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A 'HOSTILE TAKEOVER' OR PLAN FOR SILER CITY'S PROSPERITY?

## 'Unity' bloc pledges prosperity, but raises red flags for some

BY BILL HORNER III & DAVID HILL  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Even in the often upside-down world of local politics, it was clear that Siler City's 2021 municipal elections would be particularly unusual.

Now that they're finally happening — here in the spring of 2022, after COVID-impacted Census data collection delayed it — the races have turned especially odd.

The Stranger Things-esque plotlines feature four newcomers to Siler City, running as a bloc, making sometimes outlandish charges against the town's current board of commissioners. They've also made audacious pledges to bring prosperity to the town, including a \$100 million privately funded affordable housing loan, a promise to cap costs for residents who rent apartments or homes, and a plan to revitalize health care here by bringing



Courtesy of unity2022.org

The 'Unity 2022' candidates seeking office in Siler City include, from left, Nick Gallardo, Dean Picot II (sitting), Jared Picot and Samuel Williams.

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## Officers respond to altercation after Monday's board meeting

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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SILER CITY — A confrontation between Durham entrepreneur Courtney Jordan — who's to support four Siler City "Unity 2022" newcomers in their efforts to win seats on town's board of commissioners — and candidate James "Jay" Underwood after Monday's town board meeting was serious enough to draw police attention.

Jordan approached Underwood outside the Wren Memorial Library, where the meeting was held, and grabbed his shoulder. In response, Underwood put his hand up to remove Jordan's hand.

"He shook my hand, and then he put his hand on my shoulder," Underwood told the News + Record after the incident. "I don't know him, and as a former police officer, I told him I don't like when people I don't know touch me."

Underwood said Jordan removed his hand, appearing to be offended, and then walked off to talk to two others present — a woman and a man who had earlier accompanied Jordan to the last few minutes of Monday's board meeting.

According to Underwood, Jordan then approached Underwood and threatened him with legal action.

"He told me I needed to call his lawyer," Underwood said. "After that, it kind of escalated."

At that point, witnesses say Siler City Police Chief Mike Wagner, who was at the town commissioner meeting, called two officers on duty to help de-escalate the situation.

"It was just two people having a difference of opinion," Wagner told the News + Record.

In the end, Underwood said he and Jordan were able to resolve their differences and go home without further altercation.

"We were able to talk it out and move on," he said. "We were both just hot-headed in that moment."

Underwood is seeking the at-large commissioner seat against incumbent Cindy Bray

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NEW CHATHAM PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Program reaps early success but needs more funding

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
News + Record Staff

BENNETT — It took Cassie Hallyburton hitting rock bottom for her to reach out for help. For her, that moment came when she was convicted of her fourth driving under the influence charge last September.

"I knew I had a problem," Hallyburton said. "I was lacking in my ability to motivate. I had to realize there was more to life than just getting f\*\*\*ed up all the time."

Hallyburton then checked herself into FIRST at Blue Ridge, a rehab center. She left the facility in December and in January, began taking parenting education classes through the Chatham County Court Programs every Tuesday. The program is meant to ensure safe households for children and



Staff photo by Ben Rappaport

Cassie Hallyburton of Bennett is one of the participants in the Chatham County Parenting Education Program. This program seeks to ensure safe households for parents and children.

parents following cycles of abuse or neglect.

This week is her last in the program.

"If I hadn't done something,

I probably would've been dead," Hallyburton, 39, said. "[The parenting program] has taught me the definition of resilience. And I am resilient

because I have overcome my past."

Following the completion of the parenting education course, Hallyburton's three children will return home in June. She said seeing them, along with her internal motivation to do better, inspired her to take initiative.

"I am a firm believer that if you do not want to do it yourself, then nobody is going to make you do anything," Hallyburton said.

The parenting education program through Chatham County Court Programs uses a curriculum from Nurturing Parenting, which builds parenting skills as an alternative to abusive and neglectful parenting and child-rearing practices.

While Chatham County's parenting education program

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CHATHAM CHAT | SPRING CHICKEN FESTIVAL

## After pandemic cancellations, Siler City's Spring Chicken Festival finally returns



CN+R file photo

2019's Spring Chicken Festival, pictured here, drew 5,000 attendees. After two years of COVID-related cancellations, the 2022 festival is set for Saturday.

The Chicken Festival's return in 2019 to Siler City was a major success, drawing thousands downtown for a day of fun to highlight community and the town's poultry business heritage.

The 2020 event was a victim of the COVID-19 pandemic, as was last year's event. But the 2022 festival is here, set for Saturday in Siler City, and Jack Clelland, Siler City's Parks and Recreation Director, speaks with the News + Record about it.

The festival will kick off at 10 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, go to www.silercity.org and search under "Special Events."

Let's start with you all as orga-

nizers: After the huge success of the 2019 Spring Chicken Festival, then having the 2020 and 2021 versions canceled because of COVID, what's it been like to see the work you've done on the '22 version coming to fruition? How pleased are you that this one will actually go off as planned?

Staff is ecstatic to see the 2022 festival come to fruition. The planning of this event is a labor of love and encompasses nearly a year of organization. To put so much time and effort into planning the 2020 and 2021 events only to be canceled due to COVID was disappointing to staff, but the safety of residents, staff, and volunteers is a high priority for the town.

We enjoy planning events that bring people to Siler City to see what great things the

town has to offer. We look forward to Saturday, when the Chicken Festival kicks off at 10 a.m. downtown Siler City.

As a review, can you talk a little about the history of prior festivals here in Siler City and what led to the rebirth of this event in 2019?

The festival ran for several years to highlight Siler City and the chicken production taking place in the town. It slowly fizzled and went away. Staff, along with Mountaire Farms, and the Siler City Board of Commissioners, wanted to create a marquee event that again highlighted Siler City and the production that has returned here, and the

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## ONGOING

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

## ON THE AGENDA

• The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet on 7 p.m., Monday, May 9, at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro and online via Zoom. Members of the public can view the meeting on the town's YouTube channel or on Zoom.

• The **Chatham County Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, at the historic Chatham County courthouse.

• The **Chatham County Board of Commissioners** will hold work sessions and public hearings on May 16 and 17. For more information, go to [chathamcountync.gov](http://chathamcountync.gov).

## OTHER

• **Siler City Lions Club** meets at Dry Dock Seafood, at 408 N. 2nd Ave., on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meal begins at 6 p.m.

and the meeting at 6:30. The May meetings are scheduled for May 10 and 24.

• The **Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors** will meet on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, (west side entrance) in the conference room. If you wish to attend, please call (919) 545-8440 for more information.

• The **Annual Haw River Festival** is May 7 in Saxapahaw! Celebrating the 40th Year Protecting the Haw River! Join in for an afternoon of fun by the river, from 4 to 8 p.m. as we kick off the opening of the "Saturdays in Saxapahaw" market season. There will be live music, guided river walks, canoe rides for kids, a kayak raffle, a silent auction, Paperhand Puppet parade, food trucks, and more! The festival is free, and all donations collected during the festival support the Haw River Assembly's work to protect the river.

• The **Silk Hope Ruritans** host a Benefit Bingo on the first, third, and fifth Thursday of each month. Next on the schedule is May 5 and 19 at the Silk Hope Community Center.

• **Chatham Community Library** Presents Virtual Program: The Art of Biography: From Janis Joplin to Jack Kerouac, Saturday, May 7, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Virtual Program, Zoom, Author, Holly George-Warren. Program participants should register online at <https://us06web.zoom>.

us/meeting/register/tZMpfumgqD4uGNFPDRIVCoY\_MRnSvFt-4k7o5. They will receive the program link after registering. Residents may visit the libraries' website, [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org), or contact the Library at (919) 545-8084 or [rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org) for more information.

• **Chatham Community Library** continues its series on Saturday, May 14, Celebrating Women of Chatham series, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., third in the series is a panel featuring Chatham County women in public safety including: Chief Deputy Tracy Kelly, Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Staff Sergeant Rischetta White, Chatham County Sheriff's Office, District Court Judge Sherri Murrell (District 15B), and Renita Foxx, Chatham County Courts Program Director. Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry will moderate the panel. Panelists will discuss the challenges and rewards of working in public safety in Chatham County among other aspects. This virtual event is free and open to the public and will be presented via Zoom. Participants should register online to receive the meeting link. Residents may visit the libraries' website, [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org), or contact the Library at (919) 545-8084 or [rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org) for more information.

• **Horton High School Alumni Assn.**, Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for

2022-2023 HHSAA Scholarship. Descendants of any Horton High School alumnus or attendee may apply online, at [hortonhighalumni.com](http://hortonhighalumni.com); then click on "scholarship." Applications must be accepted by August 1, 2022.

• **St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church** provides a healthy meal at no cost to those who come to us hungry at noon on Thursdays. We provide a place of hospitality and fellowship for everyone. All are welcome, regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religious preference, handicap, or income.

• The **Chatham Historical Museum** is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. We will be following the governor's directive on occupancy, masks, and social distancing. Adult and kid friendly; no admission fee. Our permanent exhibits cover all aspects of Chatham's unique history. The Museum is located in the historic Chatham County Courthouse in the Circle. More info at <https://chathamhistory.org>.

• **Second Bloom** hours are 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. We are located at 630

East 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, sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

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

• **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, Or-

ange and Alamance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit [www.chathamCBA.com](http://www.chathamCBA.com).

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

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

## Scout News

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

• **Pack 924** of Siler City First U.M.C. meets 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.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Harris & Company plans ribbon cutting

PITTSBORO — Harris & Company Insurance will host a business after hours event and ribbon cutting celebrating the relocation of its Pittsboro office to Mosaic in Chatham Park.

It's set for 5 to 7 p.m. on May 19 at 60 Mosaic Blvd., Suite 130, with the ribbon cutting at 6.

Harris & Company Insurance specializes in auto, home, business, and life insurance.

### Siler City church to host benefit for cancer patient

Hickory Mountain Baptist Church will host a benefit chicken plate and bake sale May 14 for Angel Marsh as she battles cancer.

The event will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church, located at 1094 Mt. Vernon Hickory Mountain Rd. in Siler City. A \$10 plate includes grilled chicken, slaw, baked beans, chips, roll and dessert.

For information and tickets, contact Casey Rayfield 423-794-8250 or Amber Crofts at 919-451-4300.

### Chatham Community Library presents 'Celebrating Women of Chatham'

Chatham Community Library is continuing its series of quarterly discussions highlighting women changemakers in Chatham County.

The series addresses areas of interest to county residents, viewed from the perspective of women engaged in both traditional and non-traditional careers including agriculture, entrepreneurship, education, the arts, public safety, and social activism.

The third in the series of events will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, and feature a panel including Chief Deputy Tracy Kelly and Staff Sergeant Rischetta White of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, District Court Judge Sherri Murrell and Chatham

County Courts Program Director Renita Foxx.

Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry will moderate the panel. Panelists will discuss the challenges and rewards of working in public safety in Chatham County among other aspects.

This virtual event is free and open to the public and will be presented via Zoom. Participants should register online to receive the meeting link. Residents may visit the libraries' website, [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org), or contact the Library at -919-545-8084 or [rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:rita.vanduinen@chathamlibraries.org) for more information.

### Town of Pittsboro celebrates swearing-in of new town clerk

PITTSBORO — Mayor Cindy Perry swore in Jenifer Johnson as Pittsboro's new town clerk at the regular meeting of the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners held at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center last Monday.

Johnson comes to the town after serving eight years as the town clerk for the town of Siler City and 14 years as a business specialist with the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation. She has been awarded numerous certifications, including the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) credential from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and a North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk (NCCMC) credential from the North Carolina Municipal Clerks Association.

Johnson is a Member of the North Carolina Municipal Clerks Association Board, where she represents Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, Vance, and Wake counties.

A Chatham County native, she's the mother of two adult children and a beloved dog, MJ. In her spare time, she enjoys thrifting and rehabilitating furniture.

Johnson can be reached via email at [jjohnson@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:jjohnson@pittsboronc.gov).

—CN+R staff reports

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- 00 Jim Gilliland Road (35.4 Acres)
- 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 Bonlee 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)
- 271 Talon Drive (11.97 Acres)
- 1835 Lewter Shop Road (3.24 Acres)
- 0000 Jim Gilliland Road (57.284 Acres)
- 18 Pearleman Teague Road (2 Acres)
- 4931 Old Graham Road (2.774 Acres) units

### LAND (Representing Buyers) 12 Units

- 27 Mt. View Church Road (4.04 Acres)
- 0 Hawkins Avenue (9.7 Acres)
- 0 NC 42 Highway (10.89 Acres)
- 27 Mt. View Church Road (4.04 Acres)

- 388 Wade Bright Road (10 Acres)
- 0 Roselle Road (46.204 Acres)
- 720 Hamlets Chapel Road (.69 Acres)
- 685 Revmont (3.893 Acres)
- 0 Mays Chapel Road (365 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) 23 Units

- 570 Abeyance Road (Moncure)
- 2221 Brisbayne Circle (Raleigh)
- 427 Fenton Place (Charlotte)
- 52 Gentle Winds Drive (Pittsboro)
- 1475 Hoyt Scott Road (Bear Creek)
- 550 Callie 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)
- 206 Olympia Street (Siler City)
- 8798 Sylvan Road (Liberty)

### RESIDENTIAL (Representing Buyers) 6 Units

- 427 Fenton Place (Charlotte)
- 4513 Bumphus Road (Chapel Hill)
- 107 Hawks Spiral Way (Pittsboro)
- 85 Herndon Creek Way (Chapel Hill)
- 138 Oakwood Lane (Pittsboro)
- 729 Hope Hills Drive (Siler City)
- 6490 Snow Camp Road (Snow Camp)

## PROPERTIES CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT

### LAND (Representing Sellers)

- 5 Units 13120 Strickland Road (16.25 Acres)
- 0 Hamlets Chapel Road (42.805 Acres)
- 208 Stone Wall Road (3.810 Acres)
- 00 Alston Chapel Road (176 Acres)
- 1475 Lewter Shop Road (4.445 Acres)

### RESIDENTIAL (Representing Sellers)

- 4 Units 488 NC 87 N (Pittsboro)
- 76 Fox Chapel Lane (Pittsboro)
- 138 Oakwood Lane (Pittsboro)
- 354 A Mountain View (Pittsboro)

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# May is 'Older Americans Month' in Chatham County

From the Chatham Council on Aging

Older adults play vital, positive roles in our communities — as family members, friends, mentors, volunteers, civic leaders, members of the workforce, and more. Just as every person is unique, so too is how they age and how they choose to do it — and there is no “right” way.

That’s why the theme for Older Americans Month (OAM) 2022 is “Age My Way.”

Every year, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the celebration of OAM. This year’s theme focuses on how older adults can age in their communities, living independently for as long as possible and participat-

ing in ways they choose. This year, the Chatham County Council on Aging is excited to celebrate OAM with our partners in the aging community. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners proclaimed May 2022 as Older Americans Month in Chatham at its April 18 meeting. “For over 47 years, the Chatham County Council on Aging has strived to assist seniors in embodying what it means to ‘Age My Way,’” COA Executive Director Ashlyn Martin said. “Through the many programs and services offered at the Council, we stand ready to enrich the lives of Chatham’s older adults by providing the tools that Chatham’s seniors need to lead fuller and more

independent lives. While we proudly celebrate Older Americans Month in Chatham County this May, the reality is that there is no need to wait until a certain time to ‘Age My Way.’ That process can begin at any time by becoming involved in our local community through volunteerism. We encourage those who are interested in volunteering to contact the Council, as our important work in serving the seniors of Chatham County cannot endure without a strong corps of volunteers.” While Age My Way will look different for each person, here are common things everyone can consider: • Planning: Think about what you will need and want in the future, from

home and community-based services to community activities that interest you. • Engagement: Remain involved and contribute to your community through work, volunteer, and/or civic participation opportunities. • Access: Make home improvements and modifications, use assistive technologies, and customize supports to help you better age in place. • Connection: Maintain social activities and relationships to combat social isolation and stay connected to your community. For more information on the Council on Aging, phone 919-542-4512 or 919-742-3975 or visit the Council’s website at [www.chathamcoa.org](http://www.chathamcoa.org).

## PARENTING

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has helped people like Hallyburton get back on their feet, its successes are sometimes undermined by a lack of resources in the county’s Family Treatment Court.

Janice Hanner is parent educator in Chatham County. She said the program works by helping parents understand how to meet their children’s needs as well as their own.

“If the parent’s needs are not being met, chances are abuse and neglect is going to occur,” Hanner said. “Sometimes, though, the resources are not available in Chatham for those parents to move further and take the next steps.”

Court Programs Director Renita Foxx said bringing on Hanner and the parenting education program last year was a huge step, but there’s still a long way to go.

“The county does a great job for kids under the age of 5,” Foxx said. “But over the age of

5, we are just lacking in being able to provide supportive services to parents who are struggling.”

Prior to last March, those involved in FTC were forced to travel to Orange County to have their cases handled. Chatham County received a three-year grant to create a county-wide FTC. The grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is for \$870,000.

Officials from the Chatham County Dept. of Social Services said prior to the grant, it was difficult for people in Chatham to meet their court dates because of minimal public transportation options.

“We are excited to have our very own FTC here in Chatham, and it has been very successful over this first year,” said Kara Dudley, public information officer for Chatham County. “We fully expect it to continue to grow and assist families in being successful in their recovery process. Plans are already underway to make sure the court is sustainable

for years to come.” Dudley said creating sustainability also involves ensuring the community is willing to engage in these programs, regardless of their history, by destigmatizing participation in future parenting programs.

Cim Brailer is the program administrator and deputy director at the Chatham County Department of Social Services. She agreed with Dudley, saying getting these programs to the county is a start, but there is still a need for more.

“You need a whole continuum,” Brailer said. “Depending on the need for each particular family, you need different resources to point them to.”

Brailer said resources like parenting education and FTC have long existed in larger nearby counties like Wake and Orange. Making them long-term viable options in Chatham, however, has been difficult. She said Chatham doesn’t have the funding or the staffing of its larger urban neighbors, so for now, it has to make due

with what’s available. “Having a full-blown parenting agency is something we would like to start building here in Chatham,” Brailer said.

The amalgamation of services for parents includes online Triple P, Incredible Years and KidSCOPE along with parenting groups like Kaleidoscope. Each of these, however, are run through third-party providers rather than the county.

At present, that means the parenting education program operated by Hanner works specifically with parents and families, like Hallyburton, on child welfare.

“Janice reminded me of what skills I already had,” Hallyburton said. “She taught me how to be a better parent, because I matter too.”

Hallyburton said the parenting education program has helped rebuild her relationship with her three children. She plays sports with them on unsupervised visits and interacts in ways she didn’t before by listening to their needs.

“I used to not take the time for myself, and it made me not have the time for my kids,” Hallyburton said. “Realizing that has made me build myself back up. I grow through what I go through.”

Hallyburton said Hanner taught her the value of self-worth in parenting and the importance of both positive and negative discipline tactics. Cassie said she was proud of the progress she’s made and highly recommends the parenting education program to others.

Success stories like Hallyburton’s are why Hanner said there is a need to expand these services in Chatham County.

“We don’t want to hold parents in a way that puts them in a box,” Hanner said. “I want parents to learn their actions shouldn’t be held against them forever. Reach out for help and keep asking for help here. We don’t want to remain stuck.”

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## CHICKEN

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Chicken Festival was reborn.

**Also as a bit of a review ... what were the highlights of the “new” event in 2019? What do you think made it such a success?**

The 2019 festival was a great success in bringing festival-goers to Siler City [and was] made possible by the partnership between the town and Mountaire Farms. Mountaire and the town worked together to have some great elements at the 2019 festival — Ferris Wheel, rock wall, and inflatables for attendees to enjoy, along with live music from the Sand Band and Nu-Blu, a mixture of food and craft vendors. These elements drew people from all around to Siler City and

were the highlights of the event.

**For 2022’s event, next Saturday: Can you run through the highlights of what’s planned and talk about what festival-goers should expect?**

The 2022 Festival will feature again the Ferris Wheel, over 100 vendors, and live music from the Embers featuring Craig Woolard and Rivermist. New this year will be the addition of Jitterbug swings, camel slide, and an inflatable joust. The Embers featuring Craig Woolard will take the stage at 11 a.m., followed by Mountaire Farms and the Chickin Pickin’ contest at 1:30 p.m. with Rivermist closing out the festival taking the stage at 3 p.m. Vendors will line the streets of North and South Chatham Avenue and will

be selling homemade crafts, tasty food and more.

**For those weighing the question of whether to attend ... perhaps some who are concerned about COVID or wondering if it’ll be worth their time — what’s your message to them?**

There are some exciting things to see and do at this year’s festival, and we hope all that want to attend will. While we understand some may be hesitant to attend, we suggest coming at the very beginning of the event or very late when crowds tend to be lighter. The event is rain or shine, and we look forward to having this festival back in Siler City and highlighting our great city, the downtown merchants, and Mountaire Farms.

**What else should folks be aware of?**

Starting at 8 a.m. on Friday, East Second Street will be closed to allow setup of Ferris Wheel and other attractions. The intersection of South Chatham and Beaver Street will be closed for stage setup.

There will be no parking on North or South Chatham Avenue after 10 p.m. Friday, and starting at 5 a.m. Saturday, the following roads will be closed (to reopen as soon as possible following the end of the Chicken Festival): N. and S. Chatham Avenue; East and West Second Streets; South Chatham to Chestnut; East and West Raleigh Streets; and East and West Beaver Streets.

Handicapped parking will be available in the bottom lot of Town Hall until full.

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and newcomer Dean Picot II. Picot is one of the four unity ticket candidates who have generated controversy after claims of misdeeds against current Siler City leadership and administration, particularly in regard

to the town’s finances (see story in this week’s edition). Among other things, some of these candidates have claimed Siler City spent “\$50 to \$60 million” in March and didn’t properly account for the spending.

Bill Zell — who has been in Siler City since late March — refuted the allegations made by the

four candidates Jordan is supporting during Monday’s board meeting, and provided financial statements and documents showing what the town received and spent in March: \$657,532.13 in revenues and \$729,971.65 in expenditures.

Kristen Picot, the executive director of StartUP Siler, provided a different

account of the encounter between Jordan and Underwood on Monday evening.

She said she and another witness were present with Jordan when the incident occurred. Picot said Jordan approached Underwood to introduce himself, shake Underwood’s hand and “thank him for his service as a

police officer and to the community.”

“Mr. Jordan went to pat him on the back, and Officer Underwood grabbed hard on Mr. Jordan’s wrist ... and Officer Underwood explained that the reaction was due to his years on the force and he apologized,” Picot said.

According to Picot,

she, Jordan and Andy resumed a conversation they had started before arriving at the board meeting when Jordan made the comment about contacting his lawyer to Picot.

“That is when Officer Underwood said, ‘If you have something to say, you can say it to my face,’” Picot said. “Mr. Jordan (asked), ‘What are you talking about,’ and Officer Underwood referenced lawyers and Mr. Jordan explained that had nothing to do with him.”

Picot said officers who were called to Wren Memorial Library “surrounded Mr. Jordan and Officer Underwood as they spoke to each other about real issues.”

Picot said the two men resolved the conflict on their own.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## A mother's hands

Our three kids are all right-handed. None of them are lefties like their mother. This is surprising to me because they take after her in so many other ways: her sense of adventure, her outgoing personality, her focus on the task at hand.

Over the years, her hands have turned the pages of picture books and pushed swings, dug in the sand and mixed cookie dough. Her hands have buckled seat belts, then steered the minivan to preschools, sports practices and

out-of-town family gatherings. Her hands have wiped noses and tears, carried groceries and laundry, lifted babies and burdens. There are many days when she has little free time on her hands.

Yet, for as long as my wife and I have been parents, we've heard people say how time slips through your fingers. While there have been long afternoons of reading the same book over and over as well as interminable nights suffering with a stomach bug, it is hard to believe our kids are growing up as fast as they are. They are reaching out into the world and feeling their own way forward ...

But they all still hold their mother's hand. Even the oldest. They hold hands when crossing the street or parking

lots. They hold hands while jumping up and down with excitement at the zoo, during the scary part of the movie, and just before drifting off to sleep. I know that they will not always need their mom's touch in these specific ways. But as they continue to grow, I hope my kids hold onto these memories with their mother.

I know that Mother's Day is painful for some. There are many who are no longer able to hold their mother's hands. I am also aware that certain mothers have hit, slapped or manhandled their children. "Manipulate" is from the Latin for hand. Words can be manipulative. Abuse can be physical or emotional. Either way, we leave lasting marks on bodies, minds and hearts.

We try to feel our way for-

ward with tenderness, humility and care. We must also learn from past mistakes.

As I said before, my wife is left-handed. Not too long ago, she would have been forced to use her right hand. This prejudice against lefties seems silly to us today, but our society still prevents children from being who they are. Children need space to find their own way, use their own hands and make up their own minds. Not everything is right or wrong. Sometimes, it's a matter of right and left.

Our three kids learn a lot from their mother's example and her strong, skillful hands. She also gives them freedom to be themselves. Fostering independence and self-confidence are key aspects to maturation. My wife knew

this as a little girl; one of her favorite sayings then was, "I do it myself."

Now that she is a mother, she often quotes writer and mother Glennon Doyle: "We can do hard things together." In our family, each one of us is different. Each one is an individual. We help, we listen and we learn. We reach out and grasp each other's hands. We hold one another, and we are held together, I believe, by the One who holds time itself in loving hands.

*Andrew Taylor-Troutman is the pastor of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church. His newly-published book is a collection of his columns for the Chatham News + Record titled "Hope Matters: Churchless Sermons."*

## What mean these things we people do?

Were there such a thing as living multiple lifetimes on this side of the Great Divide, I'd devote one of mine to a lengthy study of human nature.

Not really sure what could be done with the information that would be revealed, but it would be interesting and possibly help understand why we humans do the things we do — or don't.

For instance: A few days ago, I made a run (not literally) to a local grocery. It was one of those larger establishments with a parking lot the size of Rhode Island. Through the years, parking lots and I have come to an understanding on several points.

One is that I will not attempt to squeeze my tank-sized van into a space designed for a baby stroller or MG Midget. Another is somewhat similar in that I will, as often as possible, park in a space on the end of a line.

That little piece of standard operating procedure came from Shirley's uncle who was a professional (read "Trailways bus") driver. His reasoning, which I adopted long ago, was that whether you were driving a solid gold Cadillac or Granny's old clunker or something in between like a silver Edsel that by parking on the end, your vehicle could be clanged only on one side by a next-door vehicle.

On this particular day at the grocery, apparently everyone else in the world had completed their shopping or the store was out of a favorite brand because the parking lot was virtually empty, including a row of spaces some 40-plus spots long, front and back.

Given that there was no apparent need to worry that the side of the "Party Wagon" — an affectionate name for the 12-passenger van I can get into without assuming the shape of a soggy pretzel — would be dinged, I parked somewhere in the middle of a row, the only vehicle within a quarter of a mile.

After a quick purchase, I headed to the van and discovered it wasn't alone anymore. Another shopper had arrived and apparently liked the same location so he/she picked a spot in the same general area ... no, wait ... not the same general area but nose to nose with my van.

Now, granted it wasn't beside my ride, just nose to nose. So here's the question: Why?

Why of all the spaces that one? Obviously, it was available to be used as a parking space, but what was the draw? Was it so my van would have some company with whom to swap spark plug stories or tales of carburetor woes?

Or was it so the driver could find his ride? I can't say much about that because I've been known to misplace mine; the parking deck at UNC Hospitals is the worst. But on this particular day, the one level lot was all but vacant.

Now, I know that in the great grand scheme of things this isn't a big deal, especially compared to matters of world peace and eternal consequences. The biggest issue of that moment turned out to be that rather than go forward to leave, I had to back out.

Still, I couldn't help but wonder about the whole notion of human nature, which sometimes is determined by location and personnel.

For instance, have you ever noticed that often when a group of folks are dining out or at some social event featuring food that the chicken wing plate will sit there with one morsel left or the last chip and salsa is crying out to be consumed but no one will make a move? Many may eye but few will try to wipe the plate clean.

That was never an issue in my boyhood home. Although there are a few years between my two brothers and me, we had many meals around Mama's table with our folks. And while Ma and Pa would often pass on that last piece, we Three Musketeers seldom did.

It wasn't like we counted who had what and how much but we were members of the "Clean Plate Club," meaning just that — your own and any others in the vicinity.

Wonder what that says about human nature? Maybe that you had to learn to move fast for if you thought long, you thought wrong. Since there aren't multiple lifetimes, some of these questions must remain unanswered.

*Bob Wachs is a native of Chatham County and retired long-time managing editor of the Chatham News/Chatham Record, having written a weekly column for more than 30 years. During most of his time with the newspapers, he was also a bi-vocational pastor and today serves Bear Creek Baptist Church for the second time as pastor.*



### GUEST COLUMN | KIMBERLY HERNANDEZ

## 'This chair can either be your wings, or it can be your anchor; you decide'

My name is Kimberly Hernandez, and I am 29 years old. I currently live in Siler City. My family is originally from Guatemala and includes four brothers and two sisters. Two of my brothers live in Guatemala while the rest of us live in the U.S. We immigrated to the U.S. when I was 3 years old because we were in a dangerous situation; so, my family and I went in search of "the American Dream," leaving many of our loved ones behind.

**KIMBERLY HERNANDEZ**  
Guest columnist

Being the only one in my family diagnosed with cerebral palsy was hard because I didn't know exactly what it was, but I did know that I was not like my siblings and that it was something I had to adapt to. I thank God every day that my disability isn't as severe as others. I can do most things independently. If I need help, I'll ask. My biggest challenge growing up was learning that not many people know how to accept those with disabilities. This made life hard because I did not feel "equal" to them.

After I graduated from Jordan-Matthew High-School in 2012, like most teens, I felt stuck, but for different reasons. I could not work because our family did not have permanent residency, and it was hard to go out in my community because I did not have a ramp. In 2013, everything started to change. My family started the application process for permanent residency. It was a long and stressful time for my family and me. After countless early mornings with our attorney, I was granted a work permit. This lifted a little bit of stress off my shoulders. I was able to apply for financial assistance. On May 1, 2017, I came across Vocational Rehabilitation and Independent Living, which changed my life — they assisted me with a portable ramp on Aug. 1, 2019!

Vocational Rehabilitation helps individuals with disabilities connect with businesses to build work skills and ultimately obtain a permanent job, so we continued to work together in hopes of getting me a job. Due to the pandemic, things were again put on pause. The shining light during that time was that on June 29, 2021, my family's residency was approved. Like everyone who has been undocumented, I was in shock, and I cried.

On Sept. 8, 2021, with the help of Vocational Rehabilitation, I began an internship with Chatham Literacy. Working for Chatham Literacy has been a blessing because with them I have flourished as an individual. Before Chatham Literacy, I was in my shell, shy and not social. I am now more confident and outgoing.

I am now on my second internship with Chatham Literacy. I answer phone calls, greet everyone who comes into our office, assist learners with the digital learning app program, do data entry into excel and the program database, do follow-up calls with learners, interpret for our tutors to their students when in need, and I'm in charge of social media posts. As part of my self-development, I applied in November 2021 and was accepted into UNC-Greensboro (UNC-G). I'm going to college! When my internship with Chatham Literacy is over, I hope to continue to use the knowledge and experience that I have gained and use it at UNC-G in the fall.

I thank my mother who has been my biggest supporter. She has never given up on her kids, no matter what life has thrown at her. She has always made it clear to me that regardless of my disability; I am equal to those around me. There are several interpretations for the American Dream. To me, it's determination, perseverance, discipline. This is my story. I hope I was able to inspire at least one person — if not many — who is undocumented. Regardless of documents, we all hope to reach the "American Dream," and I fought for mine!

*Kimberly Hernandez is Chatham Literacy's bilingual receptionist assistant in Siler City.*

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Some missing workers are really lost

North Carolina's labor markets are healing — slowly.



**JOHN HOOD**  
John Locke Foundation

As of March, our state's headline unemployment rate was 3.5%, comparable to where it was before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020.

More importantly, while our labor force participation is still significantly below the pre-COVID rate 59.2%, it is improving. It was 57.7% in March, up from 56.2% a year ago.

That's important because the headline unemployment rate, technically known as the U-3 rate, only counts as unemployed those working-age individuals who are jobless but actively looking for work. Unfortunately, there are many thousands of working-age North Carolinians without jobs who aren't counted in the U-3 rate.

Given the labor shortages

currently afflicting industries as divergent as retail, construction, dining, and business services, why do so many potential employees remain on the sidelines?

I've written about this issue many times in the past. Businesses are desperately seeking help. That employer demand has, in turn, pushed up wages (although price inflation has eaten away some of the apparent gain). And the expanded unemployment insurance benefits and other subsidies that discouraged some workers from taking new jobs or returning to old ones have expired. Given these and other pro-employment factors, then, why do we have so many missing workers?

A new National Bureau of Economic Research working paper suggests that I and other analysts should have phrased the question a bit differently. Some of these prospective workers aren't missing. They're lost.

That is to say, these folks aren't simply missing from our statistical models. They are

physically and psychologically lost, suffering from addictions so debilitating that they lack either the will or the capability to fill vacant jobs.

The prevalence of opioids, while significant, is only part of the story. Comprehensive data on post-pandemic drug and alcohol abuse are not yet available, but the three economists who authored the new paper — Jeremy Greenwood from the University of Pennsylvania, Nezh Guner from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, and Karen Kopecky from the Atlanta Fed — observed that deaths attributed to substance abuse spiked far above preexisting trend lines during the pandemic. Based on these "excessive death" statistics, they were able to extrapolate likely increases in the broader universe of addicts and substance abusers.

Take opioids. From April 2020 to June 2021, some 69,000 Americans died from overdoses or other causes related to opioid abuse. That's nearly 15,000 more than we might

have expected given prior trends. Using ratios developed from other studies, the authors estimated that there were about two million more Americans abusing opioids during this period than would have done so in the absence of the COVID pandemic and the economic dislocations and social isolation that followed. The researchers estimated an even larger increase in alcohol abusers. For all drugs combined, Americans with substance-abuse disorders may well have jumped by more than five million, an increase of 23%.

That's gigantic. And it couldn't have happened without wreaking havoc on, among other things, our labor markets. The study's authors concluded that higher rates of substance abuse among the working-age population can account for as much as a quarter of the drop in labor force participation.

Alas, remedying the problem is far easier said than done. I don't think further criminalizing it is the right

approach. After all, most of the addicts in question are abusing a perfectly legal drug, alcohol, or misusing legal but controlled substances such as opioids. I doubt seriously that passing sweeping new prohibitions or access controls will make enough of a difference to justify the cost in tax dollars, law enforcement resources, and freedoms. As for drug treatment, program effectiveness varies wildly. My reading of the evidence suggests that truly local programs, often rooted in shared religious faith or community values, produce the best results. They can also be hard to scale.

Still, while substance abusers may be, in a sense, "lost," that doesn't mean they can't be found. All of us, individually and collectively, must be willing to join the search party.

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

## Trouble at our universities

Is the University of North Carolina in trouble?  
"Yes. It always is."



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

That answer is accurate and not necessarily a bad one, because universities should raise, discuss, and feature ideas — including controversial ones.

A university is a place where controversy and the conflict of ideas are necessary parts of the search for truth and the discovery and critique of new ideas.

But a university can find itself involved in too much trouble.

The headline of a April 29 New York Times article by Stephanie Saul stated, "G.O.P. Leaders Subverted University of North Carolina, Professors' Group Says." The article's opening paragraph is as follows:

"A prestigious national academic group charged on Thursday that North Carolina's legislature had politically interfered with the operations of the University of North Carolina for more than a decade, creating a hostile academic and racial climate at its campuses, including the flagship in Chapel Hill."

In its lengthy report, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) set out a long list of recent troubling events on the campuses of UNC-Chapel Hill and other universities of the UNC System.

For instance: the handling of the removal of the Silent Sam statue; the botched attempted hiring of Nikole Hannah-Jones, primary author of The Times' 1619 Report; the closure of the UNC Law School's Poverty Center; the appointment of Darrell Allison as chancellor at Fayetteville State University, although he had no leadership experience in higher education; the failure of the UNC-Chapel Hill board to reappoint Eric Muller, a renowned law professor, to the governing board of the UNC Press, although the board had reelected him unambiguously to chair the board; and many other actions.

The report asserts that racism is embedded in the system. "In a state that is about 20 percent Black, 5 percent of UNC faculty members are Black."

The report asserts "detailed patterns of political interference by the North Carolina legislature into the administration of the UNC system, overreach by the board of governors and boards of trustees into specific campus operations, outright disregard for principles of academic governance by campus and system leadership, institutional racism, and a hostile climate for academic freedom across the system. Some of these patterns reflect national trends."

The controversies, "coupled with constant mismanagement on the part of the system and campus boards for a situation is unique to UNC. The cumulative effect of these tumultuous events, especially since 2010, leaves the UNC system in a precarious position."

In responding to the report, UNC System Senior Vice President Kimberly van Noort said that it "contains no empirical data about the true health of the university system" and was a "relentlessly grim portrayal of one of the nation's strongest, most vibrant, and most productive university systems." According to the Times article, she cited "lowered tuition, improved graduation rates among low-income and minority students, and investments in six historically minority-serving institutions."

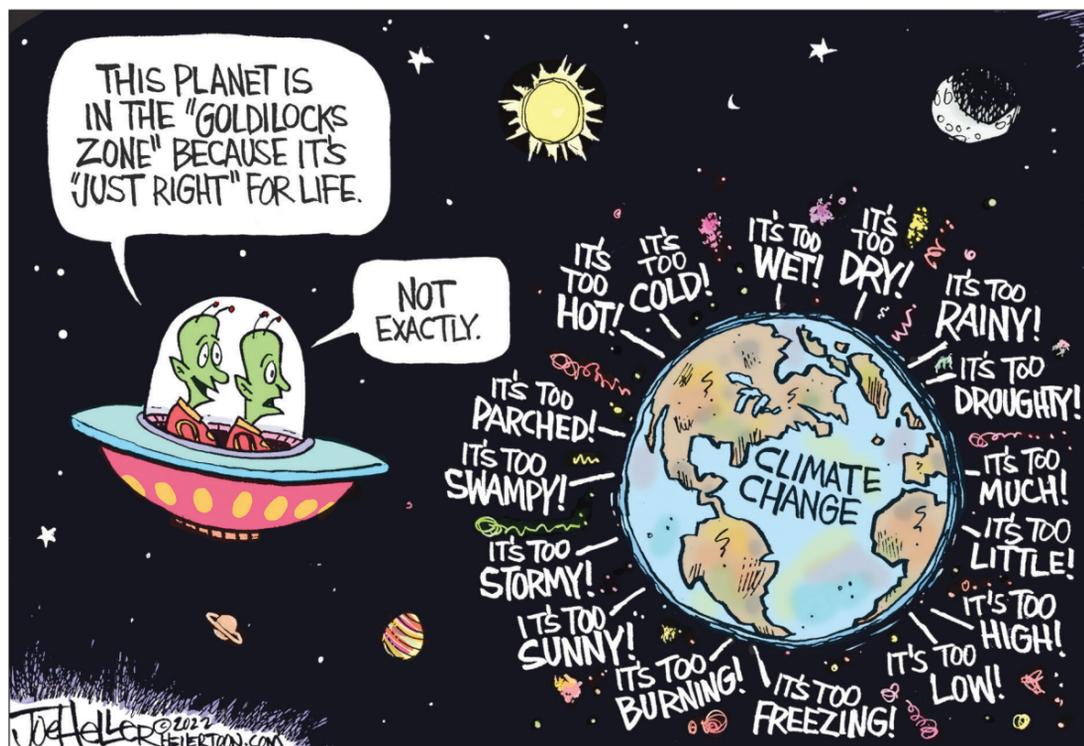
Chris Clemens, professor of physics and astronomy, became UNC-Chapel Hill's executive vice chancellor and provost on Feb. 1. He acknowledges his conservative views and believes the university can do a better job explaining to the legislature its value to the people of North Carolina. He talks about how research creates jobs and wealth for the state and how college and graduate education provide a bank of talented people.

If legislators are worried about the universities indoctrinating students to be liberals, Clemens asks them, "Have you ever tried to indoctrinate an 18-year-old?"

With people like Clemens trying to bridge the gap between the legislature and faculty, some of the worries outlined in the AAUP report can be minimized.

*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

#### When it comes to ticks, treat early

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Thank you so very much for the accurate and thorough article on ticks ("Tick season is upon us," News + Record, April 25 - May 4 edition). Thanks also from all of us to Dr. Marcia Herman-Giddens for her tenacious good works and excellent advice and the practical tick kits now available at the downtown Pittsboro office of the Environmental Health Division.

My only addition is to encourage patients and physicians to "treat early." A dab of doxycycline early 100 times "unnecessarily" is well worth one case of untreated Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, or Ehrlichiosis.

In the 1950s, UNC football coach Jim Tatum came into the hospital with a tick bite history and aches and fever. The purists classified him as having a "Fever Of Unknown Origin." With no definitive lab test and the absence of a high white blood cell count (typical of rickettsia tick borne illness), they refused to start antibiotics. When the palmar rash typical of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever finally

appeared, he was too ill and despite treatment, he died. Just \$2.50 worth of tetracycline on the first day and he would have been back coaching the next day.

Nag if you need to be treated early for a tick embedded and you or the doctor may have removed.

**John R. Dykers Jr., MD**  
Siler City

#### Here's why I'm voting for Lewis Hendricks

**TO THE EDITOR:**

I've always tried to be a good neighbor, which is why I feel compelled to speak out regarding the Chatham County primary elections.

We have two Briar Chapel residents running for Commissioner of District Three of Chatham County, but there is one that causes me concern. David Delaney sued me, my husband and six of our neighbors. He never talked to us in advance about our properties affecting his nor did he give us warning of his suit. He never expressed interest in how this affected us nor displayed concern for any financial damage caused. It was a year and half of stress. It cost my husband an

opportunity at another university. We couldn't sell our house and move without serious financial loss. I can't speak for others. I do know we weren't the only ones his suit financially affected.

So while some people may think this was just a tactic to force the Briar Chapel's HOA's hand, why did he sue his neighbors and not just the HOA, Dickerson, and Newland? I also never understood why our particular household was sued. Even the videos Mr. Delaney posted on Next Door, showed the water coming in a different direction than our house. The law suit is a public record if anyone would like to read it.

I know I cannot trust David Delaney to protect my family's interests. He's proven I can't trust him. So I'm voting Lewis Hendricks, who is a more reliable choice with a track record of service in this primary election. Since there isn't a Republican candidate, this is the real election for Chatham County District Three Commissioner. I hope the majority of voters do too so we have someone who will work for us.

**Karie Hill**  
Chapel Hill

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# UNITY

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two urgent care centers to Siler City and “seven or eight” clinics from Duke University Health Systems.

And that was even before Saturday’s online revelation — on the candidates’ “Unity 2022” website, at [unity2022.org](http://unity2022.org) — of a list of more than 70 additional proposals addressing community prosperity, inclusivity, sustainability, public safety and housing access for Siler City.

The group — mayoral candidate Nick Gallardo and town commissioner candidates Dean Picot II, Jared Picot and Samuel Williams, all new to Siler City — each registered to vote in Chatham County only over this past winter. They don’t say how they’ll pay for the proposals or provide much detail on how they’ll execute them, and their sudden appearance, bold pronouncements and vague hints about malfeasance occurring within the town’s board have raised red flags with locals.

But it gets stranger.

- A new “Save Our Siler” Facebook page created by a group of local residents in response to the “Unity” ticket drew a number of concerned comments over the weekend before it was taken down sometime Sunday for violating the social media site’s “community guidelines” for content. One of the page’s creators says community members worry about a “hostile takeover” of Siler City; one of the Unity candidates later took credit for having the page removed from Facebook.

- A video made during an April 24 candidate forum at First Missionary Baptist Church, where the quartet spoke, has been removed from the video-sharing platform YouTube, likely related to complaints from Unity candidates. During the forum, Dean Picot II suggested Siler City’s current elected board was telling “lies, lies, lies,” along other facile claims.

- An exchange on the social media platform NextDoor between a Siler City resident and one of the candidates resulted in accusations of “borderline slander,” and with the candidate in question saying the town’s leadership “have not for decades lived up to the vision that this beautiful town was created on.”

- Competing, perhaps warring, Twitter sites — the Unity bloc’s “Save Siler” (@SaveSiler)’s profile reads “Saving #silercity from the tyranny of a neglectful ruling class,” while a “Save Our Siler” (@OurSiler) site, which was created first, being promoted as “A concerned group of Siler City residents (determined) to expose a self appointed billionaire’s quest to take over our town.”

- And on Monday night, following Siler City’s board of commissioners meeting, the group’s apparent patron — Courtney Jordan, a Durham resident touted as a “billionaire entrepreneur” — was involved in a shouting match with candidate James “Jay” Underwood. The encounter drew the attention of Siler City Police Chief Mike Wagner, who attended the meeting and called for support from his staff as Jordan and Underwood argued outside Wren Memorial Library, where the meeting was held.

No charges were filed, but it added another bizarre layer to the town’s municipal election, which will be held May 17 as part of the state’s primary election cycle.

## The Unity Candidates

Nick Gallardo, the Tex-

as-born, Raleigh-raised mayoral candidate, is on the ballot to replace the late John Grimes, a beloved local businessman who died in office in October 2020 and whose seat wasn’t filled. Gallardo is seeking office along with sitting At-Large Commissioner Thomas “Chip” Price III and local pastor Donald Matthews.

The Picots — Dean “Jr.” and Jared, who are related but apparently not brothers — are seeking the At-Large and Dist. 5 seats, respectively. Dean Picot, a substance abuse counselor, is facing Underwood, who had the row with Jordan, and incumbent Cindy Bray; Jared Picot, who describes himself as an entrepreneur, faces Dist. 5 incumbent Lewis Fadeley and Rayetta Fox. And Samuel Williams, a New York native, pastor and self-described hospital manager, faces Albert Alston for the Dist. 1 seat.

Williams, echoing statements made by the others, says the Unity group has the potential to make significant positive changes in its adopted home.

“We as a group (if elected) will have the unified ability to shape the progression of Siler City as a whole,” he said. “We, however, are not an extension of any one organization. But as a friend group, we have invested our free time in volunteering with the various organizations that are on the front lines of providing the necessary resources to live and thrive in a circumstance that is less favorable. No one organization or movement defines me as a candidate. It is my passion for healing and seeing my fellow man rise out of the pits of despair and inequity that push and motivate me.”

Similar statements can be found on the group’s website — [unity2022.org](http://unity2022.org) — and on the candidates’ individual sites. On its Twitter feed (@unity4silercity), the group wrote on Friday: “Our children and teens are the most important asset that any community has. At present the city is not doing enough to implement the needed solutions to combat the mass exodus of our youth upon graduation or dropping out. Additionally, our young adults are not adequately prepared to face the changing world. Going into debt for a four year degree is no longer he (sic) answer — he (sic) same programs and old ways of thinking are no longer viable, I am uniquely qualified to address the youth crisis of our young people for more information on how and other solutions.”

On a new website released Tuesday — [savesiler.org](http://savesiler.org), apparently designed in response to the “Save Our Siler” Facebook page — one statement reads: “These people have sat there, and just done nothing that has help (sic) us the people ... Do you know most of this board has been in office for close to 10 years? ??? Fadley (sic) being the exception!”

Statements like that, along with brazen pronouncements and pledges and the backing of Courtney Jordan have raised eyebrows among locals.

“Everyone is talking about these folks and their grandiose non-binding pledges, which seem opportunist at best since everyone knows there are major businesses headed this way,” said De de St. Aubin Jr., a lifelong Siler City native and resident whose family is redeveloping property in downtown Siler City.

“Why are these guys really here? The bottom line is there is one guy with questionable intentions running four young guys who all just happened to move here mere months

ago — had any of them even heard of Siler City before moving? No one thinking rationally can say that doesn’t throw up red flags.”

The “Save Our Siler” Facebook page contained a number of similar posts and comments until it was taken down. One of the page’s creators told the News + Record residents were concerned about a “hostile takeover” of Siler City by the group.

“We created the Facebook page ‘Save Our Siler’ because we are concerned about our local elections being manipulated by an out-of-town billionaire, armed with puppet candidates and even a fake media site,” the person said. “We were slowly revealing all of the information discovered by several local citizens through their own independent research before we were suspiciously banned by Facebook as soon as we started to gain a diverse following of Siler City residents.”

The speaker said they and others who put the page together “wish to remain anonymous due to fear of retribution from a potential City Council that may hold grudges against us should they take power.”

The “Save Our Siler” group spoke of its own unity as the election neared.

“We are delighted to see citizens of Siler City come together — many of whom have not agreed on anything for some time in order to repulse a hostile takeover of our town,” the person said. “We wish to carry on the struggle ... As you know, time is of the essence and the consequences could not be more dramatic. We will not endorse any candidate but will work tirelessly to ensure that the people of Siler City with our unique culture and our acute happiness will not go quietly into the night.”

The candidates’ sudden appearance in Siler City and statements concerned local resident Alex Hauser, who, in a post shared on NextDoor directed at Dean Picot II, said: “I truly hope that most people will not be swindled by the false promises and will see through the collective four as what they truly are: opportunists. You all have never lived in Siler City, are all recent college graduates, and are all funded by an outside investor who is a billionaire. You see Siler as an opportunity because industry and high paying jobs will likely be coming and if you can get in the government before they arrive, you can then claim responsibility. Why else promise all the high paying jobs? Why declare that you will resign if this doesn’t happen? It is a logical speculation that your group knows something and wishes to capitalize. Yet, unfortunately, you claim you care for the people of Siler and you have never lived here. You all registered with the board of elections immediately before the deadline. Is that just a coincidence?”

Hauser asked in the post: “Why would 4 people, who never lived in Siler city till just a few months ago, all of a sudden be running for office? It is incredible that you all are doing what career politicians do even before being elected into office. I will see to it that you do not succeed and raise awareness of the dangers of your potential policies. Of course, you do not see your proposed policies as having imminent failures, but history absolutely begs to differ.”

In a post on medium.com, an idea-exchange platform for writers and others, Dean Picot wrote that Hauser “has been the chief pusher of

misinformation and hate filled vitriol that has been heralded at myself and the other diverse group of people running to effect the needed change in Siler City, located in Chatham County NC.”

In the same post, Dean Picot described a multitude of problems in Siler City, including rampant drug use, escalating crime and poverty, and said: “Most of these problems could and should have been fixed or altogether avoided easily under the ‘watchful eye’ of the current elected officials. Especially that of my opponent” — incumbent Cindy Bray — “who has held office in Siler City since 2009.”

He also wrote that the Unity candidates are “not attacking any individual or making enemies with people who have a history, hard work and a legacy for community building. In fact, our policies are about inclusivity, inclusivity of all and attacking none. Most of our development plans include any homegrown and current developers and builders putting money in their hands through multiple grants that our grant researchers have seen that have gone overlooked by the city for years.”

## Transparency?

Some of the Unity candidates have been attending Siler City town board meetings; the group website, which provides links to each of the individual candidates’ websites, contains group photos, stylized drone videos of the suit-clad group walking in downtown Siler City and various statements from each. But it’s what they’ve said in other settings that has contributed to the concerns of some local residents.

For example: for someone who listed “transparency” as one of his primary campaign platforms in the candidate forum on April 24, Samuel Williams, the Dist. 1 candidate, has mis-spoken often.

In responses to a questionnaire he provided to the News + Record, Williams didn’t provide a home address. On a state website, a church he says he pastors provides its address as a small apartment off of Western Boulevard in Raleigh. In addition, he listed his occupation as “Hospital Management,” and at last Sunday’s forum, held at First Missionary Baptist Church, he touted his experience in health care.

“My first thing I want to talk about is health care,” Williams told the assembled group. “Well, before I get to there, so I also work at Duke University Hospital. I’ve been there for about six years, and I’ve worked really hard. I’ve started from the bottom, and I worked myself up to the top. So I’m one of the big managers over there, one of the ‘head honchos.’”

In addition to being one of the system’s “head honchos,” Williams wrote on his website, “I am a Manager at Duke University Health Systems where I supervised seven clinics.”

In an email exchange with the News + Record, Sarah Avery, the director of the Duke Health News Office, provided links to Duke Health’s five leadership teams — which consists of more than 100 listed individuals with designations of MDs and PhDs or MBAs after their names.

Williams wasn’t among them, and Avery said he doesn’t supervise seven clinics.

“Samuel Williams is currently a service access manager at the Duke Gastroenterology Clinic at Brier Creek,” Avery told the News + Record last Thursday. “Mr. Williams’ tenure with

Duke began in 2016. In 2021, he became a Service Access Manager at the GI, Infusion and Specialty Clinic at Brier Creek, where he supervises the Patient Access Counselors and Financial Care Counselors within that one building.”

She didn’t confirm whether Williams was part of any leadership team within the system.

As to Williams’ claim that he was “already in conversation with Duke University” to bring two urgent care centers to Siler City — “one’s going to be in our low-income area, and one’s going to be in our city center” — and his promise to bring “about seven or eight clinics” from Duke here, that also seems to be false, according to Avery. “While Duke University Health System is always assessing potential areas for new growth, it has no current plans to open clinics or urgent care centers in the Siler City area,” Avery told the News + Record.

In a follow-up email, she reiterated: “There are no discussions or plans to open clinics or urgent care centers in Siler City at this time.”

Multiple telephone calls to Williams over a period of several days and multiple email messages to him seeking specific comments about his plans and Duke University Health System’s responses were not returned.

On Tuesday, Duke’s Avery confirmed that Williams was no longer employed there.

Williams, Gallardo said in an email message to the News + Record, had been working with colleagues on bringing in clinics, but “out of anxiety he spoke for a corporate entity without their approval,” and confirmed he has since resigned.

Other comments Williams made during his four-minute address at the candidate forum have drawn attention as well. He said he and his running mates planned to “put a cap on affordable rent, so that your rent will stay the same,” and joined some of his running mates in chiding Siler City’s town government for spending “\$50 to \$60 million” in March.

Siler City’s fiscal budget for all of 2021-22 was only \$17,666,428; its proposed budget for 2022-23 is \$19,173,063, according information provided by the town.

“Spending \$50 million in one month is high even for a city like Charlotte,” said Interim Town Manager Bill Zell, who told the News + Record Siler City’s March expenditures were \$729,971.65.

The admittedly nervous Williams — who, in his remarks at the forum couldn’t recall the names of the other three “Unity” candidates — wrapped up his statement by reminding the audience he’d signed a pledge, in his first year, to help bring “100 high-paying jobs of \$40,000 or more,” saying those 100 jobs were already in the works.

Someone in the audience pointed out his gaffe, and Williams corrected himself to say the group would deliver 1,000 new jobs, not 100.

## Other problems within Siler City

Other statements the group made at Sunday’s forum:

- Gallardo: “For 30 years, I think that there has been a certain level of incompetence” in Siler City, he said, adding that crime and drugs have put “a cloud” over the town.

- Jared Picot: “There’s real problems here” in Siler City, he said. “I’m running with Dean Jr., Nick and Sam because we all have a special ability to get things solved in this town, to not

let anyone fall behind. That’s exactly what we’re focused on. We’re tired of seeing what’s happening in this town. And it’s unacceptable.”

- Dean Picot II: “It is without a doubt that we need change. It’s been known for a long time. Without a doubt.”

“I mean, you know, \$50 million in the month of March?” he said, speaking about the town’s spending. “I mean, where’d that money come from? I don’t know. You know, all I know is that you can go online and find it in the agenda meetings, right? You can literally go to Townof-SilerCity.org, and you can see all the stuff they talked about. You know, it’s all there. So it’s just lies, lies, lies. And these people are lying to you. I’m not a politician, just a guy. Politician — I don’t want to be called that because that word is dirty. These people are doing you guys dirty. And it’s just gonna keep getting worse and worse until you vote them out and vote the Unity ticket.”

Gallardo, in a separate interview for a story for the News + Record’s La Voz de Chatham project, acknowledged the skepticism he and his running mates have faced.

“Unfortunately, yes, I have,” he said. “I won’t go in any detail, but I’ve definitely received a good amount of text messages. There’s definitely a lot of pushback, and even speaking to friends that I made here and stuff, they tell me, ‘Yeah, if you’re not from here, they definitely make sure you feel like an outsider.’”

“Just because I’m not from here doesn’t mean I’m not for prosperity in this area,” Gallardo continued. “I mean, I may not be from Siler City, but I am for Siler City, and I think that we should welcome people coming in.”

He echoed statements made by others about Siler City’s and Chatham’s coming growth.

“We are in a time right now where we need to be progressive, we need to put ourselves in the right position, because change is coming,” he said. “We’re in a pivotal moment where we could set ourselves up for success, or people that come in could really hurt some families here, and I don’t want to see that happen.”

But Gallardo also said the town’s current elected body needs change and more transparency.

“Who we elect to represent us and who we are and what our best interests are ... and if you don’t have our best interests at mind,” he said, “or if you’re not doing the things that you say you’re going to do, or you’re recklessly spending money, who is that benefiting?”

## Group has ‘no clue’

Comments like that have drawn the ire of others seeking office, including At-Large Commissioner Price, who’s running against Gallardo for mayor.

“It is obvious that this Unity group has no clue of what actually goes on in Siler City,” he told the News + Record. “The yearly budget is only \$18 million, and there is no way the town could have spent \$50 million in one month. There is also a financial audit done every year by an outside firm, and there have not been any irregularities reported during my time on the board. It appears this group is just throwing things out there to see if anything will stick. They appear to be more interested in creating division rather than promoting unity and inclusion.”

Price also questioned the “agenda” the Unity candidates say the current board has.

“I have no idea what he

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is referring to as the ‘agenda,’” he said. “The only agenda the current board has ever had is to do what is in the best interest of all citizens and create an environment for all to prosper using the available financial resources. How could he have any idea what Siler City values are when he has only lived here a total of three months?”

Gallardo says he’s lived in Siler City for a year and a half.

Price said after reading through the group’s proposals for the town, he saw many there which were already being implemented.

He also wondered how the rest would be accomplished.

“I roughly counted an additional 25 people that would have to be added to town staff to accomplish the items listed,” he said. “There was also no mention of where the additional funding would be coming from and what effect it would have on the tax rate. There are also some proposals that I have questions as to whether they are legal or constitutional for the town to participate in. If Mr. Gallardo claims to be so concerned with the issues of Siler City, I am unclear as to why he is waiting for the election to proceed with any of his plans. I am not aware of any interest that he has taken with the Town of Siler City before he filed for election, including attending monthly board meetings.”

Others, like de St. Aubin, are concerned over how the candidates and Jordan — who openly heckled non-Unity party candidates at the April 24 forum — have “gone after” those who disagree with them.

“The way these guys went after Alec Hauser — a tax-paying citizen — for asking questions about people running for public office is just a bully tactic designed to scare everyone else into submission,” de St. Aubin said. “It’s appalling but not surprising really. Did anyone actually think they were just going to let some guy down the street like Alec get in their way and muck up their plans? Not in a billion years. This is David versus Goliath, and I applaud Alec for speaking up.”

## StartUp Siler

The Unity group has also become associated with StartUp Siler, an organization which describes itself as focused on entrepreneurship education and development. The candidates’ registrations follow the opening in December of StartUp Siler’s East Raleigh Street office in downtown Siler City. Jared Picot is named on the organization’s website as a business analyst.

StartUp Siler is a project of the Courtney Jordan Foundation, according to an online news release from the foundation. According to an article on the Durham Voice, a grassroots community news site in which the journalism programs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina Central University are involved, Jordan is a North Carolina Central University graduate who wrote a facial recognition security app, which was later sold to Microsoft, and then used the proceeds to fund other investments.

A story on the website Outlook India pegged Jordan’s net worth at \$1.1 billion, but he’s not included on any state or national news or business publication’s lists of North Carolina billionaires — most of which limit that number to five.

StartUp Siler opened in December, according to Executive Director Kristen Picot, who said Jared Picot is her brother. She said Dean Picot is not her brother but did not elaborate on the relationship. Dean Picot said in an email that he is related to Jared and Kristen but did not elaborate.

In addition to entrepreneurship assistance and coaching, StartUp Siler seeks to establish a STEM, or science, technology, engineering and math, program in conjunction with area schools, a youth news program online and perhaps in print, and a college scholarship for an area resident, Kristen Picot said.

“Our main thing is to foster entrepreneurship and help entrepreneurs along the way,” she said. “Entrepreneurship is like a race, right? So we help people — early stages, middle stages, what have you. We just basically believe in pushing the limit, pushing, pushing their dream, challenging, seeing what they can do.”

Kristen Picot said StartUp Siler is a major initiative of the foundation and follows a similar effort in Durham that has since shut down.

## ‘People are in need’

In an interview at StartUp Siler’s office last week, Jordan told the News + Record he established the initiative because Siler City has a high poverty rate and great disparity in economic fortunes.

“What I want to do, and what I believe in, is that people are in need, and they are, they’re hurting, and for the basic things, and you can put a Band Aid on a problem,” he said. “But unless you’re willing to do the work to go in there, do the surgery that’s needed to cauterize the wound, they’re going to keep bleeding. So we believe in short term, but also providing long-term substantive solutions to their problems.”

Jordan’s organization is not registered with the federal government as a tax-exempt organization because it

does not take donations, Jordan said. Such tax-exempt groups are often referred to as a “501c(3)” for the section of federal tax rules under which many nonprofit groups accepting tax-exempt donations operate.

“Is this a political front? No, no, it doesn’t need to be a front because I have no 501c(3), I take no outside donations,” Jordan said. “If someone wants to give us money, I tell them, buy a gift card and give it. We have a list in our office; give it to them. If you like the good work we’re doing, give it to them. I don’t need your money.”

Jordan, however, said he agrees with the Unity slate’s take on economic and poverty issues, and spoke highly also of two other candidates, Lewis Fadely and Rayetta Fox.

Another Chatham County activity in which Jordan is involved is Chathamweekly.com, which boasts of a magazine that “reaches the doorstep of more than 40,000 residents in Chatham County, NC.”

According to a March online press release, the publication is owned by Neyius Media, a subsidiary of Neyius Inc., whose founder and executive chairman is Jordan. Neyius Media LLC was registered with the North Carolina secretary of state on March 15. It features primarily celebrity news and other online aggregation, but it also has one local story, an article announcing Kristen Picot’s appointment with StartUp Siler; a feature story on Dean Picot II once on the site has disappeared.

Jordan, without prompting, acknowledged speculation in Siler City that he may be interested in getting a foothold in a community ripe for industrial development and residential growth but denied that is his motivation in StartUp Siler.

“I’m very transparent about this initially, when we did the market research, and we saw the rapid rate of growth here,” he said. “Of course, as a businessman, I’m looking at it and saying yeah, I can probably develop some land here and get a return on that. But I’m willing to forgo that after I hear about people who are sitting around crying and don’t even have, can’t even afford to drive outside of Siler City to take their baby to the pediatrician. I’m sorry, my conscience is worth more to me than some new buildings, and development and land and all that because you can check I have not in my name purchased any land for development yet.”

## Working in ‘under-resourced’ areas

In response to a series of questions posed by the News + Record to the group through its website, a rambling email message came in response — mixing “I,” “we” and “they,” as if written by someone other than the candidates themselves. Like the plans on the group’s website, the message was short on details, but it did reinforce a desire to bring prosperity to Siler City.

“If elected they would revisit those plans [which address sidewalk projects] to add on to them bike lanes, which would allow access to more grant funding the town would qualify, which would help reduce Siler City’s carbon footprint, in addition to providing safer avenues for people without cars to travel,” the response said. “Specifically, in reference to the more under-resourced areas of the town, they plan to work closely with many of the grantors the town has and will receive grants from to use money to help improve the facades of their homes, and with many of the development grants and land use agreements that will come in divert money to improving the sidewalks.”

The message also reiterates the group’s plan to “introduce a \$45MM bond” — presumably \$45 million — “to secure funding for the construction of affordable housing in Siler City.”

The writer said “rent controls,” as proposed by Gallardo and Williams, would be “a viable option once elected.”

“They [the candidates] would be able to work with the more progressive state legislatures to enact that change,” the reply said. “However, until that happens the town council if elected would work closely with the landlords and builders to incentive them to work with current citizens on providing lower rates. Such incentives, within the power of the town would be tax breaks, subsidies, and directing town funds to be placed in the hands of local developers first to help insure (sic) their neighbors are not displaced.”

Gallardo, in response to an inquiry from the News + Record, said in an email that the Unity ticket’s plan is to restructure the town budget and bring in money from overlooked grants. He said the slate has received a written pledge from a private equity firm he did not identify that will commit to \$150 million in investment in local developers, and would use tax credits and subsidies to lower building costs. Further, the plan is to partner with other local governments to lobby for revising the anti-rent control law.

As for handling of town money, Gallardo said it’s more mismanagement than misappropriation.

“I’m not here to say that anyone has done anything wrong,” he said. “I’m here to say that the way things have been managed have not led to widespread growth and prosperity, but led to picket signs outside city hall with tears and cries to the mayor and council to please do something to change life for us.”

## Community Leaders Endorse Dr. Albert Reddick for Commissioner



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**Dr. James Crawford,  
Chatham County Commissioner,  
2014–2021**

I endorse Dr. Albert Reddick for the District Four Chatham County Board of Commissioners’ seat currently held by the Honorable Dr. Robert Logan. Reddick has logged **decades of private and**

**public service** on behalf of others. He has the **energy, values, judgment, and bearing needed to guide public policy** and make hard decisions. He is mindful of the county’s divisions and inequalities, and he **will seek unity and fair remedies**.



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longtime Democratic Party activist**

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life experiences bring valuable insights to resolve problems. He really loves the people of the county and **values the Chatham environment** but realizes that there will always be change. He wants to manage that change so that we have **good jobs and affordable housing** without causing environmental damage and with infrastructure in place for the number of new residents coming to the county.

## Who is Albert Reddick?: A Snapshot



- Born in Brunswick County, NC during Jim Crow
- Vietnam War veteran
- Graduated with a BS and a MS from North Carolina Central University, then 13th in his class at the NCCU School of Law with a JD. Later he graduated with a Theology Doctorate from Eastern University in Pennsylvania.

• Responsible for many “firsts” breaking color barriers in business and religion

• Founder of “Becoming One” providing safe refuge, tutoring, and life-skills training to latchkey kids in Siler City.



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# Alston, Williams face off in Siler City Dist. 1 race

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SILER CITY — Two political newcomers are on the ballot for the town's District 1 commissioner seat.

Albert Alston and Samuel Williams are aiming to replace Commissioner Tony Siler, who announced in December he would not seek reelection.

**Albert Alston:** Alston filed to run for Siler's seat on Feb. 25. He did not respond to the News + Record's questionnaire sent to all Siler City candidates.

Alston is a deacon at First Missionary Baptist Church in Siler City and volunteers with a number of local organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club. He's received Siler's endorsement for the seat.

**Samuel Williams:** Williams is new to Siler City and is seeking the seat on the board of commissioners as part of the "Unity 2022" ticket with three other candidates — mayoral candidate Nick Gallardo and

brothers Dean and Jared Picot for the other open Siler City commissioner seats.

Williams said he and his peers decided to run for the open board seats because they believe the town's "basic needs have gone ignored."

"I am running because I have experience and resolve and the heart to improve the lives of not just District 1, but Siler City as a whole with access to health care and resources needed to live a life without fear," Williams said in a questionnaire sent to the News + Record.

Williams said he works in health care and as a pastor, which he said gives him a unique skill set.

"In that role (as a pastor), I am tasked with shepherding the souls of the Father," Williams said. "Leading them like a shepherd leads its flock, while balancing my faith in a hospital atmosphere where I am surrounded by healers, and (I'm) tasked with directing

them and ensuring that they are on top of their solemn oath to inflict no harm and to save lives."

Williams was Service Access Manager at Duke University Health's Gastroenterology Clinic at Brier Creek, according to Duke University Health officials.

During a candidate forum on April 24, Williams told attendees he was one of the "head honchos" at Duke University Health and was already working with leadership to bring clinics to Siler City, including two urgent cares and "seven or eight" specialty clinics.

The News + Record reached out to Duke University Health System officials, who said that wasn't true.

"While Duke University Health System is always assessing potential areas for new growth, it has no current plans to open clinics or urgent care centers in the Siler City area," Sarah Avery, the director of the Duke Health News

Office, told the News + Record in an email exchange. In a follow-up email, she reiterated: "There are no discussions or plans to open clinics or urgent care centers in Siler City at this time."

Williams resigned from Duke University Health on May 2, Duke University Health officials confirmed to the News + Record Tuesday morning.

Williams and his peers also signed a pledge to bring 1,000 jobs paying at least \$40,000 a year within the first fiscal year of their tenure on the Siler City Board of Commissioners.

Williams and his running mates on the unity ticket also continuously claimed Siler City's current government is not working on behalf of its residents, but instead to work to benefit those in office.

"For more than a decade, the government has neglected the needs of the masses and has served the few, and increased the wealth gap in power and access," Williams said. "The

government needs to remember that they are not there to hold a place or a fancy title — it comes with responsibility and a duty to the people."

Williams said he wants to create a space where residents can voice their concerns and where commissioners will in turn work to meet citizens' needs.

"The biggest challenges are access to affordable housing and health care, opportunities to grow within Siler City, and the reckless government spending that has benefited the few, but not the majority," Williams said. "I will address them by having an open discussion in a welcoming environment and improving technology to ensure that we are able to reach every citizen; so, we can govern and steward the resources of the town to benefit the masses."

Reporter Taylor Heeden can be reached at [theeden@chathamnr.com](mailto:theeden@chathamnr.com).

## 2022 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

### Sam Williams

#### Candidate Biographical Information

**Name:** Sam Williams  
**Office you are running for:** Siler City District 1 Commissioner

**Home telephone and/or Work Telephone:** 919-899-9748

**Best daytime number:** 919-899-9748

**E-mail:** sam4siler@gmail.com

**Cell phone:** 919-899-9748

**Date/place of birth:** 5/21/1984, Rochester, New York

**Current occupation:** Hospital management

**Campaign website/social media:** sam4silercity.com

**Family (names & ages, as of Election Day, of immediate family members):** I have no children.

**Current and previous elected offices held or sought & terms of service:** N/A

**Campaign manager (if applicable):** Myself

**Campaign treasurer (if applicable):** Myself

#### Now that you're seeking office...in 100 words or fewer.

**Why are you seeking this office?:** I am running because for far too long the citizens of District 1 cries have gone ignored, and the cries of a town desperate for basic needs have gone ignored. I am running because I have experience and resolve and the heart to improve the lives of not just District 1, but Siler City as a whole with access to healthcare and resources needed to live a life without fear.

**What is your understanding of the responsibilities of the office you seek, and in 100 words or less, why do you believe you're qualified to fill that role?:** To safeguard, serve and protect the livelihoods and the standard of living for the citizens of District 1, and to represent them on the

board when decisions are being made that directly impact them. Outside of my roles as a manager of a world renowned hospital, I have been a pastor for over 8 years. In that role, I am tasked with shepherding the souls of the Father. Leading them like a shepherd leads its flock, while balancing my faith in a hospital atmosphere where I am surrounded by healers and tasked with directing them and ensuring that they are on top of their solemn oath to inflict no harm and to save lives.

**Give us three goals that are specific, measurable and attainable you would have if elected.:** Advancing access to affordable healthcare, reducing the crime rate and improving the quality of life of the citizens of Siler City, through ensuring that the development that is coming is working in conjunction with the

needs and desires of the citizens of Siler City.

**What are the biggest challenges in Siler City right now and how would you address them?:** The biggest challenges are access to affordable housing and healthcare, opportunities to grow within Siler City, and the reckless government spending that has benefited the few, but not the majority. I will address them by having an open discussion in a welcoming environment and improving technology to ensure that we are able to reach every citizen; so, we can govern and steward the resources of the town to benefit the masses.

**What's your overall view of the role of municipal government? Is it fulfilling its mission at present? If not, what needs to change?:** The role of municipal government is to

serve as a conduit for the citizens, to serve its people, to serve effectively and efficiently. Has that happened? No. For more than a decade, the government has neglected the needs of the masses and has served the few, and increased the wealth gap in power and access. The government needs to remember that they are not there to hold a place or a fancy title. It comes with responsibility and a duty to the people.

**What differentiates you from the other candidates?:** What differentiates me is my skill set, my knowledge and my exposure. I have been in charge of large budgets, and led a diverse group of people. Everyday, in my job and my career, I have been able to effectively lead, not only my team to record highs in servicing, but to lead people to proper healing and advocate when necessary.

In my calling as a Pastor, I have had to effectively make life-changing decisions for a large group of people.

#### Biographical Facts

**Political/government hero:** Jesus

**Favorite book:** The Bible

**Book most recently read:** The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream by Barack Obama

**Favorite film:** Roots

**Hobbies:** Reading up on current events.

**Church/civic involvement:** NewBorn Fellowship Church

**Personal motto or one-line philosophy:** "I Will, I Can, I Must"

**Strongest childhood ambition:** To run for office and change the world.

**Most significant life goal you've accomplished:** Starting a church

**Goal you haven't accomplished yet:** Helping people on a larger scale.

# Chatham Science & Engineering student Dylan Phillips wins prestigious Park Scholarship

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
News + Record Staff

Dylan Phillips rode horses before she was

even born. Her mom first put her on a horse when she was still in the womb.

Now, at age 18, Phillips has experienced her highest and lowest points from atop the saddle.

"The horses taught me resilience," she said. "They taught me how to take advantage of what I have and to value how fleeting life is."

And from the stables to the classroom, the Pittsboro student's resilience is what drives her to be the best in everything she does.

Her can-do attitude is just one reason she earned North Carolina State University's most prestigious honor for incoming first-year students — the Park Scholarship. Phillips is one of just 42 students to receive the honor, having been selected from a pool of more than 2,400 global applicants.

According to the university, the scholarship "brings exceptional students to N.C. State based on outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character and prepares them to make lifelong

contributions to communities throughout the world."

Dylan has been awarded a four-year scholarship, valued at \$116,000 for in-state students. The scholarship covers tuition, fees and room and board at N.C. State. As a Park Scholar, Dylan will also receive a stipend toward personal expenses, and Park Scholars have access to enrichment grants to pursue research, service or creative projects.

Phillips is the first student from Chatham School of Science & Engineering to receive the scholarship, but she hopes she is far from the last.

"I feel like it's great to be able to push that boundary," Phillips said. "Even though we are from one of the smallest rural schools, that doesn't mean we aren't capable of achieving big things. You're not defined by where you come from."

Dylan is part of the school's third graduating class from CSSE, and her principal Bobby Dixon said it's unsurprising she is the first one to receive this honor.

"She's an exemplary student both academically and socially," Dixon said. "For her to be able to complete high school and an associate's degree with an unweighted 4.0 GPA, it's a feat."

Her accomplishments are even more impressive

when considering the reason she chose to come to CSSE in the first place. Dylan said she chose the early college program because the smaller class sizes would provide her more academic flexibility to compete with her horses. She said she frequently had to miss classes for competitions and riding camps, but she always made up for lost classroom time by being on top of her assignments.

Coming into her first year at N.C. State, Phillips will have 75 credit hours, meaning she already has more credits than most sophomores at the university. But don't think her advantages means she'll slack off in Raleigh. Phillips said she plans to take on a double major or possibly even graduate-level research all while continuing to ride horses competitively.

"Leisure time isn't something I'm familiar with," Phillips said. "Now, I have room to play with at my time at State."

Dixon said Phillips's nonstop nature is how she left a legacy at CSSE. Phillips was involved in starting the weightlifting club on campus and was a captain of the robotics club. As if school and the extracurriculars weren't enough, Phillips also operated a business outside of school teaching younger children how to ride horses at New Beginnings Farm.

As she transitions to college life, Phillips said

it'll be hard to cut the ties and take a step back from the horses.

"It's emotional to tell those cute, little 7-year-olds they're going to have a new instructor," Phillips said.

Her principal said also adjusting to school without Phillips would be bittersweet. While letting go of a stellar student is difficult, Dixon said he believes she will be an asset to the N.C. State community.

"Finding out Dylan received this scholarship was a very proud father kind of moment for me," Dixon said. "[N.C. State.] has afforded themselves such a great opportunity. They are getting such a driven and personable young lady at their university."

Phillips has accepted the Park Scholarship and plans to major in business starting this fall. She said the change from CSSE to becoming a

member of the Wolfpack will be guided by the lessons she learned from the animals who have been by her side throughout her life.

"One of the main things I have learned from the horses, is that you always find new ways to push forward," she said.

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Dylan Phillips

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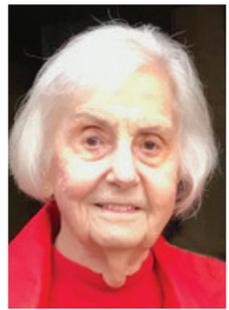
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# OBITUARIES

## MARIE THYLSTRUP



Marie Thylstrup, 92, passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, April 27, 2022, at the Jim & Betsey Bryan Hospice Home in Pittsboro, N.C., surrounded by family & friends.

She was born Alfonsina Maria Barbone, to Gabriele Barbone (1893-1994) and Silvia De Mita (1893-1993) on July 16, 1929, in the small village of Nusco in Campania, Italy, about one hour from Naples. Like all members of the Barbone family, she was

born at home, in a building at via Roma 5 which has been in the family's possession since 1700.

After completing classical and humanities studies, she left for Brooklyn, N.Y., in the U.S. to join her father who had emigrated several years before. It was in New York that she began her career as an accountant, first at the New York Public Library on 5th Avenue, and then later at a bank.

In 1956, she met the love of her life, Charles J. Thylstrup (1924-2016), an American of Danish descent. They married seven months later on February 9, 1957, at St. Lucy's Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. They settled in the Bronx, later moving to New Jersey and then finally to Fearington Village in Pittsboro.

They had an extremely happy marriage which lasted 59 years, until Charles' death on July 31, 2016. Together, they shared many adventures in their travels to Europe (Spain, Switzerland, Italy) and throughout the U.S.

In Italy, they re-visited several places where Charles had served as a medic during WWII, and to see relatives in Rome, Naples and Nusco.

Marie was known to all in Italy as Pupetta (doll) and Zia (aunt). Pupetta was especially known as a woman of extreme elegance, beauty and intelligence, with an ever-modern and progressive spirit. Her motto was "I'm still learning!" — a phrase by Michelangelo Buonarrotti.

Thanks to her incredible photographic memory, she loved to spend time writing and telling stories about her ancestors and her town — stories either handed down to her or experienced first-hand. She could describe facts, people and environments in amazing detail, drawing a picture for the listener.

Endowed with a lively intellect, she was always attentive to any significant past or current event, actively participating in the political life of her adopted country without ever losing sight of the birthplace that had given her rich traditions. In fact, she loved to read both American and Italian newspapers (on the internet). Despite her age, she learned to use a PC, Mac and then the iPad.

When she entered the hospital on Tuesday, April 19, she was informed by the doctor that she would only have two minutes to live once she removed the bi-pap mask to speak with her family. With FaceTime, she was able to address family in Italy, Saudi Arabia and New York to say, "My dear family, I have called to tell you that I am happy, I have loved and I felt loved. I have no regrets. I am serene and you must always smile."

Of course, she confounded the doctors by speaking and laughing for two hours rather than two minutes, and living another eight days, long enough to greet her niece, Silvia Barbone, who had travelled 20 hours to be with her.

Marie is survived by her nephews, Mario, Gabriele and Giuseppe; her nieces, Silvia and Paola; her niece-in-law, Laura; her two great-nieces, Elenora and Beatrice; her American cousin, Elizabeth and her goddaughter, Celeste.

## CRAIG DANIEL SMITH



Craig Daniel Smith, 69, of Ocean Isle Beach and Greensboro, N.C., died Tuesday, April 26, 2022, due to complications from lymphoma.

Craig grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of the late Arthur and Anne Keohan Smith, graduating from Regis High School, a scholarship Jesuit High School in Manhattan, a place dear to him. He graduated from Princeton University and went on to earn his Ph.D. in clinical psychology

from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where he met his wife of 40 years, Celia Routh Hooper.

He worked with children and adolescents clinically in Cleveland, and after a post-doctoral fellowship at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, came to N.C. to work in Pittsboro, Chapel Hill, and Asheboro. The last 15 years of his professional life were spent in private practice at Randolph Counseling Center where he worked with many cherished colleagues. He was very proud of the many children and young adults he served. In retirement he completed a professional textbook for new psychologists and lay readers who are interested in current psychological theory.

Craig took to heart the motto of his scholarship high school, "men for others," in his personal and professional life. He considered being a father one of his biggest accomplishments in life. As a child psychologist, he understood the importance of this role, and he enjoyed every stage of fatherhood. He also cherished his granddaughter and even overcame his fear of heights to go ziplining with her. He and his wife enjoyed the outdoors and their life in retirement at Ocean Isle Beach.

In addition to his wife, Craig is survived by his sons, Daniel Hooper Smith (Brandy) of Sarasota, Florida, and Thomas as Arthur Hooper Smith (Jennifer Moore) of Gainesville, Florida; sister, Stephanie Nicholson (Brendon) of Pensacola, Florida; granddaughter, Kayleigh M. McCarthy of Vienna, Virginia; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will hold a private ceremony in the fall at Ocean Isle Beach.

Gifts in Craig's memory can be made to Regis High School, 55 E 84th St., New York, N.Y. 10028 or to his church, West Market Street United Methodist Church, 302 W. Market St., Greensboro, N.C. 27401.

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

## GYLES REID BUCKNER



February 3, 1930 - April 30, 2022

Our Daddy was an energetic man who laughed and kidded loudly and often. His lack of patience was his trademark; along with being a lifelong workaholic, always calculating a way to save every single penny. He grew up in Siler City, joined the Air Force and then returned from service to work in construction with Van Thomas Contractor for 50+ years. He retired when our mother did (only to go back into working for

himself with his buddy Barry).

He married Mary Lee Kivett in 1952, and they had Teresa in 1955, then Shari in 1961. He built a home in Whites Chapel during the last years of the 1950's, hoping to be finished before Teresa started first grade. He was a strong arm to his kids, rode his bicycle with Shari in the front basket and Teresa on the back. He lived beside his in-laws, Lucy and Lacy, and did every task for them they beckoned him to do.

He and his wife Mary, along with his rook playing buddies, Louise, Doc, Kathy, John, Jamie, Joel, Helen and James played rook many a night until mornings light started to make them sleepy. He played softball and was never good, but always was tenacious about catching that ball — not worrying too much if he injured the other player or himself in the meantime! They all enjoyed Atlanta Braves baseball and were known to drive to Atlanta just to help the coach "coach the team."

He loved to strip down (yup) and swim in the pool he built with a paid-off universal life insurance policy and enjoyed watching others enjoy his pool. When he and Mary were able to fly at no cost while Shari worked at American Airlines, they enjoyed flying down to Daytona Beach just to go to the flea market to seek out the best deals.

He was an excellent caregiver for our mother, and later cared for her cat (DC) whose ashes accompany him. He and DC would lay in the recliner — daddy commanding Alexa to play country music for hours.

He loved his grandsons, PJ and Ryan, their wives, Sara and Gabrielle, and his great-grandsons — P3 and Shepard. He truly enjoyed eating and was saddened in the last months that his taste buds were failing. Food gave him so much joy. Before covid, he enjoyed the monthly class reunions at Best Foods in Siler City with Dewey, Ray and George. He smiled all the way over and reminisced all the way home. He looked forward to Greg Fox picking him up and taking him to his favorite restaurant, Bamboo Garden where 2-3 trips to the buffet made Daddy very happy!

He baked lemon and chocolate meringue pies for himself and would brag about eating them up in two short days. He always loved home made ice cream.

He loved his sister and brother-in-law (Sarah Frances and Harold Andrews) and cherished their daughter Kim (and Johnny). He loved his mother (Josie) and always had lots of humorous stories about his dad (Grady).

Teresa (Bob), and Shari (Paul) will miss their daddy without measure. He enjoyed the company and attention from his niece (Kathy) and nephew (Monte), both whom I am sure will miss "GR" a great deal.

We thank Randolph Hospice for his brief care with them. Thanks to those who reached out the day of his accident and all days since.

The body will lie in repose beginning on Friday, May 6, from 12 noon until 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, May 7, at Loflin Funeral Home in Ramseur. Family visitation will be Saturday, May 7, from 2 to 2:45 p.m., with funeral at 3 p.m., with a Military Honor Guard salute by the Randolph County Honor Guard and burial for Daddy (Gyles) at Whites Chapel Community Church. Daddy was a member at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church for over 60 years.

Please consider sending no floral arrangements but donate to either Whites Chapel Community Church (2284 Ramseur-Julian Rd., Liberty N.C. 27298) or Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church (7103 Sandy Creek Church Rd., Staley, N.C. 27355) in honor of our wonderful father, Gyles.

Condolences may be made online at [www.loflinfuneralservice.com](http://www.loflinfuneralservice.com).

Arrangements by Loflin Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Ramseur.

## FRANK VERNON CLARK

Frank Vernon Clark, 84, of Siler City, passed away on Monday, April 25, 2022, at Siler City Center.

Mr. Clark was born in Chatham County on October 12, 1937, the son of James Claude and Evangeline Brower Clark.

Frank was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church, where he served as a former Deacon. There, he attended the Senior Men's Sunday School Class and taught Sunday School. He spent two years at Wake Forest University, and was an avid Wake Forest fan. Frank spent his working years as an industrial engineer for Kellwood Company. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, as well as gardening and yard work. Frank loved anything to do with math. In addition to his parents, Frank is preceded in death by his sister, JoAnn West; and a great grandson, Parker Maultsby.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Barbara Conklin Clark; son, Richard Vernon Clark and wife Doan of Siler City; daughter, Lisa Haiges and husband Bill of Siler City; siblings, Robert Clark, Dean Clark and wife Nina, Ruth Clark Holliday and Elaine Thaine, all of Siler City; grandchildren, Laura Maultsby (Josiah), Steven Clark (Autumn), Matt Clark (Nicole), Tyler and Grayson Haiges; and great grandchildren, Madelyn, Emerson, Ella and Layke Maultsby.

The family received friends on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 120 Fellowship Church Road, Siler City, and other times at the home of Lisa Haiges. A funeral service followed at the church at 11 a.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, with Rev. Jason Golden officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Clark family.

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

## MARY HELEN RAINES

January 23, 1944 ~ April 30, 2022

Mary Helen Raines, 78, of Southern Pines, passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at her residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

## JAMES LEVERN EMERSON

April 23, 1972 ~ May 2, 2022

James Levern Emerson, 50, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

## ESTELLE LAVERN WILLIAMSON ALBRIGHT

Estelle Lavern Williamson Albright, 81, of Seagrove, passed away on Monday, April 25, 2022.

The graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Needham's Grove Baptist Church cemetery with Rev. Bryant Madren and Rev. Steven Maness presiding.

Estelle was born in Moore County on February 2, 1941, to Robert and Bulah Owens Williamson. She attended Wynot Wesleyan Church and was a homemaker and seamstress. She was preceded in death by her parents and one child.

Estelle is survived by her husband of 66 years, Kelly Albright, of the home; children, Carolyn Oates of Bennett, Linda Davis, Teresa Chriscoe, Randall Albright and Toby Albright, all of Seagrove, Timmy Albright of Staley, and Greg Albright of the home; with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to flowers, memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, 251 Campground Road, West End, N.C. 27376.

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

## FRED ELMER APPLEBY

Fred Elmer Appleby passed away on Monday, April 25, 2022, at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation in Sanford.

He was born January 31, 1957, to Virginia Davis and Robert Appleby.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Rose Hill A.M.E. Zion Church with burial following at Lee Memory Garden.

TOK SUN KANG WILSON  
Tok Sun Kang Wilson, 77, of Sanford, passed away on April 25, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital.

She was born in South Korea on April 7, 1945. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Leroy Wilson and daughter, Susan Wilson Weaver. Mrs. Wilson was a member of Jonesboro Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by three grandchildren.

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

## LARRY MCQUEEN CAMERON

Larry McQueen Cameron, 78, of Sanford, passed away Thursday, April 28, 2022 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

He was born in Lee County on October 8, 1943, to the late Paul McQueen Cameron and Ann Tillotson Cameron. He was a retired painter and a member of Jonesboro United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Kelly McQueen Cameron of Cary and Larry Kevin "Norm" Cameron of Angier; sister, Sue Cameron Pope of Johnsonville; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to assist the family with funeral expenses and/or Jonesboro United Methodist Church, 407 W. Main Street, Sanford, N.C. 27332.

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

## MARY LOU CROWE BUDD

Mary Lou Crowe Budd, 83, of Siler City passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Budd was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, on March 26, 1939, the daughter of Thomas and Augusta Marie Crowe. Mary Lou was a member of Loves Creek Baptist Church. She spent 37 years working in Catalog Advertising for MBF Dog Shows. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her son, Thomas Clayton Schultz; and a brother, Thomas Joseph Crowe.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Kenneth C. Budd Jr.; daughters, Pamela S. Owens of Siler City.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Budd family.

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

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## AMY WAGNER WHITT

December 20, 1958 – April 13, 2022

SILER CITY — Amy Wagner Whitt transitioned to her Heavenly home on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at UNC Hospital. She was born in Chatham County to the late John Henry Wagner Jr. and Willodeen Godwin. She was a retired Special Education teacher. She was preceded in death by her brother Stanley Wagner, nephew Robbie Wagner, and her husband Rick Whitt.

She is survived by her sister, Debra White; brother, Hal Wagner (Connie); nephew, Daylan White (Erica); and nieces, Jennifer Wagner, Mary White-Clark (Hal), and Nancy Wagner.

A memorial service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 2575 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City. Visitation was held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Special Olympics at <https://support.specialolympics.org/a/legacy?ms=>.

Arrangements are entrusted to Strickland Funeral Home & Crematory in Wendell; [www.stricklandfuneral.com](http://www.stricklandfuneral.com)

## TROY C. COLLINS

Troy C. Collins, 85, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at his home.

The family will receive friends on Friday, May 6, 2022, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. The memorial service will follow in the chapel at 3 p.m. with Rev. Doug Western officiating.

Troy was born March 6, 1937, to the late Neil and Erma Haire Collins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia and brothers, Charles Collins and Cecil Collins. He retired from the former Whitin Roberts Company as Quality Control Supervisor and also worked as an auxiliary police officer with the City of Sanford. He was a member of Kendale Acres Free Will Baptist Church.

Troy is survived by his daughter, Cathy Frazier of Wake Forest; brothers, David Collins of Lillington and Bobby Collins of Jensen Beach, Florida; and three grandchildren. Condolences may be made at [www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com).

## ELIZABETH DIANNE RIDDICK CLODFELTER

Elizabeth Dianne Riddick Clodfelter, 77, of Fayetteville, died Monday, April 25, 2022, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

Graveside funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Lee Memory Gardens with Rev. Garland Smith officiating.

She was born on July 19, 1944, daughter of the late John Lurcye Riddick and Annie Ruth Johnson Riddick. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Anne Juanita Riddick Carroll.

Survivors include her daughters, Denise Riddick Faircloth of Fayetteville and Darice Riddick of Clayton; son, Wilson “Sonny” Riddick of Fayetteville; sister, Joan Parker Brown of Anderson, S.C.; five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

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

Arrangements are by the Smith Funeral Home of Broadway.

## JAMES ATWATER JR.

James Atwater Jr., 82, of Charlotte, passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at Levine-Dickson Hospice House.

The funeral service was held at 12 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2022, at St. Joseph CME Church. Burial followed at Carrboro Cemetery.

## XAVIER PATRICK EVANS SR.

December 12, 1968 ~ April 20, 2022

Xavier Patrick Evans Sr., 53, of Broadway, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at his home.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

## PEGGY O'NEILL SMITH CROSS

Peggy O'Neil Smith Cross, 82, of Greensboro, formally of Sanford, passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022, at Wesley Long Hospital.

She was born to the late William Cleve and Thelma Tuttle Smith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, William “Bill” Smith and step-daughter, Yvonne “Sissy” Swiney. Peggy worked at Belk Department Store in Sanford.

Peggy is survived by sons, Tim Smith of Sunset Beach, Pat Cross of Hickory; daughter, Ginger Webber of Greensboro; stepsons Joe Cross of Winston-Salem and Rick Cross of Rocky Mount; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at [www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com](http://www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com)

## KENNETH RAY PARKER

Kenneth Ray Parker, 63, of New Hill, passed away Sunday, May 1, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at New Elam Christian Church with Rev. Ed Earp officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He was born in Chatham County, son of the late Atlas and Lola Mae Tart Parker. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Linda Parker Lee; and brothers, Preston Parker and Mack Parker. He was a member of New Elam Christian Church, and he worked many years in cosmetics, retiring from Coty.

Surviving is his wife, Karen Stephenson Parker of the home; sisters, Hilda P. Nelson of Sophia, Joyce P. Smith of Broadway, Sue P. Diggs of New Hill, and Anne P. Sears of Sanford; brothers, Tim Parker of New Hill, and Gordon Parker of Moncure.

Memorial contributions can be made to the New Elam Christian Church, Golden Account, c/o Marie Wimberly, 491 Buckroe Drive, Sanford, N.C. 27330 or to UNC Hospice, 287 East St., Suite 221, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

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

## BILLY CLARENCE WILLIAMS

April 30, 1945 ~ April 26, 2022

Billy Clarence Williams, 76, of Durham, passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Chapel Hill.

## LESLIE HENRY SWANN JR.

July 1, 1943 ~ May 1, 2022

Leslie Henry Swann Jr., 78, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at his residence.

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Staff photo by Taylor Heeden

‘Local on Lorax’ was hosted at Forest Hall in Chatham Mills on Sunday evening to raise money for Pittsboro’s Welcome Center.

# ‘Local on Lorax’ event helps raise funds for Welcome Center

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — A group of volunteers and business owners in Chatham came together on Sunday to throw a fundraising event benefiting the Pittsboro and Chatham County Welcome Center.

The fundraiser — Local on Lorax — was held at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills, giving attendees the chance to enjoy a locally sourced four-course meal, cocktails courtesy of Fair Game Distillery and bmc brewing, a live jazz band and a live auction.

Sycamore at Chatham Mills restaurant owners Greg and Maria Parker-Lewis helped organize Sunday’s event. Both are board members of Main Street Pittsboro, the nonprofit that operates the Welcome Center. Other organizers were Bill Hartley of Postal Fish Company, Angelina Kay of Angelina’s Kitchen and Sara Cuni of Cafe Root Cellar.

Parker-Lewis said money raised Sunday will keep the Welcome Center open another year.

“This is our major fundraiser,” Parker-Lewis said. “It’s very important to the Welcome Center in that a large portion of our budget is expected to come out of the fundraiser.”

This is the center’s second fundraiser; the first, in 2019, was called “Local on Main” and held in downtown Pittsboro.

“It was awesomely successful,” Parker-Lewis said. “People just love the idea of sitting down to dinner with their community. It was a beautiful day, and it was everything we had hoped that it would be.”

Easing of COVID restrictions allowed organizers to throw an in-person event — the timing of which was critical, Parker-Lewis said.

The Welcome Center received funding from the town of Pittsboro through a memorandum of understanding with the nonprofit, which was known at the time as Main Street Pittsboro. However, the town decided in October to terminate the MOU, which will take effect at the end of the 2021-22 fiscal year.



Staff photo by Taylor Heeden

Tucker Withington (right) was the live auctioneer at Sunday’s ‘Local on Lorax’ event

Since opening last March, Lewis said the Welcome Center has helped scores of visitors by pointing them to different restaurants, attractions and businesses in the county to explore.

“You have to remember, part of that time was during COVID when people weren’t going out,” Lewis said. “The fact we had 3,200 people in there during that time amazes me for our little town.”

Parker-Lewis said before Sunday she expected Local on Lorax to be just as successful as the first fundraiser. By the time the event was over, Parker-Lewis’ predictions had come true: Organizers sold about 130 tickets for the fundraiser dinner, and after accounting for the cost of the event, they found they had raised more than \$35,000 for the Welcome Center through the auction, ticket and cocktail sales.

Greg Lewis said he, Parker-Lewis and the other volunteers would like to make the fundraiser a biannual affair, and he said he would like to host it in different areas of the county to reach out to more people about the Welcome Center’s mission.

“We love the idea of making this a county-wide traveling event,” he said. “We want to do something like this twice a year in different areas around the county featuring different restaurants, different venues, different alcohol providers — just have different events around the county to truly feature Chatham County.”

Parker-Lewis said the Welcome Center shifting its focus to be on the entire county will help highlight other communities in Chatham, including other local businesses and attractions.

“We can get even more creative to make something that benefits the Welcome Center that can be in another town or another location next year,” she said. “It’s still a fun, great way to celebrate with your community and enjoy the agricultural and artistic richness of Chatham County.”

This year’s event placed more of an emphasis on Pittsboro businesses as Local on Lorax was held outside of downtown at Forest Hills. The event initially was scheduled to be held at The Plant on Lorax Lane, but the location had to be changed due to weather concerns. However, Parker-Lewis said she and other event organizers are looking forward to expanding the event to different venues across the county and to raise more awareness about the Welcome Center and its purpose.

“This is not intended to be a Pittsboro-focused event moving forward,” Parker-Lewis said. “Where do we want to go next? We can be a traveling show of sorts, with somewhere different each time... it opens up the possibilities for us — we can highlight different areas of the county and not always just Pittsboro.”

Reporter Taylor Heeden can be reached at [theeden@chathamnr.com](mailto:theeden@chathamnr.com)

## ‘THESE CHARGES OF MALFEASANCE ARE RIDICULOUS’

# Interim manager admonishes Unity candidates’ accusations during Monday meeting

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Monday’s Siler City Board of Commissioners meeting was brief, but Interim Town Manager Bill Zell used his time to address allegations made by four newcomers seeking seats on the board.

Some of the group candidates — Nick Gallardo, Sam Williams, Jared Picot and Dean Picot II — have claimed, in various forums and conversations, that the town spent “\$50 or \$60 million” during March, only received \$50,000 in revenue and hasn’t been forthright with the public about how town funds are used.

“There were some candidates that were making some really outrageous statements about the town, and the innuendo was regarding malfeasance with some of our finances,” Zell said to the

board. “These charges of malfeasance are ridiculous.”

Speaking in Wren Memorial Library’s multipurpose room, Zell held up a copy of the town’s financial statements and reports from March. Reports showed Siler City received \$657,532.13 in revenue in March, and had expenditures of \$729,971.65 — not \$50 million.

“I really resent this because we’re a public entity,” Zell said. “Everything we do, for the most part, is public information, and all you have to do is ask us.”

The interim manager said claims made by the candidates were “outrageous and bothersome.” He warned the public and the board of the dangers of the “irresponsible claims” the “Unity 2022” ticket candidates have made.

“This innuendo of malfeasance is absolutely irresponsible when

all you have to do is ask me, and we’ll get it to you,” Zell said.

## Other business:

The board proclaimed May 9 through May 15 as Police Week and recognized May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Mayor Pro Tem Chip Price recited the proclamation with Siler City Police Chief Mike Wagner, who said an event on May 11 would recognize police officers who died in the line of duty in North Carolina.

The board also came to a consensus on replacing the town’s Christmas lights with smaller, LED snowflakes. Town staff said they hope to have the lights installed in time for the 2022 holiday season.

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## LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 179**  
All persons having claims

# AUCTION

**ESTATE OF NEAL C. TUTTLE (LIVING)  
FARM EQUIPMENT/TRACTORS/VEHICLES/MISC.**

**SATURDAY MAY 7, 2022 @ 9 AM**

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**EXECUTORS NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
**File No.: 22-E-197**  
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **WALTER E. DELLINGER**, a/k/a Walter Estes Dellinger III., deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before July 13, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 14th day of April, 2022. Hampton Y. Dellinger, Executor c/o Deborah A. McDermott, Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan, L.L.P. P.O. Box 2611 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-2611.  
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**CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, Bryan Boone, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **RACHEL W. BOONE**, 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 15th day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 14th day of April, 2022. Bryan Boone, Executor 7408 Villanow Drive Sanford, NC 27332 919-721-8985 W. Ben Atwater, Jr. Moody, Williams, Atwater & Lee PO Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344 919-663-2850 benatwater@chathamlawfirm.com  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 185**  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 211**  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 655**  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM 22-E-215**  
All persons having claims against **BONNIE A. FINKLE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st 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 21st day of April, 2022. Denise Joan Lynch, Executor c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC PO Box 31205 Raleigh, NC 27622  
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**TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF PATTERSON STREET**  
WHEREAS, the subject portion of Patterson Street is located within the Town of Siler City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). WHEREAS, the subject portion of Patterson Street is shown and more particularly described in Plat Book 2020, Page 58 of the Chatham County Registry. WHEREAS, Craig Brooks Wood and wife, Margaret Ann

Wood fee simple owners of certain real property located adjacent to the subject portion of Patterson Street. The owners acquired said property via Warranty Deed, in Deed Book 2123, Page 720 of the Chatham County Registry. The property is identified as 1053 Pine Forest South Drive. The property is also shown as Chatham County Tax Parcel ID 17187. WHEREAS, Craig Brooks Wood and wife, Margaret Ann Wood have petitioned and requested the Board of Commissioners to permanently close a portion of Patterson Street. NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City do RESOLVE, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299, the following: 1. A public hearing shall be held on the 16th day of May, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, before the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Siler City, North Carolina at which time the Board shall consider the permanent closing of said street and so as to determine whether or not said street shall be permanently closed or otherwise restricted in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-299. 2. The public hearing will be held in the conference room at Wren Memorial Library at 500 N. 2nd Ave. 3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be mailed by registered or certified mail to all owners of property adjoining the said street as shown on the county tax records. 4. That a copy of this Resolution shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to said hearing, as required by applicable law. 5. That a notice of closing and public hearing shall be prominently posted in at least two places along said street. 6. That after said public hearing, if the Board of Commissioners are of the opinion that the closing of said street would not be contrary to the public interest or to the rights of individuals owning property abutting or in the vicinity of said street and does not interfere with ingress and egress of said property, the Board of Commissioners may adopt an Order permanently closing said street above described. 7. That in the event that Order is made closing said street, a copy of said Order shall be submitted to North Carolina Department of Transportation. 8. That in the event that North Carolina Department of Transportation abandons maintenance of said street, a copy of said Order shall be filed in the Office of Register of Deeds for Chatham County, North Carolina. 9. That in the event the Board of Commissioners shall close said street as above described, the title to said properties contained within the boundaries of said street shall vest in the persons or entities owning said street provided by §160A-299 of the North Carolina

General Statutes. RESOLVED, this 21st day of March, 2022. Thomas K. Price III, Mayor Pro Tempore. ATTEST: Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk The proposed item is available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such as arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **ESTATE OF RAY C. WILLIAMS** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on October 28, 2021 are hereby notified to present their claims to EDWARD LEE WILLIAMS, Executor in care of the undersigned attorney at her address, on or before July 20, 2022 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment. This 21st day of April, 2022 EDWARD LEE WILLIAMS, EXECUTOR c/o Janet H. McLamb, Attorney 102 Presque Isle Lane Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
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**CREDITORS NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM**  
Having qualified on the 12th day of April, 2022 as Executrix of the Estate of **RITCHIE WAYNE BUCKNER, SR.**, deceased late of Chatham County, North Carolina this is to notify all persons, firms and

corporations having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before July 21, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate should make immediate payment to said estate. This the 12th day of April, 2022. Beverly R. Buckner, Executrix 5458 Siler City Snow Camp Road Siler City, NC 27344 W.W. Seymour, Jr., Attorney at Law, PA Attorney for the Estate PO Box 3516 Sanford, NC 27331-3516 Telephone Number: (919)-775-2137  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 744**  
All persons having claims against **JOHNNIE G. HARDEE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st 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 21st day of April, 2022. Tara Parnell, Executrix 1122 Arboretum Dr Wilmington, NC 28405  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 216**  
All persons having claims against **EVERETT TYSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st 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 21st day of April, 2022. Felicia Austin, Administrator 7715 Haigler Gin Rd Monroe, NC 28110  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 189**  
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against **ADA C. PEOPLES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 21st 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 21st day of April, 2022. **JULIUS COLTER, JR.**, Executor 6916 Olde Sycamore Dr Mint Hill, NC 28227 bd A21,A28,My5,My12,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 210**  
All persons having claims against **JAZZ W. SILER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 28th 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 April, 2022. **Norman V. Siler, Administrator** 1401 42nd PL S.E. Washington, DC 20020 A28,My5,My12,My19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 182**  
All persons having claims against **TOMMIE L. FOXF AKA TOMMIE LEROY FOXF**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 28th 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 April, 2022. **Randy L. Foxx, Administrator** 875 Brower Road Siler City, NC 27344 A28,My5,My12,My19,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 537**  
All persons having claims against **LINDA DHANENES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 28th 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 April, 2022. **Lisa P. Spencer, Administrator** 601 Hicks Lane Siler City, NC 27344 A28,My5,My12,My19,4tp

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part

B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that **Chatham Charter School** proposes for Federal funding for the 2022-2023 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the days of May 18 through May 20, 2022, in the office of Julie Franklin, located at 2200 Hamp Stone Rd, Siler City, NC 27344. School phone number is (919) 742-4550. A28,My5,2tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (**IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446**) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Chatham County Schools proposes for Federal funding for the 2022-2023 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 16, 2022 in the office of Sara Self-Maddox located at Central Office South - **George Moses Horton Middle School**, 79 Horton Road, Pittsboro. A28,My5,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM 22-E-230**  
All persons having claims against **CHARLES COUNCIL CLARK, JR.**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th 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 April, 2022. **Christopher Clark, Administrator** c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC PO Box 31205 Raleigh, NC 27622 A28,My5,My12,M19,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 239**  
All persons having claims against **ROGER GRAY GORDON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 5th day of May, 2022. **Phyllis Gordon Clark, Executrix** 1780 Devils Tramping Ground Rd Bear Creek, NC 27207 My5,My12,My19,M26,4tp

**CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified on the 21st day of April 2022, as Executor of the Estate of **GLENN GEOFFREY WILLIAMS**, 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 3rd day of August 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 5th day of May, 2022. **Pauline Williams, Executrix** of the Estate of Glenn Geoffrey Williams 1995 N. West Cary Parkway Apt. 326 Morrisville, NC 27560

Attorneys:  
Law Offices of W. Woods Doster, P.A. 206 Hawkins Avenue Sanford, NC 27330 My5,My12,My19,My26,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 98**  
All persons having claims against **BETTY ALEXANDER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 5th day of May, 2022. **Sharla Alexander, Limited Personal Representative** 5624 Samter Ct. Tampa, FL 33611 c/o Eunoia Law Firm P.O. Box 42 Holly Springs, NC 27540 Tel: 919-925-3320, ext. 8616, My5,My12,My19,M26,4tp

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

A public hearing will be held by the **Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, May 16, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the **Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 9 Hillsboro Street.** Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at [www.chatham-countync.gov](http://www.chatham-countync.gov) by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below:  
1. A legislative public hearing for a request by the Chatham County Manager to amend Attachment A, Permitted Uses, of the Watershed Protection Ordinance to add the following use - Wireless Telecommunication Towers.  
2. A legislative public hearing for a request by the Chatham County Planning Department to consider amendments to the Chatham County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance; specifically, Article 1 Section A Statutory Authorization, and Article 3 Section B Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard.  
Testimony is required to be given under oath during the evidentiary hearing for the following item:  
Quasi-Judicial Request: 1. A quasi-judicial public hearing for a request by Chatham County Emergency Operations for a new 380-foot telecommunication tower to be located at 5410 Big Woods Rd, Northeast Park, Parcel 19573, in an area of approximately .275 acres of the 66-acre tract, Williams Township. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions.  
Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312. My5, My12,2tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that **Willow Oak Montessori Charter School** proposes for Federal funding for the 2022-2023 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 2, 2022 and the week of May 9, 2022 in the office of Catherine Oudjit located at 1476 Andrew Store Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312. My5,My12,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **GARY ALAN SPIRUSO**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before August 8, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 4th day of May, 2022.

Craig D. Spirduso, Executor c/o Clarity Legal Group PO Box 2207 Chapel Hill, NC 27515 My5,My12,My19,My26,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **WEBB NASH MORRISON**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before August 8, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 4th day of May, 2022. **Victoria Hassink, Executor** c/o Clarity Legal Group PO Box 2207 Chapel Hill, NC 27515. My5,My12,My19,My26,4tc

**TOWN OF SILER CITY**  
The proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for the Town of Siler City has been presented to the Town Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection. To view the proposed budget, please visit [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org) or contact the Town Clerk at 919-742-4731 or [townclerk@silercity.org](mailto:townclerk@silercity.org). A public hearing will be held on the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 on **Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room of the **Wren Memorial Library** located at 500 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina. Citizens are invited to submit written comments to Town Clerk at [townclerk@silercity.org](mailto:townclerk@silercity.org). The following is a summary of the budget as presented:  
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**CHATHAM COUNTY REQUEST FOR BIDS - MOWING SERVICES**  
Chatham County is seeking bids from qualified contractors to perform mowing services for four departments: Facilities Public Buildings, Water Utilities, Solid Waste and Recycling, and Parks and Recreation. Sealed bids will be received by Chatham County until 2:00 PM EST on Thursday, May 26, 2022. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in the meeting room (basement level) of the old Chatham County Agriculture Building, 65 E. Chatham St., Pittsboro, NC 27312. Vendors must submit Bid Packet Pages 1,2,&3 and the bid form(s) for the groups you are bidding on. You may bid on all or any combination of the 4 groups. Sealed bids must be sent or delivered to the Chatham County Procurement Manager, Michele Peluso, no later than the deadline of 2:00 PM EST on Tuesday, May 26, 2022. Bids must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked "CHATHAM COUNTY MOWING SERVICES BID." A public bid opening will take place sharply at 2:00 p.m. in the old Chatham Agriculture Building, 65 E. Chatham St., Pittsboro, NC 27312. If not delivering to the bid open location, the hard copies must be sent to one of the following delivery addresses: Postal Address: Michele Peluso, Chatham County Finance Office, P.O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (all postal delivery). Street Address: Michele Peluso, County Finance Office, Courthouse Annex, 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (land delivery only). All inquiries relating to this request must be received by Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 12:00 NOON. Request must be in writing and addressed to: Michele Peluso, Chatham County Finance Office, P.O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312; or by fax to 919-542-4261; or emailed to [purchasing@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:purchasing@chathamcountync.gov).

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Joanna David Jovanovich, having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **CLIFFORD BAYNES DAVID**, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on April 28, 2022, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on or before August 3, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of May 2022. Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandever, 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514. This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1. Austin C. Vandever, Attorney of Record 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514 My5,My12,My19,M26,4tc

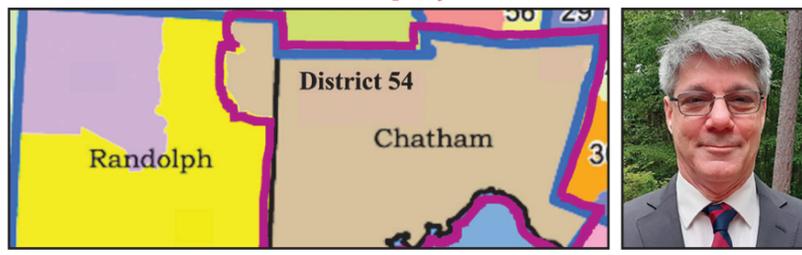
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**SUBMISSION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BUDGET**  
The Chatham County budget for 2022-2023 has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners and a copy is available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board, at the Manager's Office on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex, 12 East Street, Pittsboro and a copy will be available at each of the 3 County Library branches as soon as possible. The Board of Commissioners will hold two public hearings on the budget: One public hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 16, 2022, at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse, 9 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro and the second public hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at the Wren Memorial Library, 500 North Second Avenue, Siler City. Residents may sign up to speak at either public hearing by filling out the online public input form that will be available on the Chatham County website May 9th. Residents unable to attend the public hearings may also submit written comments to the clerk at Lindsay.ray@chathamcountync.gov. All speakers will have up to three minutes to speak and staff very much appreciates copies of comments being submitted in writing to the clerk at Lindsay.ray@chathamcountync.gov so that all comments can be included in the official record. More information about the meeting will be posted by the end of the day on May 9th on the county website: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/board-of-commissioners/commissioner-meetings/calendar-with-agenda-minutes> My5,1tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 195**  
All persons having claims against **CHARLES RICHARD KUHN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 5th day of May, 2022. **William Louis Rubin, Administrator, CTA** 1903 Gledale Ave Durham, NC 27701 My5,My12,My19,M26,4tp

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Joanna David Jovanovich, having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **CLIFFORD BAYNES DAVID**, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on April 28, 2022, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on or before August 3, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of May 2022. Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandever, 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514. This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1. Austin C. Vandever, Attorney of Record 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514 My5,My12,My19,M26,4tc

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**Conservative Opinion by Craig Kinsey: Embrace Voter ID**

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If one can travel to the grocery store, one can travel to one of 10 different ID issuers: NC Driver's license, Non-temporary ID by DMV, Passports, Voter Photo ID/Board of Election Office, Tribal enrollment cards, University Student ID, State/Federal Government Employee ID, out of state Driver's License/Nonoperator ID's, Military ID, Veterans ID.

Skilled plaintiffs have stalled voter ID at the NC Supreme Court. They are playing the Judiciary like a Fiddle. Stalemating voter ID in the Courts represents a subtle coup that has lessened NC by blocking "The People's Will". *The solution: Elect "Conservative Judges" who follow the Constitution. Reject "Activist Judges" who usurp voter sovereignty by legislating from the bench.* \* paraphrase, Boissy d'Anglas, 1795

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# It's election time. Here's what you need to know.

**BY BILL HORNER III**  
News + Record Staff

The polls are open and it's time — if you're an early bird — to vote. Chatham County's 2022 primary election is May 17, but one-stop early voting, which began last Thursday, is available to voters here through May 14, the Saturday prior to election day.

Census count holdups and redistricting have caused delays and some confusion, so here's what you need to know about this year's primary.

## WHO CAN VOTE?

Anyone who's registered; you can check eligibility at [www.ncsbe.gov/registering/who-can-register](http://www.ncsbe.gov/registering/who-can-register). Voter registration for this year's primary ended on April 22, but same-day registration and voting is offered during the early voting period — so long as you bring documentation proving you've lived at your current address for at least 30 days.

## WAIT, IS THIS A PRIMARY, OR A GENERAL ELECTION?

For voters casting ballots in Siler City's four contested municipal races, it's both. Those four non-partisan races — mayor, at-large commissioner, and the Dist. 1 and Dist. 5 commissioner seats — were originally scheduled for last November's general election. Delays moved those races to this year's primary, so they're on the ballot; winners in those four seats will be sworn in during a June meeting. Another primary race serving as a finality is the district attorney race for Dist. 18 for Orange and Chatham counties. Sitting DA Jim Woodall is retiring, and no Republicans filed for the seat. That means the winner of the race between Democrat challengers Kayley Taber and Jeff Nieman — both now working as assistant DAs in the office — will become the new DA and oversee an office with nine assistant district attorneys, including two in Chatham.

## I'M REGISTERED AS "UNAFFILIATED." CAN I VOTE IN THIS PRIMARY?

Yes. As of March, unaffiliated voters in North Carolina — around 2.5 million of them, nearly 35% of those registered — outnumbered registered Democrats (also around 2.5 million) and registered Republicans (around 2.2 million). You may register with any political party recognized in the state of North Carolina; party affiliation determines the primary in which a voter is eligible to vote. You may also register as unaffiliated by not declaring a party. When it comes time to vote, though, unaffiliated voters must choose which party ballot they wish to vote on — so for this election, either a Democrat or Republican ballot. (There's one Libertarian candidate on some of this

year's local ballots — a U.S. Senate candidate.) Regardless of how you vote in May, you can vote for anyone on the ballot during the November general election — including splitting your vote among people of different parties. But in May's primary, you can only vote in one party's election.

## SO, WHO'S GOING TO BE ON MY BALLOT?

It depends upon where in Chatham you live, but you can check out the ballot you'll use at this link <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-a-h/elections/2021-election-information-notices> to get a preview. This election includes federal (U.S. Senate and Congress), state (N.C. Senate, N.C. House, various judicial seats) and local races. Contested local seats (those where a candidate is not running unopposed) include:

- Siler City Mayor
- Siler City Town Commissioner, Dist. 1
- Siler City Town Commissioner, Dist. 5
- Siler City Town Commissioner, At-Large
- Cary Town Council, At Large
- Republican primary, N.C. House Dist. 54

And finally, Democratic primaries for:

- Chatham County Commissioner, Dist. 3
- Chatham County Commissioner, Dist. 4

Local primary races where candidates are unopposed include Siler City Town Commissioner, Dist. 2 (it's the only non-partisan seat in the list that follows, so incumbent Norma Boone will win the seat); plus uncontested Republican primaries for Chatham County Commissioner, Dist. 3 and Dist. 4; Chatham County Clerk of Court; and the Democrat and Republican primaries for Chatham County Sheriff.

Primary winners in the May 17 election will face each other in November's general election. Again, check the county's board of elections website for a full list, and check the board of election's website to see who's on your ballot.

## WHAT ABOUT UNCONTESTED RACES?

Uncontested races won't appear on the ballot, but it's good to know who's seeking office. You'll see some of those names again on your November ballot.

## HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT THE CANDIDATES?

You can find questionnaires from most candidates in contested races on the News + Record's website ([chathamnewsrecord.com](http://chathamnewsrecord.com)), but keep in mind that some local candidates didn't complete them. In addition, many candidates have websites and/or Facebook and other social media pages. A good

place to start is here: <https://bit.ly/3w270Gm>. It provides lists of candidates' email addresses, and you can find website links there for some by checking the email extensions.

Use good judgment when perusing campaign websites and social media platforms; in the current election climate, some candidates may make exaggerated — or in some cases, downright false — claims or pledges. Most candidates have working email addresses listed on the board of election's website, but some seeking office may be either slow to respond, or may not respond at all, to messages. In that case, try calling the candidate's telephone number listed on the county's website, though that may not work either. A few candidates News + Record reporters have called set up their phones to automatically reject all incoming calls.

## WHERE CAN I VOTE EARLY?

Since 2008, more than half of voters in N.C. have decided to cast ballots early, mostly using in-person absentee voting, rather than on election day.

Some voters prefer to go to the polls on election day itself, but Chatham's board of elections has provided locations in Pittsboro, Siler City and Goldston, as well as at a church in northeastern Chatham County, to allow registered voters to go ahead and vote now. Those locations:

- the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro (1192 U.S. Hwy. 64 West Business)
- CCCC Chatham Health Sciences Center, located at 75 Ballentrae Court in Pittsboro
- Paul Braxton Gym, located at 115 S. Third Ave. in Siler City
- Goldston Town Hall, at 40 Coral Ave. in Goldston
- New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, located at 581 New Hope Church Rd. in Apex

Hours vary; you can go weekdays between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 3 p.m. on Sundays. The last day for early voting is Saturday, May 14.

## AND ABSENTEE VOTING — HOW DOES THAT WORK?

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is May 10; that request must be done in writing. If you use an absentee ballot, it should be received by the board of elections office by 5 p.m. on May 17, although ballots may be counted if received in the elections office by 5 p.m. on the Friday after the election, provided the ballot is postmarked by May 17.

## THEN THERE'S VOTING BY MAIL. SOUNDS CONFUSING. WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

Start at <https://bit.ly/3y8fnhu> or just call the board of elections at 919-545-8500. Pandora Paschal, the county's elections director, and her staff are happy to help.

## IF I REQUEST A BY-MAIL BALLOT, CAN I VOTE IN PERSON?

Yes. You can vote in person until your by-mail ballot is accepted by your county board of elections. If you request a by-mail ballot but go vote in person, tear up your by-mail ballot. If you bring it into the voting center, it triggers a number of procedures that may slow the voter check-in process. Check if you vote twice, or try to, it's a crime.

## IF I WANT TO WAIT UNTIL MAY 17 TO VOTE, WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., but you must go to the precinct to which your home address is assigned. If you have questions, go to <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup/>.

Turnout in midterm elections is generally light, but Chatham County has historically had higher turnout rates than most counties.

## DO I HAVE TO WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING, OR SHOW ID, WHEN I GO VOTE?

No, in both cases.

## WHAT ARE THE KEY RACES ON THIS YEAR'S BALLOT?

Technically, and realistically, every race is important and vital. Among other things, local elected officials set policies and statewide elected officials write laws; judicial officials help determine tone and legal precedents; federal and state legislative winners have significant impact on the direction of federal and state governments.

Still, there are some especially notable races on this year's ballots, particularly locally:

• **Siler City Mayor:** Siler City's mayoral seat has been vacant since the death of Mayor John Grimes in October 2020. Voters will pick one candidate from among three challengers on May 17, with the winner taking office soon thereafter. Candidates are sitting Siler City at-large Commissioner Thomas "Chip" Price, a veteran on the board; retired local veteran and businessman Donald Matthews; and newcomer Nick Gallardo, who's seeking office as part of a "Unity" ticket, made up of four new-to-Siler City men running as a bloc and promising to bring prosperity and equality to the town (see story in this week's edition for more details).

• **Siler City Town Commissioner races:** three of the four races are contested, and among them only two incumbents (at-large Commissioner Cindy Bray, Dist. 5 Commissioner Lewis Fadely) are seeking reelection. (Commissioners Tony Siler, Dist. 1, and Bill Haiges, Dist. 4, aren't seeking reelection.)

The other at-large commissioner, Price, is running for mayor, so he keeps that seat if he loses the mayor's race.

Three of the candidates (including Bray) didn't return ques-

tionnaires provided by the News + Record, and Bray seems to be excluded from the "bloc" of candidates appearing together in campaign ads — Price (mayor), Jay Underwood (at-large), Albert Alston (Dist. 1), and Fadely (Dist. 5). Like Bray, Alston didn't provide answers to the News + Record's questionnaire.

They face four Siler City newcomers — "Unity 2022" candidates Nick Gallardo (running for mayor), brothers Dean and Jared Picot (at-large and Dist. 5) and Samuel Williams (Dist. 1) — who are running as a bloc.

• **Chatham County Commissioner Democrat primaries, Dist. 3 and Dist. 4:** Dist. 3's primary pits David Delaney against Lewis Hendricks, and Dist. 4's primary is a three-way race between Albert Reddick, Katie Kenlan and Travis Patterson.

• **N.C. House Dist. 54 Republican primary:** The two Republicans seeking to unseat Democrat incumbent Robert Reives II are Walter Petty, the former long-time Chatham County commissioner, and newcomer Craig Kinsey, who opted to challenge Petty instead of seeking a Congressional seat.

• **The District Attorney race:** the contest between assistant DAs Kayley Taber and Jeff Nieman is also important; be on the lookout for a new Chatcast podcast interview featuring the two and dropping soon.

## PEOPLE NEAR THE POLLING PLACE OFTEN HAND OUT LITERATURE OR ASK ME TO SUPPORT CERTAIN CANDIDATES. HOW SHOULD I DEAL WITH THEM? IF I THINK THEY ARE BEING TOO PUSHY OR WORKING TOO CLOSE TO THE POLLING STATION, WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT IT?

You can ignore them or have a chat. It's up to you, as long as they're outside the "buffer zone." There is an area around every polling place where that activity is not accepted. There should be a sign or clear delineation of that boundary. If campaigning is happening within the boundary, or if campaigners are being particularly aggressive, you can report them to the poll worker. Voter intimidation is not allowed, no matter where it happens.

If the campaigners are being aggressive or intimidating, report that behavior immediately to the N.C. State Board of Elections.

## WHY AM I READING ABOUT CARY CANDIDATES IN CHATHAM COUNTY ELECTIONS?

Two Chatham precincts — in East Williams and New Hope — include areas within Cary's town limits.

## MORE QUESTIONS?

Visit the Chatham County Board of Elections website at [www.chathamcountync.gov/elections](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/elections) or call 919-545-8500.

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## CHATHAM CHARTER 16, ASCEND LEADERSHIP 1

# 'Our future looks really bright': Knights deplane Aviators in 15-run blitzkrieg as freshmen shine

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — With one swing of the bat, Julian Todero ended it.

It took just one pitch for Todero's bat to connect with the ball, slicing it toward the right fielder, who had no chance of making a play before it collided with the grass and gave junior Cameron Turner a stress-free trip to home plate.

The game was over. And it was only the fourth inning.

Turner represented the 16th runner that touched home plate for the Chatham Charter Knights, who throttled the visiting Ascend Leadership Aviators, 16-1, on April 26 in a four-inning affair — cut short by the 15-run rule — to im-

prove to 10-3 on the season.

Todero's walk-off RBI acted as case-closing evidence for a fact that head coach Bill Slaughter has known for a while: the Knights' freshman class is legit.

"Our future looks really bright with these kids," Slaughter said following the dominant win. "They ask all the right questions, they're coachable, they're fun to be around. All of the clichés, but they're all true. They're just good kids."

Chatham Charter has five freshmen on its roster this season, all of which saw action in the Knights' blowout victory over the Aviators from Sanford.

The hard-hitting trio of Todero (2-for-2, RBI), Zach Car-

rette (3-for-4, 2B, 3B) and Luke Johnson (1-for-3, 2 RBI) racked up a whopping six hits in nine at-bats. Not too shabby for a group that's still technically learning the ropes.

Cartrette had the game's first massive hit on a double to left field in the first inning, which helped Turner make his way to third base after he'd singled on the first pitch in the previous at-bat.

Then, Johnson, batting in the clean-up spot, smacked a liner to center field for his only hit of the day, scoring both Cartrette and Turner to give the Knights' an early 2-0 lead.

By the end of the first inning, the Knights had a commanding 7-0 lead, thanks to a pair of RBI

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Staff photo by David Bradley

**Chatham Charter sophomore Lucas Smith (1) slides into home plate to account for 1 of the 16 runs scored by the Knights in the 15-run thrashing of the Ascend Leadership Aviators on April 26.**

## 'I JUST WISH WE HAD MORE TIME'

# Improving Hawks exceed expectations in inaugural season, suffer 1st round upset to Phoenix

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Seaforth Hawks accomplished a lot in their inaugural men's tennis season.

An 8-3 overall record.

An undefeated (6-0) conference season.

A conference title.

A couple of regional qualifiers.

And their reward for such an impressive start? A date with the defending champions.

The No. 5 Hawks' season came to an end in a match with the No. 12 Raleigh Charter Phoenix, 8-1, in the first round of the NCHSAA 2A Dual-Team State Championships on April 27 in Pittsboro.

It may be categorized as an upset based on seeding, but Raleigh Charter was far from an underdog.

"I thought that we played pretty well," PJ Petrides, the Hawks' first-year head coach, said following the loss. "I knew Raleigh Charter had a really strong program — I looked and saw that all of their losses were close and to top schools — so I knew it was going to be tough today. But I think all of our players exceeded my personal expectations."

While the Phoenix didn't win the 2A state title in 2021, they're still technically the defending champs.



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Seaforth sophomore Walker Magrinat returns a volley in his singles match against Raleigh Charter junior Ryan Hill on April 27. The Hawks — including Magrinat, who lost to Hill, 2-6, 1-6 — never left the nest in their battle with Raleigh Charter, losing 8-1 in the first round of the NCHSAA 2A dual-team playoffs.**

Last season, the dual-team portion of the postseason was canceled as part of the COVID-altered NCHSAA schedule. But in 2020, the Phoenix were named 1A co-champions alongside the

Pine Lake Prep Pride after the tournament was cut short due to the pandemic.

And in the individual bracket last season, the Phoenix had one of its duos — seniors Griffin Whalen & Ethan Mey-

erhoffer — win the doubles state title.

It's safe to say that they're no stranger to big matches.

"Our conference [the Super Six 1A/2A] is loaded, so every match was a battle for us this year," Ryan Griffin, the Phoenix's longtime head coach, said. "We're used to those big environments and those long, hard matches. Doing that in the regular season really prepared us for today."

The Phoenix are led by a pair of upperclassmen in junior Ryan Hill and senior Alex Hong who have put themselves through a gauntlet this season against teams like North Carolina School of Science & Math and Research Triangle, both in the Super Six.

They're undoubtedly better for it.

"For Ryan, this is his first year (in the number one spot), so he's had to take on a much tougher schedule. Every school, no matter who they are, has that one guy that can play, so he's never going to have a night off," Griffin said. "He's got to bring it every day. He's gotten used to that."

Hill (11-5) and Hong (14-2) have both excelled in singles this season, taking on their opponents' top players and, more often than not, coming away with a victory, which has helped breed confidence among the Phoenix's stars.

There was no shortage of determination from both of them in their matches against Seaforth's No. 1 singles player, sophomore Walker Magrinat (8-3), and No. 2 in sophomore Felton Burleigh (6-5).

Hill was praised by both Petrides and Griffin for his serve, which Magrinat said had him wide-eyed the first time he went up against it.

"I couldn't really break him because his serve was so good," Magrinat said with a tinge of disbelief. "And then I missed some first serves, which led him to get some easy balls to win a lot of points on my serve."

Hill's technical ability — most notably his serve and forehand — was the key to downing Magrinat in just two sets: 6-2, 6-1.

Oftentimes, even when Magrinat felt he'd stolen a point from Hill, whether it was slicing it to the corner or knocking it seemingly beyond his reach, he'd come back with a return over his shoulder or between his legs and force Magrinat to make a play.

For Magrinat, it was equal parts frustrating, deflating and jaw-dropping.

"I just couldn't put him away," Magrinat said with an awe-filled smile on his face. "He's just so good. He hit

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# A few questions from a puzzling, yet exciting 2022 NFL Draft

As silly as it may sound — namely because it's nothing more than a glorified job fair — the NFL Draft is one of the best sporting events of the year.

For three days in April, NFL fans from across the country gather around their TVs for the sole purpose of feeling one emotion: Hope.

Being hopeful is a state of mind that fades for some fan bases as early as September.

Maybe their team's star player (or two or three) got injured and will be out for a significant amount of time, effectively ending their team's playoff chances before they even came into view.

Or maybe — and this is particularly the case for those who are fans of teams in Detroit, Jacksonville and New York — they find out their teams just aren't that good. Plain and simple.

But even for the fans who suffered through 17 weeks of mediocrity from their team, the Draft is when it all re-

sets. It's when the hope returns.

By now, we've all torn through the mock drafts that had just about every team drafting just about every player known to man, many of which were absolutely wrong because, well, the Draft is unpredictable.

Always has been, always will be.

One major element to NFL Draft coverage, for better or worse, is the draft grading system.

Once the Draft is officially over and Mr. Irrelevant (the final pick in the seventh round) is selected, NFL reporters flock to their laptops to put the final touches on their draft grades.

Did a certain team "reach" for a player at a certain spot, taking them well before analysts thought they should be selected? Eh, that team earns a C-.

Did a certain team land a "steal" or two, getting players well behind their expected draft position? Boom, that team gets an A+.

It's an unnecessary concept that means absolutely nothing until those picks are three, four or five years into their NFL careers and we see what their draft value truly was, such as the Patriots getting a steal with Tom Brady

at No. 199 in 2000 or the Browns reaching for a bust by drafting Trent Richardson at No. 3 in 2012, neither of which we could have guessed at the time.

Yet many people eat draft grades up like they're candy. They love 'em. (Unless, of course, their team gets a bad grade.)

With all of that being said, I'm not here to give draft grades or even chat too much about the teams I thought knocked it out of the park and the teams I thought laid a goose egg. Instead, I'm here to pose a few questions on my mind throughout this weekend's Draft-related festivities:

### Has the wide receiver position lost its value?

Wide receivers are some of the most coveted players in all of football.

They're usually the athletes with the most flair, the most inflated egos and — more often than not — the most talent.

In a league that has favored the passing game in recent years, from the implementation of quarterback-favorable rules to teams like the Kansas City Chiefs focusing on building speedy,

aerial powerhouses, the wide receiver has become more important than ever.

But, as long as the player in the WR slot is serviceable, does it really matter who's there?

This offseason, we've seen some of the biggest WR names change jerseys during one of the most chaotic springs in NFL history.

Davante Adams is now a Las Vegas Raider, Tyreek Hill is now a Miami Dolphin and, as of last Friday night, AJ Brown is a Philadelphia Eagle and Marquise "Hollywood" Brown is an Arizona Cardinal.

Most of these trades happened for one primary reason: \$\$\$.

Upon trading for AJ Brown during the first round of the Draft, the Eagles handed the 24-year-old blossoming superstar a 4-year, \$100-million contract — a price the Titans, who drafted Arkansas WR Treylon Burks with the No. 18 pick from Philly, weren't willing to pay.

The same goes for Adams, widely known as the league's top receiver, who signed a 5-year, \$140-million contract

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VICTOR HENSLEY  
Sports Editor

CHATHAM COUNTY ATHLETICS RUNDOWN

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

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY**  
News + Record Staff

This week, we've got postseason sports headed your way, including a couple of Pittsboro schools in the men's and women's lacrosse playoffs, along with a Seaforth singles player (sophomore Walker Magrinat, more on him and the Hawks in this edition) headed to the individual 2A state tournament on Friday and baseball/softball conference championships happening all across the county. There hasn't been a better time to be a Chatham County sports fan, so get out, enjoy the warm weather and cheer on local teams/athletes during this spring-sports home stretch. Here's this week's schedule and last week's results.

**THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, May 4**

Track & Field: Jordan-Matthews vs. 10 opponents, including Chatham Central and Chatham Charter, 4:30 p.m.  
Baseball: Seaforth vs. Bartlett Yancey (1st round of Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament), 6 p.m.  
Soccer: Northwood women at Orange, 6:30 p.m.  
Baseball: Jordan-Matthews vs. Chatham Central (1st round of Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Tournament), 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 5**

Soccer: Chatham Charter women vs. North Moore, 5 p.m.  
Soccer: Jordan-Matthews women vs. Carrboro, 6 p.m.  
Soccer: Northwood women vs. Seaforth, 6 p.m.  
Soccer: Woods Charter women at Eno River, 6 p.m.  
Baseball: Northwood vs. TBA (Depending on Tuesday's results; Central 3A Conference Title Game), 7 p.m.

**Friday, May 6**

Tennis: Seaforth men at NCHSAA 2A Individual State Championships (at Ting Park in Holly Springs), 9 a.m.  
Lacrosse: Seaforth men vs. TBA (2nd round of NCHSAA 1A/2A/3A playoffs; depends on Tuesday's results), time TBA  
Softball: Chatham Charter vs. TBA (Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Championship), 5 p.m.  
Lacrosse: (8) Northwood vs. (9) Williams (2nd round of NCHSAA 1A/2A/3A playoffs), 6 p.m.  
Baseball: Chatham Central, Jordan-Matthews, Seaforth vs. TBA (Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Championship), 7 p.m.  
Baseball: Chatham Charter vs. TBA (Central Tar Heel 1A Conference Championship; depends on Tuesday's results), 7 p.m.

**Saturday, May 7**

No events scheduled.

**LAST WEEK**

**Monday, April 25**

Soccer: The Jordan-Matthews women crushed the Seaforth Hawks, 7-0, to clinch the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference title. Scoring for the Jets in the win were junior Maricarmen Landa (3 goals, hat trick), freshman Jessica Parroquin Vallejo (2 goals), sophomore Hannia Martinez Quiroz (1 goal) and junior Michelle Parroquin Vallejo (1 goal).  
Soccer: The Woods Charter women shut out the Chatham Char-

ter Knights, 9-0, to stay unbeaten on the season at 10-0-2. Scoring for the Wolves in the win were sophomore Leyla Noronha (5 goals, 1 assist), junior Chloe Richard (2 goals), sophomore Chloe Haswell (1 goal, 1 assist) and junior Lucy Miller (1 goal, 1 assist).  
Softball: The Jordan-Matthews women lost a close one to the Union Pines Vikings, 5-3, at home.  
Soccer: The Northwood women downed the Cedar Ridge Fighting Red Wolves, 5-1, on the road.

Baseball: The Jordan-Matthews men fell to the Morehead Panthers, 7-4, on the road.  
Lacrosse: The Northwood women dominated the Carrboro Jaguars, 17-3, on the road. Scoring for the Chargers were senior Kendall LaBerge (6 goals, 3 assists), sophomore Ryan Tinervin (4 goals, 1 assist), junior Mia Collins (2 goals, 2 assists), junior Grazi Costa (2 goals), sophomore Ella Boecke (1 goal), junior Lille Blank (1 goal) and sophomore Anna Gilliam (1 goal).

**Tuesday, April 26**

Soccer: The Woods Charter women clobbered the Clover Garden Grizzlies, 9-0, to improve to a still-undefeated 11-0-2 on the season. The Wolves have shut out their last six opponents. Scoring for Woods Charter in the blowout win were sophomore Leyla Noronha (3 goals, 1 assist), sophomore Caroline Mitchell (3 goals), junior Chloe Richard (2 goals) and junior Lucy Miller (1 goal).  
Track & Field: The Northwood Chargers competed in the Central 3A Conference Championship Meet, hosted by Eastern Alamance, where they placed first in the women's events (120 points) and second in the men's events (129 points). Winning their respective women's events for the Chargers were senior Caroline Murrell (women's 800-meter run, 2:27.13; women's 1,600-meter run, 5:17.88; women's 3,200-meter run, 11:22.71), sophomore Skylar Adams (women's triple jump, 30-07.00), senior Kennedy Poston (women's shot put, 30-04.50) and senior Bentley Brooks (women's discus throw, 96-01). Winning their respective men's events for the Chargers were junior Ethan Wilson (men's 110-meter hurdles, 16.64), junior Jack Nicholson (men's triple jump, 40-02.00) and junior Cameron Stevenson Jr. (men's discus throw, 119-06).  
Softball: The Chatham Charter women lost a narrow game to the Bethany Wolves, 3-2, after Bethany scored a run in the top of the seventh inning to eke out the victory.  
Baseball: The Chatham Charter men thrashed the Ascend Leadership Aviators, 16-1, at home in a game that lasted just four innings. Leading the Knights on the evening were freshman Zach Cartrette (3-for-4, 3B, 2 R), sophomore Aidan Allred (2-for-4, 2B, R, 3 RBI), sophomore Jonah Ridgill (2-for-2, 2 R, 2 RBI) and freshman Luke Johnson (3.0 IP, H, 0 ER, 5 K; 1-for-3, BB, 2 RBI). See game report in this week's edition.

Lacrosse: The Northwood men defeated the Western Alamance Warriors, 17-8, on the road. Scoring for the Chargers in the win were junior Taylor Laberge (8 goals, 1 assist), junior Will Smith (3 goals, 1 assist), junior William Johnson (2 goals, 1 assist), junior Van Reece (1 goal, 1 assist) and sophomore Ryan Brinker

(1 goal).  
Softball: The Northwood women were clocked by the Eastern Alamance Eagles, 16-1, at home. Earning hits for the Chargers on the night were senior Grace Leonard (1-for-2, RBI), junior Carlee Harris (1-for-3, 3B) and junior Zoe Hatzidakis (1-for-3, R).  
Baseball: The Northwood men throttled the Western Alamance Warriors, 13-1, at home. Leading the Chargers in the win were junior Nate Davis (2-for-3, 2 R, 3 RBI), junior Seth Davis (2-for-2, 2 R, 2 RBI), junior Nate Ortiz (2-for-3, 2 R, RBI) and junior Salvador Delgado (W, 2.0 IP, 2 H, ER, 3 BB, K).

**Wednesday, April 27**

Track & Field: The Chatham Central Bears, Jordan-Matthews Jets and Seaforth Hawks competed in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A Conference Championships, hosted by Cummings. Winning their respective men's events for Chatham schools were Seaforth freshman Jack Anstrom (boys 800-meter run, 2:16.73; boys 1,600-meter run, 5:30.42; boys 3,200-meter run, 11:37.54) and Seaforth sophomore Chris Scanlon (boys pole vault, 6-06.00), while Seaforth also won the boys 4x800-meter relay (9:26.10). Winning their respective women's events for Chatham schools were Seaforth freshman Malana Mclean (girls 100-meter dash, 13.07), Seaforth freshman Gabby White (girls 200-meter dash, 27.79; girls 400-meter dash, 1:05.77), Seaforth freshman Claire Morgan (girls 800-meter run, 2:56.80; girls pole vault, 7-00.00), Chatham Central junior Samantha Scott (girls 1,600-meter run, 6:20.36), Seaforth freshman Katie Johnson (girls 3,200-meter run, 15:59.99), Chatham Central senior Carleigh Gentry (girls high jump, 4-08.00), Jordan-Matthews junior Madelyn Eubanks (girls discus throw, 78-08.00) and Chatham Central freshman Mattie Cavinness (girls shot put, 28-04.00), while the Jets also won the girls 4x100-meter relay (55.41) and girls 4x800-meter relay (12:50.87) and the Hawks won the girls 4x400-meter relay (4:53.38).  
Tennis: The No. 15 Northwood men lost a close match to the No. 2 Croatan Cougars, 5-4, in the 1st round of the 3A Dual-Team State Championships.  
Soccer: The Chatham Charter women narrowly defeated the River Mill Jaguars, 4-3, on the road.  
Tennis: The No. 14 Jordan-Matthews men lost to the No. 3 Washington Pam Pack, 8-1, in the 1st round of the 2A Dual-Team State Championships. The lone Jet to win his singles match was junior Ricardo Rocha (6-4, 6-4).  
Tennis: The No. 5 Seaforth men fell to the No. 12 Raleigh Charter Phoenix, 8-1, in the 1st round of the 2A Dual-Team State Championships.

Winning the lone doubles match for the Hawks was the duo of sophomore Logan Ching/freshman Brennan Luster (8-6). See match report in this week's edition.  
Tennis: The No. 13 Chatham Charter men lost to the No. 3 North Moore Mustangs, 8-1, in the 1st round of the 1A Dual-Team State Championships. Winning the lone singles match for the Knights was junior Ben Pickens (5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 0-0 (10-5)).  
Tennis: The No. 12 Chatham Central men upset the No. 5 Bear Grass Charter Bears, 7-2, in the 1st round of the 1A Dual-Team State Championships.

Lacrosse: The Northwood women were clobbered by the East Chapel Hill Wildcats, 20-4, in the final game of the regular season. Scoring for the Chargers in the loss were junior Mia Collins (2 goals), senior Kendall Laberge (1 goal) and junior Grazi Costa (1 goal).  
Baseball: The Northwood men earned a strong win over the Seaforth Hawks, 8-1, in the schools' first-ever meeting. The Chargers scored six runs in the final two innings to pull away and secure the victory. Leading the Chargers in the win were junior Nate Ortiz (1-for-1, 2B, 2 R, RBI), senior Walker Johnson (1-for-2, 2 BB, RBI; 5.0 IP, 6 H, ER, BB, 6 K) and junior Nathan McWilliams (2.0 IP, 0 ER, 2 BB, K; 1-for-1, RBI).

Soccer: The Jordan-Matthews women defeated the Providence Grove Patriots, 5-2, at home.  
Soccer: The Northwood women shut out the Person Rockets, 9-0, at home. Scoring for the Chargers were sophomore Ava Arias (2 goals, 3 assists), junior Sydney Cox (2 goals, 1 assist), freshman Sarah Ann Murrell (1 goal, 2 assists), sophomore Isabella Rogers (1 goal, 1 assist), junior Brooklyn Pease (1 goal), sophomore Sienna Gray (1 goal) and senior Katherine Reyes (1 goal).

Soccer: The Seaforth women shut out the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 4-0, at home. Scoring all 4 goals for the Hawks was freshman Caitlin Erman.  
Softball: The Chatham Central women routed the North Moore Mustangs, 11-1, on the road. Leading the Bears in the win were junior Jaylee Williams (3-for-4, 3 R, 2 RBI), sophomore Shelby Holder (2-for-4, 3B, 3 R, 2 RBI), sophomore Cassie McKeithan (1-for-3, 2 RBI) and junior Mary Gaines (5.0 IP, H, 0 ER, BB, 6 K; RBI).

Softball: The Jordan-Matthews women defeated the Bartlett Yancey Buccaneers, 11-5, on the road.  
Lacrosse: The Seaforth men fell to the Vance Charter Knights, 18-11, on the road.  
Baseball: The Chatham Central men defeated the Eastern Randolph Wildcats, 7-4, on the road. Leading the Bears in the win were sophomore

Joaquin Gordon (1-for-4, HR, R, 3 RBI), senior Nick Jourdan (2-for-4, R, 2 RBI) and sophomore Anthony Lopossay (3.0 IP, 2 H, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K; 1-for-2).

Baseball: The Jordan-Matthews men lost a close game to the Southwestern Randolph Cougars, 4-2, on the road.  
Lacrosse: The Northwood men suffered a narrow loss to the Orange Panthers, 12-10, on the road in the team's final regular-season game. Scoring for the Chargers in the win were junior Taylor Laberge (8 goals), junior Jason Walden (1 goal) and junior Will Smith (1 goal).

Chargers in the loss were junior Zoe Hatzidakis (1-for-3, 2B) and senior Grace Leonard (1-for-2, RBI).  
**Friday, April 29**  
Baseball: The Chatham Charter men earned a shut-out win over the River Mill Jaguars, 10-0, to improve to 11-4 on the year. Leading the Knights in the victory were sophomore Aidan Allred (3-for-4, 2B, HR, 2 R, 4 RBI), freshman Zach Cartrette (3-for-4, R, 2 RBI; 4.0 IP, H, 0 ER, 3 BB, 6 K) and freshman Hunter Murphy (2-for-3, 2 R, RBI).  
Track & Field: The Northwood Chargers competed in the Carolina Distance Carnival, hosted by Weddington, where they earned strong finishes from senior Caroline Murrell (5th, girls 1,600-meter run, 5:00.32), junior Christian Glick (25th, boys 800-meter run, 2:01.24), sophomore Noah Nielson (32nd, boys 800-meter run, 2:03.55), senior Marco Sanchez (43rd, boys 800-meter run, 2:06.12), sophomore Skylar Adams (7th, girls triple jump, 28-10.50), junior Jack Nicholson (10th, boys discus throw, 117-00.50), junior Cameron Stevenson Jr. (11th, boys discus throw, 116-03.00; 19th, boys shot put, 38-01.25), senior George Gilson III (18th, boys shot put, 38-06.50), senior Jacob Acker (4th, boys high jump, 5-06.00) and freshman Luke Waldstein (4th, boys high jump, 5-06.00).  
Baseball: The Jordan-Matthews men suffered a close loss to the Morehead Panthers, 1-0, to fall to 7-15 on the season.  
Soccer: The Northwood women fell to the Eastern Alamance Eagles, 2-0, to drop to 6-9 on the season.  
Baseball: The Chatham Central men lost a shootout to the Asheboro Blue Comets, 14-8, to fall to 10-9 on the season. Leading the Bears in defeat were senior Collin Lagenor (3-for-5, 2B, 3B, 2 R, 3 RBI), freshman Matthew Murchison (2-for-3, 2B, BB, RBI) and junior Hasten T. Paige (2-for-4, 2 R, BB, RBI).  
Baseball: The Northwood men earned a convincing win over the Western Alamance Warriors, 10-2, to improve to 15-9 on the season. Leading the Chargers in the victory were junior Zach Barnes (2-for-5, HR, 2 R, RBI), freshman Kaleb Howell (1-for-3, HR, BB, 3 RBI), junior Jackson Shaner (1-for-2, R, 2 BB, 2 RBI) and junior Nathan McWilliams (3.1 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K).  
Softball: The Northwood women were clobbered (and no-hit) by the Western Alamance Warriors, 15-0, to fall to 5-14 on the season.

**Thursday, April 28**

Softball: The Chatham Central women earned a shut-out and no-hit win over the Graham Red Devils, 10-0, on the road. Leading the Bears in the win were junior Jaylee Williams (2-for-3, HR, 3 R, RBI), senior Chloe Fuquay (2-for-2, 3B, 2 R, RBI), sophomore Cassie McKeithan (1-for-2, 2B, 2 RBI; 5.0 IP, 0 H, 0 ER, 0 BB, 9 K).

Softball: The Jordan-Matthews women thrashed the Cummings Cavaliers in the first game of a double-header, 21-0, at home.  
Baseball: The Chatham Charter men suffered a blowout loss to the Gray Stone Day Knights, 13-3, on the road. Leading Chatham Charter in the loss were freshman Zach Cartrette (2-for-3, 3B, R, 2 RBI), freshman Luke Johnson (1-for-3, RBI) and sophomore Jonah Ridgill (2-for-2).

Lacrosse: The Seaforth men were pummeled by the Williams Bulldogs, 18-1, in the final game of the regular season.  
Soccer: The Jordan-Matthews women suffered their first loss since March 7 to the Lee County Yellow Jackets, 3-0, on the road.  
Soccer: The Woods Charter women throttled the Seaforth Hawks, 8-1, to stay unbeaten on the season at 12-0-2. Scoring for the Wolves in the win were junior Lucy Miller (4 goals), sophomore Leyla Noronha (2 goals), sophomore Caroline Mitchell (1 goal) and junior Chloe Richard (1 goal). Scoring the lone goal for the Hawks was freshman Caitlin Erman.

Softball: The Chatham Central women dominated the North Moore Mustangs, 12-2, to improve to 11-6 on the season. Leading the Bears in the win were senior Gracie Gaines (3-for-4, 2B, R, RBI), junior Jaylee Williams (3-for-4, 3 R, 2 RBI) and junior Mary Gaines (6.0 IP, 4 H, ER, BB 4 K; 2-for-4, R, 2 RBI).

Softball: The Jordan-Matthews women earned another dominant win in the second game of their double-header with the Cummings Cavaliers, 17-0.  
Softball: The Northwood women lost handily to the Person Rockets, 11-1, at home. Leading the

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**Saturday, April 30**

No events scheduled.

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# CCCC honors 2021-22 athletes

From Central Carolina Community College

**SANFORD** — Central Carolina Community College has announced its athletic award recipients for the 2021-2022 school year.

Here is a list of all award winners:

**Men's Basketball:** Derek Gardner of Hampstead, N.C. (Sophomore of the Year), Demarcus McLaurin of Wilmington, N.C. (Freshman of the Year), Alijah Miles of Fayetteville, N.C. (Coaches Award), Tucker Moore of Siler City, N.C. (Co-Cougar of the Year), Wesley Case of Goldsboro, N.C. (Co-Cougar of the Year), Montell Moore of Fayetteville, N.C. (Most Valuable Player)

**Women's Basketball:** Anna Smith of Rockingham, N.C. (Most Valuable Player), Jenna Brooks of Pittsboro, N.C. (Coaches Award), Felisha Chavez of Denver, Colo. (Sportsmanship Award), Asia Waiters of Sayreville, N.J. (Defensive Player of the Year)

**Men's Cross Country:** Britt Lehman of Siler City, N.C. (Most Valuable Player), Kyle



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**Central Carolina Community College athletic award recipients include, from left to right: first row, Pristina Tabon, Tessa Wisniewski, Alijah Miles, Felisha Chavez and Anna Smith; second row, Kyle Howarth, Cole McBurnett, Tucker Moore, Montell Moore, Derek Gardner, Asia Waiters and Kayle Mejia. Award recipients not pictured include Wesley Case, Preston Cox, Britt Lehman, Demarcus McLaurin, Noah Ritch and Bonnie Thompson.**

Howarth of Mebane, N.C. (Most Improved), Jackson Cole of Sanford, N.C. (Sportsmanship Award)

**Women's Cross Country:** Bersai Perez of Sanford, N.C. (Most Valuable Player), Angelika Adriano of Aberdeen, N.C. (Most Improved), Emilie Obregon of Dunn, N.C. (Sportsmanship Award)

**Golf:** Noah Ritch of Climax, N.C. (Most Valuable Player),

Cole McBurnett of Sanford, N.C. (Cougar of the Year), Preston Cox of Bear Creek, N.C. (Coaches Award)

**Volleyball:** Bonnie Thompson of Los Angeles, Calif. (Most Valuable Player), Pristina Tabon of Sanford, N.C. (Best Defense), Tessa Wisniewski of Highlands, N.C. (Best Offense), Anna Smith of Rockingham, N.C. (Coaches Award)

**Coach of the Year:** Richard

Briggs (men's and women's cross country)

**National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region Academic Award (Fall semester — 3.0 or higher GPA and 12 hours passed):**

**Men's Basketball:** Derek Gardner (Hampstead, N.C.), Matthew Harbour (Raleigh, N.C.), Kalil Holmes (Wilmington, N.C.), Tucker Moore (Siler City, N.C.), Frank Waldeck (Wilm-

ington, N.C.)

**Women's Basketball:** Jenna Brooks (Pittsboro, N.C.), Kayle Mejia (Sanford, N.C.), Dnae-sha Saxon (Aiken, S.C.), Anna Smith (Rockingham, N.C.), Asia Waiters (Sayreville, N.J.)

**Men's Cross Country:** Colby Day (Frisco, N.C.), Kyle Howarth (Mebane, N.C.), Gabe Lenz (Sanford, N.C.)

**Women's Cross Country:** Angelika Adriano (Aberdeen, N.C.), Emilie Obregon (Dunn, N.C.), Bersai Perez (Sanford, N.C.)

**Golf:** Preston Cox (Bear Creek, N.C.), Cole McBurnett (Sanford, N.C.), David Phillips (Siler City, N.C.), Noah Ritch (Climax, N.C.)

**Volleyball:** Natalie Johnson (Spring Lake, N.C.), Danya Parvin (Fuquay-Varina, N.C.), Halan Raynor (Coats, N.C.), Anna Smith (Rockingham, N.C.), Pristina Tabon (Sanford, N.C.)

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## Jetting to Greensboro



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**A trio of Jets signed letters of intent last Friday to continue their athletic careers in Greensboro this fall, including Brian Hernandez and Alexis Ibarra (Greensboro College, men's soccer) and Destinee Ledwell (Guilford College, women's tennis). Brian Hernandez (front row, center) was a two-time all-conference selection and one-time all-region selection (2021) for the Jets during his career. He was named the Team MVP in 2021 and scored nine goals his senior season, one in the postseason, and dished out 17 assists.**



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**Destinee Ledwell (front row, center) was a Mid-Carolina 1A/2A all-conference selection this past season for her contributions to the Jets, where she posted a 5-8 singles record, including a 4-0 record at the No. 6 spot.**



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**Alexis Ibarra (front row, center) was a two-time all-conference selection and one-time all-state selection (2020) for the Jets during his career. In his senior season, he racked up 17 goals — 2 in the postseason — and 10 assists as one of the team's primary offensive weapons.**

## KNIGHTS

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singles from sophomores Jonah Ridgill and Aidan Allred, along with two hit-by-pitches and a walk that acted as base fillers.

Aiding the Knights' high-scoring first was their ability to run the bases and get into scoring position, having stolen six bases in the opening inning that contributed to their total of eight on the day.

"We run the bases well, we have good team speed," Slaughter said. "We have probably the best speed I've had since I've been at Chatham Charter because I can bring in courtesy runners that can get extra bases and that's not something I've always had. It used to take us three singles to score a run, but now we can score and make things happen."

Slaughter said his sophomore class — namely Allred (2-for-4, 3 RBI), who bats in the lead-off spot and is a wizard when it

comes to making contact — complements his freshmen well to form a solid underclassmen nucleus.

And when your freshmen and sophomores account for 10 of your team's 13 hits, as was the case for the Knights against the Aviators, there's plenty to be excited about.

"We've gotten so much better," Slaughter said. "You see a game like this and you say, 'Well, you're supposed to beat this team,' and that's true, but we did it the right way. It wasn't a lot of mistakes on their part, we hit the ball well."

While the impact of this season's freshmen at the plate can't be understated, with Cartrette leading the team in both batting average (0.565) and total hits (26), the Knights' youth has been crucial on the mound all year long.

Freshmen make up two-thirds of the Knights' three-man rotation, with Johnson and Cartrette joining senior Landon Hussey as the team's

primary starters.

Johnson started against the Aviators on April 26, allowing 1 hit and no runs on 33 pitches, striking out 5 batters during his three-frame outing.

"He had a rocky game his last time out," Slaughter said of Johnson, who allowed 4 earned runs in two innings of work against Southern Wake on April 21. "But today, he settled down and almost faced the minimum (number of batters) in those three innings."

Johnson allowed a single to lead off the game, but quickly bounced back and proceeded to tear through the next nine batters, ending his day with more strikeouts (5) than baserunners allowed (1).

But that wasn't the last time the Knights relied on one of their freshmen.

Cartrette — the pitcher with the most innings pitched for the Knights this season — came in to start the fourth with his team nursing a 10-0 lead and struggled at first, allowing a full-count single

to right field before hitting an Ascend batter in the thigh to put runners on first and second base with no outs.

The Aviators scored their first run of the game during the next at-bat, when a pickoff-attempt-gone-wrong allowed a run to score, which was followed by a single to keep two runners on base.

Then, Cartrette locked in and forced a ground-ball double-play on the first pitch in the next at-bat, then ended the inning on a full-count swinging strikeout to avoid any further damage.

"Both of those kids have a chance to be really good down the road," Slaughter said of his freshman pitchers. "I have faith in them. That's who pitched against Southern Wake. I started Zach and brought Luke in relief. Most people are going to try and find a junior or senior to pitch those big games, but they're my two best. And we're going to use them."

Hussey has been stellar for the Knights this season, too, allowing just 6 earned runs through 21.1 innings pitched, bringing his wealth of experience to the otherwise youthful pitching corps. He was in Atlanta for a Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) conference on April 26, keeping him out of the dugout during the win.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Knights got an RBI single from junior Aamir Mapp with the bases loaded to make the score 11-1, but two pitches later, Allred whacked a hard ground ball past the right fielder for a double that cleared the bases and gave Chatham Charter a 14-1 advantage.

Then came a bases-loaded hit-by-pitch by Knights senior Colton Nixon — who's been hit 11 times this season, including twice against the Aviators — that set up Todero's game-sealing single for his second knock of the inning.

To start the season, Chatham Charter was

forced to cancel the first eight games on its schedule due to many of its players also being on the basketball team, which made a run to the state championship game in March.

But despite the lost time, the Knights don't look like they've missed a beat.

"We've only been here for six weeks," Slaughter said. "I'm so pleased with how we're playing right now."

The Knights officially finished second in the Central Tar Heel 1A conference with a 10-2 conference record after a 10-0 shut-out win over the River Mill Jaguars last Friday, just behind Southern Wake at 10-1.

They'll face off against the Clover Garden Grizzlies (8-7) on Tuesday in the first round of the conference tournament. Results can be found on the News + Record's website.

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## The most fun college sport isn't what I thought it'd be

There's nothing like a college football Saturday. The tailgating, the raucous student sections and pure passion from a school's fanbase can't compare to anything else in American sports.

But after covering college athletics for the last four years, I'm convinced that there isn't a more fun sport than college

softball. If you have never attended a game, I encourage you to do so. There is a radiating positivity and love for the game that can't be seen in many competitive sports.

Last weekend, I covered Missouri vs. Texas A&M for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on the team's Senior Day. Missouri isn't having the season it hoped it would. Expectations to host a Regional and make the Women's College World Series followed the Tigers as they struggled early on against SEC opponents.

But on Sunday, nobody would have known that. With the Tigers trailing 3-1, the dugout hopped over the railing and began a synchronized dance in between innings. The nearly sold-out crowd began cheering them on and the Tigers went on to rally for eight runs in the bottom of the third inning.

When Missouri pitchers struck Aggie hitters out, the outfielders danced to

the music from the jumbotron. With Missouri leading 11-6 in the bottom of the sixth inning, coach Larissa Anderson pinch-hit Columbia native Alexis Burks. The senior had just one career hit, but roped a single up the middle. She was greeted in the dugout with bear hugs and a standing ovation from the crowd.

After the game, Missouri players stuck around to find fans for autographs and to take pictures with kids. This is just one team's experience, but it's pretty universal around the sport.

An average person might think that the team wasn't taking the game seriously, but it is anything but that. They just have fun playing the game they love. Isn't that what sports are

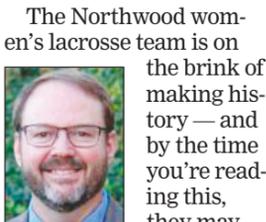
supposed to be about?

Later this month, the postseason tournament will be aired across ESPN networks and I encourage you to check out a game. There are going to be so many storylines. Oklahoma, the reigning Women's College World Series Champions have only lost one game and might be the most dominant team in any collegiate sport. Chances are that a local school will be playing in a game nearby as well.

If you've read my columns in the past, you know that March Madness is my favorite time of the year, but there's something about college softball that can only make you smile.

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# Fritsche says Chargers are 'making history' with 1st women's lax playoff berth



**Larry Fritsche**

The Northwood women's lacrosse team is on the brink of making history — and by the time you're reading this, they may have added to it — by becoming the first women's lacrosse team in program history, and in Chatham County history, to make the playoffs. The Chargers are hosting No. 19 Laney in the first round of the postseason on Tuesday evening.

After starting their program in 2019, the Chargers are having their best season yet with an 11-3 overall record (7-3 in the Central 3A conference) following three-straight seasons with a below-.500 record (including 2020's COVID-shortened season). They've got a balanced scoring attack led by players all over the age spectrum and have some top-notch wins under their belts.

This week, the News + Record spoke with Larry Fritsche, Northwood's third-year head coach, ahead of Tuesday's playoff game against Laney to discuss his star players, his thoughts on the Chargers making history and how he's helped build this program from the ground up.

This interview has been lightly edited for length and clarity. Results for Northwood's playoff game on Tuesday will be posted on the News + Record's website.

**Your team is 11-3 this season and have been phenomenal all year long, with your only three losses coming to really good programs in Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill. Could you describe what this season's been like for you so far?**

LARRY FRITSCHÉ: No matter what takeaways you have today, number one is Coach Jess Boone, Coach Katy Gilliam and the team. I cannot overemphasize how important it is to have a team of diverse coaches with diverse experience and knowledge. Coach Jess and Coach Katy have been absolutely key to this. And then there's the commitment of the team. The offseason dedication to travel programs, club, clinics, it was off the charts for this team. As I tell the team over and over again, "January is too late to get ready for our season," and they sure exemplified that. I would go to some travel tournaments and we'd have players from Northwood with two or three different teams — sometimes playing each other, which was a lot of fun — but I had moments where I was up in the middle of a stadium, looking on one side where there's artificial turf, watching four of our players and looking on another side where two of our players are playing. That's where it all really starts. Just the above and beyond effort to raise everyone to a new level that they worked on through the offseason.

To go from there, this season's just been thrilling. I think a great example is that we've played some big teams. It probably isn't common knowledge that we currently play in a 3A/4A combined format, so we are small-town lacrosse. I say that very proudly. It's an uphill battle in a lot of ways. We call them "parking deck schools." Every year, I ask the team to write down their goals and I don't just have them do that and give

it to me and I say, "Good job," and throw them away. I think about them all of the time. And one of the things that one of our players said is, "I want a parking deck school," meaning that we've never beaten a big school. And that's a fact. Well, we've taken out several this year. And one of the biggest moments, maybe in program history, was a tale of two games where we played Chapel Hill at home and lost 11-1, so I was obsessed with breaking down that game — we're big into film — and we learned a lot of lessons and day-after-day just getting ready for the next time we played them. And we went on to beat them in overtime in a thriller that we will never forget. What it takes in women's lacrosse for a small town lacrosse team from 3A to take on a very established playoff-caliber program with feeder schools for lacrosse, etc. That was just one of many thrilling moments, but really a highlight of where we have arrived.

**When it comes to some of the players making an impact for your team this year, a lot of them are underclassmen. Were those players ones that you kind of helped grow over the last couple of years with little experience, or had they already been playing lacrosse coming into high school?**

It's a combination, but very few played in middle school. We do have a few, though. If you look at one of our graduating seniors, our speaking captain, Kendall LaBerge — our first year, we had essentially four or five players that knew how to play and 30 that were looking at their sticks and looking up like, "All right, what do I do?" — she's a great example of a longtime career lacrosse player, who played travel and had been developed before she was a first-year at Northwood. And then we have others that have just started and then, like I mentioned, they're playing with various travel programs and clubs, and come back and work really hard with us. And they've really developed, they're very coachable. This was the year we even saw more and more of them refining their roles within roles. A lot of it comes from the unselfishness of this team. We have numerous players that, whether it's on travel or somewhere else, don't play that same position on our team. We have multiple players playing different roles on our team because that's what we needed, that's what was best for us, for Northwood women's lacrosse, and they've just been great about being in these roles and being the best for the team.

**A few years ago, this team was 0-11 and now they're headed to the postseason with 11 wins. What has it been like for you to help build this program from, essentially, the ground up?**

One of the keys to small-town lacrosse is you have to look at every player, new player, prospective player, parents — and I'm going back to rec because I also coach rec lacrosse — and make your pipeline. You have to look people in the eye and let them know how fun, how exciting lacrosse is and how long we've played the sport. We've played the sport of lacrosse across North America for many, many hundreds of years. The tradition of lacrosse starts right

here in North America. And just the belief that we can coach you, we can get you moving on this and advancing and having fun and competing and I think it's just about every opportunity. You've got to work twice as hard. There are some schools where their middle schools have lacrosse programs and they're feeding into their high school, so we just have to work twice as hard as coaches. We have to work with rec programs, putting together clinics and workshops, and even internally at our high school, just say, "As part of your high school experience, this could just be a wonderful accent to it."

Another thing that's really important is not just saying you support multi-sport and multi-activity athletes, but that you mean it. For example, we've had games where, the afternoon before, we had players that are in the arts, that are performers and needed to try out and audition and ask, "Is that okay, Coach?" With me? Absolutely. Do you still have to take care of business? Yes, you definitely need to make it to the game, but they did. And that was the game that we won in overtime and one of those players was the one who scored the overtime goal.

**You've got the first playoff game in Northwood women's lacrosse history on Tuesday, where you'll take on Laney at home. How are you feeling about that game and what are you doing to gear up for it?**

I'm excited. Laney, they're a very good lacrosse team. Their goaltending's noteworthy, they're very consistent on offense and defense, they just got a big overtime win themselves. They're a solid team, but what we plan to do is play our game. What we bring, full throttle, is a balanced attack across a lot of different players. We're ready to go. I think the fact that we've played teams like Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill, the current state champion, is beneficial in getting us ready for this game. We've got to finish well against a talented goalie, we're going to have to be especially accurate, making sure that we power in, but our finesse and our accuracy on getting those shots into the net, into the cage. Unselfish play is going to really pay off in this game because we have that balanced attack across a lot of players. It's not just one or two players that get the ball all the time. So I think if we can go from every angle, we really run our motion offense, we make space, we're moving on defense, we're sliding well, we're looking for the second slide, we're ready to go and we're talking, I think we've got a great shot at competing well on Tuesday.

**If your team is going to make a deep playoff run, what's going to be the key to that run? Who are some of the players that, if they lock in, can really help you on that run?**

Here are some players you'd want to keep an eye on as far as some of our key contributors and some of these you don't see as much on the stat sheet, but their defensive play is stellar and really drives the game. We've got Kendall LaBerge, Grazi Costa, Ella Boecke, Julia Colen — a great defensive mid who's really done a lot that you're not going to see in

## Larry Fritsche

**ROLE:** Head Coach, Women's Lacrosse

**EXPERIENCE AT NORTHWOOD:** 3rd season as head coach (4th overall)

### NOTES:

- He discovered he wanted to be a coach when he was about 10 years old when he was playing lacrosse in Baltimore, Maryland.
- He's been involved with North Chatham Youth Lacrosse in coaching, board roles over the past decade.
- He took over as Northwood's head women's lacrosse coach in just the second season of the program's existence.
- From the coach: "This team is like my extended family. ... I appreciate so much that I'm not doing this alone, it just means the world to me."

## Northwood Chargers

**CONFERENCE:** Central 3A

**RECORD:** 11-3 (7-3 in Central Tar Heel 1A)

### NEXT UP:

- Tuesday, May 3: vs. Laney (11-6), 6 p.m.
- Friday, May 6: vs. TBA in 2nd round of playoffs (depending on Tuesday's results)
- Tuesday, May 10: vs. TBA in 3rd round of playoffs (depending on Tuesday and Friday's results)

the numbers when you compare them to other players — Ryan Tinervin, Mia Collins — she's just had a special year when you talk about someone who's flexible and can score six goals, but also change her game to assist when we need to move the ball and make decisions — and Sophia Cremeans, one of our juniors that was very committed in the offseason. There's just a toughness across these players. They're different players with different skills and different strengths, but we're really moving the ball this year and I think that's another thing that helps. You've got to raise your defense because defense really decides lacrosse and then

you move the ball. And I think, especially with the players I'm talking about, that's where we have a shot of taking out some more parking decks.

We've also got Silcov Hopp as our goalie. She's got nine wins, 7.7 goals-against average. She is a first-year, 9th-grade goalie. And she's putting in the extra work. Last Saturday, she was in here working on skillwork, sharpening iron, but think about that: nine wins, 7.7 goals against average in her first year.

**In an email you sent to me, you mentioned that your team is making both Northwood and Chatham County history. What did**

## you mean by that?

Well, we're the first women's lacrosse team to make the playoffs at Northwood, and that includes all of Chatham County, because there's not another Chatham County school with women's lacrosse — though we're hoping Seaforth joins us next year, very much so — so it's also Chatham County history. On Tuesday, we will open another door. It's not just that we're the Northwood women's lacrosse team and proud of it, but also it's really important to me, it always has been, for girls and women's lacrosse, across all of Chatham County, for everyone, no matter who you are, where you come from, whether you've never played before or you've played 10 years, that we're one lacrosse family. I cannot wait for more women — even those that want to join as coaches — to get inspired that they can do this in small-town lacrosse. Is it hard? It's twice as hard, but work twice as hard, then. It can happen. It can happen at other schools. We've done it. And we can help. I'm hoping that there are rec players, future rec players, current high school players, future high school players that are in the crowd or watching the NFHS Network stream and going, "They did this, so we can do this. They started in 2019. I can do this. I can join this." And whether they're joining us or joining another school, maybe this gives a little more enthusiasm and hope that this can be done not just at Northwood, but all across Chatham County.

## Chatham COA Events & Announcements

May 9th through May 13th

**Monday, May 9**

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧑🏻
- [Chatham County Senior Games](#) at 9:00 AM (Basketball Shoot - McClenahan Courts, Pittsboro) 🧑🏻
- [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at WCSC) 🧑🏻
- [Chatham County Senior Games](#) at 10:00 AM (Cornhole - McClenahan Courts, Pittsboro) 🧑🏻
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program w/Jackie](#) at 10:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills and on Zoom) 🧑🏻 📶
- [Geri-Fit w/Olivia](#) at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC) 🧑🏻

**Tuesday, May 10**

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧑🏻
- [Chatham County Senior Games](#) at 9:00 AM (Pickleball; Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles - Bolder Park Courts, Chapel Hill) 🧑🏻 🧑🏻
- [Walking at CCCC with COA](#) at 12:30 PM (Meet at ECSC Parking Lot) 🧑🏻

**Wednesday, May 11**

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧑🏻
- [Chatham County Senior Games](#) at 9:00 AM (Pickleball; Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles - Bolder Park Courts, Chapel Hill) 🧑🏻
- [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at WCSC) 🧑🏻
- [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program w/Jackie](#) at 10:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills and on Zoom) 🧑🏻 📶
- [Hiking Group to Botanical Gardens, Chapel Hill](#) at 12:45 PM (RSVP to Alan Russo) 🧑🏻

**Thursday, May 12**

- [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:15 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills) 🧑🏻
- [Chatham County Senior Games](#) at 9:00 AM (Women's Bocce - Western Chatham Senior Center, Siler City) 🧑🏻
- [Chatham County Senior Games](#) at 10:00 AM (Horseshoes - Western Chatham Senior Center, Siler City) 🧑🏻
- [Geri-Fit w/Olivia at 2:00 PM](#) (Aerobic Room, WCSC) 🧑🏻

**Friday, May 13**

- [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at WCSC) 🧑🏻
- [Chatham County Senior Games Award Ceremony](#) at 10:00 AM (Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, RSVP to Liz Lahti) 🧑🏻
- [Friday Night Dance](#) at 7:00 PM (at WCSC) 🎵

For more information or to register for these and other programs, visit our website: [chathamcouncilonaging.org/activities/calendars/](https://chathamcouncilonaging.org/activities/calendars/)

- 🧑🏻 **In-person - Pre-registration Required**
- 📶 **Programming Hosted On Zoom**
- 💰 **Fee Required for Participation**

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# HAWKS

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some over-the-head, over-the-shoulder shots and I'm just like, 'Come on.' ... It feels like you've won the point and then he hits it over and you've got to start over."

"I thought Walker played pretty well overall, the guy he was playing just has a really big serve and forehand," Petrides added. "To be honest, that's been Walker's kryptonite this year. We've tried to work on his return game and it's been a long process to get where he's at right now. I'm proud of the way he handled himself today and all season."

Hong was mostly calm, cool and collected for the Phoenix in the singles portion of the match, cruising to a 6-2, 6-0 upset of Burleigh behind his topspin-heavy returns.

"Alex is a senior and he's been doing this for four years for us," Griffin said. "He's probably the mentally toughest kid I've ever coached before. Nothing bothers him in any big moment and he's been in every kind of scenario. It's business as usual for him every time he comes on the court."

Burleigh gave credit to Hong while also lamenting his own mistakes, which he credited partly to his opponent's skill and partly to his team's lack of practice time during spring break the previous week.

"On a good day, (Hong) could probably beat their number one," Burleigh said. "He put a lot of topspin on his balls. And coming off of spring break, a lot of my shots that I had to be really precise with just weren't there. I missed a lot of shots I shouldn't have, which was the main problem. ... Just coming off of spring break was tough for everybody, no one played too well."

The Phoenix saw their top six singles players tear through the Hawks' lineup, with freshman Lex Gu defeating freshman Matthew Bowser (6-1, 6-0), sophomore Marshall McClure defeating sophomore Logan Ching (6-1, 6-2), sophomore Joshua Lee defeating freshman



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Seaforth No. 2 singles player, junior Felton Burleigh, outstretches for a nice backhanded return during the Hawks' 8-1 loss to the Raleigh Charter Phoenix on April 27. Burleigh lost his singles match to Phoenix senior Alex Hong, 2-6, 0-6.**

Broden Jones (6-1, 6-1) and sophomore Shreyas Raychaudhuri defeating sophomore Shivam Patel (6-2, 6-1) to round out the singles portion.

By the time the Hawks made it to doubles, they were already down 6-0 with just three matches to play. A comeback was impossible.

Yet, some of Seaforth's biggest bright spots came in doubles.

The No. 1 duo of Magrinat/Burleigh took a couple of games off of Hill/Hong before ultimately falling, 8-2, in a match where the Hawks' underclassmen showed a lot of fight.

That was followed by an 8-1 shellacking from Raleigh Charter's Lee/sophomore Daniel Kim against Bowser/Jones that was never particularly close.

However, in what was one of the longest matches of the day, Seaforth's No. 3 doubles team — consisting of Ching & freshman Brennan Luster

— downed Raleigh Charter's senior duo of Ian Bracken & Brandon Finch, 8-6, to get the Hawks on the board and avoid the shut out.

"I guess we technically finished our season with a match win," Petrides said with a chuckle. "That was awesome. Brennan and Logan got us on the board at No. 3 doubles and I'm so proud of those guys."

"I'm going to give the game ball for today's match to Logan Ching," Petrides added. "Logan actually played the best match he's played all year. I know he didn't win in singles, but his shots, his game plan, he listened to everything I had to say and he gave it his best effort."

Once Petrides gave his post-match speech and all of the players had left the court, he offered a bit of reflection on the season — one where his team, despite the first-round exit, had exceeded every expectation he'd set.



Staff photo by David Bradley

**Seaforth sophomore Logan Ching backhands a lob over the net from his singles opponent from Raleigh Charter, sophomore Marshall McClure, who he lost to (1-6, 2-6), in the Hawks' first-round upset to the Phoenix, 8-1. Despite the loss, Seaforth Head Coach PJ Petrides gave Ching the metaphorical game ball for the match.**

For a first-year program full of fairly inexperienced freshman and sophomore players, winning a match here and there would be considered a successful inaugural year.

But the Hawks, with eight match victories and a Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference title under their belts, knocked it out of the park in Year 1.

"I didn't have many expectations going into the season, I wasn't sure how our conference was," Petrides admitted. "Once we started the season, I saw that we could do some damage, we could do some work. And we really got better as the season went on."

"This was so much fun," Petrides added, smiling. "Seeing some of them interact with me and seeing them grow, maturity-wise, has been such a treat. And they want to get better at tennis, they're just so ready for it. I just wish we had more time. It was a great

season."

For one of Seaforth's top players, however, the season hasn't ended just yet.

This Friday, Magrinat will compete in the singles bracket of the two-day NCHSAA 2A State Championships tournament at Ting Park in Holly Springs, where he'll face off against Greene Central's William Drake (13-2) in the opening round.

He qualified after placing in the top four in the 2A Mideast Regionals last weekend.

"He's very engaging and wants to get better," Petrides said of Magrinat when speaking on his coachability. "To have someone like that that wants to get better who's so young, so green and just wants to soak it up, it just rubs off on everyone else."

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# DRAFT

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with the Raiders once the Packers offloaded him in March — again, a price his former team wasn't interested in paying.

These are some of the best WRs in the game. And their teams were fine moving on from them because of the money they'd be owed in their contract extensions.

Pair the booming WR trade market with the run on receivers we saw in the first round of the Draft, where six WRs were selected within the top 18 picks, and you've got evidence that receivers, no matter how talented they are, can be

replaced.

Think about this: In 2021, only six of the top 20 WRs in terms of receiving yards also made that same list in 2019: Cooper Kupp, Stefon Diggs, D.J. Moore, Keenan Allen, Chris Godwin and Tyler Lockett.

Every year, there's at least one or two up-and-coming receivers that steal the spotlight from a now-veteran wideout. And, as illustrated by this year's Draft, just about every team is searching for that untapped potential in the vast, talent-heavy sea of college WRs.

And it seems like most teams are willing to take a slight downgrade if it means staying away from

paying big-time money for their big-time receiver.

Because, at the end of the day, they can simply replace them.

## What was up with this year's quarterbacks?

Something happened in the 2022 Draft that I'd gone my entire life without seeing: only one quarterback was taken in the first 73 picks.

Wowza.

In the 2021 Draft, quarterbacks were selected with each of the first three picks as the Jacksonville Jaguars nabbed Clemson's Trevor Lawrence with the No. 1 selection, followed

by BYU's Zach Wilson (New York Jets) and North Dakota State's Trey Lance (San Francisco 49ers) at Nos. 2 and 3, respectively.

While we knew this was a down year for QBs, there were still a few teams that many analysts thought may grab a QB in the first 10 picks: the Detroit Lions at No. 2 (unlikely, but possible), the Carolina Panthers at No. 6, the Atlanta Falcons at No. 8 and the Seattle Seahawks at No. 9.

But instead, none of them drafted a QB in the first round as the lone gun-slinger taken with the first 32 picks, Pittsburgh's Kenny Pickett, fell all the way to his hometown Steelers at

No. 20.

From there, we all watched as Liberty QB Malik Willis — who many assumed might be the first QB taken — slid all the way to No. 86 in the third round, when the Titans finally called his name. (Cincinnati's Desmond Ridder was the second QB selected, coming in at No. 74 to the Falcons.)

Clearly, many of these teams are gearing up for a 2023 draft class that's supposed to be loaded at QB, but the lack of attention given to the sport's most crucial position was a little bit of a head-scratcher.

And for all you Panthers fans out there, I'm hearing good things

about newly drafted QB Matt Corral (Ole Miss, No. 94).

He may not be the savior you've all been waiting for, but at this point, just about anything would be better than the Sam Darnold experiment.

## Could the Jets mess around and become a contender?

I don't have much to say about this one, considering it'd definitely count toward the draft grades/speculation side of things — which I promised I wouldn't fall into — but, man, it sure felt like the Jets hit a home run this year.

The Jets used their three first-round picks to grab one of the Draft's top cornerbacks in Cincinnati's Sauce Gardner (No. 4), arguably the Draft's best WR in Ohio State's Garrett Wilson (No. 10) and one of the largest humans in the Draft with defensive end Jermaine Johnson (No. 26).

Then, as if they hadn't killed this Draft enough, they turned around and selected the top running back in this year's class in Iowa State's Breece Hall with pick No. 36 in the second round.

They may have been one of the laughing stocks of the NFL over the last few seasons, but with Wilson at the helm — after getting (mostly) a year of experience under his belt — and plenty of young, talented guys from the past couple of drafts, the Jets may actually be building something.

But, as always, only time will tell. And since it's the Jets, I'm sure they'll be right back at the top of the Draft next year.

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# CHATHAM IS BOLD!





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An eastern diamondback rattlesnake.

A northern pine snake.

SNAKES ALIVE

# Snake sightings common as the weather warms

Public feedback requested if you see pine snakes or rattlesnakes

From the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

RALEIGH — The warm weather means more snakes will start to show up along trails, in the woods, crossing roads and in our yards. Wildlife diversity biologists at the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission request that if you see a snake, do not be alarmed, do not kill it and give it plenty of room. If you see a pine snake or rattlesnake, report it. “Snakes are an important part of the ecosystem and help control the rodent, slug and insect populations,” said Jeff Hall, reptile conservation biologist with the Wildlife Commission. “There are many ways we can coexist with snakes, which is important because of 38 of North Carolina’s native snake species, 10 are listed endangered, threatened or of special

concern.” One example of a native threatened snake species is the Northern pine snake. Agency biologists want to know more about the distribution of the pine snake and are asking the public to report sightings. It is non-venomous and ranges between 4 and 5 feet long, but can get as large as 7½ feet. It has a white or tan background color with dark brown or black markings that begin as solid coloring or messy blotches near the head before gradually becoming distinct saddle-like blotches toward the tail. It’s mostly found in the Sandhills and the southern Coastal Plain, although there are confirmed reports of pine snakes in Cherokee and Swain counties. They prefer open areas within pine-oak forests with well-drained, sandy soil. “We are partnering with

several organization and agencies to conduct surveys in the areas where pine snakes have either been seen or areas with potentially good habitat,” stated Gabrielle Graeter, conservation biologist with the Wildlife Commission. “It’s difficult to conserve a species when we don’t even know all the places it occurs. Assistance from citizens in recording and documenting the pine snake will be a huge help. Websites like HerpsOfNC.org are great for helping people to identify snake species.” People who see a pine snake in the wild are asked to send an email to pinesnake@ncwildlife.org with a photo (required), date and time the snake was observed and location (GPS coordinates preferred). Keep in mind that some species have similar patterns, especially juvenile rat snakes and racers.

The public can also download the HerpMapper mobile app and document their observations electronically. The agency partners with the app to track amphibian and reptile species. Of the six venomous snake species native to N.C., three are rattlesnakes — the timber, the pigmy and the Eastern diamondback. Each one is in decline and protected by the North Carolina Endangered Species Act. Persecution by humans and habitat destruction are the main culprits. If anyone spots a rattler, they are urged to send an email to rattlesnake@ncwildlife.org with a photo (required), date and time the snake was observed and location (GPS coordinates preferred), or they can log their sighting on the HerpMapper mobile app. If you see a snake in your

yard and would prefer it to reside elsewhere, you can safely encourage it to leave by gently spraying it with a garden hose. You can also make your yard less hospitable for snakes by cleaning up clutter such as stick and rock piles, keeping your lawn mowed, closing gaps and holes in your siding and foundation, and sealing openings under doors, windows and around waterpipes. Most snakes will leave people alone if they aren’t bothered and are provided an escape route. Watching for snakes and giving them a wide berth are effective habits for coexisting with snakes safely. Questions about human-wildlife interactions can be directed to the agency’s N.C. Wildlife Helpline, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 866-318-2401 or by email, HWI@ncwildlife.org.

# NAACP, Community Remembrance Coalition to honor county’s other lynching victims

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
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PITTSBORO — Both chapters of the Chatham County NAACP, along with the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham, will host a ceremony next week to honor the memory of five residents who were lynched in Chatham County more than 100 years ago. The service on May 14 at the Chatham County Agricultural and Industrial Fairgrounds will honor Harriet Finch, Jerry Tyson, Lee Tyson and John Pattishall, each of whom were lynched in 1885. Henry Jones, who was lynched in 1889, will also be honored in the services.



Mary Nettles, president of the East Chatham Branch of the NAACP, spoke during last September’s remembrance service for Eugene Daniel at New Hope Baptist Church’s cemetery, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of his lynching death.

and Ida Daniel — and others gathered around Eugene’s gravesite to reflect on his brief life and tragic killing; additional activities were held afterward at the Chatham County Agriculture &

Conference Center. Nettles and Eugene’s great-niece, Cheryl Taylor, filled two large glass jars with soil, which had been removed from the site of Eugene’s lynching. One was presented to rep-

resentatives of the Equal Justice Initiative, a non-profit organization that provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons in Montgomery, Alabama. The soil was put on permanent display as part of the EJI’s Community Soil Collection Project in the its Legacy Museum and Memorial in Montgomery. The soil collection ceremony next week will follow a similar process. According to Nettles, the Remembrance Coalition became aware of the other lynchings when a community member shared the history with the NAACP in 2017.

Ceremonies like those help move the community toward reconciliation, she said. “Avoiding honest conversation about this history will undermine our ability to build a strong county where racial justice can be achieved,” Nettles said. “Knowledge is power and hopefully full knowledge will foster a carry cohesive community.” The fairgrounds are located at 191 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rd. For more details about the ceremony visit CRC-C.org. Ben Rappaport can be reached at brappaport@chathamnr.com or @brappaport.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks  
This jar of soil, from Eugene Daniel’s lynching site, is now on display at the Equal Justice Initiative’s Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama. Another soil removal ceremony coincides with an event memorializing Chatham’s other lynching victims on May 14.

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# Dear Mom, I know you're so tired, so I got you a Mother's Day gift from China—chicken blood

**BY BUCK RYAN & LEI JIAO**  
Special to the News + Record

*Journalism professor Buck Ryan in Kentucky and English lecturer Lei Jiao in Wuhan, China, are back pursuing cross-cultural understanding through current events—this time a salute to all mothers, single or married, for a Happy Mother's Day!*



Courtesy of Lei Jiao

**A Mother's Day tradition of kids making cards for their moms as keepsakes extends to China, where Lei Jiao's Ruby, then 6 years old, celebrated her mom as someone who drives her to beautiful places, makes her delicious cakes and teaches her good English**

"Hey, Lei. Happy Mother's Day!"  
"Sorry, Buck. Hang on for a second."  
"Sure."  
"I was a little distracted. I'm stuck in traffic, taking Ruby back to school. What did you say?"  
"I just wanted to wish you a Happy Mother's Day."  
"That's so sweet, Buck. But I'm not your mother."  
"Well I guess what we have here, Lei, is a failure to communicate."  
"OK, Cool Hand Buck, just so you know Mother's Day in China is all about kids showing love for their moms."  
"Oh."  
"So Ruby will make you something nice at school for Mother's Day?"  
"Buck, that hasn't happened since kindergarten. Things got serious for her in 1st grade."  
"So I guess you'll get your mom a dozen red roses, eh?"  
"An even number, yes, Buck, but for us red carnations are the thing."  
"So you give gifts in even numbers?"

"Yes, but not four."  
"Why?"  
"That's a sign of death."  
"OMG, Lei. You never fail to amaze me with how different our cultures are."  
"You mean your capitalism versus our socialism with Chinese characteristics?"  
"I guess."  
"Buck, let me drop off Ruby, then buy a pick-me-up, and I'll get right back to you."  
"That's fine, Lei. What's the pick-me-up, something from Starbucks?"  
"No, Buck, chicken blood."  
"Chicken blood!"  
"Gotcha, Buck. I'll be back soon."

*anxiety), battles the roads back-and-forth for two hours, if traffic is light, to get Ruby to her boarding school outside the Wuhan city center.*

*Ruby needs to arrive before 5:30 p.m. for her evening classes, so they bring food from home or takeout for the trip. Ruby's suitcase is packed for the week after lots of laundry for Lei.*

*Weekends are Lei's busiest days, especially when she's tutoring Ruby on two of six test subjects—English and Morality and Law—for two or three hours a day.*

*Getting tested for Covid—every 48 hours now, since the Shanghai and Beijing outbreaks—can take only a few minutes. Lei needs to keep the green code on her phone (tested negative) from turning gray to pass*

*through security checks for public transportation or for going to restaurants or malls.*

*Then there's her job as an English lecturer at Wuhan University of Technology—teaching six courses (down from eight) six days a week with hundreds of papers to grade.*

## WELCOME BACK, LEI!

"Now, Buck, where were we?"  
"We were talking about Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May for us. When does China celebrate Mother's Day?"  
"May 8th this year, same as you. We follow the Western tradition, though that's getting tricky."  
"What do you mean?"  
"Well, the winds blowing in Beijing are driving out Western influences. We're talking more and more about having our own Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving—you get the idea."  
"You mean a Mother's Day with Chinese characteristics?"  
"Bingo, Bucko. There is one Western tradition I long for."  
"What's that, Lei?"  
"Sunday as a day of rest."  
"LOL. Well, I hope you won't be toasting with chicken blood on Sunday for Mother's Day. What was up with that?"  
"It's an expression that dates back many moons, particularly to a Chinese doctor who experimented with injecting himself with chicken blood, then family members, then bring-your-own-chicken patients."  
"Why?"  
"To increase energy."  
"Did it work?"  
"Worked great until people started dying."  
"Oh gee."  
"Now the term Chicken Blood Mothers is overtaking Tiger Moms in China."  
"Chicken blood parenting, eh?"  
"Yeah, it's a parenting style that combines energetic helicopter parents with drill sergeants. So many mothers are stressing over their kids' academics and extracurricular activities. Any precious down time is squeezed."  
"The poor children."  
"Buck, I'm talking about the mothers! They're wound tighter than a 10-yuan watch."  
"Why is that?"  
"Competition for jobs is getting so fierce that some mothers are booking their kids' days at 15-minute intervals, trying relentlessly—and oppressively—to keep them on a path to success."  
"You, too?"  
"No, Buck. I'm just a

little Tiger Mom."  
"So what does that mean for Ruby?"  
"At her boarding school, she'll get up at 6:30, have five lessons in the morning until 12:10, a short break for lunch, then three lessons in the afternoon until 5:30 and three lessons in the evening until 10. Bedtime is 10:30."  
"That's an impossible schedule!"  
"Buck, it's only five days a week."  
"Oh gee. Not much time for anything else."  
"That's where the Tiger Mom comes in. I'm paying for her painting and zither lessons, plus her private tutoring sessions, mostly online these days, on Chinese, math, physics and chemistry. Those are required sections of the Zhongkao."  
"Ah, the Zhongkao, the PSAT of China. Ruby needs a high score on that standardized test to get into a high school honors program, right?"  
"Correct."  
"How exhausting."  
"Yes, Buck, I appreciate your concern for me."  
"I meant Ruby!"  
"Ah, another failure to communicate."  
"So, Lei, has China celebrated Mother's Day only as long as we have?"  
"No, Buck, for us you need to go back 24 centuries to the immortal mother of China's Second Sage, Mencius."  
"You mean second after Confucius, right?"  
"Right."  
"So what did his mother do?"  
"Three moves—out of two bad neighborhoods and finally to one that shaped her son's future as a scholar."  
"Oh, Lei, you're always good for an ancient tale. What's this one?"  
"Well, Buck, Meng Mu was a widower with a bright young boy to raise and not a lot of money. Her husband died when her son was 3 years old. At first they lived by a cemetery, but the mother found the boy imitating the paid mourners."  
"Paid mourners?"  
"Yes, Buck, the louder the howls of grief at a funeral, the more the deceased was viewed as a wonderful person, a great loss to the community."  
"So the family paid strangers to howl?"  
"Yes, Buck, they still do."  
"Go on, please."  
"The second house was near a market, but the boy kept imitating the merchants hawking their goods."  
"Not too dignified."  
"Nope."  
"So the mother moved their house next to a school. There the boy, inspired by scholars and students, began to study. The rest is in the Chinese scholar history books."  
"Oh, Lei, you never

disappoint. Do you know how long we have been celebrating Mother's Day in the U.S.?"  
"Since George Washington's mother moved their house near a cherry tree?"  
"LOL, not quite. 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday in May Mother's Day."  
"So who was the Meng Mu behind that?"  
"Anna Jarvis. Her activist mother died on the second Sunday of May in 1905."  
"I see."  
"The daughter started a tradition honoring her mother and all other mothers who sacrificed for their children with a quiet church service in West Virginia. There she handed out white carnations to mothers, sons and daughters."  
"White carnations, eh? How lovely for y'all. But white is the color of death for us."  
"No four white carnations for you, Lei Jiao!"  
"Ha! So Anna spent many years building up a tradition that would be recognized by the president of the United States. That's awesome."  
"Yes, Lei, but it didn't end well."  
"Oh?"  
"Card makers and candy stores tried to make a killing, florists jacked up the prices of white carnations, and Jarvis's reverential tribute turned into a circus."  
"Oh no."  
"Jarvis even accused First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt of turning Mother's Day into a fundraising scheme for charities to lower maternal and infant mortality rates."  
"My goodness."  
"Jarvis would go to her grave in 1948 lamenting the commercialization, even calling for the holiday to be repealed."  
"Buck, it sounds like that was the mother of all failures to communicate."

*About the authors: Buck Ryan, a University of Kentucky journalism professor, and Lei Jiao, an English lecturer at Wuhan University of Technology, Hubei Province, China, collaborate on articles to advance cross-cultural understanding. Ryan, who is doing a "participatory case study" of the News + Record, has been a visiting scholar at three universities in China, including Jiao's WUT.*

*Here's the link to read their last current events exchange, "Documentary on a brilliant Founding Father lacks a more perfect credit line — China," about Ken Burns' "Ben Franklin":*  
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For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Casey Rayfield at 423-794-8250 or Amber Crofts at 919-451-4300.

**THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**

The Church of God of Prophecy in Siler City will have a yard sale Saturday, May 7, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. The church is located at 907 13th St. The proceeds will go to the church Gen-

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All are invited.

# POLICE REPORTS

## CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On April 21, Eric Edward Elliott, 58, of 112 North Carolina 54 Apartment D4, Carrboro, was arrested by Deputy Shannon M. Parker for assault causing serious bodily injury. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 9.

On April 22, Marquette Antonio Colquitt, 29, of 33 Adams Way, Cameron, was arrested by Staff Sergeant Anthony Norton for common law robbery, felony conspiracy and false imprisonment. He was issued a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 25.

On April 22, Demaraus Jumale McNear, 30, of 1777 Pilgrim Church Rd., Thomasville, was arrested by Staff Sergeant Anthony Norton for common law robbery, felony conspiracy and possession of stolen goods/property. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 25.

On April 22, Lacy Allen Nall, 35, of 946 Saint Luke Church Rd., Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for Domestic Violence Protection Order violation. 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 April 22, Steven Augustine Bozzo, 41, of 4641 Lambeth Mill Rd., Bennett, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for misdemeanor stalking. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 26.

On April 22, William Holt Morrison, 31, of 1743 Charlie Brooks Rd., Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for Failure to Appear on charges of Driving While License Revoked. He was issued a \$2,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court in Sanford on May 9. Morrison was also arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for Failure to Appear a second charge of Driving While License Revoked. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court in Sanford on May 2.

On April 22, Billy Neil Jude, 57, of 911 Pine Oak, Cameron, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for Possession with Intent to Manufacture/Sell/Deliver methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a Schedule II controlled substance, possession of marijuana up to 0.5 ounces, simple possession of Schedule II controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 25.

On April 22, Anthony Lamont Sanders, 57, of 505 East Alston Rd., Pittsboro,

was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for failures to appear regarding charges of misdemeanor larceny and possession of stolen goods/property. He was issued a \$300 cash purge payment and is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court in Sanford on May 17.

On April 22, Eric Devone Smith, 33, of 6151 Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd., Siler City, was arrested by Staff Sergeant Ashley Ellington for failure to appear related to child support. He paid a \$239.50 cash purge payment and was released from custody.

On April 23, Korey Spencer Stickney, 47, of 143 Alpine Rd., Moncure, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for hit/run/leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. He was issued a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Wake County District Court in Raleigh on June 22.

On April 24, Kendra Renae Glosson, 35, of 1874 Bonlee School Rd., Bear Creek was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for exploitation of a disabled/el-

der person and obtaining property under false pretense. She was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on May 9.

On April 24, Ana Deysi Quijada Lina, 40, of 102 Beech Road Lot 118, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for misdemeanor child abuse. She was issued a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on April 27.

On April 26, Jhadius Letre Person, 23, of 401 East 4th St., Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Justina Knox for felony probation violation. He was issued a \$50,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Durham County Superior Court in Durham on May 16.

On April 26, Nathan Eric Fox Jr., 22, of 738 Sam Jones Rd., Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for assault on a female and Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury. He was issued a \$200 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on May 24.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CCCC offers free class for child care teaching credential

SANFORD — Do you enjoy working with children? Central Carolina Community College will offer the class Education 119: Intro to Early Childhood — for free.

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Learn more today about this class, which begins May 19th. Contact Ginger Harris Bartholomew at gharr082@cccc.edu or 919-718-7260 or Misty Davin at mdavi674@cccc.edu or 919-718-7267.

Visit this link to register for the class: <https://forms.gle/gzLfY3BF62QM-VqwV7>.

### Siler City to host public hearing on budget

SILER CITY — The proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget for the town of Siler City has been presented to the town's board of commissioners and is available for public inspection. To view the proposed budget, please visit [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org) or contact the town clerk at 919-742-4731 or [town-clerk@silercity.org](mailto:town-clerk@silercity.org).

A public hearing will be held on the budget ordinance at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, in the Multipurpose Room of the Wren Memorial Library, located at 500 North Second Ave., Siler City.

Citizens are invited to submit written comments to the town clerk at [town-clerk@silercity.org](mailto:town-clerk@silercity.org).

—CN+R staff reports

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# Day of the Books returns as in-person festival



Scilla Claus, 3, plays with toys at the Chatham Partnership for Children's Day of the Books Festival in Siler City on Saturday.

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Artist Katja Wise leads children in a hula-hooping exercise at the Day of the Books Festival in Siler City on Saturday. Organized every year by the Chatham County Partnership for Children, the festival celebrates and promotes literacy, multiculturalism, bilingualism and the arts among young children.

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Aidyn Marsh plays cornhole with members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office on April 30 during the Day of the Books Festival at Bray Park in Siler City.

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## Commissioners get first look at FY22-23 budget

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Board of Commissioners got their first look at the county's proposed \$164.9 million operating budget for fiscal 2022-23 on Monday night, which holds the property tax rate constant at \$0.67 per \$100 of assessed value while making adjustments for the expected future growth throughout the county.

The main focus of the scheduled commissioners meeting at the historic Chatham County courthouse was the presentation of the recommended budget for the upcoming fiscal year provided by County Manager Dan LaMontagne and the town staff. Assistant County Manager Bryan Thompson presented the recommended budget to the commissioners.

"We expect strong growth in the county," Thompson said. "Our

budget attempts to grapple with the excitement and the challenges of that expected growth."

Thompson said growth from development projects like the VinFast automotive plant to be built at Triangle Innovation Point and continued construction in Chatham Park meant continual adjustments to the budget process. That's why, he said, the budget staff deemed the theme for this year's recommended budget "honoring the

past while welcoming the future."

Thompson said while economic development is coming to the county, what is unclear is the state of the overall economy.

"We tried to look at a number of economic indicators as we tried to forecast the coming year's revenue," he said. "There's a lot going on in the world from inflation, to interest rates, higher gas prices, a war in Europe — a lot of things can change. There's a lot of external factors that we have no control over."

Despite those unknowns, Chatham County remains on the right track when it comes to unemployment and labor opportunities. According to the budget proposal, Chatham has the third lowest unemployment rate in the state and it is expected to grow jobs in both the public and private sector.

The county is expected to gain the equivalent of just over 70 new full-time positions in the coming year, with the largest

increase in the elder care and solid waste management sectors.

Revenues for the coming year are projected to be \$94.6 million, which represents a growth of about 6%. The sales tax and permitting budgets are also expected to grow by a similar margins.

Budget staff also projected a 24% increase in county sales tax revenue, which they said was due to strong tax collections and projected growth.

The general fund is expected to grow by 6% as well. From that increase, Chatham County Schools is recommended to receive \$105,000 for its new Central Services building and literacy program.

The school system is also recommended to receive an additional \$820,000 for the implementation of a centralized hybrid learning system along with a minimum of \$250 increase in compensation for all teachers. The total CCS budget is \$56.9 million, which is a 3% increase from the previous year.

"This is a people-centered budget," Thompson said. "This budget was created to meet the existing and growing demands in the county."

The recommended budget also suggests a 7% pay increase for all county employees. Thompson said the figure is competitive with other counties in the state.

Two public hearings on the budget are scheduled: 6 p.m. Monday, May 16, at the historic courthouse in Pittsboro and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, at the Wren Memorial Library in Siler City. Commissioners will also hold work sessions May 24-26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chatham County Agricultural & Conference Center.

Commissioners plan to finalize the budget by June 21. State law requires all budgets to be approved no later than June 30.

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  - Reestablished license plate agency
  - Established Immigrant Advisory Committee
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"We need a sound check, Senator. ... Could you give us a no-comment?"

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

**PHONY-BALONEY**

**ACROSS**

1 Wearing nightclothes, for short

6 Meanie's look

11 In addition

15 Eyelid hair

19 Steel, e.g.

20 Ancient Greek region

21 Empty spaces

22 World's fair

23 Illegal detention

25 Columbus is its capital

26 British actor

27 "Mind your — business!"

28 High, round collar not folding over on itself

31 Without any variety

35 Ingest

36 Boston NBAer, for short

37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.

41 New Nintendo console of 2012

43 Big antlered beast

47 Opposite of dep., in an airport

48 Thin porridge

50 Saw against the main grain, as wood

52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent

58 Ecol. monitor

59 Middays

60 Tiny arachnid

61 J. — Hoover director

64 Like overdue birthday wishes

67 Bill & Ted went on one in a 1991 film

70 Wombs

71 Bible book after Prov.

74 O-V linkup

75 "Spider-Man" director Sam Wedlock not based on love

79 Cheer up

81 Burros, e.g. — occasion (never)

83 Paris' river

84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.

85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe

91 "Beloved" novelist Toni

94 Buc, Bronco or Niner

95 Beatty of film

97 Cindy Brady player Susan

98 Former jets to the U.K.

101 Bit of non-needed body art

105 Sour plum

107 Stage star

109 Title for Kate Middleton

110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps

117 Even score

118 Forum attire

119 In the past

120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle

125 Coagulate

126 Rebuke from Caesar

127 Like a dweeb

128 About, before a date

129 At this place

130 Lather (up)

131 Gather up

132 Hoodwinked

**DOWN**

1 Global finance org.

2 Teacher's union, in brief

3 Old TV ministry inits.

4 2002 "Friday the 13th" sequel

5 Whole lotta

6 Knightly title

7 Bulblike base of a stem

8 — cat (two-base game)

9 Neighbor of Minn. and Ill.

10 Jewish potato pancake

11 Relative of a guinea pig

12 Lion portrayer

13 Feature of Betty Boop's hair

14 — Mio"

15 Crude sheds

16 Car shaft

17 Project detail, for short

18 Sell at a pawnshop

24 Opponent

29 "I taut I — a pudgy tatt"

30 Shade trees

31 Flip — coin

32 DEA worker

33 Irish money

34 Bring about

38 Some flawed garments: Abbr.

39 Add-on to the end of a wd.

40 Bit of a bray

42 Most nymph

44 Sea nymph

45 Sovereign

46 Letter two before iota

49 VIP vehicle

51 Margarine

53 Deprives of weapons

54 "Sorry, too busy"

55 Bodily digit

56 Big striped cat, in French

57 A/C output qtzs.

62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —

63 Like low-quality eggs

64 City transport

65 Alcohol in liquor

66 Landlords or landladies

67 Empty protruding hearing organs

69 Yang go-with

72 Sings gently

73 U.S. pres., militarily

77 Inquires

78 "Continue" cousin

80 Architect

83 Chiang Kai —

84 Broody rock genre

86 Investigate pryingly

87 Very loudly, in music

88 Miami loc.

89 Stud money

90 Old Storms and Trackers

92 Paraphrase

93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.

96 Two, in Chile

99 Maintenance job on a car

100 Indy sponsor

102 Ballet outfit

103 Something very easy

104 Vegas casino

106 Some Siouan speakers

108 MetLife rival

110 Concern for a dermatologist

111 Concern for a dermatologist

112 Horror film lab assistant

113 Twice tetra-

114 "Pst" cousin

115 — avis

116 Some old Fords

121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.

122 Hosp. zones

123 Ideal serve

124 Young fella

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### ATHLETES TURNED ACTOR

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

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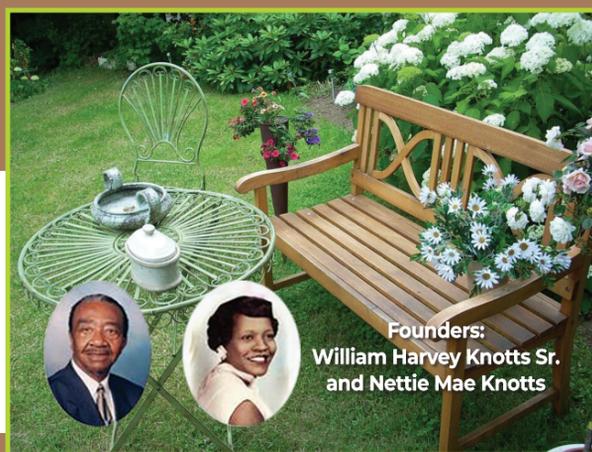
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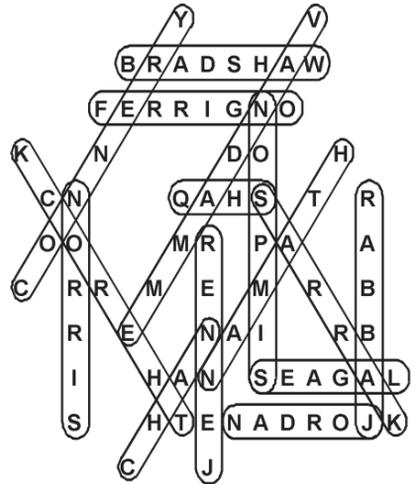
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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## The yolks on me and you

I have to credit my dad for my love of eggs.

Growing up, my mom did almost all of the cooking, but on weekends, dad would sometimes make breakfast. Oatmeal, biscuits, pancakes, and, for some crazy reason, he could rock an omelet.

They were cooked in margarine and filled with American cheese that came individually wrapped in plastic — but they were yellow, not browned — fluffy and delicious. I have no idea here he learned the skill; I should probably ask.

He's always loved eggs. When he ran late for work and didn't have time for his customary bowl of Raisin Bran, he'd crack two or three eggs into a glass, and down the whole thing.

But there is a dark side to our friend the tasty egg. An egg once tried to kill me.

I was 6 or 7, and we were in a mall and stopped to have lunch at a Piccadilly Cafeteria. To a little kid whose only eating out experience had been at McDonald's and Burger Chef, this was the fanciest, most sophisticated restaurant in the world.

When we went through the line, I asked for a hard-boiled egg.



Courtesy of Debbie Matthews

**Hash browns with steamed eggs.**

I decided that my table manners had to match the atmosphere of the elegant eatery. I then decided that I couldn't eat the egg with my hands, I had to use a fork. But instead of cutting it, I stuck it in my gob whole.

It slid right into the back of my mouth and stopped. I couldn't breathe or swallow.

A normal human would have gotten the attention of my parents, siblings, or a passing waiter.

Not me. I'd be darned if I was going to make a fuss and embarrass myself in this swanky joint. I decided I was either going to unchoke myself, or die, but quietly and with all the 7-year-old dignity I could muster.

It was a Herculean struggle, but as you may have guessed, Gentle Reader, I made it out of

Military Circle Mall alive. And, I was never a big fan of hard-boiled eggs after that.

But just about any other egg prep makes me very happy.

The other day when I was making hash browns, I got to thinking about shakshouka, an North African Middle Eastern dish where eggs are cooked on top of a spicy tomato broth. And I thought about how much I love eggs, and the runny yolks of poached and over easy preparations.

So, I went for it and cracked some eggs onto the top. It was a revelation — I loved it.

And, last week I promised you a recipe for the easiest poached eggs ever. So go forth and get egggy with it.

Thanks for your time  
Contact me at dm@bullcity.mom.

**Hash Browns with Steamed Eggs**

- 4 medium waxy potatoes, like Yukons or red potatoes
- yellow onion
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 4 eggs
- salt
- pepper
- splash of vinegar

Place unpeeled spuds in a large heavy pot with a couple tablespoons of salt and a splash of vinegar. Cook on medium heat until they are barely fork tender. Drain and let cool. Then refrigerate until they are cold; overnight is best. Cooling the potato will tighten up the starches and make the shreds hold up better and not turn to mashed potatoes while cooking.

Prepare dish:

Place 2 tablespoons of butter into a heavy skillet. Heat on medium. As the pan heats, grate the potatoes directly into the pan. When half of the spuds are shredded, grate onion to taste onto the potatoes. Finish grating the potatoes, then season and toss in the now-melted butter.

Gently smooth the mixture flat and press slightly to get everything together.

Take the last tablespoon of butter and dot onto the top.

Cover and cook just below medium for 8-10 minutes. Check and when potatoes are browned on the underside, flip.

To easily flip the potato cake, put a plate over the pan, put on very good oven mitts (I use my Ove Gloves), and flip the pan over so that the hash browns are now upside down and on the plate. Carefully slide back into skillet and pat smooth.

Cook uncovered until the bottom starts to brown.

Then turn down to medium-low.

Make four small dents onto the potatoes, to give the egg somewhere to nest.

Crack the eggs into a small bowl (in case of shell, blood, or anything weird) then pour onto the spuds into one of the indentations. Repeat until four eggs are evenly spaced on top.

Cover and cook for 6-8 minutes or until the eggs are to your taste.

When the eggs are cooked, slide onto a serving plate and serve; they can be served with a variety of toppings like bacon, ham, chives, even ketchup or Hollandaise.

Serves 2-4.

**Microwave Poached Eggs**

- From Spruce Eats
- 1/2 cup water, cold
- 2 large eggs
- Kosher salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Fill a microwave-safe coffee cup, glass, or microwave-safe liquid measuring cup with 1/2 cup of cold tap water.

Crack 1 egg into the cup.

Place a saucer on top of the cup so that it covers the opening completely.

Microwave on high for 30 seconds and then see if the egg white is cooked through. If not, continue to microwave in 10-second increments. Wait several seconds before removing the lid as steam can escape quickly and powerfully, even after a very short amount of cooking time.

Repeat with the other egg in a fresh cup. Serve with salt and pepper, and enjoy.



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