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EV MAKER PLANS PRODUCTION BY 2024

VinFast, state make it official: Vietnamese automaker bringing 7,500 jobs to Chatham after \$4 billion announcement

Triangle Innovation Point will be home for biggest economic development project in N.C. history

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N.C. Governor Roy Cooper shakes hands with Le Thi Thu Thuy, Vingroup's vice chairman and the CEO of VinFast Global, after a ceremonial signing of a memorandum of understanding that brings VinFast — and with it, 7,500 jobs at N.C.'s first automotive plant — to Chatham County. State Sen. Valerie Foushee and Rep. Robert Reives II, in background, spoke at Tuesday's announcement.

Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

RALEIGH — The largest economic development project in North Carolina history is officially revving up in Chatham County.

VinFast, a Vietnamese electric vehicle manufacturer, was officially introduced in a ceremony Tuesday at the Raleigh Convention Center as the first tenant at Triangle Innovation Point, the county's huge megasite near Moncure.

The company plans a manufacturing facility there that will produce a line of premium battery-powered SUVs and the batteries to power them — creating 7,500 jobs with a projected investment of at least \$4 billion.

The average wage at VinFast is projected to be about \$51,100 annually.

It's North Carolina's first automobile manufacturing plant — after a long line of "misses" — with construction starting this year, and the first EVs (electric vehicles) scheduled to roll off the assembly line in mid-2024.

Dozens of Chatham County officials and business leaders, along with state leaders,

attended the announcement ceremony, which was held at the Raleigh Convention Center downtown. N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper made the official announcement.

"North Carolina is quickly

becoming the center of our country's emerging, clean energy economy," Cooper said. "VinFast's transformative project will bring many good jobs to our state, along with a healthier environment as

more electric vehicles take to the road to help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

VinFast wants to eventually build 250,000 premium electric SUVs per year at the site, with production output initially

starting at 150,000 annually. The private automotive startup, founded by billionaire Pham Nhat Vuong, will produce both electric batteries and vehicles at the site.

The TIP site's proximity to rail, U.S. 1, the I-540 loop, Research Triangle Park and airports — it's just six miles from Sanford's Raleigh Executive Jetport and about 30 minutes from RDU — has made the site, with its 47 building locations and the capacity for more than 12 million square feet of space, an attractive potential new home for business and industry.

The project — which was codenamed "Project Blue" by Chatham EDC officials — will bring lots of green to Chatham and the state: VinFast's project is estimated to grow the state's economy by at least \$71.59 billion over 32 years, the time period when state grants could be active, and increase the region's payroll by \$383 million annually.

"This announcement is the culmination of decades of hard work by current and former EDC staff, Chatham County staff, our elected offi-

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'A SPACE FOR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION'

School administrators, community leaders grapple for answers, solutions in wake of incident at J.S. Waters

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In response to the mock "slave auction" incident — where Black middle school students were targeted by their white classmates at J.S. Waters School in Goldston earlier this month — Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE), a Pittsboro-based nonprofit, hosted a webinar for the community last Tuesday entitled, "How to Talk to Your Kids

about Racism."

"We wanted to provide space for the community that's really hurting and suffering from these racist events that [have] been happening across Chatham County Schools and specifically this one mock slave auction," Karinda Roebuck, executive director of CORE, said. "We wanted to offer a space for healing and

reconciliation."

The session, which was held via Zoom and attended by more than 100 individuals, opened with statements from several speakers, including Tracy Fowler, executive director of student support services for Chatham County Schools.

"I hate so much that what brought us to this point this

evening is harm that happened with some of our students, but I'm very, very grateful for the collective response and searching for a solution," she said.

Fowler acknowledged that school administrators aren't experts in systemic racism or racial trauma, which is why CCS partners with mental health and community organi-

zations like CORE.

"We all know that in this post-pandemic world that our students need support more than ever," Fowler said. "This is specifically true for marginalized students, especially our Black and brown students."

Fowler said the school system takes a multi-layered approach to student support with programs that focus on a child's social and emotional well-being, utilizing restorative

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'JUST LIVING MY BEST LIFE RIGHT NOW'

Paige siblings reflect on life and returning to Chatham

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
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SILER CITY — Siler City-born Christine Paige-Reye, 80, and her brother Henry Paige, 82, spent their lives working to break barriers and make memories locally and afar — from becoming the first Black woman to be a school bus driver in Chatham to hunting on an American president's land outside of Boston.

And after living in larger-than-life cities and having many life-altering experiences, the siblings have returned to Chatham County decades later to live out the rest of their lives in the place they prefer as home.

Christine and Henry were born in Siler City and lived on a 150-acre farm

off of what is now Airport Road with their mother, father and 10 other siblings, and they still own the farm land decades later.

"That land is something my parents bought way back when, and everybody thought they were crazy to buy all of that land," Christine said. "They persevered and all the kids worked and helped out, and it worked."

Growing up as children in the 1940s and 1950s meant Christine and Henry grew up in a world where segregation was rampant. Each of the Paige children went to one of the only schools designated for Black students — Chatham County Training School, which was later renamed to Chatham High

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'A BETTER PLACE THAN YOU FOUND IT'

Siler City's Lynch reflects on his tenure before starting new position

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
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SILER CITY — Last Monday evening, Siler City Town Manager Roy Lynch was asked to give the manager's reports during the board of commissioners meeting — his last with the town and its governing body.

Last Friday marked Lynch's final day with town; later in April, he'll begin work as the finance director for Chatham County, moving from his office here to the county offices in Pittsboro.

Lynch reflected on his time in Siler

City, ranging from his experience as the town's finance director to becoming manager and leading the town's COVID-19 response.

"Working with the board of commissioners, town staff and residents has been rewarding for me, both professionally and personally," he told the News + Record.

Lynch began working for Siler City as the town's finance

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Roy Lynch

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 Friends of the Chatham Community Library Book sales are back, in a new version. To make shopping as safe as possible, we're changing our format to offer part of our inventory at each of several sales this spring/summer, allowing us to spread out the items and shoppers to select their purchases in a less crowded setting. Mark your calendar for our first sale, which will feature our complete selection of fiction, mystery, and science fiction. The sale will be held at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro on Friday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Cambridge Hills Assisted Living Community and Family Dementia Support Group** - Meeting will be held on April 6 at 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. at 140 Brookstone Lane, Pittsboro. Come and meet other family members who are on a similar journey. RSVP to: angela@silver-thread.com or 919-545-9573. You don't have to be on this journey alone.

Chatham County Library's Goldston Branch hours are changing as follows: Mon., Tues, and Wed., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Pittsboro Business Association's monthly First Sunday Street Fair is returning, featuring arts and crafts vendors, other businesses and civic organizations, music, food and children's activities, from 12 - 4 p.m.

The Silk Hope Rurians are hosting a spring celebration at Silk Hope Farm Heritage Park from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. Activities include an Easter egg hunt (for children up to age 10), the Easter bunny, a kiddie train, face painting and other events.

COA Caregiver Support Group: the Chatham County Council on Aging's Family Caregiver Support Group will meet Monday, April 11, at Chatham Community Library from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. with the topic being "Routine and Rhythms." For more information or to register, contact Rodney Dietrich, Aging Social Worker, at 919-542-4512 ext. 231 or email rodney.dietrich@chathamcoa.org

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. **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 base-running. **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://chatham-history.org.

Second Bloom hours, effective April 1, 11 a.m. until 5 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 spring clothing and accessories. Credit cards are accepted. All proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual

assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

The Chatham Arts Council has put together a relief effort specifically for artists and arts-workers called CAARE: Chatham Artist and Arts-Worker Relief Effort. For more information on CAARE, or to donate, visit ChathamArtsCouncil.org.

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.

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.

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

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- 000 Jim Gilliland Road (18.598 Acres)
- 1431 NC 42 Hwy (23.26 Acres)
- 8457 Pike Road (22.43 Acres)
- 3097 N NC 87 (2.845 Acres)
- 0 Caviness Town Road (7.41 Acres)
- 0 Pleasant Hill Church Road (90.788 Acres)
- 69 Hazelwood (.62 Acres)
- 27 Mt. View Church Road (4.04 Acres)
- 59 Colonial Trail (.476 Acres)
- 0 Diane Street (9.21 Acres)
- 27 Mt. View Church Road (4.04 Acres)
- 3095 N NC 87 (2.269 Acres)
- 2453 Marthas Chapel Road (2.052 Acres)
- 419 Hickory Pond Road (3.208 Acres)
- 435 Hickory Pond Road (2.72 Acres)
- 275 George Brooks Drive (184 Acres)
- 0 NC 42 Highway (10.89 Acres)
- 0 Jim Gilliland Road (64.882 Acres)
- 218 Pete Thomas Road (109.11 Acres)
- 0 Roselle Road (46.2 Acres)
- 323 Patterson Drive (5.46 Acres)
- 106 Caley Wilson Road (2.185 Acres)
- 0 Pete Roberson (61.21 Acres)
- 180 Thompson Street (.30 Acres)
- 1562 Hadley Mill Road (15.489 Acres)
- 0 Stone Street (50.72 Acres)
- 1604 Hamlee School Road (110.49 Acres)
- 720 Hamlets Chapel Road (.69 Acres)
- 1447 Old US 1 (.870 Acres)
- 0 Chicken Bridge Road (10.051 Acres)
- 00 Manns Chapel Road (49.41 Acres)
- 2328 Andrews Store Road (24.385 Acres)
- 0 Pearleman Teague (23.1 Acres)
- 00 Roberts Chapel Road (123.87 Acres)
- 45 The Whites Way (5.61 Acres)

COMMERCIAL (Representing Sellers) 3 Units

- 219 East Street (Pittsboro)
- 45 West Street (Pittsboro)
- 175 East Salisbury Street (Pittsboro)

COMMERCIAL (Representing Buyers) 1 Units

- 45 West Street (Pittsboro)

RESIDENTIAL (Representing Sellers) 22 Units

- 168 Culberson Drive (Siler City)
- 570 Abeyance Road (Moncure)
- 2221 Brisbayne Circle (Raleigh)
- 427 Fenton Place (Charlotte)
- 52 Gentle Winds Drive (Pittsboro)
- 1475 Hoyt Scott Road (Bear Creek)
- 550 Calle Lane (Bear Creek)
- 3871 S. Plank Road (Sanford)
- 76 Millbrook Drive (Pittsboro)
- 5144 Rives Chapel Church Road (Siler City)
- 200 Valley View Lane (Pittsboro)
- 1822 Chandellay Drive (Durham)
- 5631 Swanns Station Road (Sanford)
- 4233 NC Highway 902 (Pittsboro)
- 130 Estes Drive (Chapel Hill)
- 117 Foxwood (Sanford)
- 1136 Sanford Road (Pittsboro)
- 729 Hope Hills Drive (Siler City)
- 1429 Van Thomas Road (Pittsboro)
- 1315 Hoyt Scott Road (Bear Creek)
- 745 Merl McManus Road (Bear Creek)
- 2349 S. Main Street (Goldston)

RESIDENTIAL (Representing Buyers) 7 Units

- 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)
- 6490 Snow Camp Road (Snow Camp)

PROPERTIES CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT

LAND (Representing Sellers) 7 Units

- 13120 Strickland Road (16.25 Acres)
- 0 Hamlets Chapel Road (42.805 Acres)
- 18 Pearleman Teague Road (2 Acres)
- 0 Old Graham Road (161.97 Acres)
- 271 Talon Drive (11.97 Acres)
- 1835 Lewter Shop Road (3.24 Acres)
- 0000 Jim Gilliland Road (57.284 Acres)

RESIDENTIAL (Representing Sellers) 2 Units

- 488 NC 87 N (Pittsboro)
- 8798 Sylvan Road (Liberty)

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School. Christine said she also remembers having separate seating areas in eating establishments for Black and white residents in downtown Siler City.

“(At) Bill’s Cafe...right down on Raleigh Street, if Black people wanted any food,” Christine said, “they had to go through the side door.”

However, Christine and her brother described their upbringing as “normal,” despite the circumstances of the times in which they were born and raised.

“To say that I have experienced prejudice, I really haven’t,” Christine said. “I can say that and be honest about it — I’ve never, ever experienced that. I know people that have, but I haven’t.”

In high school, Christine broke barriers by becoming the first woman and first Black woman to drive a school bus for Chatham County Schools. She drove one of the largest buses in the school system at that time, Bus No. 33, making \$25 a month.

“I loved it because at that time, I was just learning how to drive,” she recounted. “Some days if I needed to do work on the farm, Daddy would come pick me up from the school, I would go home and work in tobacco (fields) and then he would bring me back so I could bring the kids back in.”

Henry graduated from high school in 1957, and Christine finished right after him in the spring of 1958.

Following high school, Henry decided he wanted to go into the military reserves for the U.S. Army. He later moved to Boston, where he spent the majority of his adult life.

While in the Northeast, Henry worked for the post office for over 30 years, as a taxi driver for almost a decade, a security officer for Boston Public Schools and even hunted on land owned by one of the most famous individuals in American history.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Henry Paige (left) and his sister, Christine Paige-Reye in Siler City.

“I used to hunt on President Kennedy’s land,” Henry said. “Me and some guys used to go down and hunt on that property, about 80 miles out of Boston.”

Henry was also able to see several famous Black music artists while in Boston, ranging from Aretha Franklin to James Brown and even The Temptations. If it were not for him making the move to Boston, Henry said he would have missed out on some of his favorite memories.

“Every weekend somebody would come to Boston, but here, nobody comes down here,” Henry said. “In Boston, there were places where you could go out and dance, but there are not places like that in Siler City. Living in Boston, you would see a lot and learn a lot.”

While Henry decided to move to Boston after high school, Christine chose to move to New York the day after her high

school graduation to explore the world outside of Chatham County.

“I graduated at night, and then I left the next morning to go to New York, and I did not live here anymore,” Christine said.

Christine then studied at a teacher’s college in Vermont, where she said she experienced some of the most difficult challenges in her life, most of which surrounded her education.

According to Christine, the level of education she and her siblings received from the training school was a “basic curriculum.” She said only learning the basics, such as arithmetic and reading, made it harder for her to transition once she left to go to college.

“Because our curriculum here in Chatham County was so substandard, it was a challenge for me to compete with the other kids my age,” she said. “I did OK, but it was

hard.”

After graduating from college, Christine went to Boston, but soon found herself moving to Michigan where she worked for a federal program for over a decade, focusing on helping people obtain their general equivalency diploma, also known as a GED. Christine then spent the rest of her professional career working for General Motors in various administrative and management positions.

“I worked for the biggest corporation in the world, and I never dreamed that would happen to me,” she said. “I never thought a little country girl from Siler City would do all the things that I’ve done in my life. I look back on it, and you know what, it came from hard work.”

After decades of living outside of Chatham County and North Carolina, the Paige siblings made their way back to Siler City in 2004 to live out their retirement with the other two of their living siblings, Shirley and Gaphel.

The Paige siblings will often have spontaneous meet-ups in Siler City, but they will also travel together to Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Charlotte and Greensboro to do one of their favorite things together: try new restaurants.

“I’m living my best life with the four of us,” Christine said. “We do so many things together, and it’s just so great that we can just get together.”

Both Henry and Christine have lived their days with joy and intent, and they also have their own secrets to living a happy, fulfilling life.

For Henry, he has kept up his physical health by eating healthy foods — including his daily routine of having an apple and three links of turkey sausage in the morning — as well as keeping up with doctor’s appointments. He wants

younger people to take control of their health to live long, fruitful lives, like he has.

“Your health is all you have,” he said. “I go to the dentist every six months, I get my eyes checked every year, and I go to the doctor’s office every three or four months. You’ve got to go to the doctor, do what the doctor tells you.”

For Christine, she said she wants the young people who live in Chatham County to see

“You have to love yourself. You are the one that has to take control, take ownership and do something about it. This is how you live your best life and be happy with yourself and with your life.”

CHRISTINE PAIGE-REYE

new places outside of North Carolina. Learning about new cultures helped Christine to see the world differently, and for her,

it changed her attitude and outlook on life.

“The people here have never been anywhere else, so they don’t know anything else but Siler City — going to Walmart or Family Dollar, they don’t go to other places,” Christine said. “They need to be exposed to different cultures and different things that’s happening in the world — different ideas and (a) different change of pace. Go to New York, go to California, go to Michigan, go to Boston...you just need to be exposed.”

Both siblings have one more message for the younger generation in Chatham County, and, according to them, it is the biggest key for living life with joy and fulfillment: self-love.

“You cannot depend on someone else to make you happy — you’ve got to make your own self happy,” Henry said.

“You have to love yourself,” Christine said. “You are the one that has to take control, take ownership and do something about it. This is how you live your best life and be happy with yourself and with your life.”

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circles “to build relationships and help with conflict.”

In addition, she said each school within the system has at least one school counselor on staff to address student needs and concerns, adding all CCS staff members who work with children will receive six hours of mental health and suicide prevention training during the school year.

Last year, the school system implemented an anonymous reporting app if students or parents wish to report incidents of racial intimidation, hatred and intolerance.

“There’s a call center, so if a student were to call in, they would have someone available there they would speak with about a concern,” Fowler said. “The call center

then provides information for us to support the students.”

Ashley Palmer, whose son was one of the Black students targeted by the mock auction, credited CORE and its community organizing efforts over the past several weeks with creating a safe space for other parents and students to come forth with their stories of racial intimidation, discrimination and intolerance within the school system.

“Our son and daughter were subjected to racial trauma as students, both through micro-aggressions and macro-aggressions during their time at J.S. Waters School,” Palmer said. “I have countless stories where they were subjected to racial slurs by their peers or not provided the same academic opportunities as their white counterparts, whether it was deliberate or subcon-

sciously decided.”

Roebuck echoed Palmer’s sentiments, stating that CORE has been contacted directly by a number of concerned Chatham County parents whose children have suffered similar racial trauma and bullying at J.S. Waters.

Dr. Ronda Taylor Bullock, executive director of Working to Extend Anti-Racist Education (WE ARE), delivered a presentation as part of Tuesday’s webinar about how to speak to your children about racism.

A native of Goldston and a graduate of J.S. Waters, Bullock said this most recent incident of racial intimidation hit home for her. She recounted incidents from her childhood that occurred at J.S. Waters where she was excluded from activities like birthday parties — all because of the color of her skin.

“I don’t like why we had to come here this evening, but I think it is a move in the right direction to hold this space and to start to build this community and to move forward and to put some actions behind our words,” Bullock said.

Dr. Karen Barbee, owner of Renaissance Wellness, LLC — an agency which contracts with Chatham County Schools to provide mental health services to students — also presented to the group about the mental health aspect of racist incidents like the one at J.S. Waters.

“I was deeply affected by what happened recently at J.S. Waters,” Barbee told the News + Record. “As a Black female and native of Chatham County, I attended Chatham County Schools and actually two schools that are very close in proximity to J.S. Waters.

“I can relate to what happened because I too experienced racism as a student in high school at Chatham Central,” she said. “Unfortunately, these racist acts continue to be a problem for each generation of students that have attended since the integration of schools.”

During her presentation, Barbee shared information with attendees about how to better understand and address racial trauma in the K-12 school setting. She said racial trauma can be both direct and indirect — meaning it would be impossible to comprehend the number of students, parents and school staff impacted by the mock slave auction incident.

“There may have been other students of color who observed what occurred and didn’t know what to do, or how to effectively process what was happening,” Barbee told the News + Record. “We may never hear their stories if they choose not

to come forward.

“This is actually very understandable due to the fear of retaliation, losing friends and other fears that a young person can have if they share their story with the world,” Barbee added. “This incident is so very painful for people of color in Chatham County because these are boys who are behaving like this, which tells us that they more than likely learned it at home.”

Bob Pearson, a retired diplomat, moved to Chatham County with his wife seven years ago. A lifelong member of the NAACP, Pearson — who’s white — addressed the slave auction incident during the public comments portion of the Chatham County Board of Education meeting on March 14.

He said racist incidents like those at J.S. Waters run counter to the narrative of America he was fond of sharing about during his time working for the U.S. State Department in a number of European countries.

“I knew of these attitudes when I was a child, and it’s very discouraging to see that they still exist,” Pearson said. “And it’s very discouraging to see that they are still tolerated — that no action has really been taken to this point to deal with it. I spent my life telling people that America was a just and open and free society. I knew we had the problems, but I find it way too late to be pretending that these things can be tolerated today.”

Roebuck said concerned citizens like Pearson can contribute to healing and reconciliation in a number of ways, including participating in future webinars and community organizing training sessions led by CORE.

“You are investing in

the community so that we can start moving forward with some big problems in our county around race equity,” she said. “We can build a base in which we have ready on standby folks who are working to address our systemic inequities that exist in our county — what it means to do community organizing and why that’s a way to see this system change and to dismantle structural racism in our community.”

Barbee lauded CORE’s approach to community organizing as a response to the incident at J.S. Waters. She said concerned parents, citizens and community members coming together to form a collective is one of the best paths to healing and reconciliation but introspection is the first step in that lengthy process.

“We should all begin and continue a process of reflection to heal ourselves as we attempt to heal our community,” she said. “There is definitely power in numbers. The more we have people in our community come together for causes such as these, the more impact we can have in healing and creating a community that is welcoming, inclusive and equitable for all.”

During the March 22 webinar, Palmer, who is white, underscored Barbee’s point when she spoke directly to the Caucasian people participating in the CORE webinar. “Even those of you who consider yourself, like I did, as an ally — how are you being part of the solution?” Palmer asked rhetorically. “Are you maintaining the status quo and doing what’s comfortable, or are you challenging your reality and being willing to educate yourselves to be part of that solution?”

The Chatham County Board of Education has its next meeting on Monday, April 11.

Kinsey For State House of Representatives 2022

(Chatham and Randolph, District 54).

Conservative Opinion by Craig Kinsey:

American’s freedom relies on good Education:

America’s freedom encourages entrepreneurs to build a better product or a faster service. If successful, they reap financial reward. This is the free market as it should be. Constant renewal of ideas and production of better products has created incredible prosperity.

Disintegrating education is threatening America’s future success. The 2019 National Report Card discovered reading/math underperformance by 60% of NC 4th graders. If our youth cannot write a coherent paragraph or balance a check book, how will they lead us into the future? Instead of social re-engineering distractions like (equity, ambiguous sexuality, and preferred pronouns); our schools should focus and intensify calculable skills of a classical curriculum like (reading, writing, and arithmetic). Knowledge of classical skills will lead to a lifetime of critical thinking and achievement.

The solution: It is time to eliminate the Department of Education. It is time to assume financial decisions and parental control of the education curriculum. It is time for: Teacher pay-raises, expanded vocational school programs, Parent school choice, and vouchers K-12.

As your State Representative in Raleigh, I will work hard for Chatham and Randolph County’s parents. Why? Because it is time!

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VIEWPOINTS

My week as a kitchen bachelor featured no take-out — and just one casualty

Many men I know fancy themselves as good cooks.



BILL HORNER III
Publisher + Editor

Tossing a nice steak or a few finely-seasoned burgers over some charcoal is enough, I suppose, to qualify you for a “Grill Sergeant” t-shirt or a monogrammed apron. But perhaps a better resume-builder is baching it in the kitchen by yourself for a full week — without your wife and without getting takeout.

Which I have just done.

And with only a single casualty along the way.

You can't fairly boast about your own cooking or kitchen prowess, but I did casually mention to my wife via phone (she was in Texas this past

week, visiting our daughter) and my sister about my culinary exploits of the last seven days. Included was a humble-brag that, aside from a few trips to Starbucks, I hadn't hit a single drive-thru, made any Door Dash orders or picked up any to-go food. I might have also shared a picture or two of my meal creations on Snapchat, but I refrained from sharing that on Facebook or Instagram — I mean, why gush about yourself?

Why not, says I. Is it not obvious? A proud cooking man's answer, of course, is simple: leave me alone with a cast-iron skillet, some good olive oil, a few spices, real butter and some meat, and I can feed myself just fine without compelling the neighbors to call the fire department.

My menus included salmon (twice), steak, spaghetti with meat sauce, and baked chicken. Lunches were leftovers. Most

dishes included fresh vegetables I chopped and sautéed myself, including favorites like bok choy and broccolini. The lone “instant” meal I made was on Saturday night, when I dumped a warmed-up can of soup and a bagged, pre-made kale Caesar salad into separate bowls and ate while watching a movie on TV.

Everything turned out superbly — particularly the salmon and the steak (and, I hasten to add, the spaghetti and the chicken). I only texted Lee Ann for help once — when I was starting to prep the chicken thighs for lunch mid-afternoon Sunday afternoon. She texted back a recipe she found online, but I ended up just improvising: tossing the thighs in olive oil and an assortment of spices, then adding in, as I threw caution (and carbohydrate counting) to the wind, some mustard, honey, spicy barbecue sauce, soy sauce and

brown sugar.

They were *sweet*. I mean, *way* too sweet. But delicious nonetheless, served with some rice I prepared on the stove.

Which brings me to the week's casualty.

One of the staples in our kitchen is a Vita Clay pot we chiefly use for making rice. We've had it forever. It makes perfect rice (toss in with water, butter, a dash of salt) with the push of a single button with no fuss.

After preparing the chicken, I pulled the Vita Clay out and plugged it in as I measured out the rice and water. But when I opened the cooker's top and removed the clay lid, steam tumbled out. I was surprised to find the plugged-in pot had already started heating up. Remembering that Lee Ann measured and poured first before plugging in, I dutifully unplugged it — waiting a minute or two for it to cool down before adding the

two cups of water I was using for the rice.

Then my mistake. I didn't wait long enough. When the cold water hit the surface of the clay, I heard a distinctive pop. The pot cracked and was ruined.

I made a frantic, apologetic call to Lee Ann, who thankfully was nonplussed about it all. She'd had her eye on a small rice cooker anyway, she said. And besides, our Instant Pot is our go-to pressure cooker.

Relief washed over me.

And the rice? I just poured the ingredients into a large sauce pan, covered it, brought it to a boil and then simmered for 15 minutes.

Perfection.

Now, about those dishes I left behind ...

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Just roll with it

My family went to the beach for our kids' spring break. The same little island where my



ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN
Hope Matters

wife has vacationed her entire life, with its roller-skating rink that predates her by another 30 years. The place shows its age: a register that accepts cash only, a stereo with a cassette deck, and no air conditioning. No A/C in eastern North Carolina! Despite the heat and humidity, countless folks have wheeled across the worn floors over the years. Now, my kids can say the same. ...

And it turned out that they were not the only first-timers.

He caught my attention when he ducked through the door. He was easily 6 feet, 6 inches tall. Well over 300 pounds. His bushy red beard hung down his barrel chest. His cutoff T-shirt exposed tattoos on his hulking, sunburned arms. The proprietor fitted him with the largest pair of skates I'd ever seen. They were larger than electric cars!

I wondered if he would be a bull in a china shop. Or what if he was actually quite graceful? I tried to picture him executing a tight spin, one massive leg in the air behind him.

But as soon as this giant man had laced up and got to his feet, one skate went south and the other north. He managed to keep from falling by grabbing onto the railing.

“Whoa!” he boomed. “Not as easy as it looks!” Now, remember I was with my young children who were also first-timers. As much as I hated to pry my eyes away, I had other responsibilities. I was tracking down my kids when the floor shook. You guessed it — Big Man was down like a tree. Timber!

I watched as three smaller men whizzed up to where he lay prostrate on the floor. The two white guys got their hands under his arms while a slender Black man grabbed both his hands. Working together, they managed to pull Big Man back on his skates. By that point, I had rolled close enough to overhear them.

“I just can't,” Big Man panted. “I ain't no good.”

“Hey, don't give up!” the Black man smiled.

“How 'bout I hold your hand?”

The familiar opening to the song “Hotel California” filled the air as they slowly skated away, hand in hand. Those two were about as mismatched a skating pair as you could ever hope to see.

And the sight did give me hope.

Perhaps a reader might expect me to draw a lesson here about judging books by their covers or skaters by the color of their skin. About small towns and things of the past that are still present in holy ways. But no moralizing.

I'll just leave you with the image of these two men — one Black, one white; one slim and trim, one huge and hairy. They are wobbling cautiously around the curve of an ancient rink to the Eagles' song, and when they finally come around and skate toward you, you can see how they are both wearing cutoff T-shirts. Picture them also wearing the same bright smile. Sometimes in life, you just roll with what's happening.

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‘They’ say there’s something to this lion and lamb stuff

As you and I go through life we meet all sorts of folks — family



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

members when we get old enough to know who they are, childhood friends, school mates, co-workers, new family members such as a mate or children or in-laws, folks

who become good and dear friends and a whole passel of others along the way. In addition to all those — and others — there is also a large group known as “they.” You know who I'm talking about. “They” are the folks we often quote, as in “they say” this or “they say” that.

“They” say we're going to get some rain or “they” say it's going to be hot as blue blazes (whatever a blue blaze is) or “they” say something else. I'm not knocking how we talk; most of us have at one time or another have quoted “they,” whoever “they” are.

Sometimes “they” are who we want them to be. Sometimes “they” may be just one person, if it suits our purposes. That's a bit like the word of advice given by one of my seminary professors when he told us that one day we might show up for Sunday morning worship and be greeted in the parking lot by an

individual who might say, “Pastor, a bunch of us have been talking and we think it's time for you to leave.” “Typically,” my mentor said, “that means ‘me and one of my buddies’ don't want you here anymore.”

Sometimes, however, “they” is just how we pass along general information without saying something like, “Through the years, as you know, tradition, common sense and experience have all taught us that often there are irrefutable facts and/or a high probability that this or that is likely yak yak blah blah blah ...”

Which would you rather your ears hear?

Among the “they” sayings I have thought of recently are two: “they” say “when it thunders in the winter that means within 10 days, we're going to have snow,” and “they” say, “March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lion,” or “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.”

That means (obviously) when the weather for our third month begins in a gentle way then it won't be that way at the end of the month or vice-versa. I'm not sure what “they” say when it's a mixed bag.

We didn't have all that rough of a winter — no snow in March like 1960, when I was a young lad and it snowed every Wednesday for three weeks. Maybe that's a good thing.

The wood supply we had on hand was, for the most part, in short supply and sometimes was almost week to week, despite my best efforts to keep Shirley's chainsaw and wood splitter operating well. And right now, I can't remember how March began but it's going out a bit lion-like, what with cool temps at night and mucho wind, but there's still some lamb with the nice daytime temps.

So, while the lion and lamb part “they” speak of is still out with the jury, one thing “they” say has come true at our little spread lately.

“They” say that when you go outside to rake and burn leaves that if the air is completely still and calm, then as soon as you lay the rake aside and pick up a match and toss it into the pile of leaves, then the winds will begin to blow — especially in the direction you don't want them to blow.

On that issue, count me as part of “they.”

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VIEWPOINTS

We need more housing options

As post-COVID shifts in work arrangements and living preferences continue to motivate many Americans to relocate, North Carolina will continue to be a popular destination. Indeed, we can attract even more professionals, families, retirees and other folks to our state if we lean into one of our competitive advantages: housing options.

If you've been following local housing markets lately, my talk of our housing-option "advantage" may sound hollow to you. What options?

Yes, inventory is tight. Consequently, prices have skyrocketed in many North Carolina communities. This is a national trend, however, and housing prices have shot up even faster in other destination states. Comparatively, living in North

Carolina is still a bargain. Of the 10 states that experienced the largest numerical gains in population last year, including North Carolina (#4), our state has the lowest ratio of housing costs to the national average.

That's only for now, though. Unless we make it easier for homebuilders to keep up with demand — and, in particular, with demand for the kind of homes that consumers want to buy — North Carolina's edge will disappear. Does that mean building more single-family homes in the outer suburbs of fast-growing metropolitan areas? Or preparing our smaller cities and towns to attract the growing ranks of work-from-home households? Or loosening restrictions that keep high-density condos, apartments and accessory dwelling units from alleviating the housing crunch in urban cores?

Yes! It means all of the above. While most buyers, both relocators and new homeowners alike, seem to prefer the suburbs — despite decades of hectoring from "Smart

Growth" scolds — policymakers ought to accommodate a range of options.

Consider the case of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), sometimes called "granny flats." Whether added to already occupied lots as freestanding homes or by converting attics, basements and garages into rentable apartments, ADUs represent a challenge to traditional zoning codes. Some North Carolina cities have tried to accommodate them. Others haven't. The latter really ought to reconsider. ADUs obviously aren't for everyone, of course, but they can fill a gap in the market for young people, seniors and others who prioritize affordability and location over square footage.

In a recent article for The Independent Review, Duke University professor Michael Munger spelled out the underlying math of the problem. In places with burdensome regulation and high land prices, the cost of building new housing units can exceed \$250

per square foot.

"For a 1,000-square-foot apartment," Munger wrote, "a developer would need to charge at least \$2,750 per month just to break even. Now, the usual definition of 'affordable' is housing that costs 30 percent or less of the renter's income. But let's expand that, and call 40 percent of income affordable. A worker would still need a pretax annual salary of \$75,000 to be able to afford our hypothetical minimally legal new apartment."

Even in a less regulated market, developers may well have a financial incentive to target new construction to households with higher-than-average incomes. That can still ease the housing crunch for everyone else, though, because many customers buying the new housing stock will be vacating existing homes in the market, thus freeing up supply for other buyers.

My colleagues at the John Locke Foundation have long advocated regulatory reform as a means of promote housing

affordability across the Tar Heel State. "Planners, policymakers and other concerned citizens want more affordable housing options and less traffic congestion," senior fellow Jon Sanders wrote in a 2019 paper. "But instead of more regulation, the way to bring those things about more effectively may be less restrictive land-use and other regulations. With fewer government obstacles and more freedom to operate, people can respond to market needs more quickly and in a greater variety of ways."

North Carolina leaders have enacted many pro-growth policies over the years. That's one reason people keeping moving here in droves. To keep our good thing going, we need to make it easier for private industry to deliver the housing options their customers want.

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JOHN HOOD
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North Carolina, Special Forces, and Ukraine

Why can't the Special Forces units — such as those at Fort Bragg — do something to help the Ukrainians' use of unconventional warfare strategy and tactics against the invading Russian armed forces?



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

It turns out they have done a lot more than most of us know about.

Here's a headline from a March 2 article by Stavros Atlamazoglou, a Greek Army veteran and freelance defense journalist, posted on the website of the Business Insider: "Ukrainian special operators may soon be putting years of secretive training from the U.S. to use against Russia."

Another headline asserted, "Should the conventional fight in Ukraine end in Russia's favor, Ukrainians could put those unconventional skills to use."

Sooner or later, Atlamazoglou writes, "Russian quantitative and qualitative military superiority might give Putin his so-desired victory. But then the unconventional war will begin, and Ukrainians have been preparing for that since Russia's invasion and seizure of Crimea in 2014.

"U.S. and Western special-operations forces have worked extensively with the Ukrainian military in the years since, setting up commando units, training them, and preparing them to wage a guerrilla campaign against an occupying force."

A guerrilla war in Ukraine, Atlamazoglou says, will be "bloody for defenders, insurgents, and bystanders."

Steve Balestrieri, a journalist and retired Army Special Forces warrant officer, said, "The Russians' logistics chain, which is already in a mess trying to keep their troops supplied, would become a primary target. They are soft-skinned, road-bound, and are staffed by conscripts, not professional warriors."

In the event of a Russian "victory" and takeover of Ukraine, Balestrieri said, "Government buildings, isolated outposts, small groups of Russian soldiers would all be targets. If any high-ranking officers or politicians visit, they would all be likely targets for guerrilla attacks. The Russian battalion tactical groups are ill-prepared for being occupying powers in the cities of Ukraine."

Atlamazoglou explains,

"Unconventional warfare is the bread and butter of the U.S. Army's Special Forces Regiment — and members of the 10th Special Forces Group, which has Europe as its area of responsibility, have worked with Ukrainian special-operations forces. Reports also indicate that the U.S. intelligence community has provided special-operations and intelligence training to Ukraine."

Meanwhile, at the Army Special Forces Command at Fort Bragg, preparation for challenges such as Ukraine is ongoing and responsive to the changing threats and opportunities.

When some people learn that I served in the Special Forces they ask, "How in the world did they let you in?"

It is a good question. I was a green second lieutenant without the skills and experience a good Special Forces soldier should have. But in 1961, President John F. Kennedy ordered the expansion of the Special Forces to include an intelligence unit.

Filling that unit was a challenge. Special Forces required airborne training and very few intelligence officers qualified. "Intelligence officers are too smart to jump out of planes," I heard a thousand times.

But I was not that smart and was proud that I had made it through jump school.

So, I got in. My two-year experience with the Special Forces began in 1963.

I was a freshly trained counter-intelligence second lieutenant reporting to Fort Bragg and the Special Warfare School to learn about unconventional warfare.

Ironically, the focus of training at the school was shifting rapidly from fostering and supporting insurgencies in places such as Soviet-occupied Eastern Europe to counter-insurgency operations in Vietnam.

Today, perhaps, the school will be adjusting again to changing times, renewing its focus on Eastern Europe.

Like other North Carolinians I am proud of our state's connections to the school and to the Special Forces and for their contributions to the Ukrainian people's battle to preserve their independence and freedoms.

D.G. Martin hosted "North Carolina Bookwatch," for more than 20 years.

To view prior programs: <https://video.pbsnc.org/show/nc-bookwatch/episodes/>.



LETTERS

Never again: Reflections on what's happening in Ukraine

TO THE EDITOR:

The time has come that we all prayed would not. The prevailing thought in everyone's mind is WHY? There are a lot of whys involved in this conflict.

Why was a sovereign peaceful nation invaded with no provocation? Why didn't the freedom-loving world rally sooner to help defend democracy knowing full well that a megalomaniac couldn't be trusted? When tens of thousands of enemy troops were amassing on the border of Ukraine why didn't the world rally to send defensive weapons ahead of time to prevent any invasion? Why does a despot like Vladimir Putin be allowed to control the information to his own people? Why did thousands have to die under the despicable desires of one country while the world watched its people being destroyed?

Why did all freedom loving people allow this to happen at all?

I am sure history will answer the questions in various ways. If anything, we know that history repeats itself and if we ignore history, we are doomed to repeat it. That is why I hope we all replace the single word WHY with two words that I take from our friends from another freedom-loving country, Israel. NEVER AGAIN!

Let this chapter of history teach us that never again shall we allow any nation to invade another peaceful sovereign nation without justification. Millions died under Hitler's regime, but the millions will never be silenced as the living cry in remembrance, NEVER AGAIN! Never again shall we allow anyone who claims that their purpose to exist lies with the total annihilation of another such as Iran has stated

of both Israel and the United States. Never again should we believe or allow a dictator such as Putin who stated emphatically, "It is not my intention to invade Ukraine", as he assembled his forces for exactly that purpose.

If any good comes from the destruction of our country and the total horror visited upon our peaceful citizens, let it be the price we paid in our lives and land becomes the incentive for freedom loving countries to come together and prevent anything like this from happening again. We must band together, every nation that respects the rule of law and sovereignty to protect that which we all hold so dear against all who would choose to take and exploit our freedom. NATO should be a worldwide group so anyone who attacks one attacks all. That is called world peace.

When one country can take up arms against another peaceful nation without due cause or provocation, the aggressor much realize that they would face the might of a united world who stands together to say NEVER AGAIN!

Bill Janhonen
Siler City

The need for peace in Ukraine

TO THE EDITOR:

Like everyone I know, I am horrified by the brutal Russian invasion of Ukraine and terrified by the prospect of nuclear war. I am grateful that President Biden so far has resisted the pressure to enact a perilous "no-fly zone." But the President and NATO need to press urgently, directly, and specifically for real peace negotiations.

To do this will require some humble realism. The U.S. must acknowledge our own disastrous invasions of other sovereign nations (Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya) and our ongoing support of the seven-year Saudi war on Yemen (400,000 deaths so far,

including some 10,000 children). We should also consider NATO's reckless expansion into eastern Europe, which renowned U.S. diplomat George Kennan called "the most fateful error of American policy in the entire post-Cold War era." This context does not excuse Putin's invasion, but it does point to the need for the U.S. to take a much more active role in peace talks, and, especially, to resist the urge towards inflammatory language and threats.

Rather than choosing restraint, however, on March 26, in a major speech in Poland before a global audience, President Biden said about Putin, "This man cannot remain in power."

Although the White House immediately attempted to "clarify" the President's statement, these inflammatory words elicit many questions. Is the real goal of this war to force regime change in Russia? Are the brave Ukrainians pawns in this game? Does it make sense on the one hand to denounce Putin as a madman and a butcher, with nuclear weapons, and on the other to insult him personally and call for his demise? How is it our right to decide who rules in Russia? And why does Biden, instead, not call a summit with Putin and Zelensky to hammer out a true peace agreement?

U.S. efforts to force regime change in other countries (Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Honduras) have created only misery for ordinary citizens and have destabilized whole regions of the globe. As a mother, grandmother, and retired N.C. public school teacher, I quail when I think of the future our beloved children and young people face. We Americans have no influence over Putin. But we can make our fervent wishes for peace known to our elected officials, especially to our President, the leader of the richest, most powerful nation on our imperiled planet.

Christine B. Mayfield
Pittsboro

Wade Barber honored



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Marina Barber (left) and daughters Elizabeth Barber and Claire Barber Fenton proudly stand with their father Wade Barber Jr., who was honored with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine last Wednesday in Pittsboro. Barber, a noted Chatham County district attorney and judge, was given the state's highest civilian honor for his contributions as a legal innovator.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Barber, who is suffering from ALS, was greeted by a friend during Wednesday's ceremony.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Former N.C. House Speaker Joe Hackney, now a Chapel Hill attorney, said Barber 'will be remembered for his exemplary service; he has lived a life above the call of duty and integrity.' Hackney said Barber's work on statewide commissions and studies made profound differences in the administration of justice all across North Carolina.



Retired Superior Court Judge Carl Fox spoke of Wade Barber's commitment for justice and fairness during the ceremony, noting that Barber 'set the standard' for rape, sexual and domestic abuse cases. Chief District Court Judge Samantha H. Cabe watches as Fox speaks.

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Superior Court Judge Alyson A. Grine speaks to Barber's family and the full courtroom of people about the accomplishments which led to Barber's induction into The Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

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LYNCH

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director in 2017 after serving as Liberty's town manager. He became town manager in 2019 — replacing former manager Bryan Thompson, who also left the post to work for the county — and has served in that role for almost three years.

Since coming to Siler City, Lynch said he has seen the town flourish in leaps and bounds in regard to several development projects and economic growth.

"Many of those changes have been in progress for a number of years and it's been gratifying to see projects completed and closed out that improve infrastructure and benefit the town," he said.

One of the challenges Lynch faced during his tenure in Siler City was managing the town's COVID-19 response and implementing mitigation strategies. Some of the steps Lynch took in partnership with town staff included installing and removing various restrictions over the span of two years — such as mask mandates in town facilities — and starting an incentive program to encourage town employees to receive COVID-19 vaccinations.

"Following the changing guidelines and maintaining compliance was a day-to-day effort," Lynch said. "Town staff and residents have been understanding and compassionate about the COVID restrictions implemented over the past two years."

Lynch said Siler City has become his home, and through working with the town, he has made long-lasting relationships he is thankful for.

"I have really enjoyed my time working for the town and getting to know the community," he said.

As Chatham's new finance director, Lynch said he plans to take what he has learned as Siler City's manager and apply

those skills to continue to contribute to government operations on a larger scale.

"As with any new position we always have many things to learn, but the knowledge and experience I've gained in Siler City will help me to be successful in transitioning to the county," he said.

During his report last Monday, Lynch took the opportunity to directly address commissioners

and town staff and thank them for how they have helped him grow in his time as Siler City's manager.

"I want to, again, thank the board for your support and for the opportunities afforded me while working for Siler City," he said. "I want to also thank the staff for their support, working with me and for your commitment to the town. It's been a pleasure."

Commissioners and

town staff gave Lynch a round of applause at the end of his final meeting, sending him off with support and gratitude.

Commissioner Bill Haiges thanked Lynch for the work he has done for the town and wished him well on his future endeavors.

"I think you've left the town in a better place than you found it, and you have set the example for anyone coming into a leadership role"

Haiges said. "Thank you, Roy, for your hard work and service to the town."

Interim manager Bill Zell started as Lynch's temporary replacement last week. He will serve as the fill-in manager until commissioners and town staff find a permanent replacement for Lynch.

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“Having two megasites is such a benefit to this county and this county’s future,” Lewis said.

A massive incentives package helped draw VinFast to Chatham and the TIP site, including a 20-year, performance-based \$400 million grant from Chatham County and a Transformative-class Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) of \$316.1 million, to be paid conditionally over 32 years if VinFast meets specified performance targets.

Other grants came from N.C. Community Colleges (\$38 million) and the GoldenLEAF Foundation (\$50 million).

In addition, Chatham officials anticipate the state’s General Assembly will appropriate \$450 million to be used for site and road improvements, and additional water and sewer.

VinFast will occupy much of the TIP East site, located near the U.S 1-Pea Ridge Road interchange.

The site, formerly known as the Moncure Megasite, was originally developed beginning

in 2005 by members of the Kaplan family, which formed Moncure Holdings LLC after acquiring tracts of land there. An investor group led by Kirk Bradley of Lee-Moore Capital and Arthur Samet and Brian Hall of Samet Corporation joined the team in 2019 to assist them in

development of the site — which now includes TIP West and, more recently, on the Primary Megasite through a joint LLC known as TIP East Development Partners LLC.

Bradley is part-owner of Chatham Media Group LLC, which owns the News + Record.

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Staff photo by Peyton Sickles
N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper and Le Thi Thu Thuy, Vingroup’s vice chairman and the CEO of VinFast Global, sit in the front seat of one of the two VinFast SUV models that will be built in Chatham County.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles
State and Chatham County officials joined business leaders for the official announcement of VinFast’s decision to build a manufacturing plant in Chatham County.

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each — including Volvo (which went to South Carolina in 2015), Mercedes-Benz (Georgia, also 2015), Toyota-Mazda (Alabama, 2018), Tesla (Texas, 2019) and Ford — which looked at the CAM site in 2021, in addition to the TIP site — but ultimately went to Tennessee.

The state’s other recent wins include Boom Supersonic, an airplane manufacturer hoping to reinvent supersonic passenger travel, which announced a \$500 million plant in Greensboro in February. Toyota’s billion-dollar battery plant is being built in Randolph County and will employ 1,750 people.

VinFast, founded in 2017 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Vietnamese conglomerate Vingroup, is a global producer of premium automobiles. Headquartered in Hanoi, Vietnam, it has a state-of-the-art vehicle production facility in Hai Phong, Vietnam, that has the capacity to produce 950,000 vehicles per year by 2026.

VinFast’s rapid growth has seen it establish global operations in the U.S., Canada, Germany, France and the Netherlands. VinFast currently provides an ecosystem of EV products in its home country of Vietnam, including e-scooters, electric buses and electric cars, charging station system and green energy solutions.

According to a release from Gov. Cooper’s office, VinFast announced the VF e35 and VF e36 (now named the VF 8 and VF 9) at the 2021 Los Angeles Auto Show last November. The company introduced three new EVs (the VF 5, VF 6 and VF 7) at the 2022 Consumer Electronics Show, which combined with the earlier models allows the company to serve all five major vehicle segments, from small crossover to large SUV. Each vehicle embodies VinFast’s goal of offering leading technology with a premium experience at an attainable price point.

‘PROJECT BLUE’ AT A GLANCE

Here’s what you need to know about VinFast’s plans in Chatham

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surpass \$7 billion and total job count could well exceed 10,000 — perhaps as high as 13,000.

Average wages will be around \$51,100 annually.

The location

Triangle Innovation Point was formerly known as the Moncure megasite. It’s 2,158.5 acres in total with a prime location: just off U.S. 1 north of Sanford, six minutes from Sanford’s Raleigh Exec Jetport, 30 minutes from RDU and minutes from the I-540 loop in Wake County and two rail lines. Plus, utilities are already in place. VinFast is expected to eventually occupy about 1,750 acres in 1,866-acre Tip East. The 420 acres in TIP West are being developed separately.

The product line

VinFast is now taking orders in the U.S. for its all-electric premium SUVs — the full-size VF9 and the mid-size VF8. The smaller of the two, the two-row VF8, cost around \$39,400 in other countries; while the three-row VF9 starts at around \$53,700, according to the website InsideEVS. Pricing for the U.S. market has not been announced, but a VinFast executive told the News + Record that pricing will likely start at around \$39,000 for the VF8 and \$49,000 for the VF9 in the U.S. — but incentives may bring prices lower, particularly as the plant’s production ramps up.

The production timeline

Michael Smith, the EDC’s president, told the News + Record VinFast plans a “very compressed” timeline, with EV production output scheduled for mid-2024. VinFast Global CEO Le Thi Thu Thuy told the assembled group at Tuesday’s announcement at the Raleigh Convention center that the target was July 2024.

The incentives

Lots. Local incentives are still awaiting final approval — a positive vote by Chatham County commissioners on its \$400 million package is expected — but they’ll be performance-based and spread out over a long period of time based on VinFast meeting specific performance targets. County Manager Dan LaMontagne said details at the county level would be finalized early next week, with a public hearing tentatively slated for April 18.

The \$400 million in incentives will be paid out over 20 years, based on VinFast meeting performance targets.

From a statewide standpoint: a Transformative-class Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG) could provide VinFast with \$316.1 million over the next 32 years, depending on targets. The state General Assembly is expected to appropriate \$450 million to be used for site and road improvements — including additional water and sewer infrastructure. In addition, the GoldenLEAF Foundation will provide \$50 million and North Carolina Community Colleges will provide \$38 million in customized training support.

Who is VinFast?

VinFast is a subsidiary of Vingroup, which dates back to 1993. It’s the largest privately-held company in Vietnam and one of the largest in Asia. It’s the first Vietnamese car maker to expand globally and the first to offer EVs — electric vehicles — and electric scooters in the U.S.

What they’re saying

“In Chatham County, we have been positioning ourselves to be ready for responsible, forward-thinking, future-ready industries. I am proud to be part of the team that set the groundwork for us to welcome

this investment by VinFast that fits squarely with the goals of our comprehensive plan, Plan Chatham.”

Karen Howard, chairperson, Chatham County Board of Commissioners

“VinFast brings great opportunity to our region and Central Carolina Community College is excited to be a part of their workforce solution. Along with our regional sister community colleges, K-12 school systems and universities, we have the career pathways to support the targeted talent pipeline. CCCC’s commitment to expanding industry partners such as VinFast, includes a comprehensive array of education and manufacturing solutions customized to fit the industry needs.”

Dr. Lisa Chapman, president of Central Carolina Community College

“We are grateful for this opportunity and thrilled to welcome VinFast to Chatham County, North Carolina, for its first electric car manufacturing plant in the United States. This investment will benefit our community for decades to come by employing thousands of people in our region to build environmentally responsible vehicles that will reduce our carbon footprint.”

Dan LaMontagne, Chatham County Manager

“This announcement is the culmination of decades of hard work by current and former EDC staff, Chatham County staff, our elected officials, local and regional partners, and support from citizens. Welcoming a major employer like VinFast to Chatham County will transform the area, positively impacting the tax base and will retain and draw people to the area for years to come. This has always been the vision for Chatham County, and we are very excited to witness it come to fruition with

this project.”

Greg Lewis, chairman, Chatham County EDC board

“North Carolina is quickly becoming the center of our country’s emerging, clean energy economy. VinFast’s transformative project will bring many good jobs to our state, along with a healthier environment as more electric vehicles take to the road to help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper

“As a native of this area I am incredibly excited to see VinFast choose to join our community. Everyone in our region and across the state welcomes VinFast to our community, and we are committed to help this company succeed in North Carolina.”

Rep. Robert Reives II

“Many people and organizations have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring these new jobs and investment to Chatham County. Everyone in our region and across the state welcomes VinFast to our community, and we are committed to help this company succeed in North Carolina.”

Sen. Valerie Foushee

“North Carolina’s strong commitments in building a clean energy economy, fighting climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in transportation make it an ideal location for VinFast to develop its premium, smart and environmentally friendly EVs. Having a production facility right in the market will help VinFast to proactively manage its supply chain, maintain stabilized prices and shorten product supply time, making VinFast’s EVs more accessible to customers, contributing to the realization of local environmental improvement goals.”

Le Thi Thu Thuy, Vingroup Vice Chair and VinFast Global CEO

Mountaire's 'Easter for Thousands'

Mountaire Farms' "Thanksgiving for Thousands" program dates back more than a quarter century. Now, the company — which has a plant in Siler City — is expanding its outreach with a brand new "Easter for Thousands," set for April 9. This week, we speak with Sasha Duncan, Mountaire's community relations manager, about the effort. A Raleigh native, she began working for Mountaire in 2021. After launching her career in the political realm, she was excited to make the transition to the poultry industry and help promote Mountaire Farms in the Chatham County community.

Sasha Duncan



CN+R file photo

In this photos taken during last year's 'Thanksgiving for Thousands' event at Mountaire, employees and other volunteers worked to help distribute 5,000 boxes of food among churches and nonprofit organizations.

— similar set up and all. Mountaire Farms' impact and involvement in North Carolina is growing and we're thrilled to see the program take off so well.

In Delmarva, Easter for Thousands has been taking place for more than a decade and will distribute 5,000 boxes.

Your staff and community leaders will be packing and distributing 3,000 meal boxes — who's helping do the work, and where will the boxes go?

Mountaire Farms is excited to have more than 100 community volunteers, elected officials, employees and their families help us pack and distribute our Easter for Thousands meal boxes.

We opened registration for our Easter for Thousands boxes on March 1 and were surprised by the drastic increase in interest. We're excited to work with an additional 80+ organizations to further distribute the boxes to those in the community. This time, organizations range from churches to schools, nonprofits, and other organizations who can help us identify the families who need help the most.

For Easter, we're excited to invite more volunteers from the community to help us pack and load including teams from Jordan-Matthews High School, Siler City and Pittsboro Rotary Club, the Chatham County Sheriff's Department, Siler City Police Department, and Fire Marshall Billy Judson along with members of the local Fire Departments.

This not only allows them to see Mountaire Farms doing one of our favorite things — giving back to the community — but also allows them to meet more members of the Mountaire Family.

We do a lot in the community, and we want to share that with those around us.

What's in the food boxes, and what resources are you dedicating to putting those together?

Our employees really enjoy the opportunity to give back and we work together like a well-oiled machine to organize, sort, pack and distribute these boxes on the big day. We will have a tent set up in our employee parking lot and pallets of supplies ready to go the night before. On the morning of the event, we'll all be up early to ensure we get it all done just as vehicles are showing up to pick up their allotted number of boxes.

We're excited to continue our partnership with the Piggly Wiggly in Siler City and purchase our canned and boxed goods locally. Each box contains a plump Mountaire Farms roaster chicken, corn, peas and carrots, yams, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy and brownie mix. Blake Evans and his team have been incredible to work with — it's not every day somebody grocery shops for 3,000 families at once! The team over there has really played a large role in assisting us in blessing those in our community with a complete holiday meal.

Which nonprofits, churches and food banks are integral to the project?

All the churches, food banks, and organizations are integral to our Food for Thousands program. Each one of them serves a different community of their own and allows us to have a positive impact on even more people. We've continued to partner with unexpected



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Workers and volunteers helped load boxes of Mountaire chicken at the spring sale in Siler City in 2020.

combat that. Mountaire Farms' feeds the world, but it starts at home, in our own communities. We want to be a good partner and support in any way we can. For any inquiries, reach out to Jarrod Lowery, jarrodlowery@mountaire.com.

In what other new ways is Mountaire working to be a part of the Chatham County community?

Being an active community partner is important to Mountaire Farms and that's why we have a Community Relations team to make that possible. Personally, I've really enjoyed being a member of the Chatham County Chamber of Commerce, the Siler City Rotary Club, and coordinating service projects that give our employees opportunities to meet our partners and give back to the community. By being involved with organizations that help bring nonprofits and businesses together, we're able to build strong partnerships and make key connections in our

communities.

Over the past several months, Mountaire Farms has volunteered with the Chatham County Chuckwagon, Meals on Wheels, Trunk 'R' Treat, the CORA Mobile Market, Christmas parades and a few more projects. Mountaire Farms has a long history of charitable giving and I'm excited to be a part of that. With 1,800 employees in Siler City, we can always find a few volunteers willing to pitch in and help.

Our next large event that we're participating in is the Siler City Chicken Festival in May. We'll be hosting our first Chickin Pickin' in Siler City — an event that has been popular at the Delaware State Fair for years. Contestants compete to shred a fully cooked chicken and winners receive cash prizes or can donate to a charity of their choice. We're excited to watch state and local elected officials, community leaders and other participants pick chicken for a good cause.

Any plans to expand the program into other times during the year?

We understand that food insecurity happens throughout the year, not just at the holidays. Which is why we regularly donate to food pantries every month in North Carolina and in Delmarva. We also help with special events, fundraisers, and more. There is an increased need in our communities and we're trying to have the biggest impact we can to help

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OBITUARIES

BONNIE ANNE LINDEMAN FINKLE



Bonnie Anne Lindeman Finkle, age 80, of Pittsboro, passed away on March 25 at home.

Bonnie was born in Passaic County, New Jersey, on Aug. 27, 1941, to the late Russel Lindeman and Anne Schneider Lindeman. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Edward F. Finkle. Bonnie graduated from Wayne Valley High School in New Jersey in 1959, became a Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey in 1963, received a BS

in Nursing in 1991 from the University of the State of New York and an MS in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts in 2000.

Bonnie devoted her life to helping others throughout her career as a nurse. She would always see the positive and could commonly be heard saying, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

She was an avid lover of books, especially mysteries and ghost stories. One of her favorite holidays was Halloween, and she loved sharing her passion for this with her six grandchildren. She was the best Grandma one could ask for and always made sure to create memorable moments for all her grandchildren when they would come to visit her in Cape Cod and Pittsboro. Movie night showing Scooby-Doo was always a great experience where she would hand out tickets, popcorn and candy to everyone. Her favorite musical artist was Neil Diamond and was always thrilled to put on "Sweet Caroline" and have everyone sing along.

Bonnie had many pets over the years, both dogs and cats, and loved all of them dearly. She also loved knitting sweaters, hats, blankets and giving them to her family and friends. During her retirement years, she would frequently volunteer her time at the local food pantry and fulfill her need to travel the world and visit destinations such as England, The Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Scotland and Australia.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Edward G. Finkle and wife Mattea of Middletown, Connecticut, and Brian Finkle and wife Maria of Mechanicsville, Virginia; one daughter, Denise "DJ" Lynch, and husband Bob of Pittsboro; and six grandchildren, Amanda, Savannah, Matthew, Grayson, Jeremiah and Kayla.

A memorial service is planned at Donaldson's Funeral Home in Pittsboro on Thursday, March 31 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Massachusetts National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made in Bonnie's memory to Chatham County Literacy Council, P.O. Box 1696, Pittsboro, NC 27312, or Chatham Animal Rescue & Education, P.O. Box 610, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

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

WILLIAM WELFORD BECK



William Welford Beck, 89, of Siler City, died on March 24 at Coventry House of Siler City.

Welford was born in Chatham County on Nov. 25, 1932, the son of Lonnie Ernest Beck and Lillian Scott Beck. He was a member of Moons Chapel Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Navy with lifetime friends Jimmy Cranford and the late Richard Caviness. He retired from the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier. He was preceded in death

by his wife of 59 years, Helen Thomas Beck, his parents and a sister, Doris Beck Pearce.

Survivors include a sister, Allene Beck Coltrane; brothers, Clifford E. Beck, Sr. and wife Rosalie of Jacksonville, Florida, Clyde Thomas Beck and wife Doris Ann; "special adopted" family Scott, Elizabeth, Ashlyn and Meredith Faw; several nieces, nephews and friends.

The family received friends on March 27 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., followed by the funeral at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Scott Faw officiating. Burial followed in the Moons Chapel Baptist Church cemetery, with military rites.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Coventry House and Randolph Hospice for the loving care and the many kindnesses extended their way.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Smith and Buckner Funeral Home assisted the family.

DAVID W. CULLER

David W. Culler, 69, of Sanford, passed away Thursday, March 17 at home.

He was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on February 26, 1953, to his now deceased parents, Anna Ruth and John Jennings Culler II

He spent his career with the oil company Royal Dutch Shell and subsidiaries where he was an engineer, manager and research advisor.

He is survived by his wife Anna Louise; and sons, Matthew Donovan and Jonathan David Culler; brothers, Dr. John Jennings Culler III of Lexington, Paul Thomas Culler of Nicholasville, Kentucky; and one granddaughter.

Arrangements are by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

LYNN HANCOCK TROGDON

Lynn Hancock Trogdon, 58, of Fuquay-Varina, passed away Saturday, March 26 at WakeMed Hospital.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 3 p.m. at Cool Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Matt Martin, Rev. Steve Gordon, Jim Hancock and Joe Liles officiating.

She was born in Orange County, Florida, on May 12, 1963, to the late James Lloyd and Paulette Maille Hancock.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Rodney; daughter, Jill Doss of Fuquay-Varina; one granddaughter; brother, Jim Hancock of West End; and sister, Carol Barker of Sanford.

Arrangements were by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

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KIRBY 'BUD' LEE JOHNSON JR.

Kirby "Bud" Lee Johnson Jr., 79, of Sanford, passed away Wednesday, March 23 at First-Health Moore Regional Hospital surrounded by his family.

The family received friends on Sunday, March 27 at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The funeral service followed in the chapel at 2 p.m. with Rev. Bruce MacInnes officiating.

Kirby was born in Lee County on June 27, 1942, to the late Kirby Lee Johnson and Idela Hall Johnson. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by sisters Jesse Heath and Altie McDuffie and brother Buddy Johnson. Kirby was retired from GKN. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara; daughter, Angela Brown of Sanford; son, Rodney Lee Johnson of Clayton; sister, Doris Smith of Lemon Springs; brother, Ronnie Lee Johnson of Broadway; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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TEVIN DE'ANGELO MCDONALD

Tevin De'Angelo McDonald, 31, of Raleigh, passed away on Wednesday, March 16 at Wake Med Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26 at Knotts Funeral Home in Pittsboro.

SELMA B. CAMPBELL

Mrs. Selma B. Campbell, 96, of Bear Creek passed away on Thursday, March 24 at Cambridge Hills in Pittsboro.

Memorial services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 at Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

SHIRLEY M. MCLEOD

Shirley M. McLeod, 78, of Sanford passed away on Tuesday, March 22 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 at First Cavalry Baptist Church. Burial followed in Lee Memory Garden.

METRO JOHN SEWALISH

Metro John Sewalish, 74, of Lemon Springs passed away on Thursday, March 24 at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

LEE VERN QUICK

Lee Vern Quick, 59, of Sanford passed away on Monday, March 21 at his home.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

LARRY INGRAM

Larry Ingram, 59, of Eagle Springs passed away on Wednesday, March 23 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 23 at Holy Grove Deliverance Church of God.

ALFREDO CAMBRAY RAMIREZ

Alfredo Cambray Rairez, 38, of High Point passed away Monday, March 7 at Atrium Health-Wake Forest Baptist.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home in Chapel Hill.

CHRISTINE MCGILBERRY

Christine McGilberry, 72, of Sanford passed away on Thursday, March 24 at Tower Nursing and Rehab. in Raleigh.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

Finding their pot of gold



Courtesy of the Chatham Council on Aging

Clients at the Chatham County Council on Aging put on their best shades of green and enjoyed two days of St. Patrick's Day-themed activities two weeks ago at the Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City.



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Wastewater study commission presents options, seeks info

BY KEITH T. BARBER
News + Record
Correspondent

Members of a wastewater study commission appointed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to address rapid growth along the U.S. Hwy. 15-501 corridor discussed seven potential solutions at its regular meeting on Monday night.

The 12-member commission, tasked with helping to find a solution for wastewater issues plaguing the northeast corner of the county, considered different approaches to the challenges during the meeting. Commission members went into the meeting — which was held virtually, rather than in person — having composed a list of options, then presented them to County Manager Dan LaMontagne, along with a number of requests for information.

On first blush, LaMontagne pointed out some of the group's proposed solutions were regional in nature.

“All those are part of a regional solution that we would have to do a preliminary engineering report or feasibility study for those,” LaMontagne said. “That’s not something this [study] commission was appointed to do by the board [of commissioners], but if that was the next stage that you want to recommend to the board, then we can hire a consultant to do all that.”

As LaMontagne read through the list of solutions, commission member Liz Rolison attempted to clarify the commission's thought process.

“I don’t think all of these bullet [points] represent only a regional solution,” Rolison said. “Some of them represent joining up with other existing solutions, like [Orange Water and Sewer Authority], like Pittsboro, like Sanford.”

Study commission members said they would need to receive very specific information from the county if they hope to present one or more viable solutions to the board of commissioners, Rolison added.

As LaMontagne read aloud those requests for information, Rolison attempted to clarify the study group's rationale.

“We want to make sure that if there’s any information that Chatham County has, that it’s being shared with us before we try to narrow down this list,” Rolison said. “We sincerely want to do as responsible a job on narrowing down these potential solutions.”

“We want to have considered as much information as we can get available,” she continued. “And we’re just asking you to share what might make for a better recommendation.”

LaMontagne said in order for the county to fulfill the study commission's information requests, a consulting firm would need to be retained.

Commission member Denise O’Gorman-Nowak argued the group cannot make an informed recommendation to county commissioners until all the relevant data is made available to the group's members.

“All the information that we’ve had and we’ve learned about is only on the package [wastewater] plants, and we have identified a lot of problems with the package plants,” O’Gorman-Nowak said. “So we’re asking, can we have some information on these other ideas so that we can say, ‘Are they reasonable?’ And can we make that suggestion that we look for a regional op-

tion for the next phase, but we can’t do those things because we’re thinking these things in a vacuum.”

The potential solutions discussed by the study commission ranged from keeping the current privately-owned decentralized wastewater system as it is to the construction of a regional wastewater system for northeast Chatham County — which would include replacing existing package wastewater systems and aging septic systems — and the formation of a public authority to manage the system.

Other potential solutions discussed at Monday’s meeting included short-term transitional options, like the possibility of creating a new centralized management entity to manage the current existing package plants in the northeast

corner of the county; extending service from Pittsboro and Chatham Park to the northeast; extending service from Sanford to the U.S. 15-501 corridor; as well as extending service from Siler City’s wastewater system to the northeast corner of the county.

Study commission members also mulled the possibility of connecting into the Orange Water and Sewer Authority to provide wastewater treatment for the northeast area of the county.

Rolison elucidated the group's strategy moving forward. She said a high level assessment will be done on each of the seven options by different members of the study commission.

“We’re not really trying to identify costs,” Rolison stated. “We’re not really

trying to identify capacity or design elements here — we’re really just trying to look at a high level of, ‘Is it an option we can consider? Is it potentially viable? What are the benefits it offers us? And what are the downsides that we need to consider?’”

Rolison said one of the primary goals of the study commission was to pare down its list of potential solutions to make a handful of recommendations to county commissioners that would ideally create the greatest overall benefit for the residents of Chatham County.

To do that, Rolison said study commission members would need to divide up the seven solutions and work on them individually based on their background and expertise.

But Lindsay Ray, clerk to the Chatham County

Board of Commissioners, warned commission members about the need to exercise caution if they plan on meeting in subgroups due to North Carolina’s open meetings law.

Ray said she would consult with Chatham County Attorney Bob Hagemann on how the study commission can fulfill its mission while still adhering to state statutes.

Rolison said the study commission will follow Hagemann’s guidance on how to best comply with the state’s open meetings law but the task before them is significant and will require work outside the group’s monthly meetings.

“It would be a shame if we can’t tap into all of the expertise in the group,” she said.

The group meets again on April 25.



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This 10th day of March, 2022. Myra L. Collins, Administrator of the Estate of David Aaron Kopf aka David Kopf c/o Julia G. Henry, Esq. Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 M10,M17,M24,M31,4tc

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 113
 All persons having claims against DENNIS BRANSON SPIVEY, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of June, 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 March, 2022. Stephanie Spivey, Administrator 189 N Pea Ridge Road Pittsboro, NC 27312 M10,M17,M24,M31,4tp

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 126
 All persons having claims against MOZELLE H. GOLDSTON, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of June, 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 March, 2022. Drusilla G. Emerson, Executrix 2589 Alston Chapel Road Pittsboro, NC 27312 M17,M24,M31,A7,4tp

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22 E 121 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 The undersigned, Herbert Sasser, having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **CARLTON HADLEY HEWETT, SR.**, 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 8th day of June 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 10 day of March, 2022. Herbert Sasser c/o Shanelle K. Edmonds, Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 M10,M17,M24,M31,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified on the 7th day of March, 2022 as Administrator of the Estate of **DAVID AARON KOPF** aka David Kopf deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of June, 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.

NOTICE OF INTEREST ABSTRACT
 This notice is out of the necessity for the establishment of a perfected interest in the Estate identified herein. The KEVIN JAMES WELSH, Estate, hereinafter "Debtor" Bond registration Vermont Vital Statistics file number 144-68-003086. Federal Reserve, Federal Insurance, and Treasury account number XXXX0569. The grantor, beneficiary, heir and General Executor WELSH, Kevin James, a man hereinafter "Creditor" has a first priority secured interest in the Debtor's property by private agreement. As of the date of this publishing, no person, natural or artificial, has presented a superior claim of interest in the DEBTOR'S Estate including but not limited to personal and real property, chattels and entitlement rights of the estate assets and securities to Creditor. The last known residence address of the DEBTOR Estate as certified on the title is the Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry St., Burlington, VT 05401. All DEBTOR'S labor/energy, and every product created therefrom, whether past, present, or future are indentured by private agreement. All products of the DEBTOR'S labor including but not limited to property

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 128
 All persons having claims against RUTH MAXINE OLDHAM, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of June, 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 March, 2022. Danny Keith Oldham, Administrator 74 Howards Mill Rd. Bennett, N.C. 27208 M17,M24,M31,A7,4tp

acquired, by gift, agreement, wage and/or sale in DEBTOR'S NAME. All means "everything" real and personal which DEBTOR has both in possession and not in possession as equitable interest. This includes real property, personal property and everything attached to it. NOTICE OF ADVERSE CLAIM ABSTRACT Any real or artificial person and or municipal corporation with an adverse claim to any of the DEBTOR'S property shall send their claim certified under oath (notary jurat), or unsworn declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(1), sent certified or registered mail within three (3) days of the final publishing of this notice to: The KEVIN JAMES WELSH, Estate, Office of the Executor, RFD 238 Ross Drive, Pittsboro, North Carolina [27312-9998]. M17,M24,M31,A7,4tp

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 17-CVD-315 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION COUNTY OF CHATHAM Plaintiff, VS MARK CURTIS LIEB a/k/a MARK C. WARREN, et al Defendants.
 TO: THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DEVEISEES OF MARK CURTIS LIEB a/k/a MARK C. WARREN and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, and LESLIE F. LIEB a/k/a LESLIE F. WARREN or ANY HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DEVEISEES OF LESLIE F. LIEB a/k/a LESLIE F. WARREN or any other person or entity claiming thereunder. A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on March 17, 2022. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after March 17, 2022, or by April 26, 2022, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought. This the 11th day of March, 2022. ZACHAEUS LEGAL SERVICES By: MARK D. BARDILL/MARK B. BARDILL Attorney for Plaintiff NC Bar #12852/56782 310 W. Jones St.

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NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. TARA M. WOMBLE A/K/A TARA M. DOWNING and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of TARA M. WOMBLE A/K/A TARA M. DOWNING and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 21-CVD-724, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 6th day of April, 2022, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Matthews Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land in Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and described as follows: Being all of Parcel B, containing 1.000 acres, more or less, as described on a Plat entitled Survey for Pearly L. Womble & wife, Tara M. Womble, dated November 20, 1995, prepared by Archie F. Norwood, Jr. RLS, and recorded in Plat Slide 95-487, Chatham County Registry, to which Plat reference is hereby made for greater certainty of description. SAVING, EXCEPTING, AND RESERVING unto parties of the first part, their heirs and assigns, a permanent right and easement to obtain water from the 6 Drilled Well shown on the above referenced plat, to install underground pipe and electric wiring to the well pump for domestic purposes, to install and maintain underground pipe and electrical wiring to said well pump, if necessary, for the conveyance of said water and to go upon said lands whenever the same is reasonably necessary for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining and repairing said pipe and electric wires, which water easement shall be 20 feet wide and extend Southwestwardly from said Well and parallel with the right of way of State Road 1132 approximately 50 feet to the center of the 30' private Easement shown on the plat recorded in Plat Slide 95-487, Chatham County Registry, and continuing Southeastwardly with or along said 30' private Easement to the property line of the parties of the first part. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0071508

The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 8th day of March, 2022. Mark D. Bardill/Mark B. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 20 E 554

All persons having claims against MARK DANIEL FLYNN, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of June, 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 March, 2022. Kathleen A. Flynn, Ltd Personal Rep c/o Brown Estate Planning PO Box 920 Graham, NC 27253

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 159

All persons having claims against WINIFRED LIU FU, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of June, 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 March, 2022. Derrick Fu, Executor 713 Burnaby Ct. Cary, NC 27219

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 148

All persons having claims against SYLVIA LORRAINE WILLIAMS, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of June, 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 March, 2022. Tracy Lorraine Pakornsawat, Executrix 2892 Silk Hope Liberty Road Siler City, NC 27344

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

All persons having claims against SUSAN J. BACH aka Susan Jane Bach of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 25th day of May, 2017, are notified to present them to Nicholas R. Bach, Jr, Executor of the Estate of Susan J. Bach aka Susan Jane Bach in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before June 30, 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 Susan J. Bach aka Susan Jane Bach. Those indebted to Susan J. Bach aka Susan Jane Bach 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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 150

All persons having claims against TONY R. BOWERS, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of June, 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 March, 2022. Vanessa B. Mewborn, Executor 2003 Horizon Ct. Greenville, NC 27858

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 77

All persons having claims against BARBARA A. MURPHY, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of June, 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 March, 2022. Sara A. Murphy, Executrix 6305 Reeves Dr. Sanford, NC 27332

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 135

All persons having claims against PAUL MERRITT JONES, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of June, 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 March, 2022. Kathryn J. McReynolds, Co-Administrator CTA 161 Crows Creek Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 Merritt M. Jones, Co-Administrator CTA 160 Stone Wall Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312

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PUBLIC NOTICE North Carolina Environmental Management Commission/ NPDES Unit

1617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1617 Notice of Intent to Issue a NPDES Wastewater Permit NC0026441 Siler City WWTP The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission proposes to issue a NPDES wastewater discharge permit to the person(s) listed below. Written comments regarding the proposed permit will be accepted until 30 days after the publish date of this notice. The Director of the NC Division of Water Resources (DWR) may hold a public hearing should there be a significant degree of public interest. Please mail comments and/or information requests to DWR at the above address. Interested persons may visit the DWR at 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604 to review information on file. Additional information on NPDES permits and this notice may be found on our website: http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/npdes-wastewater/public-notices, or by calling (919) 707-3601. The Town of Siler City [P.O. Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344] has requested renewal of NPDES permit NC0026441 with flow expansion for its Siler City Wastewater Treatment Plant, located

in Chatham County. This permitted facility discharges treated municipal and industrial wastewater to the Loves Creek, a class C water in the Cape Fear River Basin. Some of the parameters in the permit are water quality limited. This discharge may affect future allocations in this segment of the Loves Creek.

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 17-CVD-315 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY COUNTY OF CHATHAM Plaintiff, VS NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

MARK CURTIS LIEB a/k/a MARK C. WARREN, et al Defendants. TO: The HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DEWISEES of MARK CURTIS LIEB a/k/a MARK C. WARREN and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, and LESLIE F. LIEB a/k/a LESLIE F. WARREN and ANY HEIRS, ASSIGNS or DEWISEES of LESLIE F. LIEB a/k/a LESLIE F. WARREN or any other person or entity claiming thereunder A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on March 31, 2022. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after March 31, 2022, or by May 10, 2022, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought. This the 22nd day of March, 2022. ZACCHAEUS LEGAL SERVICES By: /s/ MARK D. BARDILL/ MARK B. BARDILL Attorney for Plaintiff NC Bar #12852/56782 310 W. Jones St. P.O.Box 25 Trenton, North Carolina 28585 Telephone: (252) 448-4541

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Pursuant to G.S. 115C-518 and 160A-269, the Chatham County Board of Education hereby gives notice that it has received an offer to purchase the property located off Chatham Church Road, south of Peter Roberson Road, Moncure, North Carolina. The property consists of one parcel totaling approximately 1.012 acres of land known as the Old School Lot. The property is being sold "AS IS" with no representation from the Chatham County Schools regarding the acreage or condition of the property. Please contact Mr. Chris Blice, Assistant Superintendent for Chatham County Schools at (919) 542-3626 for additional information regarding the property. The offer to purchase is in the amount of \$12,386.00. The offer includes the purchaser paying for the preparation of the deed and any closing costs. Notice is hereby given that prior to April 10th, 2022, any person may raise the bid by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first one thousand dollars (\$100) and five percent (5%) of the remainder (\$569.30). Therefore, the lowest acceptable upset bid is \$13,055.30. The individual submitting the upset bid will need to agree to pay for the cost for the preparation of the deed and any closing costs. When a bid is raised, the bidder shall provide a bid deposit in the amount of five percent of the total increased bid in cash or certified funds with the Chatham County Schools. The bid deposit shall be forfeited if the bidder fails to purchase the property without cause. The Chatham County Schools shall readvertise the offer at the increased bid. This procedure shall be repeated until no further qualifying upset bids are received, at which time the Board may accept the offer and sell the property to the highest bidder. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all offers at any time. This the 30th day of March 2022. M31,1tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified at Executor of the Estate of **STEPHEN RAY FARRIS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby make notification of all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned attorney on or before June 29, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All person indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned's attorney. This 31st day of March, 2022. Scott J. Rizzo, The Rizzo Law Firm, PLLC Attorney for Administrator for the Estate of Stephen Ray Farris 15720 Brixham Hill Avenue, Suite 300 Charlotte, NC 28277 Stephen Ray Newby, Administrator of the

Estate of Stephen Ray Farris 10359 U.S. Hy 64E Stanley, NC 27355

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CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified on the 9th day of March 2022, as Executor of the Estate of JEAN LOIS BOGGESE, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of June 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 31st day of March 2022 Keifer W. Boggess III, Executor of the Estate of Jean Lois Boggess 3603 NC Hwy 87 North Pittsboro, NC 27312 Attorneys: Law Offices of W. Woods Doster, P.A. 206 Hawkins Avenue Sanford, NC 27330

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RESOLUTION TEMPORARY MOVE CHATHAM COUNTY POLLING PLACES Moncure Precinct and Bonlee Precinct

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163-128(a) states that a county board of elections shall have the power from time to time, by resolution to establish, alter, discontinue, or create new voting places as it may deem expedient, and, WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections desires to improve voting opportunities for the voters in the precincts, and, WHEREAS, the previous polling places in these precincts are not available for use on May 17, 2022 for voting purposes, and WHEREAS, the buildings listed in this document are located within the precinct boundaries and meets all requirements for ADA compliance, and, WHEREAS, prior arrangements have been made with the facilities to allow Election Day voting to be conducted at these sites on May 17, 2022, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Elections has adopted this resolution as required by General Statute 163-128 to temporarily change the polling places mentioned in this resolution; Moncure Precinct will vote at Liberty Chapel Church,1855 Old US 1 Hwy, Moncure, NC 27559 and Bonlee Precinct will vote at Chatham Central High School, 14950 NC-902, Bear Creek, NC 27207. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT. 1. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice 45 days prior to the Primary Election by advertisement in local newspapers; shall post at the Board of Elections and on the county website and shall mail a copy of the resolution to the chairman of every political party in the County. 2. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to voters in the precincts listed above, and in the attached document, no later than 30 days prior to the Primary election. 3. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to the State Board of Elections of these changes. Adopted this, the 15th day of March 2022 by: Chair, /s/ Laura Heise Sec, /s/ Charles Ramos Mem. /s/ Amy Meek Mem. /s/ Frank Dumphy Mem. /s/ Mark Barroso

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RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATING HARPERS CROSSROADS (24) AND BENNETT (06) PRECINCTS

WHEREAS, Harpers Crossroads (24) and Bennett (06) are in the same contiguous Congressional, North Carolina senate, North Carolina House Districts, Board of Education Districts, and County Commissioner Districts, have a combined voter registration total of 1,538 (759 Harpers Crossroads; and 779 Bennett), and are located approximately 5.8 miles from the current polling place in Bennett; WHEREAS, the location for the proposed new Crossroads Precinct (the current Harpers Crossroads location – Harpers Crossroads Community Center) would provide more sufficient room for voting and parking, remove barriers from voting in a fire station (Bennett currently votes at the Bennett Fire Station) provides cell phone reception, and save on resources such as computers, printers and poll workers; NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the precincts of Harpers Crossroads (24) and Bennet (06) will be consolidated into a single Crossroads precinct located at the Harpers Crossroads Community Center; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Chatham County Board of Elections shall submit to the State Board of Elections a map of Crossroads Precinct, the precinct dividing line to be removed by this resolution, the address for Harpers Crossroads Community Center, pictures inside the voting area and the parking lot, and the North Carolina Board of Elections Polling Place Accessibility Survey Form. This 22nd day of June, 2021 CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS /s/ Laurie Heise, Chair /s/ Charles Ramos, Secretary /s/ Amy Meek, Member /s/ Frank Dunphy II, Member /s/ Mark Barroso, Member

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RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163-128(a) states that a county board of elections shall have the power from time to time, by resolution to establish, alter, discontinue or create new voting places as it may deem expedient, and, WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections desires to improve voting opportunities for the voters of the Mann's Chapel precinct, and, WHEREAS, the previous polling place the CCCC Health Science Building located at 75 Ballentree Court, Pittsboro, NC 27312 provides some difficulties for election purposes, and, does not meet all space needs for Election Day voting and voter parking. WHEREAS Perry Harrison Elementary School is located within the precinct boundaries and meets all requirements for ADA compliance, and, WHEREAS provides sufficient space to conduct safe, secure, and efficient elections. BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Elections has adopted this resolution as required by General Statute 163-128 to change the polling place in Mann's Chapel precinct to the Perry Harrison Elementary School gym located at 2655 Hamlet Chapel Church Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; 1. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice 45 days prior to the Primary Election by advertisement in local newspapers; shall post at the Board of Elections and on the county website and shall mail a copy of the resolution to the chairman of every political party in the County. 2. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to voters in the Mann's Chapel precinct no later than 30 days prior to the Primary election. 3. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to the State Board of Elections of these changes. Adopted this, the 21st day of September 2021 by: CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS /s/ Laurie Heise, Chair /s/ Charles Ramos, Secretary /s/ Amy Meek, Member /s/ Frank Dunphy II, Member /s/ Mark Barroso, Member

/s/ Frank Dunphy II, Member /s/ Mark Barroso, Member

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RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CHANGE THE POLLING PLACE IN THE MANNS CHAPEL PRECINCT

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163-128(a) states that a county board of elections shall have the power from time to time, by resolution to establish, alter, discontinue or create new voting places as it may deem expedient, and; WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections desires to improve voting opportunities for the voters of the Mann's Chapel precinct, and; WHEREAS, the previous polling place the CCCC Health Science Building located at 75 Ballentree Court, Pittsboro, NC 27312 provides some difficulties for election purposes, and, does not meet all space needs for Election Day voting and voter parking. WHEREAS Perry Harrison Elementary School is located within the precinct boundaries and meets all requirements for ADA compliance, and, WHEREAS provides sufficient space to conduct safe, secure, and efficient elections. BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Elections has adopted this resolution as required by General Statute 163-128 to change the polling place in Mann's Chapel precinct to the Perry Harrison Elementary School gym located at 2655 Hamlet Chapel Church Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; 1. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice 45 days prior to the Primary Election by advertisement in local newspapers; shall post at the Board of Elections and on the county website and shall mail a copy of the resolution to the chairman of every political party in the County. 2. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to voters in the Mann's Chapel precinct no later than 30 days prior to the Primary election. 3. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to the State Board of Elections of these changes. Adopted this, the 21st day of September 2021 by: CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS /s/ Laurie Heise, Chair /s/ Charles Ramos, Secretary /s/ Amy Meek, Member /s/ Frank Dunphy II, Member /s/ Mark Barroso, Member

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RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CHANGE THE POLLING PLACES IN THE FOLLOWING PRECINCTS: Bonlee, East Siler City, Pittsboro, and North Williams,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163-128(a) states that a county board of elections shall have the power from time to time, by resolution to establish, alter, discontinue or create new voting places as it may deem expedient, and; WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections desires to improve voting opportunities for the voters in the precincts attached to this resolution, and; WHEREAS, the previous polling places in these precincts provides some difficulties for election purposes, and WHEREAS, the buildings listed on the attached document is located within the precinct boundaries and meets all requirements for ADA compliance, and; WHEREAS, prior arrangements have been made with the facilities to allow Election Day voting to be conducted at these sites and; WHEREAS, these facilities receive tax revenue as outlined in G.S. 163-129(a). BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Elections has adopted this resolution as required by General Statute 163-128 to change the polling places in the list of precincts attached to this resolution;. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT. 1. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice 45 days prior to the Primary Election by advertisement in local newspapers; shall post at the Board of Elections and on the county website and shall mail a copy of the resolution to the chairman of every political party in the County. 2. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to voters in the precincts listed above, and in the attached document, no later than 30 days prior to the Primary election. 3. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to the State Board of Elections of these changes. Adopted this, the 22nd day of June 2021 by: CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS /s/ Laurie Heise, Chair /s/ Charles Ramos, Secretary /s/ Amy Meek, Member /s/ Frank Dunphy II, Member /s/ Mark Barroso, Member

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RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CHANGE THE POLLING PLACES IN THE FOLLOWING PRECINCTS: Bonlee, East Siler City, Pittsboro, and North Williams,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163-128(a) states that a county board of elections shall have the power from time to time, by resolution to establish, alter, discontinue or create new voting places as it may deem expedient, and; WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections desires to improve voting opportunities for the voters in the precincts attached to this resolution, and; WHEREAS, the previous polling places in these precincts provides some difficulties for election purposes, and WHEREAS, the buildings listed on the attached document is located within the precinct boundaries and meets all requirements for ADA compliance, and; WHEREAS, prior arrangements have been made with the facilities to allow Election Day voting to be conducted at these sites and; WHEREAS, these facilities receive tax revenue as outlined in G.S. 163-129(a). BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Elections has adopted this resolution as required by General Statute 163-128 to change the polling places in the list of precincts attached to this resolution;. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT. 1. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice 45 days prior to the Primary Election by advertisement in local newspapers; shall post at the Board of Elections and on the county website and shall mail a copy of the resolution to the chairman of every political party in the County. 2. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to voters in the precincts listed above, and in the attached document, no later than 30 days prior to the Primary election. 3. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to the State Board of Elections of these changes. Adopted this, the 22nd day of June 2021 by: CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS /s/ Laurie Heise, Chair /s/ Charles Ramos, Secretary /s/ Amy Meek, Member /s/ Frank Dunphy II, Member /s/ Mark Barroso, Member

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RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CHANGE THE POLLING PLACES IN THE ALBRIGHT PRECINCT

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163-128(a) states that a county board of elections shall have the power from time to time, by resolution to establish, alter, discontinue or create new voting places as it may deem expedient, and; WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections desires to improve voting opportunities for the voters in the Albright precinct attached to this resolution, and; WHEREAS, the previous polling places in this precinct provides some difficulties for election purposes, and, WHEREAS, the Silk Hope Ruritan Club building located at 4221 Silk Hope Rd, Siler City, NC 27344 is within the precinct boundaries and meets all requirements for ADA compliance, and has sufficient space to conduct a safe, secure, and efficient election; WHEREAS, prior arrangements have been made with the facility to allow Election Day voting to be conducted at this site and; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Elections has adopted this resolution as required by General Statute 163-128 to change the polling place in the Albright precinct; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT. 1. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice 45 days prior to the Primary Election by advertisement in local newspapers; shall post at the Board of Elections and on the county website and shall mail a copy of the resolution to the chairman of every political party in the County. 2. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to voters in the precincts listed above, and in the attached document, no later than 30 days prior to the Primary election. 3. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to the State Board of Elections of these changes. Adopted this, the 21st day of September 2021 by: CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS /s/ Laurie Heise, Chair /s/ Charles Ramos, Secretary /s/ Amy Meek, Member /s/ Frank Dunphy II, Member /s/ Mark Barroso, Member

expedient, and; WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections desires to improve voting opportunities for the voters in the Albright precinct attached to this resolution, and; WHEREAS, the previous polling places in this precinct provides some difficulties for election purposes, and, WHEREAS, the Silk Hope Ruritan Club building located at 4221 Silk Hope Rd, Siler City, NC 27344 is within the precinct boundaries and meets all requirements for ADA compliance, and has sufficient space to conduct a safe, secure, and efficient election; WHEREAS, prior arrangements have been made with the facility to allow Election Day voting to be conducted at this site and; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Elections has adopted this resolution as required by General Statute 163-128 to change the polling place in the Albright precinct; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT. 1. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice 45 days prior to the Primary Election by advertisement in local newspapers; shall post at the Board of Elections and on the county website and shall mail a copy of the resolution to the chairman of every political party in the County. 2. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to voters in the precincts listed above, and in the attached document, no later than 30 days prior to the Primary election. 3. The Chatham County Board of Elections will give notice to the State Board of Elections of these changes. Adopted this, the 21st day of September 2021 by: CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS /s/ Laurie Heise, Chair /s/ Charles Ramos, Secretary /s/ Amy Meek, Member /s/ Frank Dunphy II, Member /s/ Mark Barroso, Member

RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATING OF OAKLAND PRECINCT (45) WITH THREE RIVERS (20) AND GOLDSTON (18) PRECINCTS

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections have the power from time to time, by resolution to establish, alter, discontinue, or create new voting places as it may deem expedient; and, WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections desires to improve voting opportunities for the voters in the Oakland Precinct; currently the polling place provides some difficulties for election purposes, and; WHEREAS, Oakland Precinct (45) has 1,002 registered voters that vote at the Pittsboro #3 Fire Station, which has some barriers to voting accessibility, such as parking, availability to set up the polling place the night before an election, and voting in the bay; and, WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Elections has carefully assessed this situation, we propose the Oakland Precinct (45) be split at NC Hwy 15-501 by consolidating the eastern half of Oakland Precinct (45) with the Three Rivers Precinct (20) (Currently voting at Liberty Chapel Church), and the western half of Oakland (45) consolidating with the Goldston Precinct (18) (Currently voting at Goldston Town Hall) WHEREAS, the location for the proposed new voting place (Moncure Elementary School) for the eastern half of Oakland precinct voters and the Three Rivers Precinct voters would provide more sufficient room for voting, parking, and better availability for poll workers to set up the night before an election, and the location for the western half of the Oakland Precinct (45) will be the current location for the Goldston Precinct (18) (Goldston Town Hall); NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Oakland Precinct (45) will be consolidated by splitting at NC Hwy 15-501; the eastern half of Oakland (45) voters will go to Three Rivers Precinct (20) which will be called the Moncure Precinct, voting at the Moncure Elementary School; and the western half of Oakland (45) voters will go to the Goldston Precinct (18) and will vote at Goldston Town Hall; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Chatham County Board of Elections shall submit to the State Board of Elections a map of showing the precinct changes, the precinct dividing line to be removed by this resolution, the address for Moncure Precinct and Goldston Precinct, pictures inside the voting areas and the parking lots, and the North Carolina Board of Elections Polling Place Accessibility Survey Forms. This 22nd day of June, 2021 CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS /s/ Laurie Heise, Chair /s/ Charles Ramos, Secretary /s/ Amy Meek, Member /s/ Frank Dunphy II, Member /s/ Mark Barroso, Member

NOTICE OF PRIMARY AND MUNICIPAL ELECTION CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide Democratic Primary, Republican Primary and Municipal Elections for The Town of Cary, NC and The Town of Siler City, NC will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. One-stop early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, April 28, 2022,

to Saturday, May 14, 2022: Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center (In lieu of BOE Office), 1192 US-64 BUS, Pittsboro, NC 27312
 Goldston Town Hall, 40 A Coral Ave., Goldston, NC 27252
 Paul Braxton Gym, 115 S. 3rd Ave., Siler City, NC 27344
 CCC Health Science Building (Off 15-501), 75 Ballentrae Ct., Pittsboro, NC 27312
 New Hope Baptist Church, 581 New Hope Church Rd., Apex, NC 27523
Hours
 Monday – Friday – 8:00 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.
 Saturdays – 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
 Sundays – 12:00 Noon – 3:00 P.M.
 Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning March 28, 2022. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at votebyemail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the county board of elections office. The request must be received through the website or by the Chatham County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. May 10, 2022.
 In the Primary Elections,

voters will select nominees for a political party to move on to the November 8 General Election. Contests on the ballot include:
 U.S. Senate Democrat and Republican
 U.S. House of Representatives District 09 Republican
 N.C. General Assembly NC House 54 Republican
 State, and Local Judges
 NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 05 Republican
 NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 09 Republican, NC Court Of Appeals Seat 11 Republican,
 District Attorney District 18 Democrat
County Offices
 Chatham County Board of Commissioners District 3 Democrat,
 Chatham County Board of Commissioners District 4 Democrat,
 In primaries, voters affiliated with a political party will be given a ballot of candidates for their party. Unaffiliated voters may choose the ballot of candidates for any party primary. Registered voters who live within the boundaries of Town of Cary and Town of Siler City may vote in the Municipal

Election. Municipal contests include the mayor and members of the municipality's governing board. These contests will appear on the same ballot as the statewide primary contests above. Voters can view their eligible contests and sample ballot on or before March 28 at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>. The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2022. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation must do so by the April 22 deadline. Questions? Call the Chatham County Board of Elections Office at 919-545-8500 or send an email to elections@chatham-countync.gov.
 Laura Heise, Chairman
 Chatham County Board of Elections
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CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 154
 All persons having claims against BARBARA BECKWITH MARKHAM, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.
 This the 28th day of March, 2022.
 Barbara M. Yates, Executrix
 6504 Whitney Rd
 Graham, NC 27253
 M31,A7,A14,A21,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 172
 All persons having claims against WILLIAM CLEVELAND PHILLIPS, JR., deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.
 This the 28th day of March, 2022.
 Brenda Rudisill Goodrich, Co-Administrator
 1175 M. Carmel Church Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27517
 William Dale Goodrich, Co-Administrator
 1175 Mt. Carmel Church Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27517
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This the 28th day of March, 2022.
 William Christopher Phillips, Administrator
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 178
 All persons having claims against WILLIAM DALE GOODRICH II, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.
 This the 28th day of March, 2022.
 Brenda Rudisill Goodrich, Co-Administrator
 1175 M. Carmel Church Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27517
 William Dale Goodrich, Co-Administrator
 1175 Mt. Carmel Church Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27517
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
 Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of BEVERLY LONG CHAPIN, 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, Capel Hill, North Carolina 27517, on or before the 1st day of July, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the aid estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 This is the 31st Day of March, 2022.
 Lawrence Grossberg, Executor of the Estate of Beverly Long Chapin
 c/o Dori J. Dixon Schell Bray PLLC
 Attorney for the Estate
 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517
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NEWS BRIEFS

CSWD to host Creek Geeks Field Day

SILER CITY — The Chatham Soil and Water Conservation District invites the community to Creek Geeks Field Day from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Boling Lane Park, located at 302 S. Fir Ave.
 This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. The rain date is April 9th.
 The event is an opportunity for the community to explore the local watershed and discover the plants and critters that live in the creek and wetland. Participants will tour Boling Lane Park, where the town of Siler City installed Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as wetlands and riparian buffers. Attendees will learn about these BMPs, native vegetation, and the overall benefits for the Loves Creek Watershed.
 Other exciting opportunities include exploring some of the techniques used in stream health assessment and water quality testing in the creek

running along Boling Lane Park; searching for macro invertebrate critters living in the creek; and measuring chemical and physical parameters to assess the water quality.
 Using an EnviroScape watershed model, participants will learn how nonpoint source pollutants affect local waterways, and they will learn ways to make small changes in their own lives which add up to a large impact.
 Each of these activities will run every 45 minutes to give attendees a chance to visit all three. The first 20 participants can receive a free, native tree from the Loves Creek Watershed Stewards. The Chatham Soil and Water Conservation District also will distribute educational activity books.
 Residents who wish to attend are asked to register online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQzlaP-wZxwyXAhki3_TJSIeMcB-pU4gYf4m_pM0Z1wSTRXSJw/viewform?usp=sf_link. Participants will be asked to sign waivers at check-in on the day

of the event.
 Questions about this event may be directed to Brandy Oldham, Chatham Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator and Education Coordinator, at 919-545-8440 or brandy.oldham@chathamcountync.gov.

COA Caregiver support group to meet

The Council on Aging's Family Caregiver Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 11, at Chatham Community Library with the topic being "Routine and Rhythms."
 For more information or to register, contact Aging Social Worker Rodney Dietrich at 919-542-4512, ext. 231, or email rodney.dietrich@chathamcoa.org

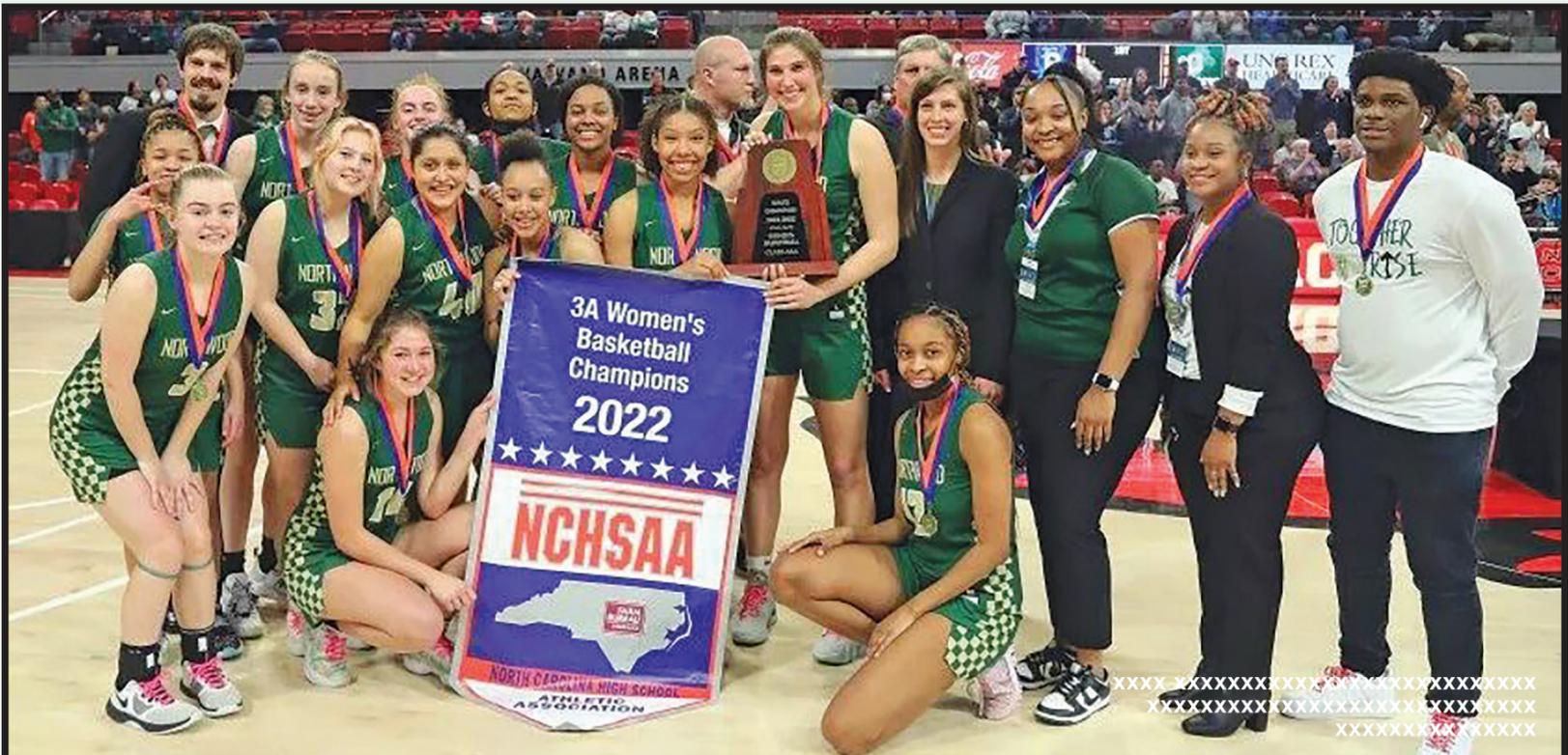
Chatham County Library's Goldston branch to change operational hours

GOLDSTON — Beginning Friday, April 1, the Chatham

County Library will adjust its hours of operation at the Goldston Branch located at 9235 Pittsboro-Goldston Rd.
 The library will be closed on Saturdays, open on Tuesdays, and will not close for lunch on the days it is open. Effective April 1, the Goldston Library will operate with the following hours:
 • Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 • Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 • Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 • Saturday and Sunday: Closed
 The library says that these changes will be more accommodating to its patrons. Residents will gain an additional nine hours per week that the library is open.
 "The library has reviewed the number of visitors at the Goldston Library on Saturdays, and it is quite low," said Chatham County Library Director Linda Clarke. "We also noted that many people use their lunch hours for errands and would knock on the door when it was closed during lunch on weekdays."

The pandemic became an opportunity to evaluate the use of resources and how to best allocate them to the community.
 "It is not always necessary to visit the library in person, because of the addition of remote resources; the pandemic provided the opportunity for the library to address providing services when the buildings were closed," Clark added. "In addition to regular users, the pandemic gained new patrons who only accessed e-materials and did not intend to physically enter any of the library's facilities."
 The Chatham County Public Libraries have two other branches (Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro and Wren Memorial Library in Siler City) which will remain open for an entire day on Saturdays.
 The Goldston Library can be reached at 919-898-4522. Residents may visit the libraries' website www.chathamlibraries.org for more information on all Chatham County Library services, events, and programs.
 —CN+R staff reports

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Chargers off to hot start after throttling Vikings for 2nd time this season

BY BLAIR MITCHELL
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Correspondent

PITTSBORO — There was no better way to cap off senior night than the way the Northwood Chargers' women's lacrosse team did last Friday, earning a 17-point win over the Union Pines Vikings to complete the 2-0 season sweep.

From the opening face-off to the final buzzer, the Chargers (6-2, 1-2 in Central 3A) commandeered the game with their upbeat tempo and explosive pace that the Vikings (3-3, 2-1 in Sandhills Athletic Conference) simply couldn't keep up with, resulting in the 20-3 final

score that acted as the second blowout handed out by the Chargers to the Vikings this season.

Senior midfielder and defenseman Kendall LaBerge put on an outstanding display for the Northwood crowd, rightfully earning her Player of the Game award.

She refused to be denied from the opening seconds of the game, and she didn't show any signs of slowing down throughout, capping off her scoring clinic with seven goals on eight shots, outscoring the entire Vikings team on her own.

"Aggression is definitely a part of our game," LaBerge

said following the win. She attributed her team's explosive playstyle and grittiness to playing teams like East Chapel Hill and Chapel Hill, who she described as being more skilled stick-wise, forcing them to come at them with more grit in order to compete.

Northwood junior Grazi Costa set the tone early for the Chargers with a quick goal in the first few seconds of the game, followed by junior Mia Collins who nabbed back-to-back goals of her own after a steal by LaBerge.

The Chargers took advantage of their upper hand in

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Photo via Northwood Athletics

Signage outside of Northwood High School last Friday honors the six seniors on the Chargers women's lacrosse team during senior night. The Chargers went on to defeat the Union Pines Vikings, 20-3, to improve to 6-2 on the season.



Photo courtesy of UNC Athletics

The No. 8 UNC Tar Heels celebrate after defeating the No. 15 St. Peter's Peacocks in the Elite Eight last Sunday. With the win, UNC advances to its 21st Final Four.

I'm not thrilled about this year's Final Four

I think I'm living my worst nightmare. And, to no one's surprise, Coach K's a part of it.



VICTOR HENSLEY
Sports Editor

Let me explain. Since I was a starry-eyed child, I've always bled Carolina blue.

Over the years, I've seen some pretty miraculous moments: the 2005, 2009 and 2017 national championship games, for instance, all of which saw Roy Williams and the Tar Heels cut down the nets in what I'll always consider some of my favorite memories.

I've witnessed a trio of ACC Championship wins, a bunch of Final Four appearances, a boatload of talented players suiting up in the team's argyle-lined uniforms and, best of all, 20-plus wins over the hated Duke Blue Devils. (Along with plenty of blowouts over N.C. State, but I decided to, respectfully, leave that part out as to not make Wolfpack fans feel worse than they already do.)

UNC Basketball has given me some of my favorite moments as a sports fan, from Danny Green's X-rated dunk over Greg Paulus in 2008 to rushing Franklin Street as a UNC freshman after the 2017 national title win over Gonzaga.

Yet, the Tar Heels have also provided me with some of my most heartbreaking moments, including infamous shots by — and I'm sorry for saying these names, fellow Tar Heels — Austin Rivers in 2012 and Kris Jenkins in 2016.

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'IT'S A GOOD CHALLENGE'

With little soccer experience, Jets' AD-turned-HC Josh Harris learning lessons, earning wins in 1st season

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Josh Harris has been the head coach of the Jordan-Matthews women's soccer team for a little over two weeks.

And he's already got the best winning percentage in program history.

After a 9-0, walk-off clobbering of the North Moore Mustangs last Thursday, followed by another 9-0 domination of the Cummings Cavaliers on Monday, the Jets moved to 4-0 with Harris at the helm (4-2-2 overall), with all four victories coming within the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference.

Harris, the school's athletic director, took over head coaching duties for the Jets after the resignation of fifth-year head coach, Chip Millard, who Harris said stepped down for "personal reasons" after the team's first four games.

While a 4-0 start to your head coaching career isn't necessarily a Hall-of-Fame-solidifying accomplishment, Harris' lack of soccer coaching experience — or soccer experience, period — is what has other coaches at J-M, including men's soccer head coach Paul Cuadros, cracking a smile.

"I told them, I was like, 'Girls, I don't know much about soccer. I'm going to give you the best I've got,' but coaching is coaching," said Harris, who has spent most of his athletic life on the baseball diamond, both playing and coaching. "We've got talented girls, they know what they're doing, so I'm not worried about the strategy part as much as just keeping them centered, keeping them focused."

Whatever Harris is doing, it's surely working.

After a rocky start to the season, going 0-2-2 in the first couple of weeks, including a loss/tie split with the 3A Asheboro Blue Comets (2-2-2), a shut-out loss to the 3A Lee County Yellow Jackets (5-3) and a



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Jordan-Matthews' Jessica Parroquin Vallejo streaks past a Cummings defender in the Jets' 9-0 win over the Cavaliers on Monday. Parroquin Vallejo has been one of the team's top goal scorers this season.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Jordan-Matthews women's soccer head coach Josh Harris (left, in black hat) speaks to his team prior to the Jets' 9-0 win over the Cummings Cavaliers on Monday. Harris, who took over as the team's interim head coach a couple of weeks ago, is now 4-0 since taking the helm.

draw against the unbeaten Woods Charter Wolves (5-0-2), the Jets have taken off.

In three games under Harris, the Jets have posted three shut-out

wins — one on March 14 against the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 9-0, and the other two on Thursday against the Mustangs and Monday against the Cavaliers — and a dominant win over the Graham Red Devils, 11-2, on March 21.

J-M has outscored its opponents, all from the Mid-Carolina, 38-2 in its last four games.

But Harris has deflected credit from himself, instead opting to praise the leadership and determination of his team, most notably his team captains: junior Maricarmen Landa, sophomore Iris Sibrian Zetino, sophomore Janeyra Guerrero Jaimes and senior Emma Wieber.

"I talked to our captains first and just kind of put it in their hands a little bit and said, 'Y'all are going to have to take control a little more, you're going to have to really take on that leadership role,'" Harris said. "They've taken that on and they've just ran with it. So I'm just going to structure things and then get out of the way a lot of the time."

Those captains were front and center in the Jets' win over the Mus-

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The final chapter on the diamond ... and in the classroom

As a sports fan, the end of March Madness is rough. Those first two days of the tournament are unlike anything in sports and then it all comes crashing to an end.

Up next? 162 games of regular season baseball. That just doesn't usually get my blood pumping like a single-elimination basketball tournament.

But this year is going to be different. The Cardinals are turning this season into a 2006 reunion party and I'm all here for it.

St. Louis opted to bring back Albert Pujols on a one-year contract Sunday night, providing the baseball legend a chance

to finish his career where it all started. Pujols spent the first 10 seasons with the Cardinals, where he won two World Series trophies and three Most Valuable Player awards. In that time, he never finished below ninth in the MVP voting.

The move to bring Pujols back feels like more of a fan-pleasing move than a baseball decision. He's not the same hitter he once was and the 42-year-old was waived by the Los Angeles Angels last year. That doesn't bother me, though. He's wearing No. 5 with the birds sitting on the bat across his chest again.

Pujols announced that this season will be his last and it will also likely be the final year for the iconic batterymate of catcher Yadier Molina and pitcher Adam Wainwright, both of whom have spent the entirety of their Major League careers in St. Louis.

Three Cardinals legends going out together. Does it get any more romantic than that?

But this season might be especially difficult for me. These three were my childhood. And in a few months, it's all going to abruptly end.

Pujols' first career at-bat came less than one year after I was born. I fell asleep right before his home run against Astros closer Brad Lidge in the 2005 National League Championship Series. After my freshman year of college, I bought tickets for Pujols' first game back since his departure. Molina and Wainwright closed out the 2006 World Series during my first semester of 1st grade. They've both been staples of Cardinals baseball for as long as I remember watching.

I grew up at Busch Stadium with these players. And now an era is end-

ing, for both of us.

A chapter is closing in my life, too. I'm no baseball Hall of Famer or anywhere close to it, but in May, I'll graduate with honors from the University of Missouri with a degree in journalism. For the first time in my life, I don't really have a plan for what's next. School has always been a foundation for my life and in two months, it will all be over. It's hard not to be anxious about what the future will look like, but I'm trying not to think about that.

When the Cardinals take the field for Opening Day on April 7, they'll be focusing on the present and not what their future holds. So in this final chapter, maybe I ought to do the same.

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CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

This week's schedule and last week's results

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
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Last week, more games were postponed by inclement weather — a staple of the spring sports season — but by all accounts, most of this week should be good-to-go for local sports action (minus potential thunderstorms on Thursday across the county). Here's this week's schedule and last week's results.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 30

Tennis: Chatham Charter at Triangle Math & Science Academy, 4:30 p.m.
Tennis: Jordan-Matthews men vs. Graham, 4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Jordan-Matthews at Cummings, 4:30 p.m.
Track & Field: Seaforth vs. Chatham Central, 4:30 p.m.
Softball: Northwood at Apex, 5 p.m.
Soccer: Seaforth women vs. Jordan-Matthews, 6 p.m.
Tennis: Seaforth men at Southern Wake, 6 p.m.
Baseball: Chatham Central vs. Providence Grove, 7 p.m.
Baseball: Jordan-Matthews at Southwestern Randolph, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 31

Tennis: Chatham Central men vs. Southern Lee, 4 p.m.
Tennis: Northwood men vs. Williams, 4 p.m.
Softball: Chatham Central vs. Cummings, 5 p.m.
Lacrosse: Seaforth men vs. Eastern Alamance, 6 p.m.
Soccer: Jordan-Matthews women at Southwestern Randolph, 6 p.m.
Softball: Chatham Central vs. Cummings, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 1

Baseball: Chatham Charter at River Mill, 4 p.m.
Lacrosse: Seaforth men vs. Western Alamance, 5 p.m.
Softball: Jordan-Matthews vs. Bartlett Yancey, 6 p.m.
Softball: Chatham Central at Graham, 6 p.m.
Softball: Northwood at Eastern Alamance, 6 p.m.
Baseball: Jordan-Matthews vs. Seaforth, 7 p.m.
Baseball: Northwood vs. Person, 7 p.m.
Lacrosse: Northwood men vs. Williams, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

Track & Field: Jordan-Matthews vs. Chatham Charter, Chatham Central, Seaforth, 10 a.m.

LAST WEEK

Monday, March 21

Tennis: The Chatham Charter men earned their first win of the season against the River Mill Jaguars, 4-3, at home. Winning their singles matches for the Knights were sophomore Colton Todd (8-6), freshman Zane Morgan and senior Ben Pickens, while the duo of junior Silas Christenbury/freshman Noah Hayhurst (8-2) won its doubles match.
Soccer: The Woods Charter women shut out the Chatham Charter Knights, 9-0, in a lopsided game.
Tennis: The Chatham Central men fell to the North Moore Mustangs, 6-3, on the road, with sophomore Jacob Gilliland (6-2, 6-0) and senior Landon Hackney (7-5, 7-5) were the lone Bears to win their singles matches, while the duo of Gilliland/Hackney also won its doubles match (8-3).
Tennis: The Jordan-Matthews men were trounced by the Union Pines Vikings, 7-2, on the road. The Jets won one singles match from junior Ricardo Rocha (8-2) and

one doubles match from the duo of junior Ronald Huang/senior Victor Paz (8-4).

Softball: The Chatham Charter women were crushed by the North Moore Mustangs, 14-4, after North Moore's 11-run fourth inning put them away. Leading the Knights on the evening were freshman Ella Ingle (3-for-3, RBI), sophomore Delana Loflin (2-for-3, 2B, RBI) and senior Taylor Brewer (1-for-3, RBI).

Soccer: The Jordan-Matthews women dominated the Graham Red Devils, 11-2, for their second blowout win in a row.

Soccer: The Seaforth women routed the North Moore Mustangs, 10-1, on the road. Scoring for the Hawks were freshman Caitlin Erman (4 goals, 2 assists), sophomore Abby Kava (4 goals) and freshman Chloe Price (2 goals, 1 assist).

Softball: The Jordan-Matthews women lost a close one to the Eastern Randolph Wildcats, 4-2, at home. Leading the Jets on the night were freshman Sophia Murchison (1-for-3, 2 RBI), freshman Riley Gibson (2-for-4) and freshman Marcy Clark (7.0 IP, 7 H, ER, 0 BB, 2 K; 1-for-4, BB).

Soccer: The Northwood women earned a solid win over the Southern Lee Cavaliers, 8-5, at home.
Lacrosse: The Northwood women suffered a lopsided loss, 18-5, to the East Chapel Hill Wildcats. Scoring for the Chargers on the night were junior Mia Collins (3 goals), junior Grazi Costa (1 goal, 1 assist) and senior Kendall LaBerge (1 goal).

Tuesday, March 22

Golf: The Woods Charter men placed second (307) in a meet against Chatham Charter (did not place), River Mill (first place, 190), Clover Garden and Southern Wake at Siler City Country Club. Top performances for the Wolves came from Luke Smollen (42, +6), Alex Smollen (48, +12) and Patrick Jordan (55, +19), while the Knights got a strong performance from Seph Trageser (52, +16).
Tennis: The Chatham Central men clobbered the Chatham Charter Knights, 7-2, at home. Winning their singles matches for the Bears were sophomore Jacob Gilliland (6-0, 6-0), senior Thomas Scott (6-2, 6-0), sophomore Charlie Thomas (6-4, 6-2) and freshman Blake Green (6-1, 6-1), while the duos of Gilliland/Hackney (8-0) and sophomore Seth Gilliland/Scott (8-2) won their doubles matches. Freshman Zane Morgan (4-6, 7-6 (7-1), 0-0 (10-6)) was the lone Knight to win his singles match, while the duo of junior Ben Pickens/junior Cameron McMullan (8-4) earned the only doubles victory for the Knights.

Tennis: The Seaforth men earned a comfortable win over the Jordan-Matthews Jets, 7-2, at home. Winning their singles matches for the Hawks were sophomore Walker Magrinat (6-1, 7-5), sophomore Felton Burleigh (6-2, 6-2), freshman Matthew Bowser (6-3, 4-6, 0-0 (11-9)), sophomore Logan Ching (6-4, 6-4), freshman Broden Jones (6-3, 6-4) and sophomore Shivam Patel (6-2, 4-6, 0-0 (12-10)), while the duo of Burleigh/Bowser (8-4) won its doubles match. The Jets won two doubles matches thanks to the duos of senior Ben Dekaney/junior Ricardo Rocha (8-3) and junior

Angel Gonzalez/senior Dawson Clark (8-8 (7-3)).

Track & Field: The Jordan-Matthews Jets hosted a meet with the Chatham Central Bears, Chatham Charter Knights and North Moore Mustangs. The women's team scores were as follows: Bears in 1st place (79 points), Knights in 2nd place (63 points) and Jets in 3rd place (57.5 points). Winning their respective women's events were: Jets senior Geneva Woolford (1st, girls 100-meter hurdles, 19.66; 1st, girls 300-meter hurdles, 1:02.12), Knights junior Tamaya Walden (1st, girls 100-meter dash, 12.90; 1st, girls 400-meter dash, 1:04.00; 1st, girls 200-meter dash, 27.54), Knights sophomore Meredith Reese (1st, girls 1,600-meter run, 6:51.32; 1st, girls 3,200-meter run, 15:42.94), Bears junior Livvy Brooks (1st, girls discus throw, 59-01.00), Knights senior Alexis Baldwin (1st, girls shot put, 28-11.00) and Knights senior Brooke Garner (1st, girls long jump, 15-00.00; 1st, girls triple jump, 32-09.00; 1st, girls high jump, 4-10.00), while the Bears' 4x800-meter relay team (14:27.22), the Jets' 4x200-meter relay team (1:59.50) and the Jets' 4x400-meter relay team (5:07.13) all won their respective women's relay events. The men's team scores were as follows: Mustangs in 1st place (102 points), Jets in 2nd place (75 points), Bears in 3rd place (28 points) and Knights in 4th place (16 points). Winning their respective men's events were: Jets senior Calvin Schwartz (1st, boys 100-meter dash, 11.75), Knights senior Brandon McKoy (1st, boys 1,600-meter run, 4:58.28), Jets junior Aiden Harrison (1st, boys 800-meter run, 2:28.10) and Bears sophomore Devonte Johnson (1st, boys 200-meter dash, 25.63), Jets senior Pedro Arites (1st, boys 3,200-meter run, 12:30.90), while the Jets' 4x800-meter relay team (10:07.44), the Jets' 4x100-meter relay team (47.83) and the Jets' 4x400-meter relay team (4:00.32) took first place in their men's relay events.

Track & Field: The Seaforth Hawks attended a meet against the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers and Cummings Cavaliers (host), where they placed first in the women's events (58 points) and third in the men's events (28 points). Placing in the top 3 of their respective women's events for the Hawks were: Malana McLean (2nd, girls 100-meter dash, 13.00), Lily Cox (1st, girls 800-meter run, 2:53.70), Sydney Ballard (2nd, girls 800-meter run, 3:02.90), Ava Belle Cox (3rd, girls 800-meter run, 3:07.10), Katie Johnson (1st, girls 1,600-meter run, 6:39.00), Zuzanna Mikolajec (3rd, girls 100-meter hurdles, 17.40), Juliette VanOlinda (2nd, girls 300-meter hurdles, 54.40), Claire Morgan (1st, girls pole vault, 6-06.00), Gabby White (2nd, girls long jump, 16-04.00), Lily McFall (2nd, girls shot put, 21-02.50; 1st, girls discus throw, 52-04.00) and Evelyn Atkins (2nd, girls discus throw, 51-11.00), while the Hawks' 4x100-meter

relay team (55.90) and 4x200-meter relay team (1:59.60) both placed first in their women's events. Placing in the top 3 of their respective men's events for the Hawks were: Anthony Vesce (3rd, boys 100-meter dash, 11.80; 3rd, boys long jump, 18-06.00), Will Cuicchi (1st, boys 800-meter run, 2:11.80; 2nd, boys 1,600-meter run, 5:03.40), Nathan Smith (3rd, boys 800-meter run, 2:27.80), Jack Anstrom (1st, boys 1,600-meter run, 4:43.80) and Daniel Andros (1st, boys pole vault, 5-06.00).

Baseball: The Chatham Charter men throttled the Triangle Math & Science Academy Tigers, 17-0, in just 3 innings to improve to 2-0 on the season. Leading the Knights on the evening were senior Colton Nixon (1-for-1, BB, HR, 3 RBI), freshman Luke Johnson (1-for-1, 2 RBI), senior Thomas O'Hara (1-for-2, 2 RBI), sophomore Aidan Allred (1-for-1, HR, RBI) and junior Cameron Turner (1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 ER, 3 K; 0-for-2, RBI).

Baseball: The Seaforth men suffered a lopsided loss to the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 15-2, at home. Leading the Hawks on the night were freshman Daniel White (1-for-2, RBI), freshman Cade Elmore (2-for-4) and freshman Joshua Brown (2-for-2).

Lacrosse: The Seaforth men lost to the Eastern Alamance Eagles, 11-6, to fall to 1-7 on the season.

Soccer: The Northwood women were shut out by the Western Alamance Warriors, 4-0, at home.

Softball: The Northwood women were shut out by the Person Rockets, 12-0, on the road. The Chargers mustered just one hit on the night, coming from junior Zoe Hatzidakis (1-for-2).

Baseball: The Chatham Central men fell to the North Moore Mustangs, 3-1, after scoring just one run in the 7th inning. Leading the Bears on the night were senior Chase Baker (1-for-1, 2B, RBI), junior Travis Crissman (1-for-2, R, BB) and sophomore Wesley Clewis (4.0 IP, 4 H, ER, 5 BB, 3 K).

Baseball: The Jordan-Matthews men were routed by the West Stokes Wildcats, 9-1, at home.

Baseball: The Northwood men lost to the Cedar Ridge Fighting Red Wolves, 6-1, to snap their three-game winning streak. Earning hits for the Chargers on the night were senior Walker Johnson (1-for-1), sophomore Andrew Johnson (1-for-2) and junior Cody Parke (1-for-1, 2B).

Lacrosse: The Northwood men lost to the Orange Panthers, 14-9, to snap their five-game winning streak. Scoring for the Chargers on the night were junior Will Smith (4 goals, 1 assist), junior Jason Walden (2 goals), junior Taylor Zelhof (1 goal, 2 assists), junior William Johnson (1 goal, 2 assists) and sophomore Ryan Brinker (1 goal).

Wednesday, March 23

Baseball: The Chatham Central men downed the O'Neal Falcons, 6-3, on the road thanks to a whopping four home runs on the day. Leading

the Bears in the win were sophomore Anthony Lopossay (1-for-2, BB, HR, 2 RBI), freshman Matthew Murchison (2-for-3, BB, 2B, HR, RBI), sophomore Wesley Clewis (1-for-4, HR, RBI), senior Collin Lagenor (1-for-4, HR, RBI) and freshman Zane Overman (W, 5.1 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, 3 BB, 4 K).

Baseball: The Northwood men crushed the East Chapel Hill Wildcats, 10-3, at home. Leading the Chargers on the night were freshman Kaleb Howell (1-for-4, 2 RBI), junior Nate Davis (1-for-3, 2 RBI), senior Walker Johnson (W, 3.0 IP, 2 ER; 1-for-3) and sophomore Andrew Johnson (3.0 IP, 3 H, ER, K; 1-for-2, BB).

Thursday, March 24

Track & Field: The Northwood Chargers hosted a meet against the Woods Charter Wolves, Eastern Alamance Eagles and Western Alamance Warriors, where the Chargers took second place in the women's events (59.50 points) and first place in the men's events (111 points), while the Wolves finished third in the women's events (49 points) and fourth in the men's events (6 points). Winning their respective women's events for the Chargers and Wolves were: Chargers' Caroline Murrell (1st, women's 400-meter dash, 1:06.07), Chargers' Avery Adams (1st, women's 800-meter run, 2:50.70), Wolves' Elizabeth Poitras (1st, women's 1,600-meter run, 6:18.99), Chargers' Sahnya Jones (1st, women's 3,200-meter run, 19:47.90) and Chargers' Kennedy Poston (1st, women's shot put, 28-08.00), while the Chargers' 4x800-meter relay team (11:02.95) won its respective event. Winning their respective men's events for the Chargers and Wolves were: Chargers' Marco Sanchez (1st, men's 400-meter dash, 51.76), Chargers' Christian Glick (1st, men's 800-meter run, 2:05.69), Chargers' Trey Hudson (1st, men's 1,600-meter run, 5:00.47), Chargers' Colin Henry (men's 3,200-meter run, 11:00.00), Chargers' Jack Nicholson (1st, men's triple jump, 38-01.75) and Chargers' George Gilson III (1st, men's discus throw, 108-07.00), while the Chargers' 4x400-meter relay team (3:37.23) and 4x800-meter relay team (9:30.51) won their respective relay events.

Tennis: The Jordan-Matthews men lost to the Union Pines Vikings, 7-2, on the road to fall to 5-3 on the season. Earning the lone singles win for the Jets was senior Dawson Clark (9-8 (7-3)), while the duo of senior Emmanuel Cortez/senior Victor Paz (9-7) earned the Jets' only doubles win.

Soccer: The Jordan-Matthews women earned a shut-out win over the North Moore Mustangs, 9-0, at home. See game report in this week's edition.

Soccer: The Woods Charter women clobbered the Research Triangle Raptors, 7-1, to stay unbeaten on the season at 5-0-2.

Friday, March 25

Baseball: The Jordan-Matthews men were trounced by the West Stokes Wildcats, 11-0, for the second game in a row to fall to 3-6 on the season.

Softball: The Northwood women earned a walk-off win over the Jordan-Matthews Jets, 5-4, in the second walk-off victory between the two teams this season. Leading the Chargers on the night were junior Zoe Hatzidakis (3-for-4, 2B, 2 RBI), senior Grace Leonard (2-for-4, 2 2B, 2 RBI) and senior Natalie Bell (W, 7.0 IP, 8 H, 2 ER, 4 K; 1-for-4, 2 R).

Lacrosse: The Northwood women dominated the Union Pines Vikings, 20-3, for the second time this season to improve to 6-2 on the year. Scoring for the Chargers were senior Kendall LaBerge (7 goals, 1 assist), junior Mia Collins (4 goals, 1 assist), junior Sophia Cremeans (3 goals, 2 assists), junior Grazi Costa (2 goals, 1 assist), sophomore Ryan Tinervin (2 goals, 1 assist), sophomore Ella Boecker (1 goal, 1 assist) and sophomore Anna Gilliam (1 goal). See game report in this week's edition.

Baseball: The Seaforth men dropped their second straight game to the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 5-2, to fall to 3-6 on the season. Leading the Hawks on the night were sophomore Dane O'Neill (1-for-2, RBI), freshman Daniel White (1-for-2, 3B, RBI) and freshman Brylee Cothren (4.0 IP, 3 H, 4 ER, BB, K).

Soccer: The Northwood women were shut out by the Apex Cougars, 5-0, to fall to 3-6 on the season.

Baseball: The Chatham Central men lost a close one to the North Moore Mustangs, 5-4, on the road to fall to 3-4 on the season. Leading the Bears in the loss were freshman Zane Overman (1-for-3, 2 RBI), freshman Matthew Murchison (3-for-3, 2B) and sophomore Anthony Lopossay (L, 6.0 IP, 8 H, 2 ER, 8 K).

Baseball: The Northwood men earned a close win over the Cedar Ridge Fighting Red Wolves, 5-2, to improve to 8-3 on the season. Leading the Chargers in the win were junior Luke Smith (1-for-3, 3 RBI), junior Nate Davis (2-for-4, RBI) and junior Zach Barnes (2-for-3, 2B, RBI; 3.1 IP, 5 H, 0 ER, 2 K).

Lacrosse: The Northwood men routed the Eastern Alamance Eagles, 13-3, to improve to 6-2 on the season.

Saturday, March 26

No events scheduled.

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CCCC basketball to host camps this summer

From Central Carolina Community College

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College will host two basketball camps this summer.

This Middle School Basketball Camp will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 25-28. The \$100 registration fee includes T-shirt.

The High School Basketball Camp will be held 6-8 p.m. June 27-30. The \$75 registration fee includes T-shirt.

Camp Directors are CCCC basketball coaches Brad McDougald (Head Men's Basketball Coach) and Marcel Webster (Head Women's Basketball Coach).

For more information or to register for the Cougar Basketball Camp,

visit www.cccc.edu/sports-camps/ or contact Athletic Director Jonathan Hockaday at jhockaday@ccc.edu.

To learn more about Central Carolina Community College athletics, visit www.cccc.edu/sports.

CCCC volleyball to host camps in July

From Central Carolina Community College

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College will host summer volleyball camps directed by CCCC Volleyball Coach Dal Langston.

The Cougar Volleyball Camp for rising sixth through eighth graders (middle school) will be held Monday through Friday, July 11-15. Registration/check-in time is 2:30 p.m., with session times from 3-5:30 p.m. Registration

fee of \$75 includes a T-shirt. Class limited to 18 participants.

The Cougar Volleyball Training Workouts for rising ninth through 12th graders will be held Monday through Friday, July 11-15. Registration/

check-in time is 5:30 p.m., with session times from 6-8:30 p.m. Registration fee of \$75 includes a T-shirt. Class limited to 18 participants.

For more information or to register for the Cougar Volleyball Camp, visit www.cccc.edu/sports-camps/ or contact Athletic Director Jonathan Hockaday at jhockaday@ccc.edu.

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Representing the Wildcats

Northwood senior Kaylee Atkins (center, black shirt), surrounded by her family and Northwood staff, signs her letter of intent to attend Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, where she'll play volleyball for the Wildcats. Atkins was a three-year varsity volleyball player for the Chargers, where she played a variety of roles including right side, outside hitter and defensive specialist and helped lead the team to a 24-6 season and an Elite Eight appearance in 2021-22.

CHARGERS

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speed and skill on the offensive end by making sure they dominated the draws, allowing them to jump out to such a big lead.

"Win the draw, rule the world," said Northwood Head Coach Larry Fritsche. Aside from their exceptional scoring ability, the Chargers' defense truly set them apart, resulting in only one goal given up in the first half and just two in the second.

"Defense is vital," commented Fritsche after the game, which was evident throughout the battle as the Chargers' energy on the offensive end undoubtedly benefited their defense.

Multiple blocked shots and stick checking by the Chargers made it hard for the Vikings to attempt shots at the goal. The Vikings attempted many free position shots over the course of the game, including a stretch of three 8-meter shots in a row, proving just how aggressive Northwood was on the defending half of the field.

The Chargers' defensive strategy and execution helped to set up much of their offense, which was centered around their ability to hawk down and steal passes thrown across the field, which led to a plethora of fastbreak opportunities.

The Vikings certainly didn't back down from the Chargers' defensive prowess, however. Union Pines sophomore attacker and midfielder Adison Voltis made a valiant effort to get into position to score the ball throughout the game, coming close to making a couple of her attempted shots despite the constant disruption of Northwood's defenders.

Voltis was able to help the Vikings avoid the first-half shutout by scoring the team's first goal with 11:24 left in the half, cutting the game to 8-1 going into the first timeout of the game.

The onslaught of goals continued for

the Chargers throughout the rest of the first half, with junior midfielder/attacker Sophia Cremeans, sophomore defender Ella Boecke, Costa and LaBerge all scoring one goal apiece to round out the first 25 minutes of play.

At the halftime break, Northwood held onto a convincing 13-1 lead.

Cremeans kept the momentum going for the Chargers by scoring early in the second half, but attention quickly shifted to the Vikings after Union Pines sophomore attacker Kaley Crawford scored after a missed free position shot.

Collins was able to keep the scoring for Northwood going, making a close goal after a pass to her from behind the goalie.

Moving the ball around and keeping the ball constantly in motion was another vital part of Northwood's success against the Vikings. The Chargers finished the game with eight total assists as they showcased their team chemistry and understanding of the game.

"It was about unselfish play and a lot more movement," Fritsche said about his team. "We were cutting more, moving more, making space, reading and reacting to make better decisions."

Despite the fact that the Chargers continued to score throughout the second half, the Vikings were able to slow down Northwood some in the latter part of the game.

Union Pines goalie Izzy Bonillo played a huge role in stopping the Chargers on offense, putting up four saves in the first half, along with two in the second.

"Second half, we held them to half of what they had the first half, which I think is a win for a team," said Union Pines Head Coach Todd Telemeco after the game, as illustrated by Northwood being held to just two goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

With the victory, the Chargers improve to 6-2 on the season and continue its fairly dominant campaign with a rematch against the Jordan Falcons (1-3) on Friday.

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Through it all, however, the ups and downs of being a Tar Heel have been worth it.

Especially when it's time to play Duke.

If you're not a fan of UNC or Duke — sorry again, Wolfpack fans — then you simply don't understand what it's like to take part in a rivalry that transcends all rivalries.

With all due respect to the Auburns and Alabamas, the Steelers and Ravens, the Yankees and Red Sox and the Lakers and Celtics of the world, you just don't get it.

In North Carolina, you're essentially assigned a fandom at birth, just before you're slapped with a name or a Social Security number.

If your parents are Tar Heels, then congrats, you're a Tar Heel.

If your parents are Blue Devils, then I'm sorry, but unfortunately, you're a Blue Devil.

And whatever fandom you're assigned, it's practically a rule that you learn to trash talk, basking in every victory and standing ground during every defeat.

If you have a friend, relative, coworker or favorite mechanic that's on the other side of the rivalry? You're obligated to let them hear it after they lose. Absolutely rip into them (respectfully, of course). If it ruins the relationship, then oh well.

I don't make the rules. God does. (Who, by the way, made the sky Carolina blue for a reason.)

You don't have to be

a sports fan to consider yourself a Tar Heel or a Blue Devil.

Because this rivalry is about more than basketball. It's way more than what happens on the hardwood. It becomes a part of your identity.

Thus, every matchup between the two teams — twice or even three times a year, depending on the ACC Tournament — is one full of excitement, nervousness and intensity. Both for the fans and the players on the court.

But after this Saturday, the storied rivalry will never be the same.

It's all because, after 24 years of life, my biggest nightmare is coming true: we're getting a UNC-Duke game in the NCAA Tournament, a milestone that hasn't happened once in the tournament's 83-year history.

Until now. To make matters worse, it's happening in the Final Four, meaning the stakes are infinitely higher as the winner will have a chance to play for a national championship against either Kansas or Villanova next Monday, April 4.

While a majority of the country is jumping for joy and those in sports media are salivating at the idea of such bitter rivals taking the court on the sport's biggest stage, I can't be alone in feeling one emotion: pure terror.

I've always enjoyed the unpredictability of the rivalry. How, no matter the kind of season each team is having, the record books are thrown out the window as a clash of the

titans ensues. In this situation, however, I couldn't hate it more.

I think I speak for fans on both sides of the rivalry when I say that a UNC-Duke NCAA Tournament scuffle has always been on my please-never-ever-happen list.

It would undoubtedly be an amazing feeling for the Heels to knock off the Blue Devils in the tournament, ending their season with a loss to simmer on for five months before the next season begins, but truthfully, it's not worth the stress.

In a normal year, the headache would already be too much to bear — but this season, there's an added bonus: Coach K's retirement tour.

You see, it doesn't take a genius or a fortune teller to see how the stars are aligning here.

On March 5, the Tar Heels traveled to Durham with the goal of ruining Mike Krzyzewski's final game at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Cameron Crazies who had slept in tents for months, spent thousands of dollars on re-sold tickets and traveled across the country to be there were ultimately let down as Carolina trounced Duke in the second half to secure a 13-point win, 94-81, in a performance that Coach K felt he needed to apologize for.

As I wrote in my column the week following the game: "...for me, and the 15,000-plus on Franklin Street, this couldn't have been sweeter."

And, in the moment, it couldn't have.

Even if the Tar Heels had missed the NCAA Tournament, I would've been happy. That was the perfect end to the season — as long as Duke didn't go on to win the national title, of course.

Yet, here we are, a few weeks after both teams fell to Virginia Tech in the ACC Tournament in Brooklyn and subsequently went on a tournament run for the ages.

The No. 8 Tar Heels, led by a strong lineup that has seen three different players score 28-plus points for them in the tournament (Brady Manek, R.J. Davis and Caleb Love), blew out No. 9 Marquette, held on to topple defending champion and No. 1 seed Baylor, downed No. 4 UCLA and prematurely ended the Cinderella story of No. 15 St. Peter's in the Elite Eight to punch their ticket.

The No. 2 Blue Devils, flushed with talent in the starting lineup and on the bench, crushed No. 15 Cal State Fullerton, earned close wins over No. 7 Michigan State and No. 3 Texas Tech before handling No. 4 Arkansas in the Elite Eight to get Coach K to his 13th Final Four in his final season.

The storybook ending is starting to come into full form for Coach K and the Blue Devils.

It's almost as if it was scripted.

The story will go as follows: Coach K, the most successful head coach in college basketball history, loses to his bitter rival in his final home game, only to come back stronger, make a Final Four

run and get revenge on Carolina in the schools' first-ever tournament meeting en route to a national championship win that lets him ride off into the sunset on the highest of high notes.

The media will love it. Duke fans will cry tears of joy.

And I'll be utterly heartbroken.

I've seen people — including my own out-of-state friends — suggest that a Duke loss would be much worse for Duke fans than a UNC loss would be for UNC fans.

They've mentioned that UNC should just be happy to be here as a No. 8 seed and that, even if the Tar Heels lose, fans can hang their hats on the fact that they still ruined Coach K's home finale.

They couldn't be more wrong.

In a rivalry where every game matters, no matter the seedings or the records or the streaks or the skids, a loss in this spot would be brutal no matter which team you root for.

The loser of this game, regardless of which school it is, will never be able to live this one down — that is, until the matchup happens again 83 years from now.

There aren't any moral victories in this rivalry.

Only winners and losers. And I'm not prepared to be the loser.

Welcome to my worst nightmare.

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In the wake of a state title, Snipes discusses her first season as Northwood's head coach

On March 12, the Northwood women's basketball team defeated the Enka Jets, 70-42, at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh to capture the 3A state title — the first in program (and school) history. The dominant victory capped off a 30-1 season that snapped the 52-year championship drought plaguing Pittsboro for over half a century.

The Chargers — who finished undefeated in their conference (12-0) and earned the 3A East Region's No. 2 seed — cruised through most of the season, earning 14 wins by 30-plus points, before going on an unforgettable championship run, culminating in the title-winning, 28-point blowout in Raleigh.

Two weeks ago, the News + Record spoke with Kerri Snipes, Northwood's first-year head coach, nearly a week after her team won it all to discuss the near-perfect journey, the fact that she secured a title in her first season as head coach and the way they've celebrated the big win.

This interview has been lightly edited for length and clarity.

What has the last week been like for you and your team? You guys had the celebration on Saturday night after the title game, but going back to school on Monday, what was the reception like? Have there been any other celebrations put on by the school?

KERRI SNIPES: Yeah, the whole team was probably walking on Cloud Nine. You could just tell, seeing them in the hallways, they were just floating. So happy. And a lot of the staff here were congratulating our team, and then the school on Monday, during one of the class changes, everyone — all the students and staff and teachers — stood in the hallways for us and the team walked around and kind of got to show off the trophy, so that was a really, really neat experience, just to have the whole student body be there congratulating the team. I could tell the girls were very happy and were really proud of themselves.

And it's got to feel good knowing that you guys were the ones to bring the first state title back to North-



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Northwood's four seniors (from left to right: Natalie Bell, Olivia Porter, Myla Marve, Caroline Allen) pose with their head coach, Kerri Snipes (far right), after winning the 3A women's basketball state title, 72-40, over the Enka Jets. Snipes praised this senior class' vocal leadership in her post-game press conference following the victory.

wood, right?

Exactly. And I think they're understanding that and I know that they will, especially looking back and thinking, 'Wow, that was our team.' Hopefully in the coming years, or maybe even this season, we'll have another team make it to the final game or win it all, but it's going to be something that's really special that they'll be able to carry with them for the rest of their lives, which is awesome.

It's been almost a week since your team won the state championship last Saturday. When you look back on that game, on the playoff run and on the season, how would you kind of describe all of it?

We were kind of just trying to take it game-by-game the whole season, but obviously we knew, once we started the playoffs, there was a little more weight to it. We had a good end to the regular season and then obviously the conference tournament and going into the playoffs, we just tried to keep ourselves focused, and I think that was the main thing for me, especially for the week leading up to the championship game. Having a whole week to prepare was definitely different. Most of the season had been one or two practices and then a game. So I think just trying to stay focused on the game and preparing for that and making sure the girls were staying prepared for it because there's a lot of excitement leading into that championship

game, which is warranted, but just trying to not get caught up in all of the other things that go along with that.

I think one of the things that I heard last week, kind of leading into the week of practice, was to not get worried about the little things. Everyone's trying to make it a good experience, and it was. I can't look back on anything that I thought, 'Oh, that wasn't right for us. We didn't appreciate that.' Everything worked out really perfectly in my opinion, but I think just having that week to remind myself that everything may not go exactly how you may draw it out. That was a really good piece of advice that I heard someone else say, just don't get too worried about the little things, just stay focused on the big picture, which is trying to prepare and win state title.

Then, after all of that preparation, your team came out firing and it didn't seem like the week off made them rusty at all. When you were on the trip to Raleigh, did you know you were going to win the state title? Did you guys have that confidence?

I did. I really haven't doubted this group at all. From the the first couple weeks of practice, I knew that they're a talented group. They're skilled players, a lot of them have played basketball for the majority of their lives and they love the game. So I knew that aspect was there. It was just, 'OK, how much fight are we going to have?'

Kerri Snipes

ROLE: Head Coach, Women's Basketball

EXPERIENCE AT NORTHWOOD: First season

NOTES:

- She was an assistant coach for the Chargers for four seasons before taking over the head coaching job last summer
- She played for the Chargers as a guard from 2008-2012
- Earlier this month, she led Northwood to its first state title in any team sport in school history
- From the coach on this season's team: "I couldn't be more proud. They're a special group and they always will be and for them to go out and perform the way they did, everyone just played their hearts out."

Northwood Chargers

CONFERENCE: Central 3A (Conference Champions)

RECORD: 30-1 (12-0 in Central 3A)

PATH TO THE TITLE:

- Rd. 1: W vs. (31) Swansboro, 64-7
- Rd. 2: W vs. (17) Triton, 67-44
- Rd. 3: W vs. (7) West Carteret, 67-14
- Elite Eight: W vs. (14) Williams, 66-52
- Final Four: W vs. (1) Terry Sanford, 51-50
- Championship: W vs. (19) Enka, 70-42

There are ups and downs during the season, it's a long season and things don't always go as you may plan, but they kept their heads on straight. They listen, they work together as a team and I think having that heart kind of saw us through in a couple of games, especially those close games. They didn't give up. They were tough. Those are things that I can look back on and say, "That's kind of what got us here."

To take it back to the beginning of the season, when did you know this team was capable of winning it all? Was there a specific moment you can recall?

I knew we were talented and obviously coming into a new conference, we weren't really sure what the newer teams had to offer, so there were a little bit of unknowns with that. I think a big turning point for us was the Millbrook game that we lost. It allowed us to see that, 'Hey, we're not perfect, and we've got some things that we can definitely improve upon.' Certainly we would have loved to have had that game, we made a valiant effort to come back in that game, but the time expired on us and we just dug ourselves in a

little bit of a hole to be able to get back out for that game. But I think the Panther Creek win really gave us some momentum, too, realizing that, 'Hey, we just beat a really tough team.' They're 4A, they're one of the top teams in the state, so I think that kind of boosted the girls and helped them realize we've got something special in this group. That was a big turning point for us. We had a tough conference, too. Williams and Eastern Alamance, they definitely put up a fight and they had some tough players and some tough games against us, so I think we really grew in those games, as well.

We've talked about it plenty of times, but with you being a first-year coach, how were you able to take over this team that had just lost in the Final Four last season, lost a handful of key seniors over the summer, had one of your most important players (Junior Te'Keyah Bland) injured for the first part of the year and had a brand new transfer in senior Olivia Porter and lead them to a championship?

From the beginning, we kind of tried to set our expectations, just working together as a team by

being unselfish because we've got talented players that needed to understand that, 'Hey, if we want to be able to make it to the championship,' which was a goal they set themselves, 'then we've got to work together, we've got to share the basketball.' And one of the big things for us and I know I've probably said it many times, was that we've got to be able to defend. Seeing us grow on defense over the course of the year was just great for me to be able to see because we work on it every day in practice. Seeing the small things — like working with the post players, day in and day out — especially in that championship game, to see that all come to life was great. So I think from the start, just trying to work together. As a team, they were comfortable with each other. Olivia kind of jumped in and was familiar with a lot of the players from her time here years ago, so they seemed to mesh pretty well. We added Natalia (Whitaker) as a as a freshman coming in and she gave us good minutes, as well, so I think for us, it was just getting everyone to buy in to maybe some differences from years past, but to try to work together to get us where we wanted to be.

With this being your first season as a head coach, having coached many of these players as an assistant over the last few years, what has been your favorite part?

I just loved that they all came in with good attitudes, ready to work hard. Sure, at times, everyone needs a little motivation here and there for different days and different reasons, but they trusted me and they trusted each other and the rest of our staff, so that was a big piece for me. And then just making the time, off the court, to be able to be together as a team, whether that was just playing silly games or what have you. I think those are the things that I enjoyed the most. Obviously seeing them play every day, competing against some tough teams, was great to watch, but the other behind the scenes stuff, just being able to be together and spend time and boost each other up was a lot of fun.

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tangs, with three of them — Landa (2 goals), Guerrero Jaimes (2 goals) and Sibrian Zetino (1 goal) — joining the scoring party as J-M's offense was on fire for most of the night.

It took some time for the Jets to get on the board, however, as they had no shortage of shot opportunities, but simply couldn't make them fall, including an early header off of a corner kick that smacked the crossbar and landed right into the hands of the Mustangs' goalkeeper.

"We came out a little slow, reflective of practice on Wednesday," Harris said. "But they found the energy and then they played a really consistent game."

It took a little over 12 minutes of game time, around the 28-minute mark, for the Jets to put the ball into the net on a hard-hit shot by Landa from the left side of the penalty area to give J-M a 1-0 lead.

That's when the floodgates swung open. After a few scoreless minutes, Landa struck again in the 16th minute on a shot that saw her throw defenders — and the goalkeeper — off with a turn-

around maneuver that allowed her to score from short range with ease.

It took a little over two minutes for the Jets to tack on another, with Guerrero Jaimes getting under a deep shot from at least 25 yards out and soaring it past the unsuspecting goalkeeper to the left portion of the net.

In just six minutes of game time, the Jets transformed a scoreless, defensive battle into a three-goal lead.

Guerrero Jaimes slotted another to the right side of the net off of a short pass from Jessica Parroquin Vallejo in the 24th minute to give J-M a 4-0 advantage, followed by a goal from Parroquin Vallejo on a beautiful assist from Landa in the 35th minute to give her team a 5-0 lead at the break.

"You take the lid off of the jar and a lot's going to happen," said Harris with a smile. "I think it loosens them up, too, because a lot of times, the first time you play a team, you don't know what to expect out of them. I think that was part of it, you've just got to figure out what they've got and what's working for us and go from there."

Despite the frequent abuse experienced by both the

crossbar and the goalposts by the Jets' strikers, who clanked near-goals off of them often, J-M's offense was beginning to click, which left them with the task of defending their massive lead with 40 minutes left to play.

But in a night that was smooth-sailing for Jets goalkeeper Jeylin Perla, the Mustangs had no answer for the constant pressure put onto them by J-M's midfielders and defenders, who allowed just a handful of shots all night.

"We've been focusing on pressure, just applying pressure to the other team, mainly," said Harris. "We've got a pretty skilled group, so they do a good job of it, but that's been our focus the last few games, just, 'Hey, let's put pressure on them, don't make it easy, disrupt them and control the game.' And they do a good job with it."

"When you play well defensively, your goalie gets an easy night," he added.

The Jets held the Mustangs to 70 minutes of scoreless soccer, a feat only made possible by the hard-fought defensive efforts of players like midfielder Jennifer Garcia Torres, who Harris shouted out by name after the win.

"(She) doesn't get a lot of the limelight," said Harris. "She

plays the middle for us and she's kind of a quiet person in general, but she's steady out there. She knows she's always in the right spot and she controls the ball really well. I'd probably (shout out) all of our midfielders in general. They do a great job controlling the game."

In the second half, the Jets got goals from Parroquin Vallejo — one on a deep shot in the 58th minute and another off of a penalty kick in the 62nd minute — and Sibrian Zetino (63rd minute) to force the Mustangs into an 8-0 hole with nearly 20 minutes left to play.

But Parroquin Vallejo, who totaled four goals on the night, clearly wanted to go home early.

In the 71st minute, she took control of the ball toward the right sideline, just outside of the penalty area, sped past the defender in front of her, split between two Mustangs and fired a shot past the goalkeeper's extended arm to the right-center of the net, giving the Jets a 9-0 lead and ending the game via mercy rule with 9:25 sitting on the clock.

Now, the Jets are 4-2-2 on the season as they continue to storm through the Mid-Carolina.

"They had some really tough competition (at first), but

they've gotten a little confidence in them now," Harris said. "You can see the little bit of an energy change with them. They're a little loose. They're having fun."

Harris is used to the late nights at J-M when the school hosts soccer games, but playing a role in them is a whole different story. And, despite his love for baseball and softball, he appears to be enjoying his time on the pitch.

"I told Coach Cuadros after the first game, like, 'Man, it looks a lot different from the field compared to the press box,'" said Harris with a laugh. "I don't have much experience with soccer at all, so it's a new task, but it's a good challenge. It's fun. ... It forces you to learn stuff a little more than you would when you watch it because you've got to look at it a different way."

Jordan-Matthews has a Mid-Carolina conference clash with Seaforth (5-1) on Wednesday before heading to Southwestern Randolph (5-2-1) on Thursday as Harris looks to bolster his first-year coaching resume.

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Northwood students place first and second in oratory contest



Courtesy of Lowell Hoffman

Lily Kate Witcher presents her winning oration at SAR Rumbaugh Oratory competition at Governors Club.

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — History repeated itself as Northwood High School students once again distinguished themselves in the annual Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oratory contest sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution and its local General Francis Nash Chapter.

Northwood junior Lily Kate Witcher placed first with her original oration about John Hancock, building her story around his famous bold signature on the Declaration of Independence. She spoke about Hancock's courage, its significance and what each person should think about in placing his or her own signature to a document, petition or letter today.

Northwood student Gio Cacciato won second place with his oratory, "The Story of Lucy Knox," a narrative about the risks of commitment, personal sacrifice and support for a cause to one's family and fortune.

"I support Rumbaugh Oratory to give the gift of confidence in public speaking," said local and state Rumbaugh chairman Lowell Hoffman.

The competition took place at Governors Club on Saturday, March 19. Orators presented their composed and memorized speeches between five and six minutes before an audience of 45. Each participant could develop a topic of their



Courtesy of Lowell Hoffman

Second-place winner Gio Cacciato shares 'The Story of Lucy Knox' during his oration.

choice on any aspect of the American Revolution.

"As we are entering a decade of commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country, this competition and participation of high school students carries particular significance," said General Francis Nash Chapter President Albert Segars, a professor at UNC's Kenan-Flagler business school.

In winning the competition, Witcher earned \$250 and will now compete for the North Carolina championship. If successful, she will receive a medal and \$750, as well as advance to national competition.

Both students thanked Northwood speech teacher Jill Jackl for her support while deciding whether to compete, and while they developed their speech content and delivery. They also named Northwood stu-



Courtesy of Lowell Hoffman

Lily Kate Witcher is all smiles as she receives her first place certificate.

dent Riley Shaner as an inspiration. Shaner won the Nash Chapter and State Rumbaugh contests and went on to place second at the 2019 SAR National Oratory Contest in Costa Mesa, California.

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and teaching American history to future generations. The General Francis Nash Chapter honors the commander of North Carolina's regiments who served under General George Washington in 1777 at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, where a British cannonball mortally wounded Nash. The Chapter includes a number of Chatham County residents, including Chris Palmer who served as a member of the panel of judges for the event.



Chatham COA Events & Announcements

April 4th through April 8th

Monday, April 4

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
- [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM
- [Yoga for Senior Athletes w/Liz](#) at 9:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom)
- [Strong and Fit w/Jackie](#) at 10:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills and on Zoom)
- [Virtual Health Fair: Tech Savvy Seniors](#) at 10:30 AM (at WCSC Holly Brooks Room and on Zoom)
- [Geri-Fit w/Olivia](#) at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC)

Tuesday, April 5

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
- [Walking at CCC with COA](#) at 12:30 PM (RSVP w/Liz, meet at ECSC Parking Lot)

Wednesday, April 6

- [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM
- [Yoga for Senior Athletes w/Liz](#) at 9:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom)
- [Hiking Group to Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, Southern Pines](#) at 12:00 PM (RSVP Alan)

Thursday, April 7

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
- [Senior Games Bowling Practice](#) at 12:30 PM (Buffaloe Lanes Cary, RSVP Jackie)
- [Geri-Fit w/Olivia](#) at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC)

Friday, April 8

- [Strong & Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM
- [Senior Games Practice](#) at 2:00 PM (Northwest District Park, Siler City)
- [Friday Night Dance](#) at 7:00 PM (WCSC)

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Chatham Charter's Christenbury selected for 2022 Governor's School

From Chatham Charter School

RALEIGH — Silas Christenbury, a junior at Chatham Charter School, has been selected to attend the 2022 session of Governor's School of North Carolina.

Over 1,700 high school students from across the state were nominated, and only 820 were selected. Christenbury is assigned to Governor's School East at Meredith College in Raleigh during the four-week, summer

residential program for gifted and talented high school students.

During the prestigious program, students participate in three curricular areas. The primary area for Christenbury will be social science. The second curricular area makes connections between all of the academic areas including math, science, English, social science, the arts, and world languages. The third area of study takes elements of the other two areas and adds personal

experiences, understanding of social worlds, and creates links between them all.

"We are proud that another one of our outstanding students has been accepted to Governor's School," said Dr. John Eldridge, Head of School. "Each of our previous attendees has had a tremendous experience. Hearing from the state coordinators that only one percent of high school students statewide make it to the state level of nomination reminds us of what incredible young people we serve."

CHATHAM IS BOLD!



Courtesy of Chatham Charter

Chatham Charter's Silas Christenbury has been chosen to attend the Governor's School of North Carolina.



Jehovah's Witnesses increase as virtual meetings, ministry, conventions keep congregants active and safe

BY HEWITT COLLAR
Special to the News + Record

SILER CITY — Donald Davidson, 87, and his wife Violet, 82, would rarely go more than a few days without knocking on a door or visiting a Bible student as part of their volunteer ministry. That abruptly changed in the spring of 2020 when Jehovah's Witnesses suspended their in-person public ministry, meetings and large conventions.

Two years later, the Siler City residents are busier than ever.

"The work we're doing now, on the phone and letter writing — it hasn't slowed us down," said the couple, who have served as full-time ministers for the past 45 years, and now make phone calls and write about 20 letters on average each month.

"We don't do any photocopy letters," Davidson said. "Every letter is different."

With this historic change, the number of Jehovah's Witnesses grew 3% in the United States in 2021 alone, matching the organization's most significant increase over the past decade and the second-largest percentage increase since 1990.

"Staying active in our ministry while remaining safe has had a powerful preserving effect on our congregants and communities," said Robert Hendriks, U.S.



Courtesy of Hewitt Collar

Nate and Wilma Rhames of Sanford.

spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "The wise decision not to prematurely resume in-person activities has united us and protected lives while comforting many people in great need. The results speak for themselves."

For congregants like the Davidsons, the virtual pivot has meant trading their bookbags for a landline, laptop and iPad, and their walking shoes for slippers. But while their tools have changed, their message remains the same. They regularly share scriptures, cards and letters each month with dozens of community members, business owners and government officials.

"One local doctor expressed, 'No one had ever sent me such a nice card in all my years as a dentist,'" Violet said.

Last year, the international organization reported all-time peaks in the number of people participating in their volunteer preaching work, increased attendance in Zoom meetings and more than 171,000 new believers baptized. In the past two years, more than 400,000 have been baptized worldwide.

Some whose ministry or attendance at religious services had slowed because of age and poor health said they felt reenergized with the convenience of virtual

meetings and a home-based ministry.

Despite dealing with early dementia and diminished energy, Nathaniel Rhames, 82, and his wife Wilma, 79, say they are "happy to be this age."

The Rhames use Zoom to worship twice a week with their Sanford congregation and regularly join online ministry groups to comfort neighbors and family through phone calls, letters and texts.

"I have never been a good writer," Rhames said. "In school, the teachers would tease that I was writing in Hebrew or Greek."

"I hated the telephone," added Wilma.



Courtesy of Hewitt Collar

Violet and Donald Davidson of Siler City.

But both are now effective and productive with these methods of reaching people. They have written to 479 people by letter alone during the pandemic.

By sharing the Bible remotely, Alaska's fewer-than-3,000 Jehovah's Witnesses can rapidly preach across the 586,000 square miles of their sparsely populated state.

"We're talking to more people in a day than we did in a month," said Marlene Sadowski of Ketchikan.

The official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, translated into more than 1,000 languages, has also leveraged the organization's outreach.

After starting a free

self-paced Bible course on jw.org in December 2019, New Mexico resident Lisa Owen requested a free, interactive Bible study over Zoom. She was one of nearly 20,000 baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses last year in the United States in private settings, including backyard swimming pools, tubs and even rivers. "JW.ORG gave me somewhere to learn, somewhere to land, and to start living the way God wants me to," said Owen, who lives in Moriarty. "It taught me so much."

To start an online Bible study course, receive a visit or attend a virtual meeting locally, visit jw.org.



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PITTSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Town discusses adding electric cars to police patrol fleet

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — During Monday evening's regular board meeting, commissioners discussed the possibility of starting to replace some of the older patrol police cars with electric vehicles, marking the beginning of possibly changing out town-owned cars for less-polluting automobiles.

While the board did not vote on the matter, commissioners and town staff expressed excitement for the idea of cleaner options for town cars.

"I think this is a really unique and somewhat fun thing to talk about," Town Manager Chris Kennedy said. "We love the idea of emerging technologies, I desire for us to be as innovative as possible, and I think there is a lot of opportunity in electric vehicles for us to press forward."

Kennedy, who helped lead the research into electric vehicle replacements, said this is a part of the town's plan to utilize more energy sources with lower environmental impact.

"Certainly, it is our desire over here at the town to be as efficient as we can in all aspects of our operation," Kennedy said. "I think this conversation will eventually morph into the full town operation, but the original scope is to look at our police vehicles."

Kennedy, Pittsboro Police Chief Shorty Johnson and Deputy Chief Troy Roberson researched two models of electric vehicles: the Tesla Model Y and the Ford Mustang Mach-E model. The Tesla would cost the town just over \$80,000 to

purchase and customize for police use, while the Mustang would cost the town \$76,438 to purchase and customize.

"Certainly, there are a lot of factors to consider," Kennedy said, "so what we've done is tried to narrow it down, try to normalize these conversations the best we could, and show the board the findings we have thus far."

He also said the town can look at hybrid power cars, which depend on both gasoline and battery power to operate. In fact, the police department already has multiple hybrid vehicles active in its fleet.

"Back in 2020, after I got here, we were scoping out and we had three budgeted for the police department, and for the first time, we went forward with hybrids," Kennedy said. "We've found really good success with those so far and are really pleased with what we have found."

A lot of municipalities around the United States have started to replace their gas-powered vehicles with electric cars, specifically the Model Y Tesla. Kennedy said the town of Cary has two of these vehicles as a part of their fleet, and the number of towns and cities shifting towards Tesla keeps increasing.

However, there are multiple factors the board needs to consider before moving forward with shifting towards electric-only vehicles. The availability of charging stations for the police officers who would be receiving the cars would need to be better, according to Kennedy.

"Is it charged at home, is it charged at the office?" Kennedy asked the board. "We know that this conversation will again morph into a much more expansive discussion, and we welcome that."

Commissioner Jay Farrell expressed concern for the officers in the newer electric vehicles. He said he wants to make sure the board not only looks at the cost of these cars, but he wants commissioners to also take into account the safety of electric versus traditional gas-powered engines.

"We want to look at these vehicles and make sure the chief and his officers are safe in the vehicle," he said. "I just want to make sure we are not weighing cost over safety for our officers."

Commissioner John Bonitz addressed Farrell's concerns, citing the better safety and crash ratings among electric vehicles, focusing on Tesla.

According to Tesla's website, drivers who drove without autopilot or safety features had one accident for every 978 thousand miles driven. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, data shows the average rate of a car crash is one every 484,000 miles.

"The departments that I am hearing who have decided to purchase the Teslas have found that the safety ratings and the crash ratings are significantly superior," Bonitz said.

Commissioner Kyle Shipp has first-hand experience with electric automobiles, as his car is an electric Chevro-

let. He said a lot has changed regarding infrastructure for electric cars since he first purchased his own in 2017, especially with public charging stations.

"(There have been) lots of improvements on that side," Shipp said. "There's just so many electric vehicles now, and I think there are some vehicles in town we have that probably should be replaced, and will probably be replaced with only electric vehicles as a lot of manufacturers are switching to that."

Kennedy's recommendation for the board is to continue with the purchasing of hybrid vehicles for the time being, as they provide a clean source of energy and are a more cost-effective option.

However, Kennedy said he is expecting the town to have to replace a vehicle every year for the foreseeable future, meaning there may come a time when the town shifts away from hybrid vehicles to an electric option.

"Between replacing our existing fleet, ultimately as we grow we will be adding officers and adding vehicles with those new officers, I think this conversation is going to be recurring," he said. "From a policing perspective, I don't think we are quite there, but we will target ourselves to be nimble enough so that if an opportunity presents itself and we feel like we want to shift, we trust this board will support us in shifting towards that."

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-322 the Chatham County Board of Equalization and Review will meet as required by law.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To hear upon request, any and all taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in Chatham County, with respect to the valuation of such property or the property of others, to schedule hearings, and to fulfill duties and responsibilities required by law

TIME OF MEETINGS

The Board will convene Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at 1192 US Hwy 64 West Business, Pittsboro NC (Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center). The Board will be open to receive appeals of value and will adjourn on April 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM. At that time the Board adjourns, no additional appeals can be accepted by the Board of Equalization and Review for tax year 2022.

Those individuals with written requests for hearings received prior to 5:00 PM on April 26, 2022, the advertised date for adjournment of the Board of Equalization and Review, will be notified when and where to appear for their individual hearings.

In the event of earlier or later adjournment, notice to that effect will be published in this newspaper.

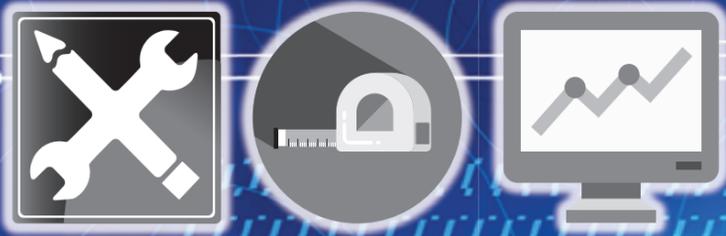
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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On March 21, Reynaldo Camacho, 43, of 78 Hickory Downs Dr., Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Shannon Parker for assault by strangulation and assault on a female. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on March 22.

On March 21, William James Lipofski, 30, of 255 River Forks Rd., Sanford, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for True Bill of Indictment — assault on a female and True Bill of Indictment, habitual

misdemeanor assault. He was issued a \$10,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County Superior Court in Pittsboro on May 2.

On March 21, Andres Zagada-Del Angel, 45, of 404 W. Eighth St., Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for True Bill of Indictment — solicitation of prostitution of a minor. He was issued a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County Superior Court in Pittsboro on May 2.

On March 22, Randy Dale Minor Jr., 40, of 51 Blue Grass Trail, Pittsboro, was arrested by SSgt. Ashley Ellington

for failure to appear related to child support. He was issued a \$2,000 cash purge payment and is scheduled to appear in Alamance County District Court in Graham on April 8.

On March 23, Gregory Maurice Gaines, 43, of 3989 Highway 15-501 N., Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for assault on a female, misdemeanor stalking, and cyberstalking. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on March 30.

On March 24, Larry Ray Maness, 50,

of 15 Big Horn Dr., Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for communicating threats. He was placed on a 48-hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 27.

On March 24, Amanda Marie Pyles, 34, of 1537 N.C. Highway 42, Goldston, was arrested by Deputy Brooke Roberts for failure to appear on a charge of Driving Under the Influence. She was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 10.

A REVIEW

Pixar's 'Turning Red' causes a cultural stir as Chinese girl comes of age with a call of the wild

BY BUCK RYAN & LEI JIAO

Special to the News + Record

“Hey, Lei, how’s it goin’ eh?”

“Good.”

“Good, eh? How’s that teenage girl of yours, eh?”

“Ruby is fine, Buck. But I’m worried about you. What’s up with all the ‘ehs’?”

“Lei, our specialty is doing film reviews to advance cross-cultural understanding, right?”

“Right!”

“Well, this latest Pixar movie, ‘Turning Red,’ on Disney+ is a family comedy about Mei Mei, a 13-year-old Chinese girl coming of age in Toronto, Canada’s Chinatown. You can’t miss the Tim Horton’s! I was just speaking Canadian-ese.”

“Oh, so you end every sentence with ‘eh,’ eh? Buck Ryan, this is 2022, you can’t be spouting stereotypes like that!”

“Which brings me back to the movie, Lei. It definitely has its lovers and its haters, but one criticism is about stereotyping, especially the girl’s mother as a ‘Tiger Mom.’”

“Well, Buck, there’s always some truth in stereotypes. As I’ve said before, I test positive for Tiger Mom. Just the other day I saw a satirical TikTok — we call it Douyin — about a Tiger Dad.”

“Oh?”

“Yes, his son confesses that he got a ‘B’ in geography on his midterm, and the dad goes ballistic. My favorite part was: ‘I swam all the way from China ... when I went to school, I had to walk 20 miles uphill, both ways, 26 hours a day, on one foot. My other foot was starting a business.’”

“LOL. So it’s a real thing, eh?”

“Oh, Buck, you’re hopeless.”

“OK, Lei, here’s something for you: Director and co-writer Domee Shi, who won a 2019 Oscar for the best animated short film ‘Bao,’ based the story of ‘Turning Red’ on her own experiences growing up with a Chinese-Canadian family in Toronto.”

“I see, Buck, that makes sense.”

“Why do you say that?”

“From what I can see of immigrants living overseas, they act more Chinese than the Chinese people I know in China.”

“Hmm, do you mean more strict?”

“Well, Chinese parents are strict around the globe, maybe more so abroad so their kids don’t do something foolish in public, cause embarrassment and fail to live up to their Confucian purpose in life — to bring honor to the family.”

“Then what about Mei Mei’s mom who is so overbearing and controlling, not giving her daughter any privacy?”



Courtesy of Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures

Meilin ‘Mei’ Lee, a 13-year-old Chinese girl, comes of age in 2002 in Toronto’s Chinatown, battling a hairy family curse.

“I can relate to that. I know of Chinese moms who rifle through their daughters’ diaries and bedroom drawers.”

“How about when Mei Mei’s mom blatantly confronts her daughter’s boy crush in the Daisy Mart?”

“Now we’re getting closer, Buck. Chinese moms try to keep their young daughters away from boys, for sure. But my parents were never that extreme.”

“Talk about extreme, I couldn’t believe Mei Mei’s grandmother, the way she interacted with her own daughter.”

“Yes, Buck, I didn’t have to be that timid and overcautious around my mother.”

“What about the family temple to pay homage to ancestors?”

“Bingo! There’s truth there, but it makes the movie seem extra cartoonish to me.”

“Tell me more.”

“Well, Buck, all you had to see were the Opening Ceremonies of the Beijing Winter Olympics. Yes, we love our traditions, but we are moving on in modern ways. Hollywood still portrays us in dynasty-lag time — that’s where you feel the stereotype rub.”

“So, Lei, what would you say this movie is all about?”

“Puberty.”

“Oh, that’s different.”

“Yes, Buck, we did an entire film review about another Chinese girl, ‘Mulan,’ without mentioning that.”

“How do the Pixar folks describe the film, Lei?”

“Are you ready for this, Buck? Here goes ...

Mei Lee (nicknamed Mei Mei, played by Rosalie Chiang) is a 13-year-old girl who is torn between being her mother’s obedient daughter and the chaos of her youth. As if that were not enough, when she gets too excited, she turns into a big red panda.

... The panda thing is a family curse, and I guess ‘gets too excited’ are code words for what happens when the girl has her

period and causes a rift with her mother.”

“Egads, Lei, we’re really in new territory here.”

“Yes, Buck, Mei Mei starts out in the movie fragile in the confidence department, then by the movie’s end, she rides a new wave of self-assurance.”

“I’d say she flies her freak flag in many zany episodes, including a crush on a boy band.”

“Yes, Buck, I guess Mulan flew her freak flag by trying to crush the Huns.”

“Oh, Lei, you are too funny. So did you like the movie?”

“Well, not really, but Ruby liked it.”

“That makes sense. You’re not exactly the target audience.”

“Buck, I’ll never forget watching ‘The Joy Luck Club’ movie with a film major friend who is a Brit. I wept and he yawned.”

“So that cracking lad was knackered.”

“Bloody righto, Buck, and I’m so glad you didn’t add ‘eh.’”

“So, Lei, I’m kinda getting the impression that ‘Turning Red’ is a Rorschach test. Whether you like it or not depends on your personality and emotional functioning. The red panda is like a big inkblot.”

“That’s so deeeep, Buck, that you’re now standing in a hole.”

“What do you mean?”

“It’s a kids movie, Buck. A cartoon, for goodness’ sake. Lots of color, lots of flash, great animation, some really funny scenes, music with a beat you can dance to. It was made for kids like Ruby, not you or me.”

“Sorry, Lei, I keep looking for a message.”

“Well, Buck, the message is that when Disney goes out on a limb and hands the reins to all women — mostly Chinese — you’re going to get a movie that causes cognitive dissonance for some people.”

“All women?”

“Yes, Buck, ‘Turning Red’ is a first for Walt Disney Studios — a film

directed, written and produced by women. The story was co-written by the director, Domee Shi, along with Julia Cho and Sarah Streicher, and the production design was done by Rona Liu.”

“Wow, that is quite a message. Unfortunately that dissonance thing has become part of the storyline about ‘Turning Red’ — a film review since deleted with the reviewer apologizing.”

“If he’s not nice, Buck, he’s obviously not from Canada. Who is the reviewer?”

“Sean O’Connell, called ‘the biggest name in North Carolina entertainment news.’ He was born on Long Island and raised in Washington, D.C. Let’s just say he brought unwanted attention to his hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina.”

“What did he say that was so bad?”

“Well, I’ll go easy on you, Lei, beginning with a tweet by O’Connell. He doubled down on his widely condemned

review for CinemaBlend, where he serves as managing editor for “One Of The Web’s Most Popular Entertainment Sites” ...

“Some Pixar films are made for universal audiences. *Turning Red* is not. The target audience for this one feels very specific and very narrow. If you are in it, this might work very well for you. I am not in it. This was exhausting.”

“Well, Buck, I get the feeling something worse is coming.”

“OK, Lei, hold tight. Here’s an excerpt from the original review ...

“Without question, *Turning Red* is the horniest movie in Pixar history, which parents no doubt will find surprising. I recognized the humor in the film, but connected with none of it. By rooting *Turning Red* very specifically in the Asian community of Toronto, the film legitimately feels like it was made for Domee Shi’s friends and immediate family members. Which is fine ... but also, a tad limiting in its scope.”

“Oh, Buck, that’s ridiculous.”

“Yep.”

“What could be more universal than a teenaged girl coming of age, becoming a young woman with new desires and energy, not to mention loving, nerdy friends who literally embrace the crazy, furry side of her.”

“So, Lei, you give the movie a thumbs up, eh?”

“No, Buck, an A+ for moms and daughters who wish to share a little girl-power time together.”

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You can read their five previous film reviews here:

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GreenWood Wrights'Fest explores the world of Sloyd

Inaugural festival brings woodcrafters and woodworking enthusiasts to Shakori Hills

BY ZENDA DOUGLAS
News + Record
Correspondent

PITTSBORO — As many as 300 woodworking enthusiasts will descend upon Shakori Hills, a 50-acre farm site here, for three days of camping, carving and learning about green wood April 22-24.

The first GreenWood Wrights'Fest will offer speeches from renowned master woodworkers — including Roy Underhill, who hosted PBS's The Woodwright's Shop for 37 seasons — and woodworker and author Brendan Gaffney, as well as 26 instructional classes and numerous open-air demonstrations.

GreenWood Market Place will provide an opportunity for instructors to sell their greenwood wares on site. A free early morning yoga session, music, dancing, and food trucks will round out the event.

Local woodworker Cara O'Connell, organizer of the festival, has nurtured the idea of such a gathering for several years and has garnered



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Festival organizer Cara O'Connell is shown here practicing the art of woodworking.

an impressive array of nationally-recognized hand tool woodworkers and greenwood craftspeople to serve as instructors.

"My mission is to build community through sharing the love of nature and the nature of wood while exploring green woodworking and

preserving the history of traditional woodcraft," she said. "I love it so much — I want to share it with others so they, too, can enjoy it."

Attendees will have access to beginner and advanced instruction in spoon carving, bowl carving, stool making, bark weaving, spring pole



lathe demonstrations, ash basket weaving, carving fan birds, basic carving techniques, etching wood with kolrosing, timber frame joinery, sharpening techniques, tree ID and wood processing from log to finished pieces. Underhill's classes will be working with heavy timbers using saws and axes.

In addition to Underhill, Gaffney and O'Connell, instructors include Peggy Adelman, Tom Bartlett, Liesl Chatman, Mike Cundall, Bonnie Grace, Tad Kepley, Jasper Mayer, Barton Moyers, Don Nalezty, Oliver Pratt, B. Terry Ratliff, Emilie Rigby, Aaron Sparks and Ty Thornock.

Both O'Connell and Underhill, along with other volunteers, have been at the site making benches for the bowl and spoon carving sessions.

"Last week we went out and put legs on tenons (rounded tops of the legs that fit into the hole drilled into the bench)," O'Connell said. "All the legs were split from the trees and all the inch-tops were split with sledgehammer and wedge tools."

Underhill's keynote address is entitled "The Craftsmanship of Risk and Redemption as Green Woodworkers Save the World!"

"We will explore the question of why on earth are we gathering people

together to make spoons — there's no spoon shortage. There's another reason — we'll explore that," said Underhill, demonstrating his typical wit.

Downplaying his celebrity, Underhill says "The famous people at the festival will be the ones that come and try new things. Rather than just watching an expert, you get to do it."

Woodworkers from across the country

O'Connell expects woodworkers from all over the country to attend the event.

"People who love nature and are interested in learning how to work with hand-tools and developing skills with knives and axes — that's who will want to come," she said.

Apex resident and woodworker Kat King was among the first to buy a festival ticket.

"I saw some of the incredibly talented carvers that I follow on Instagram saying they were conducting classes there," says King. "One world-class instructor, Liesl Chatman, is teaching kolrosing. The fact that she's coming to teach in Pittsboro, North Carolina — how cool is that? I'm signed up for her class! The chance to go to the festival and learn from other carvers and get to be in this

community with carvers whom I greatly admire for a whole weekend is thrilling."

King said kolrosing is a technique using a sharp knife to first etch designs into the surface of a spoon and then rub in coffee grounds or another dark material that keeps the design intact without digging chunks out of the spoon.

"There is a fairly large group of people interested in green woodworking," said O'Connell. "Although it's an ancient and traditional craft, here in the U.S. we are just at the beginning of discovering and learning about green woodworking — I'm guessing there are 30,000 to 40,000 people that do it."

In Europe, green woodworking is extremely popular, she said. This renaissance of old-school woodworking follows philosophies and teachings derived from Swedish handcrafts called Sloyd.

"Sloyd is a way of working with hand and eye to create the things you need to survive," says O'Connell. "In the days of farming, you would go out and collect what you needed to build. Sloyd is being handy with hand-made tools to build the world around you from the world around you."

The term Sloyd, she said, also refers to a type

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TOWN OF SILER CITY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ABC BOARD

The Siler City ABC Board will have a vacancy for one (1) with no residential requirements as of July 1, 2022. The ABC board, in accordance with G.S. 18B-701, shall have the authority to: Buy, sell, transport and possess alcoholic beverages as necessary for the operation of its ABC stores, Adopt rules for its ABC system, subject to the approval of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, hire and fire employees for the ABC system, designate one (1) employee as manager of the ABC system and determine his responsibilities, require bonds of employees as provided in the rules of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, operate ABC stores as provided in G.S. Chapter 18B, Art. 8 (G.S. 18B-800 et seq.), issue purchase-transportation permits as provided in G.S. Ch. 18B, Art. 4 (G.S. 18B-400 et seq.), employ local ABC officers or make other provision for enforcement of ABC laws as provided in G.S. Ch. 18B, Art. 5 (G.S. 18B-500 et seq.), borrow money as provided in G.S. 18B-702, Buy and lease real and personal property, and receive property bequeathed or given, as necessary for the operation of the ABC system, Invest surplus funds as provided in G.S. 18B-702, dispose of property in the same manner as a city council may, under G.S. Ch. 160A, Art. 12 (G.S. 160A-265 et seq.), and performs any other activity authorized or required by the ABC law. If appointed person must take an ethics class within one year. The board meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30 pm.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

The Airport Authority will have a vacancy for one (1) member with no residential requirements as of July 1, 2022. The Airport Authority serves as an advisory board to the Board of Commissioners concerning operating, regulating, and promoting the Siler City Municipal Airport and to establish a framework to be utilized in coordinating local, state, and federal efforts toward this end. Major emphasis shall be placed on providing the basic facilities essential for attracting and encouraging sound growth of the Siler City Municipal Airport, as a tool for overall economic growth. The authority meets the fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 pm.

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Downtown Advisory Committee has vacancies has two (2) members with no residential requirements as of July 1, 2022. The committee is for those who have a vested interest in the future of Downtown Siler City or who have particular knowledge, skills, or abilities that serve the interest and intent of the purpose of developing a viable framework to enhance further revitalization and development of downtown, utilizing existing and emerging strengths of this vital central commercial hub of the Siler City community. The committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm.

PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Siler City Planning Board/ Board of Adjustments has one (1) vacancy for an Alternate Member who is a resident of the EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ), as of July 1, 2022. The Planning Board, in conjunction with the Town Planner, makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on conditional use permit, rezoning, conditional use rezoning, and text amendment applications. The Planning Board may also perform comprehensive surveys and studies of existing conditions and probable future developments and prepares such plans for physical and economic growth. The Planning Board promotes the public health, safety, convenience or the general welfare as well as efficiency and economy in the development of the Town. The Planning Board also serves as the Board of Adjustment to review variances, consider appeals from the zoning administrator or building inspector, and to issue special use and special exception permits. The board meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

All positions are advisory in nature and are unpaid with the exception of the ABC Board and Planning Board.

Persons interested should submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson Town of Siler City, Post Office Box 769, Siler City, NC, 311 N Second Avenue, or jjohnson@silercity.org no later than April 15, 2022.

The letter of interest should include: home address, phone number, email address, educational background, current employment, civic involvement, why you wish to serve, and any other information you feel pertinent.

What makes green woodworking green?

BY ZENDA DOUGLAS

News + Record Correspondent

All wood starts out as green wood. When a tree is cut down, there's lot of water contained within.

"Green wood is basically cellulose, like a soft sponge," says woodworker Roy Underhill. "It's much easier to work with if you are working by muscle power as is the case with hand-tools."

Underhill likens green woodworking to potters using clay to shape pots that then dry to become hard, useful items. Woodworkers can get wood that is green and set it aside to dry to the extent that is suitable for the project they want to do. As wood dries, it shrinks according to the grain and the way the tree grew. It becomes lighter, stronger and more decay resistant. "If you're making furniture, you want it to be fully shrunk; if you are making a bowl, it's better to shape it while the wood is green," he says.

Working directly with green wood opens up a whole world of wood that is not generally accessible commercially. Wood sold in lumber yards and home/hardware stores is dry.

"There are 200 different kinds of trees in these woods," says Underhill. "With commercial wood, there are only five or 10 species. Dogwoods, sourwood, sassafras and redbud — these aren't used commercially."

With green wood, natural shapes in the wood can often be exploited by hand — a crook in the branch is good for a curved spoon or other curved product, he said.

Woodworkers find wood from locally harvested trees, sometimes from arborists or their own backyards.

"Friends sometimes offer their woodlands to me to cut trees," says Cara O'Connell. "Sometimes they [the trees or branches] come right out of the river or the side of the road."

"There is so much clearing everywhere," says Underhill. "Where you see bulldozers, ask."

Caution is advised; it is always better to ask for permission from landowners before taking wood.

"I love local wood that you don't have to spend money on — a neighbor who drops wood on your porch, also, wood with a back-story such as a tree that came down in a storm, planted by someone's grandfather," says woodworker Kat King.

Other natural materials such as pine needles, cattails and corn husks make brilliant woven chair seats, according to Underhill.

"Bark is a seasonal thing (easy to

break off in the spring when "the sap is rising") and can be used to make everything from canoes to baskets to chair seats," he said.

"There's so much you can do with soil, clay, things you can forage, wood for fireworking," says Ben Harman. "These are things that people are taking for granted or don't think about; things people are throwing away or paying other people to carry away. If you know what to look for and how to use your hands, suddenly all these things can have a purpose for you and help you create the perfect little homestead you want to live in."

Woodworkers, for the most part, carve in the hopes that their products, their art, will be used.

"We don't want them to sit on a shelf or be on display. We want people to eat with them or cook with them or use them as a ladle," says King, speaking of her spoons.

Spoons can be eaters, coffee scoops, spice spoons or large ladles, say, to scoop dog food.

"I am so content carving spoons for the rest of my life but a lot of people carve bowls, make baskets, benches, stools, so much more," King says. "There is contentment to be found in silence with a piece of wood and a knife."

An issue for woodworkers and the natural environment is the dying out of Ash trees caused by the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive beetle from the Far East that is decimating ash trees all over the country.

"It's a huge loss," says O'Connell. "Every ash tree will die — this borer is so invincible because it lives under the bark where you can't get at it and stop it."

Traditionally, axe handles, guitars and baseball bats were all made from Ash. The infestation can also affect fringe trees.

"If you have an ash tree on your land, you should cut it down before the wood becomes brittle," says O'Connell. "Before that happens, you can use the wood for woodworking."

Inclusion is a value associated with green woodworking, according to O'Connell.

"The only recorded history is the white man making things," she said. "Under-represented groups like women and African Americans were building the country but not recognized. The culture of hand-tool working is older but green woodworking is more youthful, including everybody. The Internet, YouTube and Instagram are spreading information to a wide variety of people who are interested — it's spreading like the roots of a tree."

N.C. DEQ permit for Chemours allows avoidable GenX and other PFAS pollution in Cape Fear River

Groups urge residents to call for stronger protections

From the Southern Environmental Law Center

CHAPEL HILL — Conservation groups called on the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to impose stronger limits than proposed in a draft permit that would authorize Chemours' discharge of toxic PFAS pollution into the Cape Fear River from its new groundwater treatment system. The groundwater treatment system is required under the consent order entered into by the Cape Fear River Watch,

the Department of Environmental Quality, and Chemours. The Southern Environmental Law Center represented Cape Fear River Watch in negotiations that led to the consent order.

"DEQ's draft permit unnecessarily allows Chemours to dump high levels of PFAS into the Cape Fear River," said Geoff Gisler, senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center, which took Chemours and DEQ to court on behalf of Cape Fear River Watch to stop PFAS pollution. "Technology installed as required by the consent order has nearly eliminated Chemours' PFAS pollution from some parts of its site—DEQ must use that information to protect communities from PFAS contamination in Chemours'

proposed discharge. DEQ's draft permit doesn't provide that protection."

Sampling data from Chemours' Old Outfall 002 treatment system, which started operation in October 2020 as required by the consent order, has shown that the facility consistently reduces levels of all monitored PFAS to below detection levels—less than 2 ppt for most PFAS. According to discharge monitoring reports submitted to DEQ since November 2020 the Old Outfall 002 system has never discharged more than 2.3 ppt of GenX, 26.5 ppt of PFMOAA, or 10 ppt of PMPA. No other PFAS have been detected in the facility's discharge. Despite that success, DEQ proposes to allow Chemours' nearly identical groundwater

treatment system to discharge more than 120 ppt of GenX, 640 ppt of PFMOAA, and 130 ppt of PMPA. Total levels of monitored PFAS allowed by the draft permit could be more than 1,300 ppt.

"After all we have learned over the past five years, it is shocking that DEQ would draft a permit allowing Chemours to release any PFAS into the Cape Fear River, let alone at the levels allowable under this draft permit," said Dana Sargent, executive director of Cape Fear River Watch. "We need DEQ to do its job and protect us from Chemours' historic and consistent disregard for human health and the environment."

The terms of the consent order are that Chemours must stop the GenX and other PFAS

pollution at its source — the Chemours' Fayetteville Works Facility — provide clean drinking water to North Carolinians with contaminated wells, and ensure the Cape Fear River is safe for downstream communities. The river is the drinking water source for Wilmington, N.C., and New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties downstream. GenX and other PFAS have been found in their treated drinking water at high levels.

The Environmental Protection Agency released a revised toxicity level for GenX in the fall of 2021 and is expected to release a health advisory level in the spring of 2022. The new health advisory is likely to significantly reduce the existing North Carolina Health advisory of 140 ppt.

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of knife and teaching people to use tools in a sustainable way.

"I have a love affair with the process, from going into the forest to identify trees to sustainably harvesting suitable wood, to collecting vintage tools for processing the wood in order to find what the wood wants to be," O'Connell said.

Those drawn to a Sloyd lifestyle are generally interested in living more simply and closer to the land, which ties into building a community.

"When you build your life this way, life embraces you more because you are part of the community versus buying what you need and being part of the waste-stream," O'Connell said.

"Festivals like this that follow the philosophies of Sloyd are about being at school for life," said Ben Harman, a volunteer who will be attending the festival. "I love listening to people talk about their craft. When Roy Underhill talks about traditional handcrafts, it's like watching human consciousness applied to nature. I get inspired by people talking about their passion for creating things from nature."

Connected to nature

Harman is interested in making things out of what is at hand. He has used experience gained through the Deep River Folk School, which his father founded and operates, to help O'Connell with Festival preparations. Harman's father is a master craftsman as his father before him.

People from all walks of life are captivated by this greenwood renaissance of old school woodworking derived from Swedish hand crafts called Sloyd. O'Connell spent 24 years as a physical therapist, King is an



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Festival organizer Cara O'Connell shown practicing the art of woodworking.

inclusion consultant, and Harman is an analytical chemist.

Woodworking connects the artist to the materials of nature and the direct use of one's hands, according to Underhill.

"Discovering the grain of the wood is a very ancient concept in the development of intelligence as human beings," says Underhill. "Wood has its own character and you have to strategize about how to work with it — you have to think about it. Wood is not Velveeta; it partners with you,"

Underhill speaks of Sloyd and woodworking as self-reliance and connection with nature as our partner.

"We are so dependent on big global structures right now," he said. "It's good to have a little bit of our lives connected to nature. It's also environmentally important — develops your muscles; strengthens you and is good for the climate; not putting pollutants into the air."

And swinging a hatchet?

"Who doesn't love that?" Underhill said. "And fresh green shavings, piling up around your feet — and you end up with something nice, a dough bowl or spoon that's out there in somebody's kitchen."

"I think it's growing — environmental consciousness and our impact on the world around us, awareness of needing less, less reliance on big business and desire to be more off-grid," Harman said. "Some people are just interested in being connected with the folkways of the past, how their grandparents lived and made things."

O'Connell is the sole proprietor and organizer of the GreenWood Wrights'Fest and also operates Cara's Green Woodworking, a business she started in 2020 in Pittsboro. Out of the latter, she creates and sells spoons, bowls, bark buckets and hickory bark sculptures of different sizes.

"I'll take a cut from a tree and turn it into a human form by wrapping hickory around it," she said. "My work has continued to evolve to include wooden jewelry and abstract sculpture using functional geometry and architectural design."

She's also a well-known installation artist.

"My Moravian work bench sits in the middle of my living room covered in gouges and jigs," O'Connell said. "Wood chips are all over my house and my husband says our house is a tool

box. Now that spring has swung, I work outside most of the time."

Coming full circle

O'Connell's inspiration comes from her love of nature, hand-tools and woodworking nurtured through childhood trips to Little Island Camp, a hand-built, rustic camp built by her grandfather.

The GreenWood Wrights'Fest brings her full-circle to Shakori Hills; her spoon and bowl carving became energized with a class taken at the Piedmont Earth Skills Gathering held there in 2016.

O'Connell is also an instructor at Underhill's The Woodwright's School, where she teaches students how to make bark buckets called Appalachian Berry Baskets.

"People would go for a walk and find berries and harvest bark from the trees to carry the berries home," O'Connell said. "I use poplar and hickory bark which is amazing stuff, beautiful and strong. I can use the inner bark of the tree like leather in strips to make things like chair seats. I take traditional things and make new things out of them."

Underhill and O'Connell met in 2014.

"Roy has driven me to pursue this in a serious way and find my niche," O'Connell said. "He's been very influential in my progression as a craftsman and woodworker; he got me on my path."

"The Woodwright's School is the only woodworking school in American whose back door opens up to a bar," says Underhill, joking

about the school's location in front of The City Tap on Hillsboro Street in Pittsboro.

The Woodwright's School conducts classes for the beginner to the very advanced woodworker. Some attendees travel a great distance to do advanced plane or furniture making.

Through the store's large glass windows, passersby can see a dozen or so people working with hand planes and chisels and mallets. "There's a lot of folks who have never seen this kind of thing before," said Underhill. "I'm glad children can still see this and can say 'I can do that.'"

The doors are open and people can wander in when classes are going on.

"Besides paying the bills, I do believe in this stuff; it has value for people," said Underhill, reflecting on his career. "It doesn't mean that somebody's going to give up their job writing code for software but it enriches lives — it's important to keep as part of our culture, in our memory. It can also save the darn

planet; stop spending your money on plastic and start making things out of wood. Things are getting critical. I'm just trying to save the world through woodworking."

Main sponsors for the Festival are The Woodwright's School, Deep River Folk School, John C. Campbell Folk School, and Shakori Hills Community Arts Center.

"There have been other big green woodcarving festivals — in Scandinavia and England and also New England in the U.S. It's not brand new but it's the first time here," said Underhill. "Cara (O'Connell) has organized this festival all on her own and it's pretty amazing. She's extremely skilled and has wonderful talent and persistence; without that, talent doesn't do you much good."

Examples of O'Connell's work can be seen on Instagram @Carabrnr.

GreenWood Wrights'Fest program schedule, instructor bios and ticket information can be found by visiting www.Greenwoodwrights-fest.com

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I ACCUSED MY WIFE OF PUTTING GLUE ON MY ANTIQUE PISTOL COLLECTION.

OF COURSE, SHE EMPHATICALLY DENIED IT.

BUT I'M STICKING TO MY GUNS.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THE GOOD NEWS IS I'M ALMOST FINISHED WITH MY SERIES SO I SHOULD BE FEELING BETTER SOON.

GRIN and BEAR IT

"How was I to know you wanted to keep your car?"

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not quite first-rate
 - 7 "Patience — virtue"
 - 10 Car tankful
 - 13 Collie of TV
 - 19 Cattle farm of the West
 - 20 Trumpet blast
 - 22 Singer and actor Frankie
 - 23 When it's 12:00 p.m.
 - 24 Element #3
 - 25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics
 - 26 Start of a riddle
 - 29 Japanese buckwheat noodle
 - 30 Dr. Seuss' Sam —
 - 31 Amo, —
 - 32 "Addams Family" cousin
 - 35 Riddle, part 2
 - 43 Faint smell
 - 45 Foldout bed
 - 46 Co-workers of M.Ds
 - 47 Stalactite site
 - 48 Florence's river
 - 49 Total amount
 - 51 "Scram!"
 - 52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.
 - 55 Riddle, part 3
 - 60 Brief promos
 - 61 Triceps' place
 - 62 Pop's Celine
 - 63 See 58-Down
 - 66 Bullfighter
 - 67 Riddle, part 4
 - 70 Put a new front on, as a building
 - 72 Unbroken
 - 73 Recognized
 - 75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes
 - 76 Famously feisty fish
 - 77 Riddle, part 5
 - 81 Oval shape
 - 84 Dejected
 - 85 "Who am — judge?"
 - 86 Secret writing
 - 87 Postal pieces
 - 88 Detectives like TV's Magnum, for short
 - 89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.
 - 91 Very long time periods
 - 92 End of the riddle
 - 99 Disloyal type
 - 100 Impulsive desire
 - 101 Illusionist
 - 102 Like planted seeds
 - 104 Riddle's answer
 - 113 Enter very quickly
 - 114 Novelist Caldwell
 - 115 Common gauge for toy trains
 - 116 "Despite that ..."
 - 117 Gets smaller
 - 118 "Happy Days" actress Ross
 - 119 Bunks on ships
 - 120 Mil. ranker
 - 121 Gym pad
 - 122 Hole to receive a lace
 - 9 Lure for insect extermination
 - 10 The earth as a goddess
 - 11 Cut — (dance)
 - 12 Pago Pago people
 - 13 "Meteor" actor Martin
 - 14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film
 - 15 Long, involved story
 - 16 Shut loudly
 - 17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"
 - 18 Grammy winner Brian
 - 21 "— the breaks!"
 - 27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
 - 28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"
 - 32 "Let me!"
 - 33 Bases-loaded situation
 - 34 Lightweight kitchen utensils
 - 36 Peak
 - 37 Chicago daily, in brief
 - 38 Global: Abbr.
 - 39 Mark for life
 - 40 Easter meat
 - 41 Adam's mate
 - 42 — Moines choreography
 - 49 Tahitian skirts
 - 50 Package delivery co.
 - 51 Carpentry material for some cabinets
 - 52 Chi follower
 - 53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage
 - 54 Taxonomic subdivisions
 - 56 Become lively
 - 57 Cheer yell
 - 58 With 63-Across, for the time being
 - 59 See 75-Across
 - 63 Oven used to bake naan
 - 64 Spiny ant eater
 - 65 Most unkind
 - 67 Conservation org. with a panda logo
 - 68 Pooch's yap
 - 69 Big blue body
 - 71 Genre of many sitcoms
 - 74 Wide shoe spec
 - 76 Mining shaft
 - 77 Higher ground?
 - 78 "You wish!"
 - 79 Condé —
 - 80 User-edited website
 - 81 Rescue squad VIP
 - 82 "— di-dah!"
 - 83 False story
 - 88 Projecting curves on saddles
 - 89 By the day
 - 90 Huffington Post
 - 91 So to speak
 - 93 Wise-acting
 - 94 Thick-skinned critter
 - 95 Day, in Chile
 - 96 Studly guys
 - 97 Abbr. on a bad check
 - 98 End a vacation
 - 103 Mother-of-pearl
 - 104 Surfing need
 - 105 Cake finisher
 - 106 Holy Week's time
 - 107 Eldest of the Brady boys
 - 108 Helper. Abbr.
 - 109 For fear that
 - 110 Half a train track
 - 111 — gin fizz
 - 112 Camp shelter
 - 113 Yank's rival

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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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