tournament match in Seaforth history with a 15-14 decision victory to advance. Armstrong went on to place 6th in the 113-pound division after falling just short in the semifinals.**

GREENSBORO — Seaforth grappler Layne Armstrong looked like he was down for the count.

He was trailing, 9-0, against an aggressive Abraham Taha of West Davidson in the opening round of the NCHSAA 2A State Wrestling Championships. But Armstrong staged an unbelievable comeback to win, 15-14, and advance to Friday's second round.

Armstrong, a 113-pounder, notched the first-ever win for a Seaforth wrestler at a state championship tournament. He and 3A 220-pounder Jake Dunning of Northwood were the only Chatham County wrestlers to advance in the winner's bracket after the first day.

Dunning had to go in deep water for a 4-4 overtime win against Tayshaun Glover of Dudley.

Five Chatham County wrestlers got knocked off in the opening round and dropped down into the consolation bracket: Andrew Kimbrel (138 lbs.) and Ethan Kuball (160 lbs.) for the Chargers; Lockard Bowen (120 lbs.), Chance Cody (126 lbs.) and Judge Lloyd (152 lbs.) for the Hawks.

"We're a brand new program," Seaforth coach Ryan Armstrong said, justifiably proud of the season the Hawks have put together. "We have four kids at the state tournament. Out of the four, there's only one that's ever wrestled more than a year."

That would be his son, Layne.

Stepping out into the Greensboro Coliseum, the mecca of North Carolina high school wrestling, is every wrestler's dream. But it also can be intimidating for the uninitiated.

"This is the first time these three (first-year) kids have actually wrestled in front of 300 people, 400 people. It's huge," Armstrong said. "We watched them when we walked there out. It was amazing to see their awe factor, like 'Wow!' ... We've got to do a better job on our

part to work out the freshman jitters."

Seaforth assistant coach Pete Rogers said nerves played a part in Layne Armstrong's disastrous first period before he came alive in the opening round like Popeye after downing a can of spinach.

"For him to just keep coming and coming and be able to come back, people don't do that normally, especially at a state tournament," Rogers said. "You're not able to come back from that many (points down), so he had to put some things together in order to make that happen. It was just super exciting."

Taha came out super-charged to start the bout, while Armstrong played defense and blocked shots. It began to unravel when Armstrong was called for an illegal headlock, and Taha followed that up with a double leg blast for a 3-0 lead. The West Davidson wrestler then slapped on a tight armbar and walked it around the head for three back points, then picked up a second penalty point to lead 7-0.

The wrestlers started neutral in the second period, and Taha scored on another double leg takedown. Armstrong escaped, and rocked Taha with a headlock and three back points

to trim the lead to 9-6, but he overextended and Taha rolled him through for a reversal and an 11-6 lead.

In the final period, Taha was gassed, while Armstrong poured it on, playing take-him-down, let-him-up. Armstrong cranked a front headlock to bull Taha backwards for a takedown and back points, and ripped a second headlock and back points to clinch the 15-14 victory.

While that match was going on, Ryan Armstrong was at the other end of the coliseum in Bowen's corner for a match against Josh Novak of Southwest Onslow.

"He ran into a tough kid. A senior. Josh is a freshman. He never wrestled before and he's at the Big Dance," Armstrong said.

After falling behind 3-1, Bowen made an ill-fated move and got caught in a pin.

"It happens. We know it," Armstrong said.

Cody had a stiff challenge against Caleb Deaton of Lincoln, who won the West regional tournament. Deaton got an immediate single leg takedown, immobilized Cody with an armbar and post, and walked around the head to flatten the Hawk with 30 seconds remaining in the first period.

Lloyd had the misfortune of drawing Jeremiah Price of Surry Central, a two-time NCHSAA state champion with an unblemished 38-0 record this year. Price, an N.C. State commit who has only lost one high school match and has won high school All-American honors, needed just 10 seconds to drop Lloyd to the mat and clamp him with a cradle.

While pleased to have taken contingents to states, Ryan Armstrong and Northwood Head Coach Joe Harris are already looking to build on that foundation for their teams next year and beyond.

Ryan Armstrong issued a prediction that sports fans might remember as the oft-repeated rallying cry of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"Wait till next year," he said. But you get the feeling listening to Ryan Armstrong that it might not take him as long to turn the Hawks into a championship dynamo as it took the long-suffering Dodgers.

"We're extremely excited," he said. "We're going to make a stand next year at the state tournament in both the duals and the individual, and we're really going to make a stand these kids' junior year."

Aside from his son Layne, 126-pounder Chance Cody was the only other Seaforth wrestler to win a bout — a first-round consolation tilt.

"Layne lost 8-7 in the semis, and that kid (Sumter Horton of RS-Central) ended up winning the state championship. (Layne) was up 7-6 with 20 seconds left and the call didn't go our way, and the kid got 2 points" to advance to the finals, Ryan Armstrong said.

"Layne never recovered from the loss on Friday night," Ryan Armstrong said. He dropped his next two consolation matches to settle for 6th place.

When it was all over, Cody was one of Seaforth's biggest surprises.

"The kid came in with a losing record to states, probably should have been knocked out in the first two rounds," Armstrong said.

"In his first consolation,

he was getting beat, and he pushed to the end" — to oust Jemarion Folks of Ayden-Grifton by a 7-6 score, Ryan Armstrong said. "We keep telling everybody we're a force to be reckoned with when it comes to the third period. ... We're not gassing in the period. We take advantage of those who don't put the work in."

As for Northwood, who had three wrestlers at states behind Harris' first-year leadership, there's plenty of hope surging through the locker room.

"I think that these guys have a chance to be a very strong team," Harris said. "They have to come in and put in the work. We can give them the tools they need, but they have to be the ones to work at it and apply it."

Kimbrel at 138 lbs. and Ethan Kuball at 160 lbs. got bad draws right out of the chute, matched with No. 1 seeds who sent them immediately to the consolation bracket. Dunning won his first match at 220 lbs., but lost in the quarterfinals and again in his first consolation match to end his tournament.

"I think they were excited to be there," Harris said. "I know they all wanted to go farther so they were disappointed as well, but they all had good spirits afterwards."

Kimbrel is a senior, but Kuball and Dunning will be back next year.

"Jake and Ethan are wanting to get into the camps and get into the summer stuff and come back next year and hopefully go farther," Harris said.

He wants to take the Chargers to a summer team camp at Appalachian State, and will be distributing information for day camps and other summer clinics to his wrestlers. He plans to offer weight training and practice time over the summer, as well.

"We've got a lot of returning guys," Harris said. "Hopefully the guys who have been here this year will come in next year and help the new guys coming and get them straight, and tell them what they saw here and tell them that they've got to put in the work if they want to go that far."

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# CCCC golf ready for 2022 spring season

From Central Carolina Community College

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College golf coach Jonathan Hockaday looks forward to coaching the 2022 spring edition of the CCCC golf team.

“I am really looking forward to seeing what this team can accomplish. We have the potential to compete to win some tournaments,” said Coach Hockaday. “We have some freshmen who have made good progress since the fall season that should be a big part of any success we have.”

Members of the team are, with high schools and hometowns listed: Preston Cox (Chatham Central H.S., Bear Creek), Cole McBurnett (Southern Lee H.S., Sanford), Noah Ritch (Providence Grove H.S., Climax), and Henry Sapienza (Northwood H.S., Chapel Hill).

“This will be a successful season if our guys continue to put in the work at practice and compete to win tournaments,” said Coach Hockaday. “The guys have really come together and enjoy competing with and against each other and I think that will push each of them to continue to improve.”

The schedule:  
 March 7-8 – Cougar Classic at Quail Ridge Golf Course (Sanford)  
 March 21-22 – at 2022 Golf Pride Spring Intercollegiate at Longleaf Golf & Family Club (Southern Pines)  
 April 4-5 – at Storm Invitational (Colonial Country Club, Thomasville)  
 TBA – National Junior College Athletic Association Region 10 Division 3 Regional Championship at Longleaf Golf & Family Club (Southern Pines) and Quail Ridge Golf Course (Sanford).

## CONFERENCE

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Out of the timeout, Outlaw made a big-time block in the paint, sending the ball out of bounds and into the lobby, causing the Person crowd to burst into an uproar of excitement.

But the Chargers immediately responded with a bucket from 6-foot-8 junior Max Frazier off of the inbound pass, then Northwood sophomore Fred Whitaker Jr. tied the game at 10 apiece with a mid-range jumper.

Outlaw then muscled in for a powerful dunk that gave the Person fans and bench much-needed exhilaration. However, that joy would quickly manifest into shouts of frustration due to the controversial foul call on Outlaw shortly after that play.

Concluding the first quarter, Frazier blocked a shot at the buzzer, keeping the game tied at 12 going into the second period.

Whitaker jumped out at the beginning of the second quarter, making three consecutive mid-range jumpers for six unanswered points. The Rockets further assisted the Chargers with their poor ball handling that led to several steals and out-of-bound turnovers.

Powell also capitalized on the Rockets’ miscues, draining two consecutive field goals and a free throw to extend the Chargers’ lead to seven points.

Person freshman DaeJon Hodge halted the Charger scoring spree with a field goal of his own in the paint, but Whitaker responded with a spin move to the basket, capping off his 8-point splurge.

“We dug some big deficits for ourselves in the first two games and could never respond and come back,” Rockets coach Charles Dacus said following the teams’ third matchup of the season.

It seemed like history was bound to repeat itself, with Chargers sophomore Griffin Hobbs draining his first 3-pointer of the night with just under a minute to go in the half.

But the Chargers weren’t done yet as Powell knocked down a 3-pointer at the buzzer, giving Northwood a 13-point lead going into the break.

The Rockets definitely needed a push to get them back into the game, and Outlaw delivered. He made an and-one dunk to open the second half, but Parrish stifled the Rockets’ attack, answering back with a dunk of his own to get the Chargers’ crowd on its feet.

Following a couple of back-and-forth plays between the two teams, the Rockets had the whole gym blown away



## County of Champions

The Northwood women’s basketball team poses with the Central 3A conference championship trophy after defeating the Eastern Alamance Eagles, 50-28, in the conference title game last Friday.

Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Last week, five teams across the county won their respective conference basketball tournaments: the Chatham Charter men and women (Central Tar Heel 1A), Northwood men and women (Central 3A) and Seaforth women (Mid-Carolina 1A/2A). Here, the Seaforth women’s basketball team poses for photos after defeating the Chatham Central Bears, 56-32, in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference title game last Friday.

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The Chatham Charter men’s and women’s basketball teams pose for photos after sweeping both Central Tar Heel 1A conference tournaments last week. The women’s team defeated the Clover Garden Grizzlies in the conference title game, 50-42, while the men’s team trounced the River Mill Jaguars, 75-34, to claim the title.

when junior Julian Crawley slammed home an alley-oop pass.

But the fun didn’t stop there.

Later, Bumphus took the ball down the court speedily, soaring for a stunning fastbreak dunk. Shouts and chants erupted from the Person’s crowd and bench that would, once again, morph into angry cries once a technical foul was called on Bumphus.

With 3:16 left in the third, Hobbs made another 3-pointer to give the Chargers an 11-point lead, but just as Outlaw had started the quarter for the Rockets, he closed it out for them by hitting two free throws to shorten the deficit, 41-34, going into the game’s final period.

Outlaw once again refused to be denied in the paint by scoring an and-one in the low post, knocking down the free throw to start off the final eight minutes of game time.

Parrish gave the Chargers a little more breathing room by making two field goals, followed up with an exclamatory dunk from Powell with 6:06 to play.

Then, Person sophomore Isaiah Smith and Bumphus each made a field goal, cutting the Chargers lead to eight points, 49-41. Following a much-needed field goal for the Chargers by Parrish, Outlaw scored again under the basket. Pettiford then fouled Whitaker and sent him to line, with Whitaker knocking down both free throws to make it 53-43 Northwood.

After a missed free throw from the Chargers, a field goal from Crawley and a forced turnover on the Chargers, the Rockets quickly made their way back into the game, only trailing by four with under a minute to go.

But, in an effort to milk the clock, the Chargers passed the ball around in a game of keep-away. The Rockets then intentionally fouled with 30 seconds left and Whitaker missed his free throw, breathing life into the Rockets.

However, a missed 3-pointer from the Rockets and two free throws from Whitaker gave the Chargers a comfortable five-point lead and effectively sealed both the game and the conference championship.

After a hard-fought performance on both ends, the All-Tournament team was announced, consisting of three Chargers — Whitaker, Powell and Parrish — along with two Rockets in Outlaw and Crawley.

With an undefeated conference title-winning season in hand, the 6-seeded Chargers face off against the No. 27 Havelock Rams in the first round of the NCHSAA 3A state playoffs on Tuesday, a game that took place after the News + Record’s press deadline.



## Chatham COA Events & Announcements

February 24th through March 2nd

### Thursday, February 24th

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM

### Friday, February 25th

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM
- [Strong & Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM
- [Strong & Fit w/Jackie](#) at 10:00 AM

### Monday, February 28th

- [Strong & Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM
- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 10:00 AM

### Tuesday, March 1st

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM
- [Strong & Fit w/Jackie](#) at 10:00 AM

### Wednesday, March 2nd

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM
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- [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 10:00 AM

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The COA has temporarily suspended in-person activities and classes through at least Monday, February 28. All listed programs will be available virtually via the Zoom platform. Registration is available through the Council on Aging’s website.

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# PLAYOFFS

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The Chatham Central men are an interesting case.

After ending the season with a losing overall record (9-10), they became the highest seed in the 1A East with a sub-.500 record after securing the No. 10 spot, which also makes them the only team in their region to host a playoff game with a losing record.

Despite the team's overall record, however, the Bears are more than qualified to be here.

They started the season 3-9 with defeats to the likes of Chatham Charter (two losses, No. 1 seed in 1A East) and Cummings (two losses, No. 3 seed in 2A East), before winning six of their final eight games (including another loss to Cummings) to finish third in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference, including first place in the 1A portion of their conference and a trip to the conference title game.

The Bears are centered around a physical nature, a tough defense and a mixture of veteran leaders — namely the trio of seniors Nick Jordan, Collin Lagenor and Colby Williamson — and impressive newcomers — like freshman Reid Albright and senior Malachi Moore, who is playing organized basketball for the first time in years.

The Bears may have a tough road ahead to prove they can consistently win outside of their conference, but if they can continue the trajectory they've been on with recent electric shooting performances, they've got a chance to make it further than last season (past the second round).

## Men's 2A

### Seaforth Hawks

**Record:** 12-9 (9-3 in Mid-Carolina)

**Conference:** Mid-Carolina 1A/2A (lost in 1st round)

**Seed:** No. 27, 2A East  
**First Round Opponent:** at No. 6 Goldsboro, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**Potential Second Round Matchup:** at No. 11 Louisburg OR vs. No. 22 Princeton, Thursday

The Seaforth Hawks are making their first playoff appearance in school history.

And they'll surely have their hands full with a Goldsboro (18-4) team that hasn't lost a game since Dec. 30.

But as a team with strictly freshmen and sophomores, Seaforth has overachieved after a rocky 1-5 start that saw them lose a couple of games by more than 30 points as their season looked to be spiraling.

Since then, however, the Hawks have found their stride, winning 11 of the next 13 to propel themselves to the top of the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference.

Their conference season ended abruptly after an upset loss to North Moore in the first round of the conference tournament, 42-40, last week, but if any team can



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

**Seaforth freshman Gabby White tosses up a 3-pointer in the Hawks' 71-28 blowout win over the Jordan-Matthews Jets on Jan. 7 in Pittsboro.**

bounce back from a bad loss or two, it's Seaforth.

The Hawks are led by star sophomore Jarin Stevenson, who leads the team in three of the five major per-game categories: points (20.6), rebounds (11.3) and blocks (3.5).

He's a 6-foot-8 forward with the skill set of a guard who can hit a much-needed clutch 3-pointer or slam home a soul-crushing dunk — he's versatile in that way.

With Stevenson, who's already received college offers from UNC, N.C. State and Virginia, anything is possible.

And it's especially possible with a supporting cast like freshman Noah Lewis (3.4 assists-per-game, 2.2 steals per game), sophomore Chris Walker (7.9 PPG) and sophomore Lochlan Hadix (4.8 PPG), each bringing their own unique abilities to the table.

If the Hawks can cut down on turnovers — they average 16.2 per game — and muster some offense outside of Stevenson, they'll have a shot of not only upsetting Goldsboro, but putting future opponents on upset alert, too.

## Men's 3A

### Northwood Chargers

**Record:** 21-3 (12-0 in Central)

**Conference:** Central 3A (champion)

**Seed:** No. 6, 3A East  
**First Round Opponent:** vs. No. 27 Havelock, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Potential Second Round Matchup:** vs. No. 11 West Brunswick OR vs. No. 22 Westover, Thursday

It's been said all season long: Northwood smells blood in the water.

This time last year, the Chargers and their trio of unbelievable freshmen — guard Drake Powell, guard Fred Whitaker Jr. and forward Jarin Stevenson — were making an even more jaw-dropping run to the NCHSAA 3A state title game, where they fell just short to the Weddington Warriors, 57-46.

And they're bound to be tired of hearing about it.

Now, despite losing Stevenson to Seaforth, Northwood may be even more well-equipped to sustain a title run this year with height being their biggest weapon.

Of the Chargers' five

leading scorers this season, only one of them is shorter than 6-foot-4: Whitaker (5-foot-9; 13.4 PPG).

The others — Powell (6-foot-6; 15.6 PPG), junior Max Frazier (6-foot-8; 7.9 PPG), junior Kenan Parrish (6-foot-11; 7.8 PPG) and sophomore Griffin Hobbs (6-foot-4; 6.3 PPG) — pose a major challenge for teams which may only have one or two big guys to throw on the floor.

Two of the Chargers' most important building blocks, Powell and Whitaker, have only improved since last season's championship run, leading the team to a three-loss regular season and runaway conference title.

In the last two seasons, Matt Brown, the Chargers' fifth-year head coach, has had losses in the Final Four and the state title game, respectively.

Will this finally be the year his team gets over the hump and earns its first championship ring?

## Women's 1A

### Chatham Central Bears

**Record:** 12-12 (9-2 in Mid-Carolina)

**Conference:** Mid-Carolina 1A/2A (runner-up)

**Seed:** No. 9, 1A East  
**First Round Opponent:** vs. No. 24 Voyager Academy, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Potential Second Round Matchup:** at No. 8 Ocracoke OR vs. No. 25 Triangle Math & Science, Thursday

Chatham Central women's basketball is another example of a team overcoming a slow start to not only make the playoffs, but claim one of the state's top seeds.

On Dec. 30, the Bears were stuck with a 2-9 record after a brutal non-conference schedule, but then, a switch flipped.

The Bears began wrecking teams with their lock-down defense, going through the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference season allowing just 31 points per game (26 PPG to teams not named Seaforth).

They're led by a strong group of six seniors, including Ivey Tillman and Lindsey Johnson, both of which seem to specialize in hitting important, momentum-swinging shots, while freshman Karaleigh Dodson controls the paint, swarms the ball and has mastered the art of putbacks, even at such a young age.

Their defense, however, is much like their offense: a team effort.

Whether it's hard-to-track firecrackers like junior Jaylee Williams, smart playmakers like senior Sadie Gaines or swift pickpocketers like Kailley Green, the Bears have no shortage of defensive specialists.

And that's just the way Head Coach Lynda Burke likes it.

## Chatham Charter Knights

**Record:** 18-8 (7-1 in Central Tar Heel)

**Conference:** Central Tar Heel 1A (champion)  
**Seed:** No. 5, 1A East  
**First Round Opponent:**



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Chatham Charter junior Adam Harvey (20) and freshman Beau Harvey (22) walk down the floor after a whistle in the Knights' 61-35 win over the Bears in Siler City on Dec. 10.**

vs. No. 28 Warren County, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

**Potential Second Round Matchup:** vs. No. 12 Clover Garden OR vs. No. 21 Weldon, Thursday

The Chatham Charter Knights ripped and tore their way through the Central Tar Heel 1A conference, dominating the third-place Woods Charter Wolves by a combined 85 points in three games and taking two out of three contests from the regular-season champion Clover Garden Grizzlies.

They did so on the back of junior guard Tamaya Walden (21.8 PPG), who scored her 1,000th career point just a couple of weeks ago in a season that's seen her become a breakout star in Siler City.

She's been described as both the team's glue and its engine by Head Coach Jeff Patterson, who has talked extensively about what Walden brings to the table: a positive attitude, all sorts of leadership qualities and a desire to not only score the ball, but put her teammates in position to do the same.

But outside of Walden, the Knights have double-double machine Alexis Baldwin, who averages 11.5 PPG and 10.5 RPG and has racked up 14 games with a double-double, including performances with 17 and 18 rebounds in her last two games, respectively.

She's always been able to nab boards, but Patterson has praised her for finally improving upon her putback skills, solidifying her force-to-be-reckoned-with status.

They've also gotten a lot from the selfless play of sophomore Delana Loflin, who not only leads the team in assists-per-game with 3.3, but also has become a much-improved scorer (8.9 PPG) and one of the Knights' most crucial turnover creators.

Just like their male counterparts, the Knights are aiming to bounce back from a rough first-round playoff game last season — a 78-43 loss to Robbinsville — and with the weapons they have, don't be surprised if it happens.

## Woods Charter Wolves

**Record:** 11-6 (4-4 in Central Tar Heel)

**Conference:** Central Tar Heel 1A (lost in 2nd round)

**Seed:** No. 17, 1A East  
**First Round Opponent:** at No. 16 Southside, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

**Potential Second Round Matchup:** at No. 1 Bertie OR vs. No. 32 Cape Hatteras, Thursday

The Woods Charter Wolves have had a rough go of it lately.

After jumping out to a scalding-hot unbeaten start at 6-0, the Wolves have since lost six of the last 11, with five of those losses coming from the top teams in the Central Tar Heel 1A conference, Chatham Charter (18-8) and Clover Garden (23-5), with the other coming at the hands of the sub-.500 Eno River Bobcats (10-13).

The Wolves have dealt with some depth issues this season — most notably during their conference-opener on Jan. 14, where they defeated the Triangle Math & Science Tigers, 55-41, with just five active players — but have managed to have successful year under Head Coach Princess Alston, despite being the lone Chatham team that opted not to play during the COVID-shortened 2020-21 season.

Much of the Wolves' success stems from the play of senior guard Emi Hutter-Demarco, who is easily the most experienced player of the bunch after deciding to play with the men's team last season, and sophomore Lexi Smollen, who is the team's leading scorer (18.6 PPG) in just her first season playing high school basketball.

But there's also sophomore guard Chloe Mitchell (10.6 PPG), who is helping to lead a sophomore class alongside Lexi Smollen that Alston gushed about before the start of the season.

If the Wolves are able to upset No. 16 Southside (13-7) in the opening round, they may have a major test against No. 1 Bertie (16-4), which will give them a shot to reclaim their early-season magic and prove that their recent slide has been nothing but a fluke.

## Women's 2A

### Seaforth Hawks

**Record:** 18-7 (12-0 in Mid-Carolina)

**Conference:** Mid-Carolina 1A/2A (champions)

**Seed:** No. 9, 2A East  
**First Round Opponent:** vs. No. 24 Kinston, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

**Potential Second Round Matchup:** at No. 8 Whiteville OR vs. No. 25 Red Springs, Thursday

The Seaforth Hawks have not only shined in their first season as a program.

They've looked brilliant.

When the smoke cleared at the end of the regular season, the Hawks had won the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A regular-season conference title, the conference tournament title and finished the conference season with a perfect 12-0 record (14-0 if you count the tournament), a feat unheard of for a team consisting of 14-16-year-olds.

Together, the Hawks make up a squad that's found its rhythm at the perfect time, led by Swiss Army knife Gabby White, a fast-paced freshman guard that can quite literally do it all — score the ball with finesse, grab rebounds regardless of the size crowding around her and intercept passes on the level of some of football's savviest cornerbacks.

But she's not their only weapon.

They've also got Peyton Collins, a 5-foot-7 freshman guard who's slowly coming along as one of the Hawks' top scoring options, as illustrated by

her 26-point performance in the conference title game against Chatham Central last Friday.

Then, there's Hannah Ajayi — described by her coach, Charles Byrd, as the team's "heartbeat" and default leader by being the team's lone sophomore — and Sydney Ballard, a 6-foot-2 freshman forward who seems to improve her post skills weekly as she navigates through her first season of high school basketball.

When you put all of these pieces together, you've got a team full of freshmen (and one sophomore) that's chomping at the bit to make their program's first season a memorable one.

Typically, a brand new team with little experience would rarely have a shot at a deep playoff run, much less a state title.

Lucky for them, however, they're about as atypical as they come.

## Women's 3A

### Northwood Chargers

**Record:** 24-1 (12-0 in Central)

**Conference:** Central 3A (champion)

**Seed:** No. 2, 3A East  
**First Round Opponent:** vs. No. 31 Swansboro, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Potential Second Round Matchup:** vs. No. 15 Fike OR vs. No. 18 Triton, Thursday

There aren't many teams that have had more dominant seasons than the Northwood Chargers.

In fact, most of their games haven't even been competitive.

The Chargers' 24 wins have come by an average margin of victory of 33 points, having racked up a staggering 23 wins by double-digits, including 20 wins by 20-plus points, 14 wins by 30-plus points and nine wins by 40-plus points.

They've crushed smaller schools, shockingly embarrassed larger ones — they're 5-1 against 4A teams — and haven't discriminated in the butt-whoooping department: they'll give one to just about anybody.

And as impressive as their season's been, it's also a little surprising, given they lost some talent due to graduation and transfers last summer after their Final Four run last year.

But the players from last year's team that didn't get quite as much shine, like senior guards Natalie Bell and Myla Marve, have excelled this season under first-year head coach Kerri Snipes.

In fact, the Chargers' abundance of talented guards is borderline unfair.

Whether it's Bell, Marve, sophomore Skylar Adams or junior Giannia McManaman, Northwood's stacked with a backcourt that can score when needed, dish out assists to open shooters and play defense with the best of 'em.

But there isn't a guard — or player — that means more to the Chargers' entire operation than senior Olivia Porter, who transferred to Northwood last summer from Auburn High School in Alabama.

Porter leads the Chargers in all major per-game statistical categories besides blocks — points (18.1), rebounds (6.4), assists (3.7) and steals (4.1) — and has provided the energy, scoring and defensive prowess needed to keep Northwood alive as one of the top teams in the 3A classification.

Pair Porter with junior forward Te'Keyah Bland — a game-wrecker in the paint that's starting to find her groove after missing a good chunk of the season with a leg injury — and you've got a recipe for a deep playoff run and a chance at avenging last season's Final Four defeat.



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# Leto remains in the corner of Chatham's seniors

BY JIMMY LEWIS  
Chatham Council on Aging

**I do really keep busy with this. I'm just so fortunate that I'm healthy and able to do these things.**

**ROBIN LETO, COA volunteer**

up with the Chatham County Council on Aging and started to assist with the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) as a counselor, advising clients on the best way to achieve Medicare savings.

Although Leto found her volunteer work with SHIIP rewarding, her role would soon shift. While at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro roughly five years ago, Leto bumped into Alan Russo, nutrition site manager. It was there where Leto began to put her dietician skills to work, collaborating with Russo on the menu options for Meals on Wheels clients and congregating members who travel to both centers for a daily meal when open.

"It's gotten more complicated," Leto said. "During the lockdown, we had congregating people and were sending out frozen meals and shelf-stable meals. We had to make sure it was adequate."

While Leto remains active in the Council's nutrition program, her advocacy for Chatham's seniors recently went to another level. In January, Leto became Chatham's delegate to the Senior Tar Heel Legislature, replacing Ed Regan. Previously, Leto had served as alternate.

The Senior Tar Heel Legislature is meant to mimic the North Carolina General Assembly, with each county entitled to one delegate. Most counties have alternates at the ready; they must be 60 years of age or older to serve.



Courtesy of the Council on Aging

**Robin Leto's advocacy for seniors in Chatham County has extended into older adulthood, serving as Chatham's delegate to the Senior Tar Heel Legislature. Leto, a dietician, also works with shaping food menus at the Chatham County Council on Aging.**

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Leto stepped into the alter-

nate role after recently-retired COA executive director Dennis Streets sought someone to fill the spot. The group sets rotating priorities every two years and attempts to advance senior-related legislation through communication with elected officials.

"We advocate for seniors," Leto said. "If there are bills in the legislature that will help seniors, we will talk to representatives and state senators to help us pass bills. It's not hard to talk to our representa-

tives. We have five legislative priorities for two years, and every other year we look at those again and try to continue. Sometimes, they have been passed."

Increasing funding for the Home and Community Care Block Grant, which covers in-home and community-based services available through the North Carolina Division of Aging, is among the priorities. Others are maintaining or increasing funding for senior centers, increasing funding for Project CARE (Caregivers Running on Empty), strengthening and funding the North Carolina Adult Protective Services program, and to have a staff-to-patient ratio requirement in nursing homes.

The latter priority is the most important for Leto. While she sees the available staffing as capable, sometimes they're simply overwhelmed.

"Sometimes, care is so poor," Leto said. "There are not enough hands."

However, that's something Leto intends to rectify, one legislative session at a time.

"I do really keep busy with this," Leto said. "I'm just so fortunate that I'm healthy and able to do these things. When I see some people that are 65 and over, they just aren't physically able to volunteer. So, I'm very lucky that I can do that."

# Robert Logan sworn in as interim commissioner for District 4

Board honors Crawford, hears ARPA fund requests and designates 'George Moses Horton' highway

BY KEITH T. BARBER  
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PITTSBORO — Robert Logan is now officially the interim commissioner for District 4 after being sworn in by retired Judge Carl Fox during the Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting Monday night.

Chatham commissioners had unanimously appointed Logan, the former Chatham County Schools Superintendent, in a 3-0 vote two weeks ago. Logan will fill the seat vacated by the retirement of Jim Crawford, who was recognized by the board for his service to Chatham County during Monday's meeting.

"My fellow commissioners and I are thrilled to welcome Robert to the Board, and we are grateful that he stepped forward to serve in this important role as Chatham County continues to grow and evolve," Chairperson Karen Howard previously said in county release. "We look forward to working with Robert as he brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion which will serve our Board and community well."

A number of other recently retired Chatham County employees were also recognized for their years of service Monday, including Tracy Rivera, who worked in Emergency Communications for 30 years, and Charles Gardner, who became the first African American Chief Deputy in the 250-year history of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office in July 2018. Gardner retired earlier this month after serving the Sheriff's Office for 25 years.

During the public comment period, a number of Chatham residents shared their thoughts on how the county could best spend funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which was signed into law last year by President Joe Biden and provides \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments.

Gretchen Smith encouraged commissioners to use ARPA funds for land conservation

and easements along the Haw River. Smith said investing in land conservation would create a robust outdoor recreation economy in Chatham while mitigating impacts to the county's watershed. Smith suggested using the federal funds to create a new position within county government to oversee the protection and conservation of green space and public access to the Haw River.

James Garbutt also encouraged the board to use ARPA funds for land conservation initiatives along the Haw River. The protection of nature trails adjacent to the river could be accomplished by land purchases and easements, he said.

Time spent in nature offers mental and physical health benefits, he added, and ensuring clean drinking water for all Chatham residents should always be a top priority.

"I emphasize protecting land along the Haw River is a transformative action," Garbutt said. "Be bold, be transformative and be remembered as a board that improved the lives of all residents for years to come."

Melanie York, an advocate for Chatham's homeless citizens, urged commissioners to allocate ARPA funds to address the homeless population in Chatham County. York cited a nationwide push by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide 70,000 emergency housing vouchers to local public housing authorities as evidence of a homelessness crisis in the nation.

Courtney Cooper-Lewter of the County Manager's Office said the county had already held four community conversations to give residents an opportunity to offer input on possible uses of ARPA funding, with four more events planned for next month. The next community conversation will be held at Chatham Central High School on Tuesday, March 8, beginning at 6 p.m.

In other business, the board approved a rezoning request for Herndon Farms One — a planned mixed-use community for those 55 and over, to

be located on U.S. Hwy. 15-501 between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro. However, a request for approval submitted by Chad Abbott, project engineer of Ridgecrest Estates — a subdivision to be located off Hamlets Chapel Road — failed to pass the board for lack of a second.

Howard acknowledged the approval process has been a long road for the developer, but defended the rationale behind the arduous nature of the process.

"What we hope is those difficult conversations continue internally because we're never getting the green space back," Howard said.

Commissioner Mike Dasher objected to the way the approval process unfolded, stating the board was abdicating its responsibility by not voting on the proposal.

"This is a crazy, crazy way to do things," he said.

Commissioners also approved a resolution to honor George Moses Horton, a Chatham County poet who became the first African American man to have a book printed and distributed in the antebellum South. The board approved resolved to request that the N.C. Dept. of Transportation recognize 15-501 U.S. highway from the Orange County line to the Deep River and Lee County line with the honorary designation of "George Moses Horton Highway."

**Other action:**

- The board unanimously approved Howard's nomination of Tom Bender to the Board of Equalization and Review.
- Dasher's nomination to the Triangle J Council of Government's Board of Delegates was also approved unanimously.

- Commissioners also approved a letter to be sent to the N.C. Public Utilities Commission on behalf of the board proclaiming its support of House Bill 951. Last October, Gov. Roy Cooper signed the Energy Solutions for North Carolina bill into law. The law requires that the state utility commission work toward achieving a 70% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions coming

from power plants owned or operated by electric public utilities from 2005 levels by the year 2030, and carbon neutrality by the year 2050.

- County Manager Dan LaMontagne announced effective March 7, the county would make indoor

masking optional in all county buildings. The announcement comes shortly after the Chatham County Board of Education's vote earlier this month to begin moving toward optional indoor masking beginning March 7. He cited a significant drop in

newly reported cases of COVID-19 statewide as one of the reasons the county decided to relax its indoor masking requirements.

"We hope [the trend] continues," he said, "and hopefully we won't see another surge anytime soon."



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# CCCC recognizes Bradley's support of college, region

From Central Carolina Community College

PITTSBORO — Kirk J. Bradley has been an integral part of the greater Central Carolina area for many years. His community involvement has included strong support and commitment to Central Carolina Community College.

In his honor, the college's student center at CCCC's Chatham Health Sciences Center (CHSC) is now recognized as the Kirk J. Bradley Student Center. A celebration of this recognition took place on Friday at the CCCC CHSC facility, located in the Briar Chapel area of Chatham County.

Programs at the facility include Medical Assisting, Nurse Aide, EMS (Emergency Medical Services)/EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), Health & Fitness Science, and BioWork.

"It is wonderful to have partners who are great strategic thinkers; however, it's best to have someone who's not only a strategic thinker but who also has the ability to get things done. I think that Kirk is the epitome of that," said CCCC President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman. "He has been as supportive as any community member the college could ask for."

Also saluting Mr. Bradley were Lynda Turbeville, chairperson of the CCCC Foundation Board of Directors, and George Lucier, member of the CCCC Board of Trustees and the CCCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Bradley and his wife, Deanne, toured the facility before the celebration that included college officials, family and friends. "The commitment that our elected officials have made, our school boards have made, and the community college has made is making a difference," Bradley said. "I thank you for this honor ... I thank you for the opportunity and all my friends and family that came today to support me in this. It's just a real honor. And I thank you."

Bradley serves as chairman, president and CEO of Lee-Moore Capital Company in Sanford — a private, family-owned business that operates in the real estate investment and venture capital industries. Currently, Bradley is also manager of Eco CP Partners LLC in the development of Mosaic at Chatham Park, a 750,000-square-foot mixed use project, as well as

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**DR. EMILY C. HARE,**  
*CCCC Foundation Executive Director*

Northwood Landing in Chatham County. He's also president of the Governors Club Development Corp., which developed the 27-hole Jack Nicklaus community of the same name — as well as the mixed-use community Governors Village.

Bradley also developed Central Carolina Enterprise Park, a 240-acre industrial property in Sanford, in 2016. It is a public/private project with the City of Sanford, County of Lee, Lee-Moore Capital, and local investors, along with Samet Corporation.

Bradley has been involved in several other residential, retail and commercial projects in North and South Carolina, including the 260,000-sq.-ft. Walmart Supercenter anchored Huffman Mill Plaza in Burlington.

He's also a partner in Chatham Media Group LLC, the owner of the News + Record.

"I've been blessed by supportive parents who believed in education that prepared me for my career," Bradley said.

"Since then, my wife and daughters have provided tremendous support to me throughout my life. As to our company, we've always had great people and being in Sanford has been a true blessing. Lee and Chatham Counties are great places to invest and do business. I've known that my entire career, I'm just glad the rest of the world is catching up!"

His philanthropic and civic involvement has included serving as chairman of the innovative Central Carolina Works program, in which he helped to conceptualize and raise the \$750,000 seed capital for the program.

"I'm very proud to have been a part of it," Bradley said. "I think it fundamentally sets the CCCC service area apart in North Carolina and that's why we are having so much economic development success." Central Carolina Works



Courtesy of CCCC

**In honor of the strong support and commitment Kirk J. Bradley (center) has provided to Central Carolina Community College, the college's student center at CCCC's Chatham Health Sciences Center (CHSC) is now recognized as the Kirk J. Bradley Student Center. A celebration of this recognition took place on Friday, Feb. 18, at the CCCC CHSC facility located in Chatham County. Among those joining in the celebration were former CCCC President Dr. T. Eston 'Bud' Marchant (left) and current CCCC President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman (right).**

served as an educational initiative by a consortium including Central Carolina Community College, education (Chatham County Schools, Harnett County Schools and Lee County Schools), business, industry and community leaders.

CCW funded the placement of career coaches in each of the public high schools in Chatham, Harnett and Lee counties. Career coaches work one-on-one with students to help them take advantage of the state-funded Career and College Promise (CCP) program.

CCP enables high school students to enroll, tuition-free, in college credit courses that also apply toward their high school diploma. By the time they graduate from high school, they have a jump-start on their career or college education.

"Central Carolina Works was designed and conceived to help the student and their family who may not know what post K-12 education and employment is best suited for their interests and abilities," Bradley said. "By providing a trained professional to help these students understand both curriculum and work-force outcomes available through CCCC, they can make better choices earlier in their middle and high school years."

"I am a firm believer that all students should be on a minimum K-14 path if not seeking further education. By making them aware of the Career and College Promise, these students can get almost a year of first- and second-year post high

school education while still in high school. The skills and qualifications received during this period leading to a certificate, diploma or degree will make these students competitive in the 21st century global economy."

Bradley's family members were among those who worked with the CCCC Foundation to establish a scholarship in honor of his grandmother — Erma Carlisle Proctor, who was a lifelong educator. In addition, the Truby G. Proctor Jr. Scholarship honors his uncle.

Bradley says CCCC's importance in the Central Carolina area is essential.

"No one should try to enter today's workforce with just a high school diploma," he said. "CCCC provides the pathway to technical certifications or further academic credentials to so many of our citizens. Further, CCCC is a vital partner to recruitment of new industry as well as terrific partner to existing industry. No question in my mind that [CCCC President] Dr. [Lisa] Chapman participating in the process and able to address questions and concerns on work-force is why we successfully landed Astellas Gene Therapies (formerly Audentes Therapeutics), as well as many others."

His support of educational endeavors includes his current service as a member of The University of North Carolina Board of Governors. In addition, he has served as a past chairperson of the Lee County Education Foundation and worked



Courtesy of CCCC

**Kirk J. Bradley (center) and wife Deanne (left) visit with Central Carolina Community College Foundation Board of Directors Chairperson Lynda Turbeville (right) in the Kirk J. Bradley Student Center located on CCCC's Chatham Health Science (CHSC). Turbeville noted in her comments: 'Kirk Bradley is a visionary who has changed the educational footprint for thousands of students. Due to his dedication, he has impacted the lives of countless students who have gone forward to achieve their educational dreams and goals.'**

on the launch of the Head of Class project; he was a co-chairperson with current CCCC Trustee Jan Hayes on the efforts to increase funding for capital improvements for the Lee County School System and Central Carolina Community College; and he was a member of the Gates Foundation sponsored Education Matters committee focused on Pre-K-14 education in Lee County.

"Kirk Bradley is a leader in championing the power of education as a local and regional economic driver," Chapman said. "His intentional engagement with K-12 and postsecondary educators along with his ability to bring private and public leaders together to develop and implement innovative programming and partnerships significantly advance talent pipeline development. Central Carolina Community College is honored to have Mr. Bradley as a strategic partner."

How did support for education become such a passion for Mr. Bradley? "I know the best way for a person to advance themselves is to get advanced credentials beyond a high school education," he said. "Be that technical or academic credentials, it's essential in today's global economy. Therefore, Education = Economic Development. We can't improve our communities in terms of quality of life without good paying jobs. We can't recruit those jobs to our communities without a trained workforce."

Bradley's other civic involvement includes:

- He is the Immediate Past Chairperson of the Heart Center Advisory Board at Duke University Medical Center and formerly served on the Board of Visitors of DUMC.

- He is the past Chairperson of the American Battlefield Trust (formerly Civil War Preservation Trust), whose mission is to save American Battlefields and spearheaded the effort to develop a North Carolina Civil War Trail (opened March 2005) as a mechanism to help North Carolina promote Heritage Tourism.

- He served as a Director for Old Chatham Golf Club and as Director Emeritus of the Alumni Board of the Terry College of Business of The University of Georgia.

- He serves on the UNC Eship Center Leadership Council and on the Boys & Girls Club of Central Carolina Foundation.

- He has previously served as Chairperson of the Fuqua Alumni Council, on the Board of Visitors of Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, as Chairperson of The Jazz Foundation of North Carolina Inc., and as a Director of Triangle Land Conservancy and UNC's Institute for the Environment.

Bradley received his MBA in 1986 from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business in Finance and Real Estate and his BBA in 1984 from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business in Management Information Systems. His postgraduate studies included M & A (Mergers & Acquisitions) work at Northwestern's Kellogg School and the Management Program for Mid-size Businesses at Duke's Fuqua School of Business. Industry associations include Urban Land Institute and International Council of Shopping Centers. He is a licensed real estate broker in North Carolina.

Bradley and his wife, Deanne, reside in Chapel Hill. They have two daughters — and welcomed their first grandchild in June 2021.

"Kirk Bradley is an incredible business leader who has been a champion in his support for education — especially Central Carolina Community College," said Dr. Emily C. Hare, CCCC Foundation Executive Director. "His vision for providing life-changing educational opportunities will long benefit our region and our state. Thank you, Mr. Bradley, for your philanthropic and civic involvement in helping to make our world a better place."

For information on giving to the CCCC Foundation, contact Dr. Emily C. Hare, executive director of the CCCC Foundation, 919-718-7230, or ehare@cccc.edu.

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# Contestants set for 'Sing and Play '22' student competition on Thursday

From JMArts

SILER CITY — Showcase contestants have been selected for "Sing and Play '22," the fourth annual music competition scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24, at Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City.

The showcase concert highlights talented student musicians and raises money for JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, a nonprofit organization created to provide what student artists need to excel.

Nineteen musical acts selected during auditions will perform in separate elementary, middle and high school competitions.

Elementary contestants are Jojo Chen of Woods Charter School, Melissa Freitas of North Chatham Elementary, Pax Henry of Chatham Grove Elementary, Hailey Lyn King of Horton Middle, Emma Ortiz of Pittsboro Elementary and Reese and Olivia Terry of Chatham Grove Elementary.

Middle school contestants are Makayla Headen and Kayle Maxfield of Chatham Middle, Jacob Hoopes of Pollard Middle, Rebecca Hoopes of Pollard Middle, Brianna Jannett Leandro Balderas of Chatham Middle, Zachary Klingel of Pollard Middle and Alexandra Varchenko of Woods Charter.

The competition will conclude with seven high school performances. King Aguiluz, BreAnna Cheek, Laci Burt, Maggie and Buck Thornton, Natalie Morales Zagada, Courtney Shackelford and Teylor Simone Matthews all represent



Jordan-Matthews.

This year's showcase will feature a guest performance by Oliver Vang, who won the most recent elementary competition in 2020 representing Moncure School.

"It's a great feeling to be back," said Greg Burriss, who selected showcase contestants with fellow judges Joseph Walden and Matt Fry. "We love to hear these students singing and playing their instruments. They continue to impress us with their talent."

"As educators, we are so excited to see them expressing themselves. And we know they can learn and grow as they audition and perform."

"Sing and Play" is open to both instrumental and vocal acts, with students competing for a \$50 prize in each age division. Winners will be selected by audience vote during the showcase concert at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24 at Jordan-Matthews.

General admission is \$5 per person and includes one vote in each age-based competition.

JMArts President Rose Pate expects an enthusiastic crowd for Sing and Play '22.

"This year, we had our highest registration ever for auditions," she said. "With performers in the showcase



JMArts photo by Chip Pate

**Oliver Vang of Moncure School performs at Sing and Play '20, the annual music competition for elementary, middle and high school students throughout the area. As reigning champion in the elementary division, with last year's event canceled because of the pandemic, Vang will return as guest vocalist this month at Sing and Play '22 on Feb. 24 at Jordan-Matthews High School.**

representing nine schools, it's clear our whole community is ready to be entertained!"

All money raised by the competition will be used by JMArts for educational projects, including its New York Arts Adventure. That annual trip scheduled over spring break gives upperclass musicians, actors and visual artists an opportunity to explore one of the world's great cities, experience

the very best in the arts and gain new perspectives that will influence their lives and work.

Not only will travelers attend performances on and off Broadway, but they will learn from world-class professionals. That includes discussing theater over lunch with Peter Marks, theater critic for The Washington Post; discussing life in the arts with Jessie Austrian, a theater director, Broadway actor

and co-founder and co-artistic director of the renowned Fiasco Theater; and exploring street art in Brooklyn before learning graffiti technique in a hands-on workshop.

More information about "Sing and Play" performers will be published on JMArts social media. Details about JMArts and other events scheduled for this season are online at [jmarts.org](http://jmarts.org).

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Department of Revenue opens a second application period for business recovery grants

The N.C. Department of Revenue (NCDOR) has opened a second application period for the Business Recovery Grant (BRG) program. The BRG will issue a one-time payment to eligible North Carolina businesses that suffered an economic loss of at least 20 percent during the pandemic. The Phase 2 application deadline is March 18.

"These grants are a great opportunity to help smaller businesses across the state as we emerge from the pandemic," said Governor Roy Cooper. "Strong businesses provide better paying jobs for North Carolinians and these grants will help with that effort."

The NCDOR re-opened the total amount of grants requested by eligible businesses during the initial application period will not exhaust the \$500 million in funds authorized for the program. There were 6,533 applications submitted during the first application period, which closed on Jan. 31. Businesses that submitted applications by the initial deadline and are approved by the NCDOR will be fully funded as determined by the statute.

"The Business Recovery Grant legislation directs us to reopen the application period if there is grant money remaining after the first application period," said NCDOR Secretary Ronald Penny. "If you haven't done so already, we encourage

any eligible North Carolina business that suffered a financial loss because of the pandemic to apply immediately."

Businesses that applied for a grant during the first application period may expect to receive communication from NCDOR about the status of their application and payment within the next week.

Federal law requires persons receiving grant awards in excess of \$50,000 to provide additional information to the Department under various reporting requirements including the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). The FFATA makes this information available online via a searchable website so that the public can access information on recipients of Federal funds. NCDOR will contact applicants that will be impacted by these federal requirements regarding next steps via email and US postal service.

Two types of grants are available to eligible businesses:

A hospitality grant is available to an eligible arts, entertainment, or recreation business, as well as an eligible accommodation or food service business such as a hotel, restaurant, or bar (NAICS code 71 and 72).

A reimbursement grant is available to an eligible business not classified in NAICS Code 71 and 72 and that did not receive funding from other relief programs in-

cluding Paycheck Protection Program, COVID-19 Job Retention Grant, and EIDL Advance.

The grant amount is a percentage of the economic loss demonstrated by the eligible business or \$500,000, whichever is less. Applications approved during the second application period may be funded at reduced amounts if the total grants requested exceed the maximum amount of funds authorized for the BRG program.

Eligible business owners are encouraged to apply online at [www.ncdor.gov](http://www.ncdor.gov). More detailed information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions are also available on the agency website.

The NCDOR funds public services benefiting the people of North Carolina. The department administers the tax laws and collects the taxes due in an impartial, consistent, secure, and efficient manner.

### Youth archery state competition set

RALEIGH — Officials at the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission have confirmed that students across the state will gather for the first time since February 2020 at North Carolina's National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Tournament in Winston-Salem, Feb. 25 - 26. Over 750 students from 30 schools will

compete in elementary, middle and high school divisions.

In 2021, the pandemic forced the Wildlife Commission to hold a virtual event, which was successful but didn't have the same feel as the two-day, in-person competition the program had enjoyed in the past.

"We are thrilled to hold the state competition at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds," stated Lee Scripture, archery education coordinator with the Wildlife Commission. "The NASP tournament provides an opportunity for students to compete as a team and as individuals and show their hard work and improvement. It's the next generation of shooting sports at its best."

Tickets to attend the competition are \$5, and the public is welcome. Awards will be given to the top three schools in each division and to the top three male and top three female individuals in each division. Top finishers will move on to the national champion-

ships held in Louisville, Kentucky in May.

North Carolina standout, Natalie Bell, will be defending her national title as best overall individual female. Bell, a middle-school student at East Burke Middle School in Connelly Springs, earned a near perfect score of 298 out of 300 at the 2021 national tournament, outperforming 7,306 other females across all divisions.

"The most exciting thing about participating in NASP is the thrill of the competition and the friends that you make and reconnect with at each event," said Bell. Clint Bell, her dad and a former Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer, added, "NASP has provided opportunities we never imagined for Natalie. Her mother and I are happy to see the sport growing throughout the state and offering positive, new opportunities for young people."

The National Archery in Schools Program teaches and promotes international-style target

archery as part of an in-school curriculum to improve educational performance and participation in the shooting sports among students in grades 4-12. For more information, or to find out how your school can participate, visit [nasp-schools.org](http://nasp-schools.org) or email [lee.scripture@ncwildlife.org](mailto:lee.scripture@ncwildlife.org).

### Traffic fatalities on the increase in N.C.

RALEIGH — Last year, 1,755 people were killed in traffic crashes, the most traffic fatalities seen in North Carolina since the 1970s.

While the state saw a decrease in pedestrian, cyclist and work-zone related crashes, deaths attributed to speeding, unbuckled seatbelts and distracted driving have increased. This overall increase mirrors nationwide trends.

The N.C. DOT recommends drivers be a part of the solution by wearing a seatbelt and not driving distracted.

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# CCS hires Brown as director of accountability and testing

From Chatham County Schools

addition, Brown will oversee student information and PowerSchool.

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forward to her new role.

Assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support, said the district is fortunate to have someone with Brown's background assuming the role.

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Education has named Kiley Brown as the system's director for accountability and testing.

In her new role, Brown will lead the district's testing and accountability efforts to support the academic achievement of all students across the district. In

Brown has 15 years of experience in education, including as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal and K-12 curriculum director in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Orange County Schools and Wake County Schools.

She was the 2017 Wells Fargo Regional Principal of the Year for the North Central region. Brown also is a North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship recipient, and she received the North Carolina Department of

Brown earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from UNC Greensboro, a Master of Arts in Counselor Education from North Carolina Central University and a Master of School Administration from North Carolina Central University.

"We are fortunate to have Ms. Brown joining our team," Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson said. "Her experience and talents ensure we will continue to excel in tracking our students' academic growth."

Brown said she was looking

"I have understood my entire career the power of education. I have witnessed firsthand the joy that burns within a student that is ignited by a dedicated and highly effective teacher," she said. "Chatham County Schools' legacy is built on hiring efficient and effective teachers and administrators who carry the torch. I look forward to joining the ranks of this highly competent family and hopefully adding my name to the list of highly inspired and effective administrators."

Dr. Amanda Moran, as-

# CCS hires Self-Maddox as the new director for Exceptional Children and Academically & Intellectually Gifted programs

From Chatham County Schools

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Education has named Sara Self-Maddox as the director for the system's Exceptional Children and Academically & Intellectually Gifted programs.

"We are excited to bring Mrs. Self-Maddox to the Academic Services and Instructional Support Team," said Dr. Amanda Moran, assistant superintendent for academic services & instructional support. "Her years of

experience, relationships, and expertise across multiple EC areas will help provide a seamless transition to ensure support to schools and students will continue."

Self-Maddox has more than 20 years of service as an educator, 14 of which have been with Chatham County Schools. She has been an Instructional Program Facilitator for Exceptional Children since 2019. Her school-based experiences include assistant principal, curriculum coach, high school exceptional children and elementary classroom teacher positions.

In addition to her years of experience in schools, Mrs. Self-Maddox is a lifelong learner. Her degrees

include a BS Elementary Education from East Carolina University, M.Ed in Curriculum Development & Supervision from N.C. State, MSA from Campbell University, M.Ed in Comprehensive Education/Special Education/Severe & Profound from Western Carolina University, and she's enrolled in the Racial Equity Studies certificate program at East Carolina University.

As a longtime Chatham resident, Self-Maddox attended Pittsboro Elementary and George Moses Horton Middle School; she also graduated from Northwood High School. She has established relationships with students, staff, families and community mem-

bers across the district that will aid her work in the new role.

"I am genuinely humbled to be selected for this role and honored to have the opportunity to serve the community I love," she said. "I look forward to working with students, staff, families and our community to continue to grow our EC and AIG programs to their maximum potential."

"Mrs. Self-Maddox has deep ties to Chatham County," said Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson. "Her love of education and our students is evident in her work. She brings tremendous expertise to her new role in overseeing our EC and AIG programs."

# Hispanic Liaison raises over \$20,000 to support Hispanic communities across four counties

SILER CITY — The Hispanic Liaison's "Show Your Love"

campaign raised \$20,940, according to the nonprofit's Feb. 16 Facebook

announcement, exceeding its goal by more than \$6,000.

The fundraising campaign ended on Feb. 14 with 110 contributing donors. All funds will support the organization's work across the four counties it serves, including Chatham, Alamance, Randolph and Lee.

Among other initiatives, the Liaison offers a youth group, Orgullo

Latinx Pride, at two Chatham high schools, Jordan-Matthews and Seaforth, to empower Hispanic high school students to pursue higher education and raise their voices. The Liaison also advocates for workers' rights, offers free legal consultations with immigration attorneys and makes avail-

able Spanish-language COVID-19 and vaccine information to the families it serves.

"Big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Show Your Love Campaign," the Liaison's staff wrote on Facebook. "... Mil gracias for your trust and for investing in our community!"

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**SILER CITY COMMISSIONERS**

## Commissioners approve changes to RV ordinance

**BY TAYLOR HEEDEN**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Commissioners unanimously approved amendments to an ordinance allowing for recreational vehicle parks to be within the Siler City extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) on Monday evening.

The town's planning and community development director, Jack Meadows, originally brought this ordinance amendment to commissioners during their Nov. 15 meeting. During the original presentation of the ordinance changes, commissioners voiced concerns regarding long-term RV residents and having a RV park serve as a temporary housing solution for those who may need it.

Meadows presented several text changes to the ordinance, which would enforce a strict three-month-long limit (90 days) for how long people can stay at an RV park. An exception to the limit is if the individual is a town worker who needs an extended stay in the RV park due to working in the Siler City ETJ.

The ordinance also states a site manager will be on the premises to keep an updated log on how long each RV has stayed in the park. The ordinance also laid out requirements to develop an RV park, such as having to request conditional zoning and having RV parks only accessible by an interior driveway.

Applicants wanting to pursue building an RV Park must present their proposed rules for their park, and they must have water, sewage and waste capacity up to town, county and state standards.

Commissioner Chip Price said he believed the new policy brought forth by Meadows and his staff would work in Siler City. However, he said he wants to make sure people do not mix up the temporary housing the board approved with "hybrid parks" that contain both permanent and temporary housing.

Price suggested the planning board could look further into the issue of hybrid parks to see if it is a possibility in the future, but current policy doesn't provide enough coverage for those permanent dwellings.

"I think the RV thing, we've got a good set of rules that I think we got that covered, and I don't see a problem there," he said. "The hybrid thing, I don't think we have enough in this policy to (cover) that."

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# Downtown bars and breweries to take part in Mardi Gras Pub Crawl

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Beer enthusiasts and cocktail lovers alike can grab their green, gold and purple attire, extravagant bead necklaces and mysterious masks to participate in the first ever Mardi Gras Pittsboro Pub Crawl on Saturday.

Ten participating Pittsboro establishments — including bmc brewing, Red Moose Brewing, Carolina Brewery, and stops at The Plant and more — will offer Mardi Gras-themed drink specials during the event.

Registration isn’t required, and the pub crawl will also feature a “Green Transit” shuttle bus — a 100% biodiesel usage bus — to transport participants to five of the pub crawl stops.

Event organizer Greg Stafford, along with several Pittsboro business owners, collaborated to create the event to bring more people to downtown Pittsboro to explore the bars, taverns and breweries the town has to offer.

“We are trying to pick up nights that don’t have anything, get a bus and bring new people in Pittsboro and Chatham County and bring them downtown,” said Stafford, who’s developing the SoCo commercial project in downtown Pittsboro.

Tami Schwerin, co-owner of The Plant, on Lorax Lane, said she is excited to be able to host a portion of the events there, where some of the pub crawl stops are located.

“We (The Plant) are very much off the beaten track, and the number one thing that people say to me when they come down is, ‘I’ve never heard of this and I live down the road,’” Schwerin said. “We absolutely want to expose more people to The Plant, and this event will help to do that.”

This isn’t the first pub crawl Stafford has organized — he, along with some of the bar owners and Schwerin participated in an Oktoberfest Pub Crawl in Pittsboro



Contributed photo

A map showing location of the Pittsboro Pub Crawl spots for the upcoming ‘Mardi Gras’ event.

last fall. Stafford said normally these types of events need a couple of years of trial and error to gain popularity and traction.

The Oktoberfest event, however, was an overwhelming success.

“These things usually take two to three years to build up, so we did Oktoberfest and shockingly, we filled up these places with people,” Stafford said. “At bmc, there were 40 people down there around 11 o’clock at night. For Pittsboro, that’s huge.”

John Rice, co-owner of bmc brewing, said the Oktoberfest event was such a success that when he and his wife Carmen were approached about being one of the stops for the Mardi Gras celebration, his answer was simple.

“We had a great experience with that (Oktoberfest), so we just joined in again with Mardi Gras,” Rice said.

Rice’s business will feature

\$5 pints on Saturday for the pub crawl participants, and he said he has other forms of entertainment for guests who come to bmc brewing.

“We’re going to have a three-piece jazz band playing, there’ll be a food truck on site here so they can get some snacks if they want,” Rice said. “We just want everybody to have a good experience.”

The Mardi Gras Pub Crawl is a great way for people in Pittsboro, old and new residents alike, to come out and support local businesses they may not have heard of before, organizers say.

Schwerin said one of the reasons Stafford approached her about the pub crawls was to highlight local businesses that some Pittsboro residents may not be aware of.

“He wanted to put Pittsboro on the map because we have all these cool little mom-and-pop bars and drink vendors,” she said. “Our big

mission is buying local and all the businesses on this route are our local mom-and-pop type of businesses — it’s my mission and my passion is to support these small businesses.”

Pittsboro is also experiencing unprecedented growth through the Chatham Park development. Stafford said he wants residents of the development — set to bring between 50,000 and 70,000 new residents to the area in the next few decades — to come explore historic downtown, as well as for old residents to meet the new people coming into the area.

“If you go to the old downtown and surrounding area, if I go into those bars, I know everybody — it’s the same people, but if I go into some places in Chatham Park, I don’t know anybody,” Stafford said. “This is an attempt to unite those two groups together.”

With the constant growth,

Stafford said he has seen new businesses come to Pittsboro, especially over the last two years.

With the new organizations and establishments continuing to pop up across the town, Stafford feels it is important to highlight local businesses, especially as Pittsboro expands to Chatham Park.

“Pittsboro is growing quickly, and we need to avoid the fates of downtowns in other areas where when a huge development comes in, new and old residents will go to the new areas, but not vice versa,” he said. “We have what’s there, we just have to get people to get there and that is what this event is.”

As a business owner, Rice said he wants to make sure bmc brewing is exposed to as many new and old residents as possible, and the Mardi Gras Pub Crawl is a way to draw new customers into The Plant and his own establishment there.

“We’ve only been open for just over seven months, so the more people who know about us and know that there’s more options down here at The Plant or be able to actually locate The Plant in the first place,” Rice said. “We want to give them an opportunity to be part of this celebration and find some new businesses and some new locations and enjoy what we think is a great place to hang out.”

For Stafford, he hopes for these events to continue to not only be successful, but to continue to liven the downtown scene in Pittsboro.

“When I first did this, I expected a very marginal uptick from event to event, and it looks like it is going to be even more so,” Stafford said. “I don’t expect Main Street Pittsboro to look like Bourbon Street in New Orleans, but if we can start approaching that, that would be great.”

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## Q&A: DR. ANTHONY JACKSON, PART 2

# Wanting the ‘absolute best school year possible’

Chatham Superintendent on COVID, his Twitter account, resources for Spanish-speaking students and his ‘wish list’ for the rest of the school year

BY BILL HORNER III  
News + Record Staff

*Editor’s note: Dr. Anthony Jackson, Chatham County Schools’ superintendent, spent time with the News + Record on his six-month anniversary in the position. In part one, last week, Jackson discussed school culture, communicating his vision for CCS to his staff, what it means to deliver the best service for the county’s students, student performance and innovation. Here’s the second part of that conversation, edited for brevity and clarity.*

**You mentioned before about COVID not being an excuse. We’re going into year three now. Is there anything new you’ve found that’s worked particularly well in terms dealing with the challenges the pandemic has thrown at you and the school system?**

I have to be their cheerleader and remain relentlessly positive about the possibilities that we can get something out of this. Our teachers deserve to hear their leaders saying we can do this. Our kids deserve to hear their superintendent saying, “I believe in you. You can do this.”

We’re going to keep going, to make sure that we are providing them with everything we have at our disposal. Yes, we all get fatigued around the day to day, but that’s why I’m encouraging people to take care of themselves. I’m encouraging

people to lift each other up, to build stronger networks so that when you get tired, you’ve got somebody else you can look to. When you’ve run out of ideas, you can ask a colleague.

I spoke with our assistant principals about building your circle, to make sure that you don’t have to be the martyr or the perfectionist in the crowd — that you have a group that you can depend on.

I believe that, even through all of this, we made one commitment and one commitment only: that we were going to try to keep our kids in as regular a routine as possible, to stay focused on that and not back away. And we’ve done that. We’ve gone six months and not had to close a classroom or school, which is as close to a normal school year as they’ve had. So if you’re tired, it’s because we’ve tried to keep things regular. And I’m not tired of that yet, because our kids deserve it.

**Your Twitter account (@DrJackson06) gets a lot of attention. I want to ask you about it, particularly how you use it for inspiration as you’re doing your daily runs on your treadmill ...**

It’s my personal Twitter account. A few years ago, I had a health scare, and through that journey I learned that I was not taking care of Tony. I recognized that being healthy required an

intentional commitment to myself. It started as a personal accountability tool.

There’s the Apple Watch that keeps up with your steps but I needed something a little more intentional. The Twitter messages were really just to myself, but I’m glad that other people have been able to kind of grab on to those. It’s really funny when people say, “Yeah, I know you from the running videos.” And I’m like, “That was never the intent.” Those videos were about trying to encourage me to stay healthy so that I could do the best job for the folks who depended on me, not to mention to stay around a little longer for the people who really depended on me — my family. That’s how it grew, and if it’s helping somebody, great, I’m glad, but it helps me stay on track.

**How is the district increasing and maintaining its commitment to resources for Spanish-speaking students?**

We’ve recognized that we have diverse needs across our district and have tried to ensure that our resources and attention are equitably distributed. We make sure we have built relationships with our Spanish-speaking liaison and expanded those programs. Our E3 [Equity and Excellence for Everyone] team is looking at making sure that we are intentional about directing resour-

es, translators, and all of those kinds of things to be supportive of those families — and not as a response, but an intentional, proactive and preemptive behavior. In fact, we are looking for another district translator right now so that we can ensure that.

And, quite frankly, we have to really talk about just ensuring that we recognize that we have 31% of our student body who are from homes where Spanish is spoken. At some level, we have a responsibility to ensure that we are attentive to the needs of those parents so that they can access school. We have a responsibility to ensure that those students are seeing themselves in the materials and things that we present and provide for them in our schools. And most importantly, we are totally committed to our dual-language program. Across the district, we’ve expanded that program, and I’m going to continue to encourage our board to expand it even further.

We will continue to look for ways to ensure that we are meeting the needs of those students.

**What’s your staffing vacancies picture like right now?**

We presented a report to the board in January. And at that time, we had 88 vacancies in the district, and I believe there were 21 teacher vacancies. At that point, now, it’s just a moving target. It’s

a very different environment. The bulk of our vacancies is now in a lot of the support roles — child nutrition, custodial, bus drivers, things like that.

It’s going to be a challenge in our region to find people. I wish there was a way that we could get people certified to drive a bus a lot faster, but they come, they apply for the job, and it’s going to take at least six to eight weeks before they can ever get to the seat of a bus. So we know that that’s a challenge.

The job market has shifted. And so we’re going to have to be equally as flexible to change our model. And it’s very difficult. I tell people all the time — we can’t have students in school and allow staff to work remotely. Those two don’t work. So that’s not one of those things that we can do easily, but we’re working at it, we’re doing some things to be as competitive as possible.

I would say that if there’s anyone who wants to substitute, wants to be a custodian, nutrition worker, or wants to be a teacher, we will talk with you. In fact, we will support you and help you find a place that works for you and works for your schedule.

**What’s on your wish list right now, for the rest of the semester?**

I really want kids to know we want to land the plane safely, to have as normal a remainder

of the school year as possible with all of the rites of passage that they deserve, for the first time in three years. I want our 5th graders and middle schoolers to have natural transitions to middle school and high school; kindergarten kids to have their end-of-the-year celebrations; high school graduates to have a normal commencement. That’s what I want.

I’m very careful about using the word “normal,” but as routine as possible, so students can walk away from us saying, “I had the best school experience they could give me; it wasn’t perfect, but they worked really hard to give me the best school experience possible.” If I can do that, and I can look those seniors in the eye as they walk across the stage or those middle schoolers and 5th graders, and say we did the absolute best job to give you a regular school year, then I’m going to be happy.

I want to look our teachers in the eye and say, “We supported you through this. We were your cheerleaders and gave you everything we had.” And most importantly, if I can look parents in the eye and say that I partnered with you and did the absolute best job for your children this year, then I’m OK. That’s my wish list, that we can meet the needs of those three groups in a way they recognize that we did it so that your kids can have the absolute best school year possible.

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## Repurposing the farro

It happened because The Kid had to miss dinner.



**DEBBIE MATTHEWS**  
The Curious Cook

My child was coming over for supper because I wanted to share the greatest moo goo gai pan in the history of moo goo gai pan.

For the uninitiated, moo goo is a Chinese dish consisting of thin slices of white meat chicken, lots of various veggies, all in a silky, rather mild sauce. It's really delicious and a terrific comfort food.

There's a Chinese restaurant near the dealership where I work and everybody says it has the best Chinese in the city. At least once a week the managers get General Tso's for themselves. It's too spicy for me (especially since they like to order it extra spicy and eat it as an endurance test), but boy, oh boy it sure makes the office smell delicious.

One day they kindly ordered some moo goo for me and it was transcendent. Honestly the best I ever had.

The Kid loves the dish as much as me, so last week I was going to get some for us both. We had decided to have brown rice with it because to us it's tastier with a pleasing chewiness. Then I decided to make farro instead of the brown rice, so I picked up some. Farro's an Italian wheat that is very chewy and cooks for about 45 minutes. But it's also so tasty that it can be eaten all by itself — and it's packed full of nutrition. To find it, check out your local grocer with a good bulk food section.

I've mentioned it before, but my child has rheumatoid arthritis and was in the midst of a flair (this is when the disease makes itself felt by lots of extra pain, more fatigue than usual and the locking up of various joints in the body). Because of this, dinner was postponed until this week.

But, I was looking forward to farro. So I decided to make a farro salad. There used to be a local deli that made a farro salad that was ambrosial. They made it very seldom, and I was only able to have it a few times before they closed. Because it's been some years, I only ate it every once in a while, and I'm really old, and I've forgotten the ingredients.

Since I couldn't remember what was

### New Fangled Farro Salad

#### Lemon dressing

(This will make more than you need for the salad, it's really good on all kinds of things, from fish to avocado toast ... and regular green salad.)

Into a jar, place:

- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons honey
- Big pinch kosher salt
- Crack of freshly ground pepper

Shake until it becomes an emulsified, cohesive dressing. Cover and refrigerate for up to a week. Shake vigorously before using.

#### Salad

- 1 cup cooked and cooled farro
- 1 cup cooked and cooled shoepeg corn
- 3/4 shredded white chicken
- 1/4 cup cubed dry farmer's cheese (like Chapel Hill Creamery's)
- 1/4 cup roasted chickpeas
- Big handful of pea shoots
- 3 green onions, sliced thinly on the bias
- Salt and pepper

Place all the salad ingredients into a large bowl and pour on about 1/4 to 1/3 cup of lemon dressing and toss to coat. Season, taste and re-season if needed.

Along with crusty bread, makes two dinner-sized salads.

If making ahead, leave out pea shoots and mix in just before service.

in the old one, I created a new one.

Farro would give me the chewy and the background earthy flavor. I chose roasted chickpeas for crunch. The cheese would bring salty and creamy to the party. Chicken goes with anything and has lots of low-fat protein. I chose pea shoots for the bright green-ness of them (both in flavor and appearance). I chose the corn because it's a little different and it has a nice chewiness that compliments the farro. The green onions were for a little sharpness, and the lemon dressing made what could be a heavy combo have a lightness.

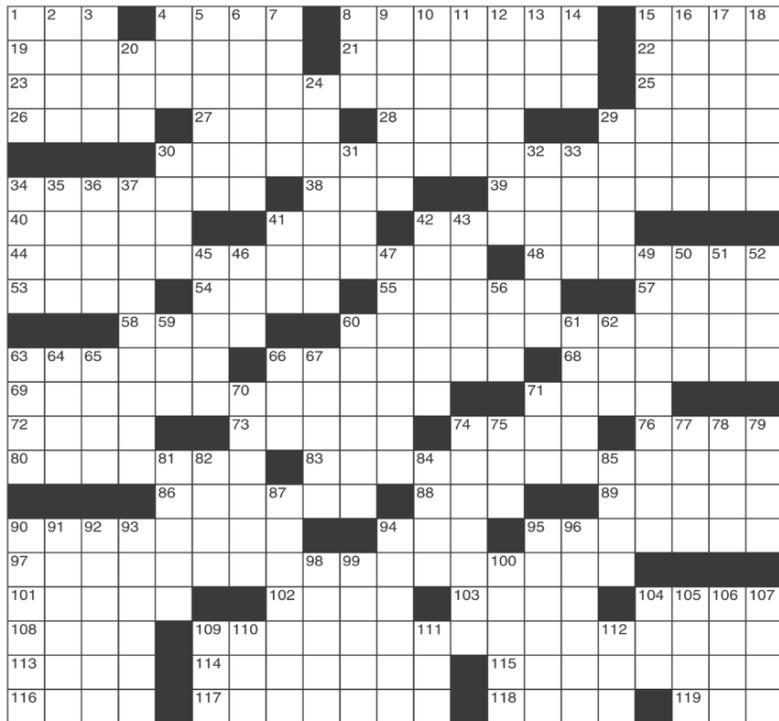
It was so "light" I ate enough for a rugby team.

Thanks for your time. Contact me at [dm@bullcity.mom](mailto:dm@bullcity.mom).

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| <b>ACROSS</b> | 1 Highest roll of a single die | 4 Peak in Thessaly | 8 Freaks out | 15 Subjective paper piece | 19 Never dying | 21 Kind of cherry named for its shape | 22 — sci. (coll. major) | 23 Scaled-down symphony group [1994] | 25 Mallorca, por ejemplo | 26 "King" primate | 27 Writer Ferber | 28 Anti-bias job agcy. | 29 Gown fabric | 30 Program interacting with a remote server [1993] | 34 Bygone times | 38 Nurtured | 39 Kids' song with French lyrics | 40 — to go (gung-ho) | 41 "It's ch-chilly!" | 42 Whimpered like a baby | 44 Place to disclose sins [2010] | 48 Coinage for something with no name | 53 Beginning on 54 "To — much is given ..." | 55 Nantes' river | 57 Sets of points on graphs | 58 Shallowest Great Lake | 60 Waltz or tango [1997] | 63 Itinerant band member, say | 66 State after wedlock | 68 Having more seepage | 69 Panels that may reverse decisions [2008] | 71 Melody | 72 Jungle roarer | 73 Ouzo | 74 Exact lookalike | 76 Brand of rodent killer | 80 Horse-man of myth | 83 Greeting act conveying confidence [1991] | 86 First-rate | 88 Flub it up | 89 Actress Shire | 90 Plant snugly | 94 — -cone | 95 Junk email sender | 97 Samoan peak famous for trapping clouds [1995] | 101 Italian port | 102 Exactly | 103 Money won in a game of dreidel | 104 Claudius I's successor | 108 Getting the job done | 109 What the first word of each of seven answers in this puzzle is, when preceded by "The" | 113 Stun with a charge | 114 Canceled by crossing off | 115 Revising, as text | 116 Bishops' jurisdictions | 117 Prescription amounts | 118 Berlin article | 119 Meadow | 4 Celestial ball | 5 Like a cold, hard gaze | 6 Manhattan eatery since 1927 | 7 Isolated | 8 Ad — committee | 9 Hatchet part | 10 Ram or ewe | 11 "The Fox and the Crow" storyteller | 12 Tabby's scratcher | 13 Bobby of hockey | 14 Venus Williams' org. | 15 Sedative drug | 16 Sticky little sheet | 17 "Mama" Cass | 18 Actress Wiest | 20 Texter's "Yikes!" | 24 Bolted to escape | 29 Riyadh native | 30 Sugar source | 31 Shore flier | 32 "Not yet sure what my answer is" | 33 Director Joel or Ethan | 34 Killer whale | 35 Neighbor of Myanmar | 36 Early James Bond foe | 37 Not similar | 41 Dust jacket write-up | 42 Demi and Dudley | 43 Departs | 45 Cupcake flourish | 46 That lady | 47 Less spicy | 49 Honey-coated Easter entree | 50 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati" | 51 Cicero's "Lol!" | 52 Cake layer | 55 ICU workers | 59 Actor Stephen | 60 Iran's former name | 61 Ball-shaped | 62 Put on, as an outfit | 63 After-bath powder | 64 Andy Taylor's boy | 65 Sitting atop | 66 Suffix with ball | 67 Innocent types | 70 President before Donald | 71 Shallow pan | 74 Swarms | 75 Huge conflict | 77 Sedate | 78 Steinbeck migrant | 79 Close | 81 In — (more than sleeping) | 82 Arm bone | 84 Eatery list | 85 Baseballer Musial | 87 Is really mad | 90 Grain fungi | 91 "Watch Me (Whip/—)" (2015 hit) | 92 "Apollo 13" actor Gary | 93 Bills worth 100 bucks | 94 "You got that right!" | 95 Meat in a sub | 96 Coal-mining guys | 98 MMA fighter Rousey | 99 Armageddon nation | 100 Little laugh | 104 Silent "yes" | 105 Like villains | 106 Russo of film | 107 Gymnast Korbut | 109 Ely May Clampett's pa | 110 Good Grips kitchen brand | 111 "— a trap!" | 112 Ark.-to-Ill. dir. |
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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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S S D P B Z A X W U O R A A M  
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H K J R E N E T S A F P A N S

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

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| Cold snap     | Snap pea  | Snapback   | Snappish |
| Gingersnap    | Snap roll | Snapchat   | Snapshot |
| Snap bean     | Snap-brim | Snapdragon | Unsnap   |
| Snap fastener | Snap-on   | Snap       |          |

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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: ◆**

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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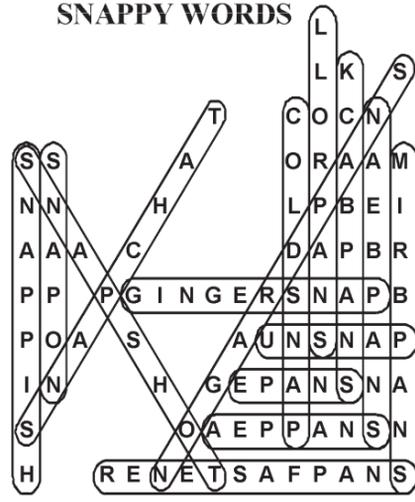
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Weekly SUDOKU

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THE CN+R REVIEW | NEIL MORRIS

## Soderbergh's tidy 'Kimi' borrows something old to make something new

It is high time to discuss Steven Soderbergh's rank among the greatest American directors, certainly the most prolific. His most popular fare include "Sex, Lies, and Videotape," "Erin Brockovich," "Out of Sight," the "Ocean's" series, and the Oscar-winning "Traffic." But his oeuvre is littered with lesser-known finely crafted films like "The Good German," "The Informant!," the wildly underrated "Haywire," "Logan Lucky," last year's HBO crime production



NEIL MORRIS  
Film Critic

**KIMI**  
**GRADE:** B +  
**DIRECTOR:** Steven Soderbergh  
**STARRING:** Zoë Kravitz  
**MPAA RATING:** R  
**RUNNING TIME:** 1 hr. 29 min.

strokes from Brian De Palma's "Blow Out" plus Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo" and "Rear Window." At 89 minutes, it is a tidy, utterly entertaining bit of cinema that imports a tried-and-true formula into our current zeitgeist.

Rising star Zoë Kravitz puts on a nearly one-woman show as Angela Childs, a Seattle denizen suffering from crippling agoraphobia spawned by a past assault and exacerbated by the isolation anxiety of COVID-19. Her main human contact is a romantic partner Terry (Byron Bowers), who lives in an adjoining building and Angela spied through their respective picture windows during the pandemic. Angela is comfortable inviting Terry over for late-night hook-

ups but petrified to even meet him for lunch downstairs at a sidewalk food truck.

Angela works from home as a human monitor for an Alexa-style smart speaker system named Kimi, listening to hundreds of error-tagged audio clips to improve the AI's search algorithm performance. When Angela hears a recording of what sounds like a murder, it sets into motion her mission to identify both the victim and the assailant, an obsessive odyssey that reaches into the upper echelons of Kimi's corporate progenitor, named Amygdala.

Soderbergh employs skillful filmmaking to parlay Angela's anxiety into amplified tension for the viewer. The effort for An-

gela to simply unlock her apartment's deadbolt or walk down a city street are made to feel like Herculean labors. A suffocating sense of dread hangs over Angela just visiting an Amygdala executive (Rita Wilson) to report her discovery. Indeed, it is only when Angela ultimately returns to her home confines that she is able to transform from prey into avenger.

With Kravitz's formidable assistance, Soderbergh deftly elevates an otherwise spartan storyline into a clever narrative that keenly incorporates our contemporary technological, scientific and cultural milieu. "Kimi" is both modest and immensely satisfying, another taut offering from one of our finest filmmakers.

Amber Waves



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Out on a Limb



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