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'IT WAS JUST THE BIGGEST BIRTHDAY GIFT'

## Water quality activists react to Pittsboro's decision to investigate polluters

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

**I hope that this sets a precedent for other communities to know that this is a legal tool in their toolbox, and that we need to identify the sources and eliminate the sources of pollution at the discharge.**

EMILY SUTTON, *Riverkeeper for the Haw River Assembly*

possibly pursue litigation against upstream polluters, some of which have dumped PFAS and other health-threatening chemicals into the town's drinking water supply.

"I felt like it was just the biggest birthday gift the town could have given," Bryant said. "It's been a struggle for me to give trust in them, and they

regained my trust and possibly the trust of their community by making this step forward."

Activists like Bryant have worked and advocated that Pittsboro pursue legal action against those responsible for the many discharges of PFAS and 1,4-Dioxane — chemical compounds which have been deemed likely carcin-

ogens — into the Haw River, Pittsboro's only source of drinking water.

The Haw River Assembly has been one of the main organizations in Chatham County advocating for cleaner water for residents.

Haw River Riverkeeper Emily Sutton has spent years being a proponent for the end of chemical discharges and pursuing legal action against dischargers on the Haw River Assembly's behalf.

"This is something that we've been pushing Pittsboro to take action towards since we found out about

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'A CELEBRATION OF COURAGE AND RESILIENCE'

## Chatham celebrates Juneteenth with event-filled weekend



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority performs a step routine at the Pittsboro Juneteenth celebration on Saturday at the Chatham Co. Fairgrounds in Pittsboro. The sorority is a part of the Divine Nine, the nine historically Black Greek letter organizations that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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PITTSBORO — Hundreds of Chatham residents gathered at the Chatham County Agricultural and Industrial Fair Association this weekend to celebrate Juneteenth with events provided by two Chatham-based organizations.

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, and marks the day — June 19, 1865 — when slaves in Galveston, Texas, were informed about the Emancipation Procla-

mation, signed nearly two and a half years before. Texas designated Juneteenth as a holiday in 1980, but it wasn't made a federal holiday until last year.

In Pittsboro, Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE) and Wealth through Entrepreneurship for Black Businesses (WEBB Squared) held their celebrations on June 18 and 19, respectively, with each event having a unique focus. CORE's event focused on celebrating Black culture and its history, while WEBB Squared's event highlighted and commemorated Black

entrepreneurs and their contributions to the community.

On Saturday, CORE's celebration featured a Black business expo, an exhibit filled with artifacts from Chatham County's Black history, a drumline and step team, several speakers and more.

CORE Executive Director Karinda Roebuck helped to organize the 5th annual celebration. She said Juneteenth provides a perfect opportunity for the community to come together and commemorate

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Photo via Jackie Harpham on Twitter

Christian Poteat Jr. poses for a selfie with Northwood Sports Medicine Trainer Jackie Harpham. Poteat died in an accidental drowning incident Thursday.

## Northwood graduate dies in accidental drowning incident

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
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CHAPEL HILL — A 2022 Northwood graduate died in an accidental drowning incident in Chapel Hill last Thursday.

Christian Poteat Jr., who played lacrosse and football at Northwood, was swimming at Eastwood Lake Thursday afternoon, according to Chapel Hill Police Department.

"At around 2:20 p.m., the Chapel Hill Police and Fire Departments, along with Orange County Emergency Services, responded to

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## CCS puts emergency COVID funding to good use despite challenges

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
News + Record Staff

Districts across North Carolina have left millions of COVID-19 relief funds on the table by not allocating them, but that's not the case here: Chatham County Schools has clear plans for the nearly \$19 million it will ultimately get.

The clock to spend that money keeps ticking, with school districts needing to decide on allocations by September 2024.

All told, North Carolina school districts and charter schools have been given a total of \$6.2 billion in federal COVID-19 funds, but thus far have only spent \$2.4 billion, according to

the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction.

Chatham County has a total allotment of federal funds of \$18,777,352. As it stands, CCS has all of its COVID-related emergency funding allocated and budgeted through 2024; so far, about \$5 million of that has been spent, with plans to spend the balance by June 30, 2024.

Amanda Moran, assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support for CCS, said the district utilized planning and prioritizing when considering needs.

"The reason we don't have a surplus of unspent funds is that we had a strong plan from the beginning," Mo-

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Staff photo by Tanner Bubeck

## Mark Hewitt's workshop

The tools of the potter sit atop a bucket inside Mark Hewitt's workshop at his pottery studio in Pittsboro. The largest of Hewitt's kilns can be walked through by visitors, inviting them to see the glazed bricks that make up the inside. More photos, page B5.

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Former Charger Palermo reflects on 'incredible' UNC season. **PAGE B1**

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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.

## ON THE AGENDA

• **The Siler City Board of Commissioners** will have a specially-called meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 27, at the Wren Memorial Library Multipurpose room.

• **The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 27, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center. Members of the public can livestream the meeting on YouTube.

## • OTHER

• Help the **Chatham Chamber of Commerce** to celebrate the opening of **Down Town Cafe** in Siler City. A Ribbon Cutting will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 30. Light refreshments will be available. Stay over and order lunch. Down Town Cafe is a family owned restaurant serving home cooked meals and desserts.

• **The Siler City Lions Club** will hold a Red Cross blood drive, Saturday, June 25, at Loves Creek Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

• **Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge #143** has its Stated Communication on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (June 21), with supper at 6:30 p.m., meet-

ing at 7:30. All Master Masons are welcome. 185 Bonlee/Bennett Road., Bonlee.

• **The Goldston Public Library Book Club** for Adults, 18 and up. Meetings will be held in the E.M. Harris Jr. Conference Room at the Library. For complete information, call the library at 919-898-4522 or email juana.gomez@chathamlibraries.org. The library is located at 9235 Pittsboro-Goldston Road, Goldston.

• **Chatham Community Library** announces the return of the Chess Club and Clinic, Saturdays through July 9, from 1 to 3 p.m., meeting in the Lakritz Storytime Room, for teens and adults, 12 and up.

• **Wren Memorial Library** in Siler City announce new programs and events for the Chatham County community to enjoy. The **Arts & Crafts** begins Wednesday, June 1 and continues on the first Wednesday each month, from 10 a.m. to noon. Community members of all ages are invited to create theme-based arts. Materials are supplied. Take-and-make supplies will be available for those who wish to drop in and make something at home. For the month of June, the theme is Ocean Animals. --- Wren Memorial Library **Social Hour** begins Thursday, June 2 and continues each Thursday, from 3 to 4 p.m. Adult community members (ages 18 and up) have an opportunity

to meet and chat with fellow neighbors, a great opportunity to meet new people and form lasting friendships. --- **The Family Story Time** begins Thursday, June 2 and continues each Thursday, from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Community members of all ages are welcome to join Wren Memorial Library for interactive story time. Participants will hear stories, sing songs, and maybe even do some dancing. Note: **Toddler Story Time** at Wren Memorial Library will continue to occur each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. The Library is located at 500 North 2nd Avenue., For more information about these events and programs at Wren Memorial Library, individuals may contact wren@chathamlibraries.org or (919) 742-2016.

## 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.

• **The Silk Hope Ruritans** host a Benefit Bingo on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of each month. Next on the schedule is June 30 at the Silk Hope Community Center.

• **Horton High School Alumni Association** 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; 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. at 630 East St., Pitts-

boro, 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, Orange and Alamance coun-

ties 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.

# COA gets nearly \$5K from 'Share the Love' campaign

From the Chatham Council on Aging

The Chatham County Council on Aging was one of 13 Meals on Wheels America member organizations in North Carolina to earn revenue from the 2022 Subaru "Share the Love" Campaign.

By participating in a number of activities on social media and in the Chatham County community from Nov. 18, 2021, to Jan. 3, the Council earned two revenue shares from the campaign — the maximum amount possible. For every Subaru bought in North Carolina during that time period, customers had the option to donate \$250 to local senior nutrition programs when choosing Meals on Wheels as their charity of choice. The campaign period yielded a

total of \$44,278.98 for 13 North Carolina Meals on Wheels America organizations, with the Council earning \$4,919.89 of that amount, or roughly 9%.

The Share the Love campaign observed its 14th anniversary in 2021-22, while the Council plans to use the funds in areas of need deemed most critical.

"Both Meals and Wheels America and Subaru have been instrumental in allowing nonprofits such as ours the opportunity to earn much-needed revenue," COA Director of Grants and Communications Jimmy Lewis said. "We cannot thank them enough for the commitment they have shown to not only the Council, but the older adult population that we serve each and every day."

## CHURCH NEWS

**LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
An American **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be hosted at **Loves Creek Baptist Church** on Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. All donors are needed, especially in this busy season.

The church is located at 1745 East 11th St., Siler City.



**Siler City Lions Club**  
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SAT., June 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00AM to 1:30 PM**  
**Loves Creek Baptist Church**  
1745 East 11th St.

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- 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)
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- 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)
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- 18 Pearleman Teague Road (2 Acres)
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- 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 (Slier 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 (Slier 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 (Slier City)
- 8798 Sylvan Road (Liberty)
- 488 NC 87 N (Pittsboro)
- 76 Fox Chapel Lane (Pittsboro)
- 354 A Mountain View (Pittsboro)

**LAND (Representing Buyers) 9 Units**

- 0 NC 42 Highway (10.89 Acres)
- 388 Wade Bright Road (10 Acres)
- 0 Roselle Road (46.204 Acres)
- 720 Hamlets Chapel Road (.69 Acres)
- 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)

**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)
- 729 Hope Hills Drive (Slier City)
- 6490 Snow Camp Road (Snow Camp)

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**(Representing Sellers) 5 Units**

- 13120 Strickland Road (16.25 Acres)
- 0 Hamlets Chapel Road (42.805 Acres)
- 00 Alston Chapel Road (176 Acres)
- 1475 Lewter Shop Road (4.445 Acres)
- 1456 Hadley Mill Road (28.353 Acres)

**RESIDENTIAL (Representing Sellers) 2 Units**

- 138 Oakwood Lane (Pittsboro)
- 218A Poplar Street (Chapel Hill)

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what emancipation achieved. “Over time in generations, it’s an opportunity for us to gather together in celebration of Black culture, resilience and Black excellence,” Roebuck said. “It’s about a whole culture that’s kind of emerged, and it deserves to be celebrated.”

One of the speakers, North Carolina poet and UNC-Chapel Hill Professor Dasan Ahanu, recited his own works to an audience in the middle of the weekend festivities.

“I think this commemoration is important,” Ahanu said. “Because as long as we continue to think about those who are underserved, who are oppressed, we’re challenged and dealing with struggle, we will continue to make our communities better. We never want to have another situation where someone is the last to know the times of change.”

After his remarks, Ahanu told the News + Record he wanted to make sure he shared the story behind Juneteenth.

“It’s a celebration of courage and resilience,” he said. “It’s a marker of time that says if you continue to hold on, change is going to come, and that we’re



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**The drum line and dance team from the Ben L. Smith High School in Greensboro entertained the crowd with a powerful performance on Saturday at the Chatham Co. Fairgrounds in Pittsboro. One of the goals of Juneteenth Pittsboro is to bring together local and regional talent.**

going we can make it through whatever circumstances the situation has that we’re dealing with.”

Ahanu said he was compelled to share his work and talents at Chatham’s celebration because it’s important for members of the community — regardless of race — to embrace Juneteenth and celebrate it together.

“We can’t allow for anyone to be prioritized or privileged

any more than anyone else,” Ahanu said. “We all deserve to be able to have a chance to be able to carve the life that we want, and if so the community then becomes stronger because we can all contribute back in a way that helps to build the whole community for everyone.”

There were some familiar faces from across Chatham celebrating Juneteenth over the weekend. Siler City Dist. 2

commissioner Norma Boone helped to organize CORE’s Saturday event. She was in attendance — wearing her CORE Juneteenth t-shirt — sharing the importance of bringing awareness to different aspects of our shared history.

“It is important to show people and for them to learn what everyone has as a part of their background,” Boone said. “We want to make sure people are open and really wanting to learn.”

Boone said in times where it seems people are more divided than ever, it’s crucial to keep educating and uniting people through community events — such as those celebrating Juneteenth.

“I think a lot of times, people don’t want to see or understand others,” she said. “This is one of those things ... about bringing people together and being able to be different, but we can also be together.”

Elijah Roebuck, Karinda Roebuck’s son and a student at the North Carolina School of Science and Math, was helping his mother set up and work during Saturday’s event. He said as a mixed-race student, it is important to recognize where he came from, and embrace his mixed cultural background.

“For me, it means a lot that

we were able to get this event together and bring the crew together, but also personally, it displays tenacity, it displays perseverance that we, as Black people, have had to have throughout history,” he said. “Just being able to celebrate ... the evolution of Black people in America and how far we’ve come and what we’ve had to overcome, even if it is just waiting for that news to reach us, it is something that we have had to struggle and fight through ... something that I think is very much worth the celebration.”

He said he felt an overwhelming sense of pride, joy and unity in his community on Saturday. For him, he hopes the spirit of that day continues beyond Juneteenth into the rest of the year.

“To see so many people, it is unity, it feels whole and almost tranquil in a sense because we were able to bring everyone together,” he said. “We’re able to all be here and be happy with each other ... I think it means this great sense of unity and just this tranquility — it’s a very comfortable environment to me.”

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# PFAS, PFOA, PFOS, GenX, PFBS and 1,4-Dioxane: what you need to know

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Pittsboro’s board of commissioners has voted to investigate upstream Haw River polluters and seek litigation against them for discharging PFAS and 1,4-Dioxane. Simultaneously, the Environmental Protection Agency has announced new health advisories and water quality standards for PFOA, PFOS, GenX and PFBS, something many activists said is a step in the right direction.

Here are some important

facts you should know about each of these compounds:

### What are PFAS?

PFAS is short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which make up an entire family of chemical compounds. Thousands of chemicals fall into this category; they can be found in products such as nonstick cookware, waterproof jackets, food packaging, firefighting foam and more.

The PFAS class of chemicals is dangerous because they can

accumulate in the body over time, which can lead to health issues years after an initial exposure. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated 95% of Americans have been exposed to PFAS at some point in their lives.

### What’s the difference between PFAS and PFOA, PFOS, GenX and PFBS?

PFOA and PFOS are chemicals within the PFAS family; GenX and PFBS are their own separate chemicals. PFOA

and PFOS have been known to impact the immune and cardiovascular systems and are considered.

GenX has been linked to health conditions affecting the liver, the kidney, and the immune system; it’s also considered a carcinogen. PFBS, also a carcinogen, has been known to impact the thyroid and developing fetuses.

### What are the new advisories set by the EPA?

The EPA has announced

new health advisories for four chemical compounds — PFOA, PFOS, GenX and PFBS. New recommended advisory levels are:

- Interim PFOA level: 0.004 parts per trillion
- Interim PFOS level: 0.02 parts per trillion
- Final GenX level: 100 parts per trillion
- Final PFBS level: 2,000 parts per trillion

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# WATER

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this issue and since we started litigation against the city of Burlington in 2019,” Sutton said. “We’re really happy to see this step being taken by the town of Pittsboro — it’s been long-awaited.”

Sutton and others from the Haw River Assembly have, on multiple occasions, given presentations to the town board about pollutants in drinking water and suggested steps to help remedy the problem, including urging previous administrations to pursue legal action and install infrastructure to make the water clean enough to drink safely.

Sutton participated in the Pittsboro Water Quality Task Force, established by Mayor Cindy Perry. While serving on that group, she said the Haw River Assembly pursued litigation against

the city of Greensboro, as well as Burlington. Those two municipalities have been responsible for discharging potentially carcinogenic materials out of their municipal water treatment facilities into the Haw River.

“But because that (litigation) takes time, we needed Pittsboro to take urgent action to protect the community members that were getting their drinking water from the town,” she said. “Fast forward four years later — we still are kind of in the same situation.”

The town has spent more than \$3 million on improving its water treatment plant, including acquiring a granular activated carbon treatment system for PFAS, set to “go live” in early July according to town officials.

According to the town’s legal agreements, any money awarded from legal action would go toward necessary infra-

structure to treat water for these compounds or toward a new and improved water treatment plant for Pittsboro.

Sutton said she hoped this decision sparks change in other communities like Pittsboro which have experienced similar problems with pollutants.

“With cases like this where downstream communities are going into litigation to help finance water treatment systems to keep their communities and their customers safe,” Sutton said, “I hope that this sets a precedent for other communities to know that this is a legal tool in their toolbox — and that we need to identify the sources and eliminate the sources of pollution at the discharge.”

Other communities are also looking into legal solutions, according to Clean Haw River’s Bryant.

At that annual Nation-

al PFAS Conference in Wilmington, she spoke to attendees about how PFAS afflicted her family and her neighbors.

“We were able to stand in front of the researchers and basically validate that they know we exist,” Bryant said. “I’ve never been to a science conference where community members are allowed to speak, so it’s very emotional and precious to me and I’ll never miss a meeting — this was my first and this won’t be my last.”

That was not the only good news Bryant and Sutton received: the EPA has also announced it would be implementing new health advisories to PFOA, PFOS, GenX and PFBS chemicals, something Bryant and Sutton have advocated for over the years.

Bryant found out about the new advisories while preparing for her speech at the PFAS conference. The news was proclaimed

at the convention by Radhika Fox, the assistant administrator at the EPA for water, and when Bryant heard it, she said she couldn’t believe her ears.

“I did not think I was going to see that for a very, very, very long time,” she said. “I felt like I was not in the same reality ... I was in shock.”

New health advisories were placed on two kinds of PFAS, GenX and PFBS, and new water quality standards were placed on PFAS legacy compounds, PFOA and PFOS.

Sutton said while those announcements are a step in the right direction, she feels the EPA’s standards and advisories will not be as effective in Pittsboro’s situation.

“Our problem is not just with PFOA and PFOS, it’s all these shorter chain compounds like 1,4-Dioxane and others,” she said. “We’re looking at these compounds and taking this issue very

seriously at the federal level, which is encouraging. That needs to be expanded to be a class standard so we’re not just continuing to shuffle around what PFAS compounds are being manufactured.”

With the news from the EPA and the town of Pittsboro, Bryant said she feels optimistic about the direction the federal government and local leaders are taking to address the issues Pittsboro has faced for generations.

“I can’t even explain to you how overjoyed and how happy I am and proud of them,” Bryant said. “I know it’s just the beginning and may not fix everything, but I realized that in this kind of work, every step forward is what gets us to our bigger picture.”

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Some lessons from puzzle time

My family and I self-isolated last week due to our infection of COVID-19. We had mild symptoms and incredible friends who brought dinner, books, board games and a 500-piece puzzle.



**ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN**  
Hope Matters

I'm not sure my 6-year-old son would have been interested in this puzzle except that it was Pokémon. He loves anything to do with this animated series and insisted that we dump out the pieces and get to work right away.

In the past, he and I have worked 100-piece puzzles on

**Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.**

the dining room table and completed them fairly quickly. It was overly ambitious of me to think we could finish this larger puzzle by supper time. It would eventually take two days.

In terms of puzzle strategy, I'm a border-first guy — find the straight edges and complete the frame, then fill in the middle. But the most beloved Pokémon characters, Pikachu and Eevee, were in the middle of this puzzle. My son wanted to work on them right away!

It's hard for me to learn patience, let alone teach it to a

young child. Our technological culture has its advantages, but teaching patience is not one of them. He can watch a "Pokémon" episode on our tablet whenever he wants. (And truth be told, he watched far more shows than usual during our isolation.)

Speaking of borders and boundaries, it is my parental responsibility to set limits for my children. Last week, even though our symptoms were relatively mild, we still had to stay at home so that we would prevent contagious infection. This was not the way that my kids wanted to start their summer! But their mom and I held the line.

A border is also a frame, a perspective or way of looking at a particular experience, like

being confined to our home. Working a puzzle allowed opportunities not only to slow down but to change our perspective. As writer Anne Lamott has said, "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."

I was less task-oriented and goal-directed than usual. My son and I took breaks from the Pokémon puzzle when we became tired or frustrated. I also learned about patience. There was no deadline for completing it; we had nowhere we had to go. Instead of the dining room table, we could eat our meals on the front porch!

The most valuable part of this experience was the process, not the result. I certainly wouldn't wish COVID-19 or

any sickness on anyone. But this time with my son was an unexpected piece of the puzzle that fit.

Late in the afternoon on the second day, my son put down the last piece almost exactly in the middle. We cheered and celebrated with popsicles!

The next morning, he came downstairs and we admired our finished product still on the dining room table. He looked at me with a twinkle in his eyes, "Dad, you want to take it apart and do it again?"

*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."*

## This time of year turns us into homing pigeons

It was the English poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson, who wrote long ago that "in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

And while that's true, although he didn't know it at the time, he could have added some other things that folks' fancies turn to in the spring, especially in June, although June is now summer.

Through the years, I've had the opportunity to spend considerable time with couples, young and not so young, helping them turn their June thoughts into June weddings. It's always been my hope and prayer that when that spring season has passed and they've moved into their autumn and even winter times that things have worked out so they're still together in the same year.

There are other things June is noted for besides weddings, however. Some of those things include graduations — now over — and full-blown baseball seasons, although mostly for the majors and minors since high school is done and college is winding down.

And yet there's one more great tradition when spring comes knocking: church homecomings. While not every parish celebrates in late May or early June, many do. Some folks, because of tradition, pick other times of the year, even late summer or early fall. But what's really important is not so much the when but the *that* — that it happens sometime.

The reasons for these events are perhaps as varied as the people celebrating them. For some, it's what they do every Sunday, worshiping at their customary place. For others, it really is the opportunity to go back "home" to their community and church. Whatever the reason, it grabs many folks like a magnet. Nothing wrong with that.

It's been a privilege for me to share in many of them, near and far. And while they're pretty much the same wherever, they're also different in style and substance, sometimes in barely noticeable ways.

And the changes ... through the years there have been many, especially since the time of life I was a child.

As I remember them from then at this vantage point of 60-plus years ago, the weather was hot, the preaching was long, the music was loud and food was bountiful and good. From this point, I'm going to refrain from making similar comparisons to today because I could incriminate myself, so let me just note that the weather is still kind of warm and the food is still good.

But we no longer spread out food on pieces of heavy wire fence that sat on sawhorses to create tables, all safely tucked under a line of massive oak trees. And no longer are tea or real lemonade with slices of the fruit floating among the ice blocks dipped from a big wash tub or poured from a metal barrel. And while you can still eat outside on a picnic table or by holding plate and drink in your hands while trying to munch your chicken leg or ham biscuit, it's often hard to resist the temptation of air conditioning. Plus, in those days, folks always kept an eye on the sky to see if there would be rain.

As a youngster, I liked eating outside, near the tables where I had already scoped out the fried chicken and ham biscuits and warm soggy Duke's mayonnaise-laden tomato sandwiches wrapped in wax paper.

And the cakes and pies. My dad was not only my idol then but my mentor as well. From him, I learned how to fill a plate, find room for dessert and balance my cup of tea all the while consuming various and sundry amounts of the good stuff. He also showed me the value of finding a Plymouth or Chevy with a big front fender, which could serve as a table if I got tired of not having four hands.

I think of those days often now, especially as they recede farther and farther into the past. And as my dad often said about various things, I wouldn't take a million dollars for them.

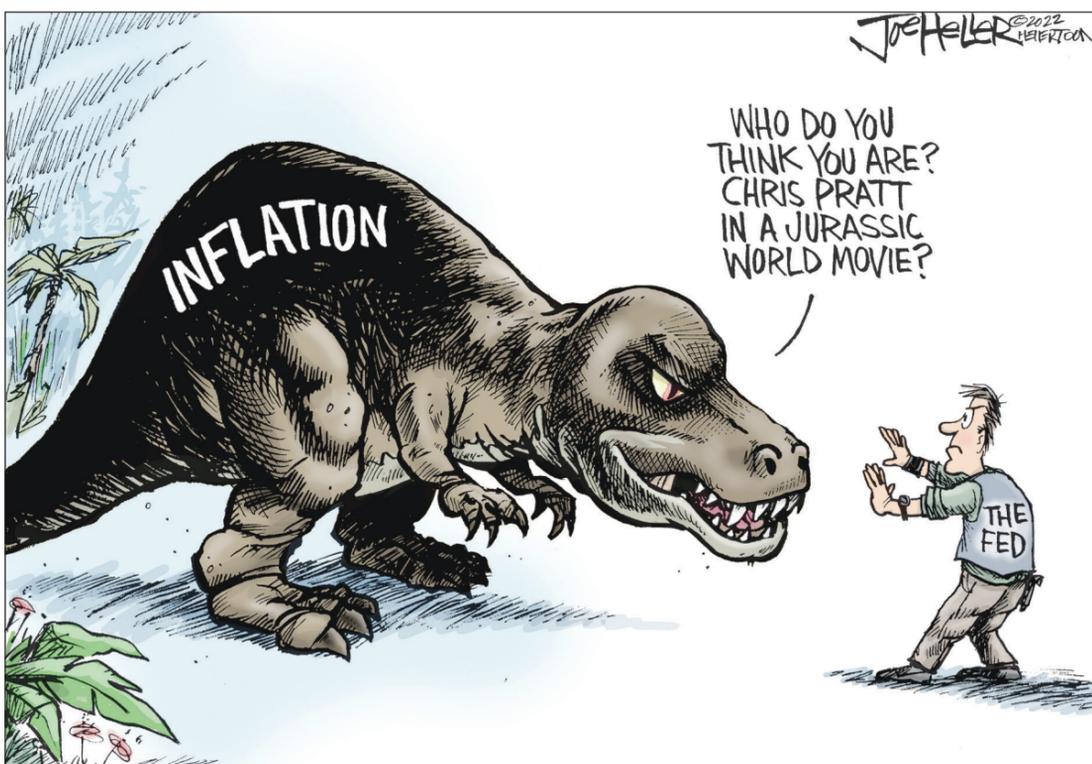
So, find a homecoming to go to. Greet old friends; make some new ones; and have a tomato sandwich during this season.

It'll do you good and help you, too.

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**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around



## What does the language of recessions mean?

We frequently use terms and phrases in our language as shortcuts. For example, in my youth the word "cool" was a shortcut for approval.



**MIKE WALDEN**  
You Decide

To complicate matters, the shortcut terms often change over generations. Among today's young people, "sick" or "dope" are the equivalents for "cool." For a senior citizen like me, it's hard to keep up.

It's not just in everyday language that shortcuts are used. Most business sectors and even academic disciplines use them. Economics is a good example. As a professional economist for almost five decades, I've learned an entire language — or lingo — to describe concepts and actions in the business world.

Frequently, economics lingo seeps into everyday conversation, particularly in the media. We're hearing many of these specialized terms today as fears of an impending recession are becoming more frequent.

Hence, in this column I'll give you translations of the economic language of recessions. With these translations at hand, you'll be better able to follow the path of the economy, what a recession means and the implications of various policy actions.

When economists say a recession occurs, they mean total economic activity is "receding" — that is, declining. A variety of factors are used to make this assessment, including total production of goods and services (called "gross domestic product," or GDP), employment and income. A non-governmental entity, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), officially makes the call on a recession. Traditionally, NBER has defined a

recession only if the decline is for at least two quarters (six months), but this is not a rule.

Conversely, the NBER says a recession has ended when the decline in economic activity stops. Notice, this does not mean a recession ends only when economic activity returns to its pre-recession levels. Consequently, unemployment, for example, can remain elevated for several months or years even after a recession has been declared as "over."

Much of the economic language of recessions deals with policy. The Federal Reserve (the "Fed") — the central bank of the country — often is the leader in dealing with ups and downs in economic activity. When the Fed "tightens" its policy, it is raising its key interest rate and reducing the growth of money in the economy. The Fed would tighten policy to slow economic activity in order to reduce inflation. If the Fed "loosens" its policy, it is doing the opposite — lowering its key interest rate and increasing money growth. The Fed follows this policy in a recession.

As implied by the previous paragraph, one of the challenges in an economy is balancing economic growth and inflation. If the economy grows too fast, inflation can jump. But if fighting inflation means slowing the economy, the worry is that "slow growth" can become "negative growth" — meaning a recession.

With the inflation rate now at a 40-year high, the Fed has started "tightening" its policy by increasing interest rates and slowing the increase in money. The goal is a "soft-landing" of the economy, meaning the inflation rate is reduced without crashing the economy into a recession. The Fed was able to do this a couple of times in the 1990s.

The alternative result is a "hard-landing," that is, inflation is moderated but only after a

recession occurs. Obviously, the Fed doesn't want this result, but sometimes it's unavoidable. The last time inflation was higher than it is now — in the late 1970s and early 1980s — inflation was reduced, but only after a very severe "hard-landing".

Since the possibility of an upcoming recession is a worry today, we'd all like to have an indicator that tells us if a recession is coming or not. A recession indicator that has one of the best track records is the "yield curve." The yield curve compares the interest rate (yield) earned on a short-term financial investment to the interest rate earned on a long-term investment. Usually, government bonds are used. Since there is more risk with a long-term investment, interest rates are normally higher with long-term investments. Hence, the "yield curve" is positive, meaning short-term investments have lower yields, while long-term investments have higher yields.

But if investors worry about the future economic outlook, they will shift away from buying long-term investments to buying more short-term investments. This action will reduce long-term yields and increase short-term yields, thereby resulting in an "inverted yield curve." An inverted yield curve indicates investor worry about the future. While not infallible, if investors are worried about the future, then the likelihood of a recession is higher.

I expect that talk of a recession will continue in the coming months. Hopefully, knowing the language of a recession will allow you to better understand the discussion. But will it allow you to better predict a recession? Like you, I'm still trying to decide!

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Power is shifting toward parents

When I first began covering state politics and public policy in the late 1980s, North Carolina families dissatisfied with the quality of education provided by their local school district had limited options. Some could afford private schools, or to move to other communities where they hoped the assigned public schools were better. A few were brave enough to try homeschooling their children.

For most parents with concerns about their assigned schools, however, the only recourse was to complain to administrators or try to elect different politicians to their local school boards. Neither option proved particularly effective.

Since then, the situation has dramatically changed for the better.

For one thing, the state legislature created three new

options — chartered public schools, opportunity scholarships for private education, and educational savings accounts for special-needs students — that provide a wide range of choices for many North Carolina families. During the last school year, for example, some 130,000 students were enrolled in the state's charter schools. Another 20,000 students received opportunity scholarships to attend private schools. Some 13,000 additional students have applied for scholarships next year.

Partially in response to these policy changes, teachers and entrepreneurs have created new educational enterprises that seek to serve families in new ways. Some are new brick-and-mortar schools and networks. Others offer "university model" education that blend in-person and at-home instruction. Still others provide textbooks, resources, supplemental services, and other assistance to homeschool families.

And with regard to the governance of school districts themselves, many North Carolinians are part of a

national movement to push back against slapdash instruction, politicized curricula, and operational decisions that fail to put the interests of students first. Initially frustrated by the lengthy COVID shutdowns imposed by state and local officials, parents grew angry when they saw firsthand what their children were being taught — or not being taught, as the case may be.

In the past, school-board elections were relatively low-turnout affairs in which local chapters of the North Carolina Association of Educators — the state affiliate of the nation's largest teacher union — often played outsized roles. The NCAE's influence is ebbing, however, thanks partly to changes in the timing and structure of school-board elections and partly to NCAE's own missteps.

The organization is down to about 17,000 members, a tiny fraction of the total number of teachers and principals who staff North Carolina's public schools. Even as NCAE was shrinking, it was becoming increasingly shrill and ideolog-

ically left-wing. As a school-choice proponent and practitioner — my own children have attended a mixture of public and private schools — I recognize that many North Carolinians continue to cherish their relationships with their local school districts. They want their district-run schools to succeed, even as they also favor expanded options for families who want something different.

To advocate choice and competition, as I do, is not to advocate the abolition of public schools. In fact, I believe competition makes school districts better. That's the way most other fields of human endeavor work, including preschool and higher education. As I've written about many times, there's good empirical evidence for the proposition that increasing school-choice options in a community tends to improve student achievement and educational attainment within public-school districts, too.

Progressives disagree. They seek at least to roll back and constrain our school-choice

programs, if not to abolish them altogether. They're not going to succeed, though. The constituency for these programs is too large and growing too rapidly.

Would you believe that North Carolina ranks seventh in the nation in the share of children educated outside of district-run public schools? I didn't either until I examined the latest numbers from EdChoice.org. Only Delaware, Louisiana, Arizona, Hawaii, Florida, and Pennsylvania had higher percentages of kids enrolled in private, charter, or home schools.

According to the most-recent estimates, about a quarter of North Carolina kids were so enrolled last year. That's going to continue to rise, no matter how loudly progressives complain about it. Parents' voices are louder, and more numerous.

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**JOHN HOOD**  
John Locke Foundation

## Losing our best legislator

The North Carolina General Assembly is losing its best member.



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

At least that is what the member's dad thinks.

My son, Grier Martin, is resigning his North Carolina legislative position effective July 8.

On July 18, he will begin work at the Pentagon as Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

He explained to his fellow lawmakers: "Serving in the House of Representatives has been an honor. I am deeply grateful to the people of Raleigh and North Carolina for allowing me to work for them for so long. Our system of representative democracy is precious, and it has been immensely fulfilling to have played a small part in its continuation."

Grier is also retiring as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. It seems like yesterday that he was a captain and I drove him from Raleigh to Fort Bragg. It was November of 2002, and he was on his way to Afghanistan for a six-month tour at Bagram Air Base, mere days after the birth of his daughter whose hospital stay had to be extended. He would not forget that separation.

On his return and election to the General Assembly in 2004, he became an active and successful legislator taking on important roles. For instance, he chaired the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, where he was responsible for drafting the state's \$4 billion transportation budget.

For his work, Grier received several awards, including "Legislator of the Year Award" from the N.C. Disabled American Veterans and the "Defender of the Environment Award" from the N.C. League of Conservation Voters.

He maintained an interest in his fellow returnees and their families.

In 2017, Gov. Roy Cooper appointed him chairman of the N. C. Military Affairs Commission in its mission to "provide advice, counsel, and recommendations to the General Assembly, the Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs, and other State agencies on initiatives, programs, and legislation that will continue and increase the role that North Carolina's military installations, the National Guard, and Reserves play in America's defense strategy and the economic health and vitality of the State."

Back in 2008, state Democratic leaders and the leaders in the U.S. Senate tried to persuade him to run for the Senate. He and his wife Louise took a hard look at the possibility but ultimately declined.

"But, Grier," I said, "the chance to win a seat in the U.S. Senate is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

"Well, Dad," he replied, "so is the opportunity to be a good parent of a young daughter. That is an opportunity and an obligation I can't pass by."

In his new work at the Pentagon, Grier will be working with Gilbert Ray Cisneros Jr., a former congressman from California, who serves as Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness in the Biden administration. In 2010, Cisneros and his wife won a \$266 million Mega Millions lottery jackpot. They then became philanthropists, putting the money to work for the public, and he ran successfully for a term in Congress.

Having Grier assigned to work with him in the Defense Department is, for Cisneros, like winning the lottery a second time.

At least, that is what Grier's dad thinks.

*D.G. Martin, a lawyer, served as UNC-System's Vice President for Public Affairs and hosted PBS-NC's North Carolina Bookwatch.*

## Let's get Chatham Memorial Park in shape

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in regard to the poor appearance of the Chatham Memorial Park. I saw in the paper several weeks ago that the last lot had been sold at the Siler City Cemetery.

Chatham Memorial Park was started years ago. My parents and grandparents were the first ones who bought lots, and they surround the center "fountain." My husband and I have 21 family members buried in the park, and we are very concerned with upkeep on the park and the appear-

ance that it presents to everyone in Siler City and those traveling on U.S. Hwy. 64.

In the original paper works (deeds), the park had strict rules about the gravesites and how they were to be maintained. The park was supposed to a paved driveway around it. The conditions of many of the grave sites have all sorts of paraphernalia that are allowed to put there. The work of maintaining the grass and weeds all around the park is very unsightly. The road has always been rocked, and a slight rain causes muddy conditions for those visiting their loved one's graves and those burying

their loved ones. They recently added a single wooden handrail at the front, which is unsightly. The handrail is not what this space needs for handicapped people or others when weather conditions when mourners are trying to get to grave sites.

My mother is 99 years old and was one of the first buyers. She is very upset that the park is in the shape it is.

Please ask that lot owners with loved ones buried there to help get the park in the shape that everyone in Siler City can be proud of.

**Pamela Barth Jacobs**  
Asheville

## LETTERS

## Whose rights are right?

HB755, also known as the Parents' Bill of Rights, isn't the most egregious legislation to ever pass our General Assembly. That crown will forever belong to HB2, the so-called bathroom bill. That one cost us conventions, new industries, nationwide embarrassment and Pat McCrory's reelection as governor.

Let's call the current bill "HB2 light," since the majority party of our legislature continues their assault on gender identity and sexuality. The Parents' Bill of Rights passed by the Senate will likely also get approval from the House. If so, count on Gov. Roy Cooper to correctly veto it promptly. For that reason, we won't waste much time hashing out this odious bill.

But parents aren't the only ones who have rights. Without breaking a sweat, I can think of several groups who should be granted rights. How about a Teachers' Bill of Rights? Shouldn't teachers have the right to teach our children in a comfortable environment with reasonable compensation — at least the national average — avoiding unruly students and parents? And let's throw in without unnecessary meddling from legislators. Few are willing to go into the classroom and do the job people are so intent on grousing about.

We could suggest a Motorists' Bill of Rights. Shouldn't we have the right to drive our highways without somebody driving 15 miles an hour slower than the traffic flow, clogging up the left lane and steadfastly refusing to move right? Why couldn't we have the right to impose penalties on these construction companies

who close lanes of traffic with those red cones for miles upon miles with no noticeable road work being done? And there should be something we could do about those dangerous drivers speeding excessively and darting in and out of traffic? How about drones to capture them on camera and issue tickets, like red-light cameras?

To be sure we need a Patients' Bill of Rights. Care providers, especially hospitals, should be required to provide the procedure free of charge if they fail to disclose to you what a treatment is going to cost BEFORE actually performing it. And transparency could also show what other care providers charge for the same procedure. Here's a good one: you have the right to free treatment if the care provider makes you wait longer than 30 minutes after the time of your appointment. Looking at drug costs, shouldn't pharmaceutical companies compensate you for charging more for a prescription drug than you would pay in another country or part of our country? Seniors in residential facilities should have the right not to be ignored or mistreated. Their facilities could receive fines or even lose their license for neglect or unreasonable treatment. And don't even get me started about the rights of those with mental illnesses.

A Consumers' Bill of Rights would penalize stores for having only one register open when more than four customers are lined up waiting to check out. Perhaps consumers could give them grades for customer service, much like those sanitation grades given places that serve food.

Boy, could we ever come up with suggestions for a Voters' Bill of Rights. How about a guarantee that voters would have gerrymander-free districts drawn by an independent process? Shouldn't

we have the right to recall public servants who don't serve the public, instead pandering to special interest groups, political parties or caucuses? We would benefit from term limits that required elected officials to return home after a certain number of years in office. And for mercy's sake, all elected officials' retirement plans should be scrapped instantly if any tax dollars are paid into them.

Voters unquestionably have the right to know before the election the names and addresses of ALL donors contributing to a candidate, whether the contribution be direct, indirect or in-kind. That especially includes the names and addresses of contributors to dark-money independent expenditure groups. We should know who is trying to influence our elected officials. How about the right to cut off funding to our legislators after a certain number of days in session, forcing them to have more discipline to get their work done?

I recognize that I (and others in my line of work) am opening myself up to passage of a Readers' and Listeners' Bill of Rights, which would allow gentle people such as yourself to reign in columnists, pundits, moderators and think-tank employees who bloative too long, are too biased or outrageous.

No doubt you could come up with other groups who deserve a Bill of Rights. Bring them on! Everyone has rights, so why not codify them like the HB775 Parents' bill? After a while this voluminous legislation will probably result in our legitimately asking, whose rights are the right rights?

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## BEATING THE HEAT

# Here are some cool tips for upcoming summer heatwaves

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
News + Record Staff

Summer only officially started this week, but last week's sweltering temperatures and scorching sun was a reminder of what North Carolina summers bring: heat, and lots of it.

And, of course, heat's dangerous accompaniment: heat-related illnesses.

With the scorching temperatures berating Chathamites, the News + Record is sharing tips on how to stay cool and what to keep in mind if you do venture into the blazing outdoors.

North Carolina hospitals saw more than 3,200 emergency room visits due to heat-related illnesses last summer, according to the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services. More than half those visits were in the Piedmont region.

The high volume of visits is especially alarming because heat waves are the deadliest type of weather emergency in the U.S., according to the National Weather Service. The amount of U.S. fatalities caused by heat last year — 190 — represented a 29% increase from the previous 10-year average. The NWS also said climate change is making excessive heat a more frequent and more intense phenomenon.

Some of the worst of the heat hit Chatham County last week. While there's been some reprieve this week, the heat is a warning sign of what is to come throughout the summer.

Before going outside, Chatham County Public Health Director Mike Zelek said it's

## Resources for more tips to survive the hot weather:

**CDC:** [cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.html](https://cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.html)

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION:** [farmsafety.wordpress.ncsu.edu/heat-related-illness/](https://farmsafety.wordpress.ncsu.edu/heat-related-illness/)

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**HEAT STRESS TIPS FROM CDC:** [cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress](https://cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress)

**HEAT STRESS FOR TRAINERS AND SUPERVISORS OF PESTICIDE APPLICATORS:** [ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/aex-892222](https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/aex-892222)

**HEAT STRESS INFOGRAPHIC FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NIOSH):** [cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/infographic.html](https://cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/infographic.html)

important to factor in both the temperature and humidity into preparations.

"Plan ahead," Zelek said. "If you are thinking of spending the day outside, check the weather forecast and be sure you don't overdo it. Bring plenty of cold water and keep yourself hydrated."

Leaving pets and children inside unattended vehicles is also a frequent heat-related problem. Over the past decade, an average of 38 children die from heat stroke each year due to unattended vehicles in heatwaves, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Zelek said this is unfortunately also a problem in Chatham County.

"Never leave a child or pets unattended in a vehicle, not even for a short period of

time," Zelek said. "Temperatures inside cars can rise to unsafe levels in just a few minutes, and sadly children across the country die each year from heat."

Zelek also encouraged people to take breaks in air-conditioned spaces such as Chatham County Public Libraries. If people do begin to experience heat-related illness, Zelek said it is best to move them to a cool space immediately, drink plenty of water, place cold clothes on their body to cool them down and seek medical attention. According to the CDC, signs of heat-related illness include dizziness, skin redness, nausea, headaches and increase pulse rate.

The Chatham County Department of Social Services also has an Energy Assis-

**Other tips from the CDC for cooling down include taking cold showers or baths, wearing sunscreen with at least 15 SPF and using a buddy system.**

tance-Crisis Intervention Program that provides financial support to low-income households in a heating or cooling related emergency.

Qualifying households with income levels at or below 150% of the poverty level are eligible for up to \$600 per fiscal year from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. For more information about the The Energy Assistance CIP, call 919-542-2759 or email [ask.dss@chathamcountync.gov](mailto:ask.dss@chathamcountync.gov).

For those who can't escape the heat, such as farmworkers and others who work outside, the strategy to avoid heat exhaustion can be different. Debbie Roos is an agriculture agent at the Chatham County Center Cooperative Extension. She said the main strategy employed for farmworkers during the hottest seasons is shifting field hours to earlier in the day to avoid working during peak temperature hours.

"I work with farmers who grow vegetables, flowers, herbs and fruit," Roos said. "They try to get field work done before noon in extreme heat and then use the afternoon for processing — washing and prepping produce for market, bunching flowers, etc."

Roos said changing working hours is not always possible, but she emphasized the

need for farmworkers to take frequent breaks, pace themselves and hydrate during the summer. The N.C. Cooperative Extension recommends water consumption of at least eight ounces of water for every 20 minutes of outdoor work, which is approximately 1.5 gallons of water for an eight-hour workday.

The extension also recommends outdoor workers develop an acclimatization plan. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, acclimatization is the result of beneficial physiological adaptations (e.g., increased sweating efficiency and stabilization of the circulation) that occur after gradual increased exposure to a hot environment. This means workers should gradually increase exposure time in hot environmental conditions over a seven- to 14-day period.

Roos and Zelek both said staying cool is going to be a problem in Chatham with the weather heating up. Other tips from the CDC for cooling down include taking cold showers or baths, wearing sunscreen with at least 15 SPF and using a buddy system.

The News + Record wants to know how you beat the heat this summer. If you have tips on staying cool like the best ice cream spots, homemade water parks or family traditions we want to hear about it! Tell us about it with an email, and we may share them in an upcoming Chatham Brew newsletter.

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## Frequently asked questions about extreme heat

From the National Center for Environmental Health

### What happens to the body as a result of exposure to extreme heat?

People suffer heat-related illness when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. The body normally cools itself by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating just isn't enough. In such cases, a person's body temperature rises rapidly. Very high body temperatures may damage the brain or other vital organs. Several factors affect the body's ability to cool itself during extremely hot weather. When the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Other conditions that can limit the ability to regulate temperature include old age, youth (age 0-4), obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug use and alcohol use.

### Who is at greatest risk for heat-related illness?

Those at greatest risk for heat-related illness include infants and children up to 4 years of age, people 65 years of age and older, people who are overweight, and people who are ill or on certain medications.

### What is heat stroke?

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106°F or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided.

### What are the warning signs of a heat stroke?

Warning signs of heat stroke vary but may include the following:

- An extremely high body temperature (above 103°F)
- Red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating)
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Unconsciousness

### What should I do if I see someone with any of the warning signs of heat stroke?

If you see any of these signs, you may be dealing with a life-threatening emergency. Have someone call for immediate medical assistance while

you begin cooling the victim. Do the following:

- Get the victim to a shady area.
- Cool the victim rapidly, using whatever methods you can. For example, immerse the victim in a tub of cool water; place the person in a cool shower; spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose; sponge the person with cool water; or if the humidity is low, wrap the victim in a cool, wet sheet and fan him or her vigorously.
- Monitor body temperature and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102°F.
- If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call the hospital emergency room for further instructions.
- Do not give the victim alcohol to drink.
- Get medical assistance as soon as possible.

### What is heat exhaustion?

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, those with high blood pressure, and those working or exercising in a hot environment.

What are the warning signs of heat exhaustion?

The warning signs of heat exhaustion include the following:

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting
- The skin may be cool and moist.

The pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke. See medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour.

### What steps can be taken to cool the body during heat exhaustion?

- Drink cool, nonalcoholic beverages.
- Rest.
- Take a cool shower, bath, or sponge bath.
- Seek an air-conditioned environment.
- Wear lightweight clothing.

### What are heat cramps and who is affected?

Heat cramps are muscle pains or spasms — usually in the abdomen, arms, or legs — that may occur in

association with strenuous activity. People who sweat a lot during strenuous activity are prone to heat cramps. This sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture. The low salt level in the muscles causes painful cramps. Heat cramps may also be a symptom of heat exhaustion. If you have heart problems or are on a low-sodium diet, seek medical attention for heat cramps.

### What should I do if I have heat cramps?

If medical attention is not necessary, take the following steps:

- Stop all activity and sit quietly in a cool place.
- Drink clear juice or a sports beverage.
- Do not return to strenuous activity for a few hours after the cramps subside because further exertion may lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.
- Seek medical attention for heat cramps if they do not subside in 1 hour.

### What is heat rash?

Heat rash is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather. It can occur at any age but is most common in young children. Heat rash looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters. It is more likely to occur on the neck and upper chest, in the groin, under the breasts, and in elbow creases.

### What is the best treatment for heat rash?

The best treatment for heat rash is to provide a cooler, less humid environment. Keep the affected area dry. Dusting powder may be used to increase comfort.

### Can medications increase the risk of heat-related illness?

The risk for heat-related illness and death may increase among people using the following drugs: (1) psychotropics, which affect psychic function, behavior, or experience (e.g. haloperidol or chlorpromazine); (2) medications for Parkinson's disease, because they can inhibit perspiration; (3) tranquilizers such as phenothiazines, butyrophenones, and thiozanthenes; and (4) diuretic medications or "water pills" that affect fluid balance in the body.

### How effective are electric fans in preventing heat-related illness?

Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off. Air conditioning is the strongest

protective factor against heat-related illness. Exposure to air conditioning for even a few hours a day will reduce the risk for heat-related illness. Consider visiting a shopping mall or public library for a few hours.

### How can people protect their health when temperatures are extremely high?

Remember to keep cool and use common sense. Drink plenty of fluid, replace salts and minerals, wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen, pace yourself, stay cool indoors, schedule outdoor activities carefully, use a buddy system, monitor those at risk, and adjust to the environment.

### How much should I drink during hot weather?

During hot weather you will need to increase your fluid intake, regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. During heavy exercise in a hot environment, drink enough non-alcoholic cool fluids each hour to maintain normal color and amount of urine output.

### Should I take salt tablets during hot weather?

Do not take salt tablets unless directed by your doctor. Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body. These are necessary for your body and must be replaced. The easiest and safest way to do this is through your diet. Drink fruit juice or a sports beverage when you exercise or work in the heat.

### What is the best clothing for hot weather or a heat wave?

Wear as little clothing as possible when you are at home. Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. In the hot sun, a wide-brimmed hat will provide shade and keep the head cool. If you must go outdoors, be sure to apply sunscreen 30 minutes prior to going out and continue to reapply according to the package directions. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool itself and causes a loss of body fluids. It also causes pain and damages the skin.

### What should I do if I work in a hot environment?

Pace yourself. If you are not accustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and pick up the pace gradually. If exertion in the heat makes your heart pound and leaves you gasping for breath, STOP all activity. Get into a cool area or at least in the shade, and rest, especially if you become lightheaded, confused, weak or faint.

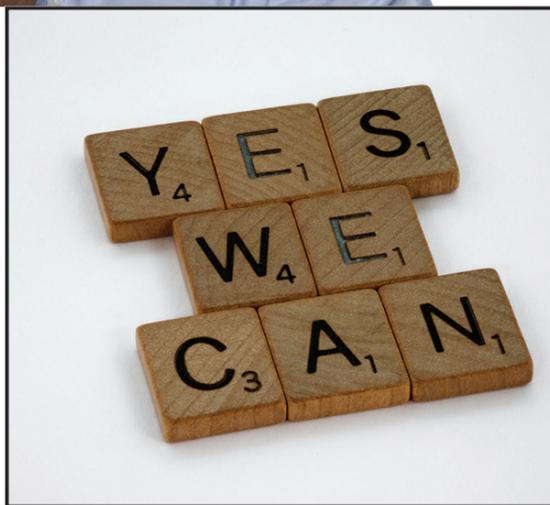


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# OBITUARIES

## RUTH THAMES ANDREW



June 15, 1932 ~ June 14, 2022  
Ruth Thames Andrew, 89, of Siler City, passed away on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.  
Mrs. Andrew was born in Harnett County on June 15, 1932, the daughter of William and Ethel Thames. After High School, Ruth attended Mars Hill College, graduating in 1952, then became a 1954 graduate of Meredith College. She went on to receive her Master's Degree from UNC Chapel Hill in Speech Pathology. During her

21 years with the Chatham County School System, she was a classroom Teacher, Speech Clinician, and Audiologist, and finally taught a class for emotionally challenged children.

Ruth was a heavily involved member of First Baptist Church. During her time there, she was a former Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Joy in the Morning Club, and sang in the Church Choir. Ruth loved her time spent as a Librarian for the church. She also served in the First Baptist Church WMU, and as the Associational Director of the Sandy Creek Association. She loved quilting, creating Chrismon decorations, and decorating the bulletin boards for the church. Ruth was heavily involved with the youth at First Baptist Church, and later involved with devotions at the Youth Detention Center. She was a member of the Siler City Lion's Club for several years.

In addition to her parents, Ruth is preceded in death by her husband, H. Thomas Andrew; and sister, Susan T. Black.

She is survived by her son, Thomas William "Tommy" Andrew and wife Judy Greer of Rockville, Maryland, and his son, Thomas Edward "Teddy" Andrew of Rockville, Maryland; son, David Herbert Andrew and wife Lesley Long of Roswell, Georgia, and his son, James Thomas Andrew of Roswell, Georgia; sister, Judy T. Brant; nieces, Brenda Murillo, Jennifer Black, Susan Kimball; and nephew, Fred Black.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 24, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Ave., Siler City. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at First Baptist Church, 314 N. 2nd Ave., Siler City, with Rev. Jason Brogan and Rev. Jim Wall officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Ruth T. Andrew Endowment Fund, c/o the N.C. Baptist Foundation, 201 Convention Drive, Cary, N.C. 27511, or to the First Baptist Church, Rodgers Mission Group.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Andrew family.

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

## NANCY MCCOY



March 22, 1934 ~ June 16, 2022  
Nancy McCoy left this world on June 16, 2022, to be reunited with her husband, Harold.

Nancy was born on March 22, 1934, in Chatham County, N.C., where she built a lifetime of memories. Nancy attended Pittsboro High School. She met her husband, Harold, on a double-date and they were married not long after that on March 22, 1952, until his death in 2020. Both were long-time active members of Lys- tra Baptist Church. She served as a deacon, trustee, WMU President, taught Sunday School and served on numerous committees.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Nancy not only raised three children, but was very proud to have had a career as well. She embraced being a modern-woman with grace, class, and strength. She kept a tidy/beautiful home, decorated the planters in the front of her house to match every season, and took the time for hair and makeup even when running a quick errand. Even while experiencing numerous health scares through her life, Nancy remained the strength of the family.

In addition to her strength, Nancy will also be remembered for her love of traveling, music, and dancing, which has given an array of fond memories for her friends and family — visiting all 50 states, dancing in the living room with her children and grandchildren, playing the piano, teaching others how to do "The Twist," and never missing the TV show "Mollie B Polka Party," to name a few.

Among her other interests, Nancy enjoyed reading, card games, and crossword puzzles, including the New York Times crossword! She also loved to cook for her friends and family, especially with vegetables that her husband grew in their garden. Her coconut cake, banana pudding, and most of all her Thanksgiving dressing will be missed. Many of her recipes have been passed down through the family and will continue her legacy of love.

Nancy McCoy is survived by her daughters, Sharon Womble (husband Ray) of Chapel Hill and Teresa Crumley of Asheboro; her son, Ty McCoy of Chapel Hill; and her eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Tuesday, June 21, 2022, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. The funeral service followed at 11 a.m. with Rev. Tim Williford presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Donations in honor of Nancy may be made to the Baptist Children's Home of N.C. or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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

## JIMMY WAYNE LAWRENCE

November 30, 1951 ~ June 17, 2022

Jimmy Wayne Lawrence, 70, of Broadway, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## BARBARA MASTEJ

June 11, 1940 ~ June 18, 2022  
Barbara Doris Mastej, 82, of Siler City passed away on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at her home.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## LUVENIA DOWDY

September 1, 1938 ~ June 19, 2022

Luvenia Dowdy, 83, of Sanford passed away on Sunday, June 19, 2022, at her residence.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## GEORGE REAVES

April 1, 1936 ~ June 17, 2022  
George Reaves, 86, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022, at Durham VA Hospital.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Pittsboro.

## SHIRLEY ANN CRAWFORD STROWD



October 24, 1936 ~ June 13, 2022  
Shirley Ann Crawford Strowd, 85, of Pittsboro, passed away peacefully in her home Monday, June 13, 2022.

Shirley was born in Orange County on October 24, 1936, to Frank and Ruth Crawford. She graduated from White Cross School and then received a degree at Kennedy Business School in Durham before marrying J. Wayne Strowd Sr. on Christmas Day, 1955. The young couple moved to Pittsboro where they have lived

for almost 68 years. Shirley first worked at Chatham Mills as a secretary before working and retiring from BCBS in 1981. She later worked with the Chatham County DSS Fuel assistance program. Shirley was a member of Orange Chapel United Methodist Church and Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Shirley spent her days working outside the home while her husband farmed and spent her nights taking care of the family and keeping things running on the home front. She was busy with many activities that involved the children and family. After retiring, Shirley was the best classroom volunteer for her grandchildren and always made sure there was extra homework assignments completed before the grandchildren could go outside to play. She was known as "The Principal." Her first priority was to love, spoil and nurture her grandchildren, while caring for her own ailing parents. She did so with unfailing love.

If you called Shirley your friend, you had a compassionate, trustworthy, confidant for life. She considered friendship a privilege. She was humble and simple. She never wanted to be in the spotlight. Her acts of kindness and encouragement to those in need were just between her and the recipient.

Shirley was loved deeply by her husband, Wayne. Their devotion to each other was just as strong the day she passed away as it was when they first met 70 years ago.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Ernest Crawford. She is survived by her husband, J. Wayne Strowd Sr.; her son, John W. Strowd Jr. and wife Tracy; her son, Michael C. Strowd and wife Bonnie; her grandchildren, John W. Strowd III "Trai" and wife Brittany, Faith S. Dennis and husband Patrick, Kennedy H. Strowd and wife Jessica, Olivia M. Strowd, and great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Charlotte, Knox, and Miller.

The family would like to give heartfelt thanks for the devotion of her caregivers, Edith, Mandy and Jean. Their love for Wayne and Shirley is a blessing that has touched her family deeply; Shirley's family physician Dr. Kylstra and nurse Jessica, and lastly, the compassion and direction of UNC Hospice, especially Shirley's nurse, Patrick.

A funeral service was held Friday, June 17, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Pastor Dan Robinson and Pastor Wesley Thomas presiding. Following the burial, the family invites everyone to the fellowship building for lunch and fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in Shirley's memory to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 1785 Mt. Gilead Church Road, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312, or UNC Hospice, P.O. Box 1077, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

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

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

## SUSAN HENDERSON POWELL



June 24, 1944 ~ June 10, 2022  
Susan Henderson Powell of Moncure, N.C., passed away peacefully Friday, June 10, 2022, at UNC Chapel Hill Medical Center. She was surrounded by her husband, the Rev. Woodson Lea Powell IV, and several friends and family. She was 77 years old.

Susan was born in Dayton, Ohio, on June 24, 1944. In addition to her husband, Susan leaves behind her two daughters, Jennifer Rocho (David

Rocho), Melissa Russell (Mark Russell) and three step-children, Elaine Cook (Jon Cook), Scott Powell and John Powell. In addition, she had eight grandchildren, Katherine Rocho, Spencer Rocho (deceased), Charlie Rocho, Henry Rocho, William Russell, Adeline Russell, Jack Cook and McKenzie Cook.

Susan graduated with honors from East Carolina University with a Master's Degree in Social Work in May 1997. She was a proud member of Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Pittsboro, N.C. She will be remembered for her ability to make people laugh, tell great stories and her way of making everyone feel welcome. Susan fought a strong and courageous battle with metastatic breast cancer for two and a half years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation or Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

The service for the Celebration of Susan's life and her burial will take place at Saint Bartholomew's Church in Pittsboro on Sunday morning, July 3, 2022, beginning at 10 a.m.

## JOHNNIE MAE WOMBLE PEOPLES

November 12, 1929 ~ June 12, 2022

Johnnie Mae (Womble) Peoples, 92, passed away Sunday, June 12, 2022. She was the daughter of Ola Mae Jackson Womble.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Sanford on Saturday, June 18, 2022, with burial following at Poplar Springs AME Church Cemetery.

## BETTY MARGARET ELLERBY STACKHOUSE

September 19, 1927 ~ June 14, 2022

Ms. Betty Margaret Ellerby Stackhouse, 94, of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2022 at Knotts Funeral Home.

## PAMELA JEAN (MCCLAIN) SMITH

September 6, 1961 ~ June 15, 2022

Pamela Jean Smith, 60, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at her residence.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## JIMMY BOYD JONES

Jimmy Boyd Jones of Sanford, passed away on Monday, June 13, 2022, at his home.

The funeral service was held in the chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Dale Sauls officiating. Burial followed in the Lemon Springs Methodist Church Cemetery.

Jimmy was born in Lee County to the late Roland and Beulah Stone Jones. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Jerry, Billy Ray, and Jerome Jones. He was a heavy equipment operator.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Annie Godfrey Jones, of the home; children, Geneva Cameron, Angie Wester, and Tracy Norris all of Sanford; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

## DOLLIE CARMICHAEL

February 16, 1936 ~ June 15, 2022

Dollie Carmichael, 86, of Sanford, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at her home.

A graveside service was held Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 11 a.m., at New Life Fellowship Cemetery with Brother Ron Williams presiding.

She was born to the late Milton Godfrey and Willie McGehee. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Sandy, Bobby, Johnny, Jack, Wade, and Willie Godfrey; and a sister, Joyce Simpson. Dollie worked at Sanford Furniture.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Fred Paul Carmichael of the home; sons, Richard Godfrey of Georgia, and Fred Paul Carmichael II, of Benson; a daughter, Paula Barbour of Benson; brothers, Daniel Godfrey of Sanford and Tommy Godfrey of Cameron; sister, Peggy Williams of Raleigh and Bonnie Carmichael of Georgia; and eight grandchildren.

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

## AUDREY BULLARD EAGLE

August 17, 1946 ~ June 15, 2022

Audrey Bullard Eagle, 75, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford.

A service was held Saturday, June 18, at 3 p.m. at Wayside Evangelical Presbyterian Church. A graveside service follows in the church cemetery.

Audrey was the daughter of William Earl and Bertha Lemons Bullard. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald F. Eagle III; brother, William Gray Bullard.

She worked at East Lee Middle School and she selflessly gave 17 gallons of life saving blood.

She is survived by her daughter Donna Eagle Potter of Chapel Hill, N.C.; two granddaughters; sister, Ola Baca of Sanford; and a brother, Art Bullard of Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to make a blood donation in Audrey's memory at your local chapter of Red Cross; or donations in her memory to Wayside Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

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# COVID

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ran said. “We planned out our budget ahead of time with focus groups, surveys, feedback and principal meetings.” Moran said CCS is on track to spend its allocation of funds because it’s stuck to its original plan.

## Red tape

Of the funding allocated to CCS, the largest portion of it, 20%, must be designated to learning loss. That’s the case for all school districts that received money through the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER).

Other major areas of funding for CCS include human capital, health and safety, and professional development and innovation.

Because COVID-related emergency funding comes from the federal government, it also comes with specific designations. Some of the money has to go toward learning tools, or summer programs, or literacy improvement. Moran said while this can be a barrier, it’s also helpful for the money to have specific uses.

“It’s not like we got \$20 million to just go forth and do whatever,” Moran said. “It’s been a lot of moving parts to make sure each pocket of funds gets spent on exactly what it’s earmarked for.”

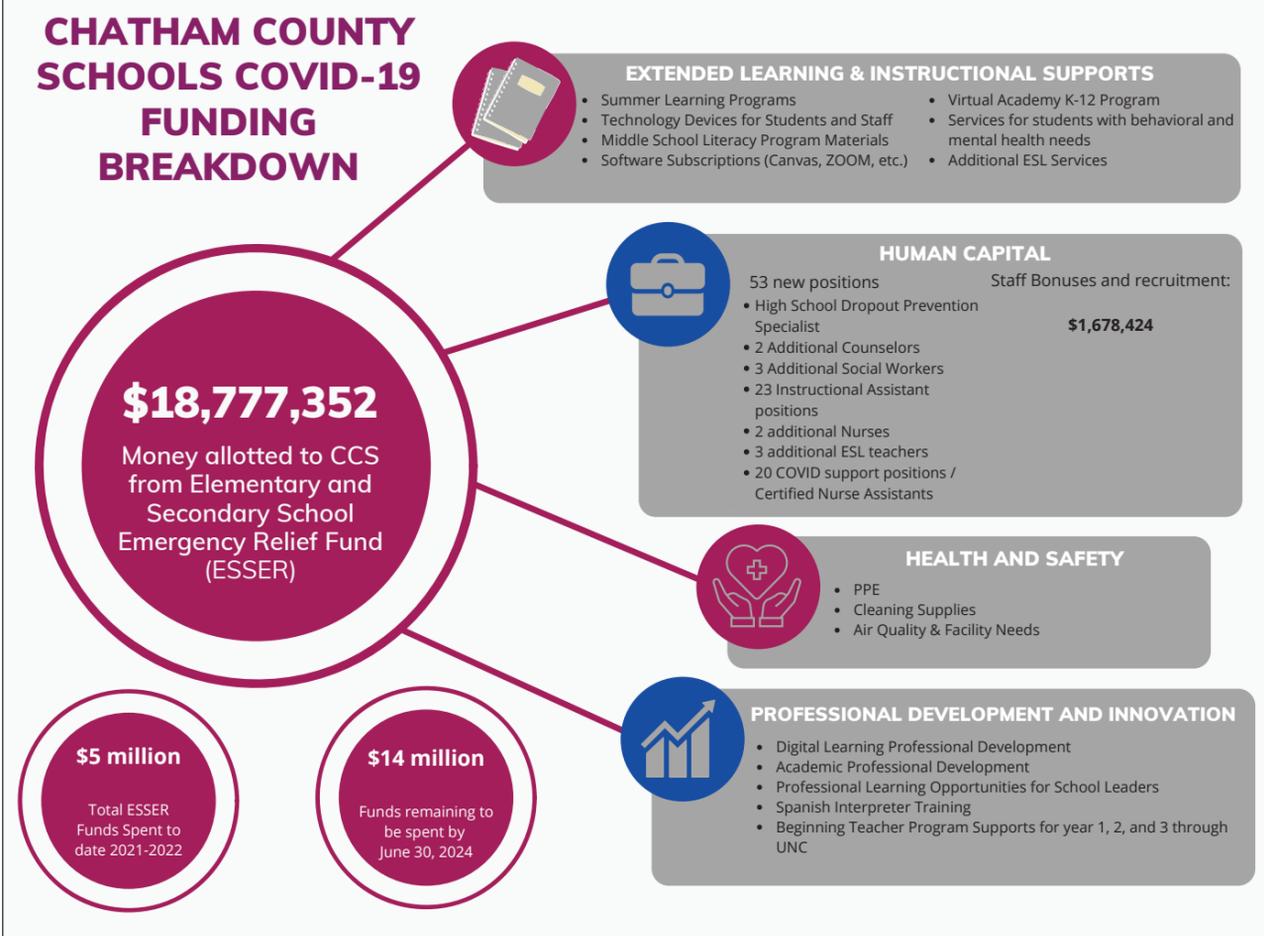
Following the announcement of ESSER grants to school districts, CCS assigned a person within its budget office to be in charge of federal funds. This staffer meets weekly with Moran and CCS Chief Financial Officer Tony Messer to provide updates on the grants and make adjustments as needed.

The district also has monthly finance meetings where it tracks how much federal funding has been spent and how much money is in each respective account.

One of the other challenges of ESSER money and other emergency COVID funding is that each grant has differing expiration dates. Some of the money expired at the end of the school year; other grants don’t end until 2024, which Moran said has been a tedious thing to keep track of.

“For example, our summer learning plan is costing more than we budgeted because we have been forced to plan based on numbers we don’t have data for yet,” Moran said. “We have to continue to have conversations to readjust.”

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Moran said another challenge in properly utilizing the funding is that it has often been a moving target. On several occasions, she said, there were plans in place, but new grants were announced and the budget had to shift.

“They keep giving us stuff, which is great, but we want to be able to spend that money on something quality,” Moran said. “We want a well thought-out plan, but sometimes when money falls from the sky, it’s hard to do that.”

Because the spontaneous funding comes from varying sources, it also comes with sudden deadlines that have forced rapid readjustment. Each grant also requires paperwork and monitoring to ensure it’s used in the proper manner.

Along with differing deadlines, the ESSER funds are also not permanent solutions. The funds are only meant to help schools recover from COVID-19. Moran said after the funding runs out, the district will evaluate the outcomes

the ESSER money created and examine which programs should continue. Then, those programs will need to be funded at a local level by the district and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

“With large funding sources like this, we will work to identify areas in the plan that were effective and will seek funding beyond the final year if we wish to keep the items,” Moran said. “This could be in the form of moving funds at the local level to pay for things in the ESSER plan or this could be expansion budget requests for the county in the future.”

## Benefits to CCS

The money from ESSER has created opportunities for CCS to hire several new positions. This includes a dropout prevention specialist at each high school, three new social workers and three new English as a Second Language (ESL) professionals.

Moran said human capital is where the district is able to see the most direct impact from ESSER funds because it puts more people in the schools to help support students. However, when the money expires, the district will need to develop a plan to keep those employees.

“The ESSER fund is meant to be used on things that are above and beyond what our normal budget pays for,” Moran said. “At the end of those four years, we will have to have a plan for how we can keep those positions if we see they had benefits.”

In total, CCS has hired 53 new positions through ESSER money with both school and district-based positions becoming available. The money has also created a \$1.6 million pool for staff bonuses and ongoing recruitment efforts for those positions.

Additional health and safety positions were also created with the hiring of two additional nurses and 20 Certified Nurse Assistants.

Moran said the positions created by ESSER money have forced the district to evaluate the actual benefit of the current position structure. For example, many elementary schools have designated positions for students who receive in-school suspensions, but elementary schools rarely have significant enough behavior issues to warrant using money to fund that position. Meanwhile, ESSER

funds have opened the possibilities of more counselors in schools, which was a desperate need in Chatham. So, when the federal money expires, positions and local funding may be reallocated.

CCS has also developed metrics for measuring the outcomes of ESSER funding. While the data won’t be finalized until August, there are barometers to measure the effectiveness of each sector of funding. Metrics are outlined for new positions, curricula, student services and direct school service programs such as summer schooling and virtual academies.

Of the data available, Moran said the most effective use of ESSER funds has been academic interventions. Programs and strategies to help underperforming students are often unaffordable to the district, but emergency funds have made programs like personalized skill gap platforms more accessible.

“We’ve seen a lot of students make significant gains with research-based intervention materials,” Moran said. “We were very specific with what we bought to ensure it was a highly rated program.”

Moran said these programs are like adding more tools in the toolbox — it provides more ways to meet the needs and problems of students. And once these intervention kits are purchased, the school doesn’t need to keep buying them, so the one time costs creates long-term benefits.

## Next steps

CCS will continue to host budget meetings to evaluate its progress on its ESSER plans. These evaluations include examining areas to continue after ESSER money expires and seeking additional funding from other federal grant programs.

The district also said they will continue to have conversations with the board of education and the county’s board of commissioners about ongoing budget priorities. These updates are all in preparation for the federal audits of the district in 2025.

For more information about ESSER funding in Chatham County Schools visit [bit.ly/30aMd6z](http://bit.ly/30aMd6z).

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# DROWNING

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a report of a drowning in Eastwood Lake near South Lakeshore Drive and Markham Drive,” the Chapel Hill Police Department said in a statement to the News + Record. “An 18-year-old patient was treated at the scene and transported to UNC Hospitals, where further resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful. Based on numerous witness accounts, we do not believe the drowning to be suspicious.”

Chatham County Schools issued a statement after Poteat was identified as the victim.

“Our hearts are with Christian’s family and friends,” the CCS statement said. “We have counselors available for anyone in the CCS family who needs support through this difficult time. This was a joyous time in his life and those who guided him through high school to graduation. We mourn with the family in this loss.”

Northwood Principal Dr. Bradford Walston also expressed condolences Friday morning.

“Christian was a vivacious student with a magnetic smile and personality,” Walston said. “His presence in our community will be missed. That his passing comes so soon after the accom-

plishment of high school graduation is a tragedy beyond words.”

CCS encouraged students, parents and community members to support one another during this time.

“Students, we ask that you be there for one another in the face of this loss,” the CCS statement said. “If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school. We will be there for you.”

Members of the Northwood community expressed their condolences on social media.

“Christian had so much life to live and his was cut far too short,” Northwood Sports Medicine Trainer Jackie Harpham posted on Instagram. “I wish we could see you grow up and reach your goals. I knew you could do it. We will miss you so much. Watch over your Northwood family.”

“Parents, please take time to check in on your children,” CCS’s statement said. “The loss of a young life reminds us of the preciousness of time we have with one another. Northwood counselors and administration are reachable by phone and email. We have supports available at Northwood on Monday for anyone who is in need.”

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 221**  
All persons having claims against **BRYAN JOHNSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of June, 2022. Hunter Johnson, Administrator 149 Pleasant Cross Rd Asheboro, NC 27203 Jn2,Jn9,Jn16,J23,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 299**  
All persons having claims against **BETTY K. BALDWIN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of June, 2022. Garry E. Wilkie, Executor 568 John Horton Rd Apex, NC 27523 Jn2,Jn9,Jn16,J23,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 295**  
All persons having claims against **MOLLY C. SANDERS** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of June, 2022. Keath Castellow Low, Executor 227 Old Lystra Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517 Jn2,Jn9,Jn16,J23,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **CHANDRAKANT SHIVABHAI PATEL** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 31st day of May, 2022. Asmitaben Chandrakant Patel, Administrator  
The Estate of Chandrakant Shivabhai Patel  
567 Covered Bridge Trail  
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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **CLARENCE L. DURHAM**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

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Chad Wesley Riggsbee, Attorney at Law  
288 East St., Suite 2004  
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The undersigned, Richard E. Kauff, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **PATRICIA ANN HAMES KAUFF**, 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 7th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 9th day of June, 2022. Richard E. Kauff, Executor c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jn9,Jn16,Jn23,Jn30,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-307 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, Steven J. Spence, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **GISELA M. SPENCE**, 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 7th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 9th day of June, 2022. Steven J. Spence, Executor c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jn9,Jn16,Jn23,Jn30,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 21 E 754**  
All persons having claims against **WILBUR ARNOLD RIVES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 9th day of June, 2022. Sandra Rives Roscoe, Executor 8708 NC HWY 902 Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jn9,Jn16,Jn23,Jn30,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 294**  
All persons having claims against **MILDRED M. GRIZZARD**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 302**  
All persons having claims against **WALTER BICKETT EUBANKS**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 9th day of June, 2022. James William Eubanks, Administrator 980 Eubanks Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jn9,Jn16,Jn23,Jn30,4tp

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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **TERRY R. THALAM**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to John G. Kelso, Esq., Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes and Davis, P.A., Attorneys-at-Law, 11 North Market Street, Asheville, NC 28801, on or before the 16th day of September, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Patricia A. Thalman, Executor Estate of Terry R. Thalman John G. Kelso, Esq., Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes and Davis, P.A., Attorneys-at-Law 11 North Market Street Asheville, NC 28801 Jn16,Jn23,Jn30,Jy7,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 325**  
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO**  
The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom and at Chatham County Agriculture Center to consider the following items:  
1. SUP-2022-01, Proposed Special Use Permit: Applicant and property owner Iglesia Bautista Misionera Rocha Fuerte are requesting a Special Use Permit for a cemetery. The property comprised of one parcel (68571), located within the Pittsboro Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, at 1365 NC 902 HWY, and the proposed cemetery is approximately one (1) acre of the total approximate 11.61 acres in size. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MAY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING. The complete records are on file at the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, on the Planning Department page under "Current Planning" at https://nc-pittsboro.civicplus.com/, and are available for inspection through e-mail. Please give reasonable notice to the Pittsboro Planning Department at (919) 533-2034 if accommodations for individuals with disabilities or impairments are required. The meeting will be held via Zoom, a teleconference software, and in person.

Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the Town's website at www.pittsboronc.gov. Please sign up with the Town Manager, Chris Kennedy by 4:00 p.m. on June 27, 2022 if you wish to participate. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Manager, Chris Kennedy, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at ckennedy@pittsboronc.gov by 4 p.m. on June 27, 2022. Jn16,Jn23,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM**  
THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 7th day of June, 2022, as Executor of the **ESTATE OF LEON JOEL LASTER**, Deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of September, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 16th day of June, 2022. RAYMOND JAMES TRUST N.A., EXECUTOR ESTATE OF LEON JOEL LASTER c/o Stephen C. Rhudy, Attorney Walker Lambe, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 Jn16,Jn23,Jn30,Jy7,4tc

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
The undersigned, having qualified on the 8th day of June 2022 as Executrix of the Estate of **LARRY MARLIN MOSER**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of September 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 16th day of June, 2022. Tammy Moser Havener, Executrix of the Estate of Larry Marlin Moser

c/o Julia G. Henry, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 Jn16,Jn23,Jn30,Jy7,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **ANN DAVIS**, late of 550 Hoot Owl Lane, Siler City, NC (Chatham County), the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the address given below, on or before the 16th day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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# 'Jurassic Park Dominion' a loud creature feature that should go extinct

With "Jurassic Park's" wide-eyed sense of wonder and scientific discovery well in our rear-view mirror, "Jurassic Park Dominion" is a scientific fiction film that does not feel too far ahead of our contemporary scientific fact. Sure, we are not going to see dinosaurs roaming city streets anytime soon. But solemn warnings about genetic engineering and misuse seem trite in our own climate-altered, cloned, artificially intelligent and post-pandemic dominion.

Such is also the case with seeing dinosaurs on our silver screens. Once a technological movie marvel, "Jurassic World Dominion" further

## JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION

**GRADE:** C -  
**DIRECTOR:** Colin Trevorrow  
**STARRING:** Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Laura Dern, Sam Neill, Jeff Goldblum, Isabella Sermon, DeWanda Wise, Mamoudou Athie and Campbell Scott  
**MPAA RATING:** PG-13  
**RUNNING TIME:** 2 hr. 16 min.



Courtesy of Universal Pictures

### Chris Pratt stars in the new 'Jurassic Park' film.

ny has its mits in two separate plot threads. The first involves a swarm of giant, genetically altered locusts that are devouring any crops not planted using BioSyn's strand of seed. Laura Dern's Ellie Sattler drags old pal Alan Grant (Sam Neill) out of his latest dino dig to fly to BioSyn's remote research facility to suss out the link between BioSyn and humankind's latest self-inflicted biblical plague.

Meanwhile, raptor-wrangler Owen Grady (Chris Pratt) and Claire Dearing (Bryce Dallas Howard) are living off the grid, playing parents to Maisie and Beta, the offspring of Owen's pet raptor Blue. BioSyn's

goons abduct Maisie and Beta because, well, reasons. Reasons that could have been (and ultimately are) achieved by some honest conversation rather than kidnapping. Pratt and Claire are aided by another mercenary Kayla Watts (DeWanda Wise), who, for some unknowable reason, was not cast as the adult version of Ian Malcolm's daughter from "The Lost World."

The two Jurassic acting worlds eventually collide along with innumerable CGI concoctions. "Dominion" has two redeeming moments. The first is a taut scene in which a close-up camera follows Claire as she crawls along the ground into a pond, trailed by a giant

avian Therizinosaurus, its long talons dug into the muddy bank and beak hovering just above the submerged prey. The other is Goldblum's Dr. Ian Malcolm, who has become resigned to humankind's inevitable demise and figures he'll make a buck or two off it in the meantime. Goldblum is the only actor who grasps the insanity of it all: when recurring geneticist Henry Wu (BD Wong) looks for an escape from his latest ecological calamity, Malcolm (with Goldblum's distinct cadence) mutters, "Uh, nooooo, uhhh, not that guy. Uh, it's always, THAT guy." It is no coincidence that the rest of the cast, particularly Neill and even Pratt, find their funny only once on-screen with Goldblum.

"Dominion" lands on some unearned, undeveloped notion of peaceful coexistence, which pretty much flies in the face of the "Jurassic" saga's entire premise. A saga that, like the dinosaurs, had its time and should now be allowed to go extinct.

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against **AMY W. WHITT AKA AMY WAGNER WHITT**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of September, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 23rd day of June, 2022. Mary White Clark, Executrix 3847 Airport Rd Siler City, NC 27344 Jn23,Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,4tp

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO** The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Chatham County Agriculture Center and accessed via Zoom to consider the following item: 1. COA-2022-01, Text Amendment to the Pittsboro Code of Ordinances: Town Staff is requesting text amendments to the Pittsboro Code of Ordinances including: Amend the regulations of Minimum Housing and Nonresidential Buildings and Structures. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the request. **SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MAY BE MADE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING.** The meeting will be held in person and may be accessed via Zoom, a teleconference software. Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the Town's website at [www.pittsboronc.gov](http://www.pittsboronc.gov). Please sign up with the Town Manager, Chris Kennedy by 4:00 p.m. on June 27, 2022 if you wish to participate. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Manager, Chris Kennedy, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at [ckennedy@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:ckennedy@pittsboronc.gov) by 4 p.m. on June 27, 2022. Jn23,1tc

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# CCCC gets nearly half a million for regional truck driving program equipment

From Central Carolina Community College

SANFORD — The Golden LEAF Board of Directors has awarded Central Carolina Community College \$498,924.36 for training equipment for a regional truck driving and logistics program providing Commercial Truck Driver and short-term logistics courses.

This award is part of a collaborative effort by Central Carolina, Sandhills and Randolph community colleges, which will be using a scaled shared-resources model to incentivize collaboration. This project will serve Chatham, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore and Randolph counties.

“CCCC is excited to be the recipient of these Golden LEAF funds as part of our regional collaboration with Sandhills and Randolph community colleges,” said Margaret Robertson, CCCC’s vice president for workforce development. “This is a unique opportunity for three community colleges to work together to ensure that high quality, in-demand training is available across a wide region of central North Carolina. Truck drivers are in high demand in North Carolina and the country and quality truck driver training is an expensive program to operate. CCCC and the collaborative appreciates the Golden LEAF Board of Directors for this award, which will allow the three colleges to leverage their partnership and provide access to Commercial Driver’s



Central Carolina Community College, Randolph Community College, and Sandhills Community College have joined efforts to offer a regional truck driving and logistics program. Pictured are Sandhills CC President Dr. John R. Dempsey, CCC President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman, and Randolph CC Vice President for Workforce Development & Continuing Education Elbert Lassiter. Learn more about this program at [nctruckdriving.com](http://nctruckdriving.com).

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The truck driver training program provides instruction in both theory and practice, including hands-on behind-the-wheel operation of tractor-trailers, preparing students to safely operate tractor-trailer vehicles on the road to and from pick-up and delivery points. Emphasis is placed on defensive driving, Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations, trip planning, cargo handling, vehicle

systems, hours of service and accident prevention. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate the skills required for the commercial driver’s license and employment.

“Golden LEAF recognizes the importance of regional collaboration to provide cost-effective workforce solutions for skills in high demand by industry,” said Scott T. Hamilton, president and CEO of the Golden LEAF Foundation. “This effort by Central Carolina Community College, Sandhills Community College, and Randolph Community Col-

lege will support industry by training a minimum of 60 students for transportation and logistics credentials per year.”

Scholarships are available to support students wishing to pursue this training course.

Those interested in this course should go to [nctruckdriving.com/request-info](http://nctruckdriving.com/request-info) and fill out the form, or contact Thomas “Lantz” Lackey, lead instructor of the Truck Driver Training Program, at [tlackey@cccc.edu](mailto:tlackey@cccc.edu) or 919-718-7072.

Learn more about this program at [nctruckdriving.com](http://nctruckdriving.com).

Over two decades, Golden LEAF has funded 1,989 projects totaling \$1.18 billion.

The Golden LEAF Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1999 to receive a portion of North Carolina’s funding from the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with cigarette manufacturers. Golden LEAF has worked for more than 20 years to increase economic opportunity in North Carolina’s rural and tobacco-dependent communities through leadership in grant making, collaboration, inno-

vation and stewardship as an independent and perpetual foundation.

The Foundation has provided lasting impact to tobacco-dependent, economically distressed and rural areas of the state by helping create 66,000 jobs, over half a billion dollars in new payrolls and more than 90,000 workers trained or retrained for higher wages.

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

Courtesy of CCCC

# CCCC graduate G. William Powell finding continued academic success

From Central Carolina Community College

SANFORD — G. William Powell has graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science degree, double-majoring in Information Science and History.

Prior to matriculation at UNC-Chapel Hill, Powell completed an Associate in Science Degree at Central Carolina Community College as part of the Career and College Promise program. He graduated from CCCC in May 2019 with a 4.0 GPA and as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society.

Powell, of Chatham County, recalls his CCCC experience.

“I really liked my classes in Pittsboro (CCCC Chatham

Main Campus) — it was close by, it was not very expensive and, most of all, the math was understandable and not with a class of 200 other kids,” he said. “My older sister had taken community college classes instead of high school, and since I had family members who knew CCCC, it was nothing new to me.”

Powell noted that he was lucky that his parents had college degrees, but they talked about how expensive it was today at a four-year school and just how high the stakes were.

“My older sister told me about a class at UNC that had 400 people in it, and I can’t learn in a class that size, so I found out that if you needed to actually learn something like calculus or chemistry it

was better to take it at CCCC, where the class only had about 20 people and you could have access to the instructor,” he said.

Powell graduates from UNC with Highest Distinction with a cumulative grade point average over 3.8. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society and a member of the Tau Sigma National Honor Society. He has been a member of the UNC History Department’s Undergraduate Studies Committee.

Powell has accepted the Asheim Fellowship for graduate study in the School of Information Sciences at UNC.

“Understanding history is key to understanding the world today. A lot of people don’t know why things are the way

they are, but if you go back in time and study, you usually find an answer,” said Powell, explaining his majors at UNC. “Info sciences is tied into everything today, so unless your research is purely experimental, you have to know what has been studied before and how to get that information into a form you can use today.”

CCCC President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman noted: “We are very proud of G. William and his success during his time with us, as well as during his time as a UNC undergrad. Facilitating transfer success for our students is a critical component of our mission, and we are pleased to have a strong partnership with UNC-Chapel Hill as well as other senior institutions.”

Powell’s parents are Todd and Leisa Powell, and his grandparents are L.W. (Bobby) and Linda Powell of Sanford and the late Wade and Lorraine Ham of Jefferson. His sister, Sydney, is a graduate student at Wake Forest University.

What advice does he have for someone who may be considering CCCC?

“People should take as many classes as they can at CCCC because they cost just a fraction of the cost at a four-year school ... The advising and administrative people in Pittsboro were very helpful,” said Powell.

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'I WAS SPEECHLESS'

## Woods Charter selects alumni McNair to lead men's basketball program



Submitted photo

Leonard McNair (center) speaks to two Page players during his time as an assistant coach for the Pirates' varsity men's basketball team — and head coach of the J.V. team — from 2019-21.

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — Five years ago, Woods Charter gave him his first shot at playing high school basketball.

Now, he's been given the keys to the program.

On June 15, Woods Charter announced via social media that it was tabbing Leonard McNair, a 2015 graduate and former guard for the Wolves, as the men's basketball program's next head coach.

He takes the reins from Taj Cotten, who compiled a 10-57 record in four seasons as the team's head coach from 2018-22.

"Help us welcome Woods Alumni Leonard McNair to our Athletics staff as the Varsity Men's Basketball Coach," the Instagram post read. "Leonard has been coaching at the

college level for the past few years, as well. He is bringing lots of experience and passion for the game. #WelcomeBack."

McNair spent three seasons as a member of the Wolves' men's basketball team from 2012-15 before heading to Greensboro to play for the Guilford College Quakers during his sophomore and junior seasons, from 2016-18.

This is a dream homecoming for McNair, a Pittsboro native, who was working as an assistant coach for the Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) Red Hawks in Hickory before getting the call from Woods Charter in April.

"It's surreal for me because I actually went to Northwood High School my freshman year (in 2011-12) and then ended up transferring to Woods, but I didn't really get a chance

to play basketball at Northwood," McNair told the News + Record. "Woods kind of gave me a chance to grow and play (basketball), and I ended up going to college to play that sport, so I have always kind of viewed Woods as the place that gave me my first chance."

"To be able to come back and show that this is possible, but also to have a chance to provide that type of opportunity for young men, I was speechless," he added, referencing his first phone call with Woods Charter athletic director Dena Floyd. "I immediately told her I was interested. I just had to figure out how to make relocation work."

**From competitor to coach**  
Becoming a basketball coach wasn't always in the cards for

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## Hometown Charger Davis Palermo reflects on 'incredible' UNC baseball season, potential MLB future

BY MAX BAKER  
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL — One year ago, UNC relief pitcher Davis Palermo was called upon just once during the Tar Heels short postseason run that ended in Regional play.

His earned run average finished at 6.88 with 17 walks in 17 appearances as North Carolina hovered around .500 on the season. Then, something clicked for the third-year freshman near the tail end of the season. He started to command his fastball and off-speed pitches, but it was more than that. His confidence had changed.

"I realized that I was good and that my stuff did play," Palermo said. "You just have to go out there and believe in yourself."

Now, the 2018 Northwood graduate is one of the top relievers not only at UNC, but in the nation. He finished with a 2.72 ERA with 74 strikeouts in 58 1/3 innings pitched this past season. That was enough to earn him third-team All American honors from Perfect Game USA.

"You really try not to think



Photo by Anthony Sorbellini

UNC relief pitcher Davis Palermo (38) lets out an emotional celebration after closing out the Tar Heels' 7-3 win over VCU in the NCAA Chapel Hill Regional on June 6 to advance to the Super Regional.

about (the accolades)," Palermo said. "You think about how can I help my team win. It's always cool to see hard work pay off. But the personal accolades come with team success. There's no way I would even be considered for these if I didn't have a great group of teammates and a great pitch-

ing coach, a great catcher and great people around me."

Palermo was a late bloomer in high school, as well. It wasn't until his junior year in 2017 that he began to get looks at the next level. It was before then, however, that his high school coach, Thomas Parks, knew he was special.

In a battle of conference foes in 2016, Parks turned to Palermo to face an Orange High School team that started Bryse Wilson, now a reliever in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. Palermo threw a two-hit shutout into the fifth inning and was pulled with a 1-0 lead. But after he left the

game, six of the next seven Orange hitters reached base and two came around to score as the Panthers defeated the Chargers, 2-1.

"That's the first time that I thought this kid might have something," Parks said. "He went toe-to-toe with Bryse," Parks said. "That just showed his competitiveness at an early age and it was very cool to see. ... He didn't have the velocity that Bryse had at the time. ... All the scouts were there to see Bryse. They put their radar guns up when Bryse was on the mound. Looking back on it now, they had something right in front of them that was really good."

During his sophomore and junior years, Palermo became one of Northwood's top starters. In both the team's two postseason losses, he didn't pitch because he had thrown in the game before. Parks tried a different approach for his senior campaign, opting to mainly use Palermo out of the bullpen.

"I was looking at it as (a way) to go and win every game for me this year," Parks said.

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## Adam Sandler's 'Hustle' is one of the greatest basketball movies ever made. Period.

I'm not a movie guy. Plain and simple.



VICTOR HENSLEY  
Sports Editor

The past two years alone, I'd estimate I've might've seen a total of, say, 18 movies released in 2021 and 2022. That averages out to a little less than one per month, far fewer than your average Joe with a Netflix subscription.

Because of that, I'm not usually one to impersonate a film critic — we typically leave the film discussion to our film critic Neil Morris, who has a brutally honest review of "Jurassic World: Dominion" in this week's N+R — because I, frankly, don't watch nearly enough movies to have a baseline of what separates good



Photo by Scott Yamano/Netflix

NBA power forward Juancho Hernangomez (left) and Adam Sandler team up as a player-scout duo in Netflix's 2022 film "Hustle."

filmmaking from bad filmmaking, besides the glaringly obvious examples of each.

And, despite me being a self-proclaimed sports junkie, I can't say that many sports movies — of the ones I've seen — have really been able to

captivate me. Though there are notable exceptions.

I enjoyed watching "The Blind Side" with my family in theaters when I was 11 years old and I'll always be a sucker for classics like "Remember the Titans," "Coach Carter,"

or "Love & Basketball," but for the most part, I rarely see myself itching to see movies about sports — whether they're entirely fictional tales of heroism or rooted-in-truth biopics like the recent films about former NFL quarterback Kurt Warner or former NFL head coach Sean Payton.

However, over the weekend, I found myself enthralled with Netflix's newest sports flick, "Hustle." And I've just got to talk about it.

"Hustle," released on the streaming platform on June 8, is a film directed by Jeremiah Zagar and produced by Adam Sandler (the film's main protagonist) and NBA superstar LeBron James.

The premise is this: Long-time NBA scout Stanley Sugarman (played by Sandler), who works for the Philadelphia 76ers, has been tasked with finding the next great overseas

"unicorn" to put the Sixers into championship contention. After dozens of flights around the world, and more basketball than any of us could stomach, a lucky turn of events finds Sugarman at a court on the streets of Mallorca, Spain, where he meets — and essentially stalks — Bo Cruz (played by Utah Jazz power forward Juancho Hernangomez) who turns out to be just the guy Sugarman's been waiting for.

It's a heartwarming sports drama about two men striving to prove everyone wrong and achieve their dreams — one's dream of becoming an NBA player and the other's of being an assistant coach.

What makes "Hustle" great, in my opinion, is not just Sandler's down-to-earth performance as Sugarman, but the sheer number of NBA players

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# PALERMO

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“I was trying to maximize what (he could) do.”

Growing up less than 15 minutes from UNC-Chapel Hill’s campus, Palermo attended Tar Heel baseball games often and most vividly remembers the 2007 team that went 57-16 and secured a berth to the College World Series behind future MLB stars Dustin Ackley and Kyle Seager.

So when Palermo received an offer to play for his dream school, he didn’t hesitate.



Photo by Joe Bray

**UNC reliever and Northwood graduate Davis Palermo readies himself to throw a pitch in the Tar Heels’ 6-5 win over Georgia in the NCAA Chapel Hill Super Regional on June 5.**

where I wanted to go, always where I wanted to be,” he said. “I grew up a die-hard Tar Heels fan in every sport. As soon as

they offered me, it was a pretty easy decision.”

In his first two years on campus, he saw little action. He redshirted his

first year and COVID-19 halted college baseball’s season shortly after it began. But after finishing last year strong, Palermo joined the Holly Springs Salamanders, a Coastal Plain League summer ball team. In 15 innings, he struck out 25 batters and allowed six earned runs.

That success translated onto the field for North Carolina in this past spring. His fastball jumped from 91-94 to 94-97 miles per hour and he added a slider to his pitch arsenal as he became one of the go-to pitchers out of the bullpen.

As a team, UNC struggled early on. After getting swept by Virginia

from April 22-24, the Tar Heels were well below the .500 mark in ACC play, but they won 14 of their last 16 games — including the ACC Tournament title in a 9-5 win over N.C. State, which Palermo closed out with just a single pitch — before being bounced in Super Regional play by Arkansas.

“We have to be proud of ourselves and what we accomplished,” Palermo said. “It was pretty incredible what we were able to do. Beyond that, the closeness and culture is in an unbelievable spot. This year definitely set us up well moving forward.”

Not only is UNC set up nicely for the future,

so is Palermo. With the MLB Draft set to take place from July 17-19, he has been in communication with teams across the league, but hasn’t made a decision on his future.

“I think he’s in a really great situation,” Parks said. “I’d have to be really excited if I were him right now. He showed some stuff this year that people didn’t know he had in him. ... How much he grew over the last year, it’s crazy to think he could grow that much more in a year.”

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# MCNAIR

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McNair.

Far from it, actually.

When he was a teenager, McNair said he often watched basketball games on TV and was puzzled about why head coaches existed in the first place.

“The funniest part about this whole thing for me is that I used to always say, ‘I don’t even know why the coaches are there,’ especially at the NBA level,” McNair said with a laugh. “I felt like those guys had been playing forever, and they get paid millions, so why do they need a coach?”

That is, until he met John Berry, the head men’s basketball coach at Woods Charter.

Berry coached the Wolves for nine seasons from 2008-17, including McNair’s three-year stint as a player.

McNair said that Berry — along with his college coaches, including Guilford’s longtime head coach Tom Palombo, among others — made him see the position differently, most importantly because of “the way you can really impact young men’s lives.”

At Guilford, McNair spent his freshman season playing on the school’s J.V. team, then started his sophomore year in the same spot, a position he described as “really frustrating.” But during that sophomore season, he said that Marc Slade, one of the Quakers’ assistant coaches, “took me under his wing and showed me little pieces and nuggets that I could do to be called up.”

Not long after, McNair was elevated to the Quakers’ varsity squad, which went on to win the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title for the third time in program history and make a run to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

In his junior season, the Quakers fell in the ODAC quarterfinals to Washington and Lee in what would be McNair’s final game as a player. After that, he said lingering ankle and knee injuries forced him to forfeit his role on the team, prompting him to become Guilford’s student coach for his senior year, a pivotal moment for his coaching future.

“First of all, I had just been teammates with these guys (the year before), so even the fact that they trusted me to lead them, I thought that was tremendous. ... It was a real natural transition,”

McNair said of his time spent student-coaching. “It was a great year because I finally got a chance to sit in coaches meetings, going through film and developing game plans, and I really got to improve my knowledge of the game from that perspective. And I just fell in love with it.”

After graduating from Guilford with a degree in Business Administration in 2019, McNair wasn’t sold on becoming a coach just yet, but instead focused on his own company, Tranquil Ambitions LLC., which he started in 2018 and is described as “a basketball marketing company aimed at connecting basketball players with opportunities to advance through scholarship or professional opportunities through film sharing and exposure,” according to CVCC’s website.

However, when he was at an event for Tranquil Ambitions in 2019, Evan Fancourt — the then-newly hired head coach at Page High School in Greensboro — introduced himself after the game and almost immediately offered McNair a spot at Page as an assistant coach, which he ultimately accepted.

McNair spent two seasons at Page as not only an assistant to Fancourt, but also the Pirates’ head J.V. men’s basketball coach, an experience that convinced him that coaching was his calling.

“Obviously being on J.V., a lot of guys get discouraged,” McNair said, “so once I told them all of the things that I’d been through with the game, they were just able to gravitate toward the idea of, ‘if we put in the work, we can still achieve our dreams.’ ... I’m just very grateful for the work those guys put in.”

Then, this past season, McNair acted as an assistant coach to longtime CVCC head coach Bryan Garmroth, where he helped lead the Red Hawks to a 19-12 record and an appearance in the Region 10 semifinals.

Despite being out of college for just three years, McNair said his experience at both the high school and collegiate levels has helped him develop a coaching style centered around high-intensity defense.

“Thus far, I’ve primarily been a really intense, defensive-minded coach,” McNair said, “just trying to overwhelm you with a lot of bodies and a lot of arms.”

## Hometown hero

It’s been over a decade since Woods Charter has had a com-



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**Leonard McNair, then the J.V. men’s basketball head coach at Page High School, coaches from the sideline during a game against the Ragsdale Tigers in Jamestown.**

petitive men’s basketball team, with the last season above .500 coming in 2011-12, when the Wolves went 6-6 under Berry.

Since then, the Wolves have posted a combined record of 38-148 (.204) in 10 seasons, never surpassing seven wins in a single season.

But located just outside of Pittsboro, a town rich with basketball talent — as seen by the success of both Northwood and Seaforth, along with Division I scouts eyeing a handful of players in the area — McNair said he’s striving to give a passionate Wolves fan base, and the players themselves, a reason to be hopeful.

“When you’ve had years of not a lot of success, you start to get discouraged and your motivation of what can come from this starts to deteriorate, so I think it’s about rebuilding that belief system within the program,” McNair said. “It all starts in the gym. We’ve just got to put in a lot of time to catch up on that gap that we’re looking to deal with. From there, I want to introduce a lot more film — I know we were watching film a little when I was playing there, I’m not sure how much they have since — so I think that’ll be a big implementation.”

McNair said that forming relationships and bonds with players is one of the most important steps for a new coach



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**Leonard McNair attempts a behind-the-back pass during his time as a player with Woods Charter, where he played for the Wolves from 2012-15.**

to take, which he believes will be aided by him having graduated from Woods less than a decade ago.

“A lot of these players are already telling me that they used to watch me when I was a senior and they were in the elementary school (at Woods),” he said. “I’ve always been big on building relationships and building trust, and I think it’s going to be extremely natural with these guys.”

Having already interacted with the team after a few open gyms he’s been able to attend, McNair sounded thrilled about the potential he sees from the Wolves, including their ability to spread the floor and shoot from the perimeter more than his teams usually can.

With a roster like the Wolves’, and plenty of time to implement his system to play to its strengths, the possibilities are endless.

Over the years, Woods Charter has had a long track record of former players coming back to act as assistants, head coaches or volunteers, regardless of the sport. McNair credited one major reason for that: the community.

“A story that so many people share is about Woods is that it was a place that kind of served as a believer in you. A lot of kids come into Woods, whether they’re having issues fitting in or finding their niche at other



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**Guilford guard Leonard McNair (in white) defends Huntington’s Bryant Reid during a blowout win for the Quakers, 90-63, in 2017.**

schools, and come there and just fall in love with the fact that everybody’s treated well. ... The support is tremendous.

“Something that speaks volumes to this is that, recently, Woods has kind of struggled, at least from the basketball perspective, but the gym is always packed,” he added. “It’s just that support. It’s the belief that, regardless of what you do, regardless of what happens, Woods is always going to be there for you.”

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# HUSTLE

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who fill out the film’s cast.

Unlike some movies that have Hollywood actors attempting to portray the lives of either amateur or professional athletes, “Hustle” fills those roles with actual players and coaches, giving them a chance to play themselves — or fictional characters — on the big screen.

And, most of the time, they knock it out of the park.

Hernangómez is undoubtedly masterful as the big-hearted, misunderstood Cruz, giving us an insight into what foreign-born players often have to go through as they transition into the chaotic world of preparing for the NBA.

One of the film’s primary antagonists, Kermit Wilts, is played by Minnesota Timberwolves shooting guard Anthony Edwards, and he absolutely nailed it, towing the line between hilarious and punishable every time he appeared on screen as Cruz’s “rival.”

Kenny Smith, former NBA star and UNC legend, played Leon Rich, this film’s version of an NBA superagent, and, just like Hernangómez and Edwards, he did his thing in his first-ever acting role as someone other than himself.

Throughout the movie, I found myself waiting for every change of scenery just so I could pick out all of the recognizable NBA faces. And there are surely a ton.

Sixers forwards Tobias Harris and Matisse Thybulle, Dallas Mavericks

guard Luka Dončić and center Boban Marjanovic, Atlanta Hawks guard Trae Young, Miami Heat guard Kyle Lowry, Milwaukee Bucks forward Khristian Middleton, Orlando Magic forward Mo Wagner, NBA greats Dirk Nowitzki and Julius “Dr. J” Erving, all make appearances, among a plethora of others.

Not only did the movie feature prominent past and current NBA players, coaches (like Sixers head coach Doc Rivers) and executives (like Boston Celtics president of basketball operations Brad Stevens), but also gave some shine to famous streetballers, including Grayson “The Professor” Boucher — a former AND1 hooper with the baddest handles on the planet — who plays Cruz’s dribbling tutor. Essentially, “Hustle”

is a movie for basketball fans that does it right. Its cameos aren’t there for cheap “look it’s [insert any NBA player here]!” moments. In fact, executive producer LeBron James is notably absent from the film. Instead, “Hustle” seems to have handpicked most of the NBA cameos with the quality of the selected roles in mind, making it feel much more authentic rather than an NBA-themed cash grab.

For me, the film’s 1 hour, 58-minute runtime flew by as I enjoyed being sucked into a world of hoops that, despite the critique on the NBA’s drama-and-clique-filled culture, felt like a love letter to the game.

I can’t speak for all of the critics out there — though the film’s 92% score on Rotten Tomatoes speaks for itself — but

to me, “Hustle” isn’t just one of the best basketball movies I’ve ever seen, but one of the best basketball movies ever made.

If you haven’t seen it,

do it. You won’t regret it.

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# Siler City's 14U Jets near registration capacity limit as inaugural season inches closer

BY VICTOR HENSLEY  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — According to our calendars, it's only June. But football is already the talk of the town.

Registration opened for Siler City's newest youth football team — the 14U Siler City Jets — in early May and there are already close to two dozen families interested in signing up, said Ryan Johnson, the co-founder of the 14U Jets and head coach of the Jordan-Matthews High School football team.

"We're in the process of getting people to buy in and sign up," Johnson said. "Right now, we're at about 20 people that we're assisting with registration. We're trying to blast as much information as possible."

The 14U Jets team is Siler City's freshest attempt at a middle school football program, something the town — and much of Chatham County — has been lacking for years with Chatham County Schools continuing to not offer football as one of its many middle-school-sanctioned sports.

The team will be coached by Chris Graves, a teacher and multi-sport coach at Chatham Middle School in Siler City.

"He coaches the basketball team, baseball team and pretty much everything over there," Johnson said with a laugh. "All the kids know him, so it's a no-brainer. ... He's a football guy and a community guy, so he's going to head it up."

With registration having been open for a little over a month, Johnson said he's blown away by the number of applicants in such a short time, especially with the team capping sign-ups at 28 players. But he isn't necessarily shocked and hopes that those numbers can be sustained for the team's first few seasons.

"Registration is (typically) a little bit higher when you're doing new things," he said. "The front end of the first cou-

ple of years is a little bit higher ... so I think if those numbers go ahead and finalize their commitment, and we add a few more, things are (looking up) for years to come."

Naming similarities aside, the 14U Jets have no affiliation with the Siler City Jets teams operated by Siler City Parks and Recreation — with three age groups: 8U, 10U and 12U — but instead are under the umbrella of the East Chatham Chargers, a football organization in Pittsboro.

However, Johnson said that won't be the case for long.

"After this year's over, the East Chatham Chargers have agreed to take over (Siler City Parks and Rec's football league), so we'll all be under the same umbrella, same scheme and same coaches," Johnson announced. "It's a big deal. I think it's really coming together. It's a process that hasn't happened over night, but we've done some things in the community."

The Jets will play alongside the Chargers in the East Wake Football League, a league founded in 1968 that's only recently adopted a 14U At-Large division, and home games will be played at Jordan-Matthews on Saturdays throughout the fall.

Much of Johnson's work in the community focuses on giving football players in Siler City a seamless transition between age groups, from elementary to middle to high school.

As part of that effort, Johnson led a Feeder Coaches Clinic in the Jordan-Matthews cafeteria back on June 4, where he got most of the area's youth and middle school football coaches in the same room to "bridge the gap with our feeder programs," the event's flyer said.

At the clinic, he and other J-M coaches went over presentations about all three phases of the game — offense, defense and special teams — and discussed base plays and strategies, along with taking any questions from the attendees.



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Led by senior quarterback Xavier Woods (7), the Jordan-Matthews' football team runs onto the field ahead of their 56-6 loss to Randleman on March 12, 2021. The new Siler City 14U Jets will act as a feeder program for J-M.

"The coaches that attended walked away with our resources and had a fluid understanding of our base terminology and everything," Johnson said. "It was a great day because it really gave us a chance to sit down with our standard at Jordan-Matthews to make sure we're on the same page across the board."

Johnson's work to grow the game within Siler City's youth will continue on Monday, June 27, when Jordan-Matthews hosts its Future Jets Youth Football Camp at Phil E. Senter Stadium on J-M's campus.

The camp, which runs from June 27-30 for rising 1st through 9th graders, will feature a collection of volunteers ranging from J-M alumni with NFL ties — including George Edwards, the current senior defensive assistant for the Dallas Cowboys — to college players from schools like Barton, Wake Forest and UNC, along with current players and coaches. He's still working to confirm all of the special guest appearances, but he's certain that attendees won't be disappointed.

"I'm definitely looking forward to a fun time," John-



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

The Jordan-Matthews football team huddles up during a summer practice. The 14U Siler City Jets will have much of the same branding as J-M.

son said of the camp. "They will walk away with skill-set improvement. We're going to focus a lot on fundamentals and we'll also have fun with some activities, some games, some challenges. We'll teach those guys what we're dealing with in terms of our base routes, base runs, defensive techniques, those types of things. We really want them to just come in and see our facilities and coaches and meet people who have gone on to be

successful. They'll get better over the course of the week."

To register for Jordan-Matthews' youth football camp, or any of the school's other summer camps, visit <https://bit.ly/3xc88Tz>

To sign up for the 14U Siler City Jets, visit [www.ecchargers.org](http://www.ecchargers.org) to create an account.

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# Third time's the charm: Hispanic Heritage Fiesta set to return on Sept. 17

**BY VICTORIA JOHNSON**  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — After two years of pandemic-related cancellations, the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta is set to finally return — the first time since 2018 — to Siler City on Saturday, Sept. 17.

It's a situation the Hispanic Liaison, the Fiesta's primary organizers, has been approaching "with great enthusiasm," according to Executive Director Ilana Dubester — especially with COVID-19 firmly in the rearview mirror.

"We really feel that we're gonna do this again, and I don't want to jinx it, but I don't believe we're going to go into lockdown in September," Dubester told the News + Record. "So, bar the lockdown, yes, it's happening."

Fiesta had originally been set to return last September — and would have if a summer COVID-19 surge hadn't prompted the Liaison to postpone it. The pandemic also prevented the town from celebrating Fiesta in 2020, and in 2019, the Liaison hosted an alternative anniversary celebration in its place.

As in years past, this year's celebration will take place from noon to 6 p.m. in front of the Liaison's office in downtown Siler City — and as of right now, no masks necessary.

"Of course, we will have masks available, so anybody's welcome to wear one, if they would like. You still see them of course, and I still in some public spaces do wear a mask, but as of now we're going to follow CDC with recommendations," Dubester said. "If masks become in vogue again in September, then we'll ask people to wear masks, but otherwise it will be optional."

The Hispanic Heritage Fiesta is a large outdoor festival that the Hispan-



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**The Hispanic Liaison's Hispanic Heritage Fiesta organizing committee, comprised mostly of community members, met for the first time on June 9 at the Alliance to begin planning this year's Fiesta, which will be held on Sept. 17 in downtown Siler City.**

ic Liaison, community members and other organizations throw each year to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins on Sept. 15. It's a free, half-day event which usually takes place on a Saturday afternoon.

There, Fiesta-goers usually find a little bit of everything. Hispanic bands and dance groups perform, while food vendors sell a variety of traditional dishes from various Latin American countries. Some community members arrive dressed in traditional outfits from their home countries to participate in a traditional outfit parade. Dozens of nonprofits and local businesses, including the Liaison, also use the opportunity to set up outreach tables and hand out information about their services.

All of that and more will be returning this year, Dubester said, including "more activities than we've had before for children." Traditionally, Fiesta offers a separate area for children called Niñolandia offering kids' arts, crafts and games. This year, Fiesta planners may have something extra in store for teenagers.

"Our youth are thinking of organizing an area for teens, versus just stuff for little children. Of course, but they'll also be

helping throughout Fiesta in a different aspect," Dubester said. "... We've just been brainstorming ideas about having a separate area where older children or teenagers — or not a semi-separate area, but activities specifically for them, so that's the idea."

The Fiesta will also host another health fair offering booths manned by health service providers as well as COVID-19 vaccinations, which Piedmont Health Services has already agreed to administer. Some confirmed providers as of now include the Chatham County Public Health Department, El Futuro and Healthy Blue NC.

"Hopefully, we'll also be able to do vaccination for little kids," Dubester said, "so we'll just have to see if PHS is able to do that for babies, and if not, we'll find another provider, but you know, the plan is for PHS to host the vaccine."

The Fiesta will also host a raffle, for which the Liaison's still gathering prizes. Two dance groups have confirmed they'll perform during the festival as well, Dubester said, and she's working on looping in Raleigh-based Danza Azteca Tonantzin, which performed during the 2018 Hispanic Heritage Fiesta. Organizers have yet to

finalize which bands will play or which artist the N.C. Arts Incubator will host.

"We're pulling together all the other details of stage and programming and logistics and everything else," Dubester said. "... So, this is like the recruitment phase: recruiting vendors, recruiting arts and crafts, recruiting food vendors, bands."

What's more, this year's Fiesta will see an encore — literally.

The Chatham Rabbit has been playing host to the 2022 Siler City Downtown Music Series since April on every third Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the series will bring in Latin trio Saludos Compay, whose playlist features traditional, contemporary and original music from Latin America and the Caribbean.

"So it's going to be a kind of continuation of Fiesta as we're wrapping up and packing, the band's going to start at 6," Dubester said, though the performance won't be part of the event itself.

"But we'll advertise

that during our event and hope people will stay and enjoy another band in the evening," she added. "If that works great, we might continue to do that. We'll see how it goes this year in terms of that — having streets still blocked and things like that until 8 p.m. or something, until we finish packing up, but I know we'll be enjoying the music as we pack up."

Behind all the planning this year, as in years past, lies a Fiesta organizing committee made up primarily of community members. Around 80 to 100 volunteers typically participate in the event and in the event's planning, along with other community members and organizations.

The committee held its first meeting on June 9 at the Alliance in downtown Siler City and saw a "great turnout," according to Dubester. Besides the Liaison's staff, about 17 community members joined.

"We always have some committee members that have attended or participated as volunteers and

new ones, so we're decided to also have parents and youth from Seaforth High School join this year, which is awesome," she said. "[There were] some folks that helped organize Fiesta before and others that haven't."

The Fiesta organizing committee plans to meet at 5:30 p.m. every other Thursday at the Alliance. Meetings are held in Spanish, but staff may offer simultaneous interpretation for English speakers who wish to participate.

If community members can't make the meeting but want to participate in Fiesta preparations, the Liaison also has them covered.

"There'll be a ton of volunteers involved in different ways, not just the volunteer committee ... we'll be recruiting all kinds of people throughout that maybe can't come to meetings, but will help us prepare decorations, will help us the day of the event, which I only have like 60 volunteers," Dubester said. "So there's lots of also volunteer opportunity."

To get involved, call the Liaison's office at 919-742-1448 and let staff know you want to help with Fiesta planning or volunteer at the event. The volunteer sign-up sheet will go up shortly on the Liaison's website.

Likewise, businesses, vendors, nonprofits and agencies seeking a presence at Fiesta can register online or by phone until July 29. Visit <https://bit.ly/3NaXAt0> to apply or to find more information.

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## Celebrating 103 years



**Mae Glover, who turned 103 years old on Thursday, celebrates her birthday surrounded by friends and family on Saturday at the Western Chatham Senior Center. Decorations were hung in the recreation room and people were welcomed to enjoy a light lunch during the festivities.**

Staff photo by Tanner Bubeck



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**A birthday cake celebrating Mae Glover's 103rd birthday sits on a table next to a lunch spread during Glover's birthday celebration on Saturday at the Western Chatham Senior Center.**



### Chatham COA Events & Announcements

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- Monday, June 27**
  - [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
  - [Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Exercise Program w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (Bray Park Pool, Siler City)
  - [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 9:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom)
  - [Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Exercise Program w/Jackie](#) at 9:30 AM (at Pittsboro Swimming Association, RSVP only)
  - [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 12:30 PM (at WCSC)
  - Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program w/Olivia at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC)
  - [Caregiver Virtual Support Group](#) at 6:00 PM (RSVP with Lynn Parks for Zoom link)
- Tuesday, June 28**
  - [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
  - [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at WCSC)
  - [Trip to Raleigh Farmer's Market](#) at 10:00 AM (RSVP Jackie)
- Wednesday, June 29**
  - [Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Exercise Program w/Olivia](#) at 9:00 AM (at Bray Park Pool, Siler City)
  - [Chair Yoga w/Liz](#) at 9:00 AM (at Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom)
  - [Strong and Fit w/Olivia](#) at 12:30 PM (at WCSC)
- Thursday, June 30**
  - [Body Conditioning w/Jackie](#) at 8:00 AM (at Forest Hall at Chatham Mills)
  - [Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program w/Olivia](#) at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC)
- Friday, July 1**
  - [Friday Night Dance](#) at 7:00 PM (at WCSC)

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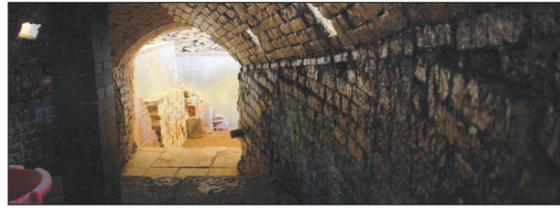
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## The pottery creations of Mark Hewitt



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Large pottery creations sit on display in front of the showroom last Saturday at Mark Hewitt Pottery in Pittsboro. Twice a year, the Hewitts make and fire more than 1,500 pots and fill their showroom for a kiln opening in which people are invited to come see and purchase their creations



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A view from the inside of one of Mark Hewitt's large kilns, which people may walk in and see the many glazed bricks that make up the interior, on Saturday at Hewitt's studio in Pittsboro. The kiln is one of several that the Hewitts use, two of them being wood-burning kilns.

The pottery creations of Mark Hewitt line the shelves and tables of his showroom as a part of his recent kiln opening in Pittsboro. Customers were invited to purchase his pieces as well as tour the showroom and workspace in which he creates his pottery.

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# Siler City Immigrant Advisory Committee to start planning for Faith ID program

BY VICTORIA JOHNSON  
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SILER CITY — The town's Immigrant Community Advisory Committee resolved to kickstart planning for a possible Siler City FaithAction ID program during its monthly meeting last Tuesday.

Such a step, as chairperson Hannia Benitez and vice chairperson Norma Hernandez told committee members, would help the group prepare for a report that members plan to present to the Siler City Board of Commissioners in November.

This report will offer recommendations for how the town should implement its 2019 Building Integrated Communities (BIC) action plan, which provides specific suggestions about what Siler City can do to better serve and integrate immigrants into the community.

"We are coming out of the phase of measuring and evaluating what we've done," Hernandez said. "... We've all reported back what we've been finding, and so what [she and Benitez] did was, we sat down, and we looked at all the information and we're trying to plan on what makes

sense moving forward as far as determining what goals we can accomplish short term and how to implement a plan for long term."

As part of that planning, she said she considered it important to focus on "actionable" items — three of which she and Benitez outlined to the committee: appoint Hernandez and Benitez as the committee's liaisons with the town, have members participate in Hispanic Heritage Fiesta planning efforts, and begin drafting a potential Siler City FaithAction ID program.

"I think at this point halfway through the year, we just need to say this was a big, big undertaking," Hernandez said. "This is what we have so far. This is what we can do, and you know, for next year, and for the next group, this makes sense right now."

The FaithAction ID program provides verifiable identification to those who may not have access to government-issued IDs. It's one of 44 suggested policy items in the BIC action plan, which advises the town to explore adopting in partnership with the Siler City Police Department, the Hispanic Liaison and St. Julia Catholic Church. "Many immigrants

currently do not have an ID or state identification, and the reason for this is because many of them are undocumented, and cannot get a state ID, because they don't have a Social Security number or a valid status in the United States," committee member and immigration attorney Jisselle Perdomo told committee members in a previous meeting. "So the Faith ID program would provide these individuals with an identification that can be recognized by the community and the police department, in terms of being an ID that can be used to prove identity."

Perdomo forms part of the Immigrant Advisory Committee's Public Safety and Law Enforcement subcommittee, which in April engaged Siler City Police Chief Mike Wagner in conversations exploring the program's viability and implementation in Siler City.

After wrapping up the BIC process, the town had begun to look into the Faith ID program in partnership with the Hispanic Liaison and St. Julia Catholic Church. In January, the Liaison's executive director, Ilana Dubester, told committee members that a Faith ID sign-up event had been scheduled for April 2020 before COVID-19 forced

them to cancel it.

The program framework "is ready to go," she had said, once the community can gather together again in large groups. In March, however, Siler City Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson told members that the committee would need to "start the conversation all over again" since all previous planning had been done under a previous town manager and police chief.

Benitez suggested that two to three members of the Immigrant Advisory Committee step forward to lead that conversation — something for which Public Safety and Law Enforcement subcommittee members Shirley Villatoro and Danubio Vazquez Rodriguez volunteered. Perdomo didn't attend the meeting.

"That's [starting that conversation] ultimately what we want to be able to do because a lot of the things are going to be implemented not only from Town of Siler City's side, and also the departments," Benitez said. "... just taking that conversation to make sure prior to November, this subcommittee makes sure that those conversations have taken place to see if it's something that makes sense to really present to the board and

really pursue with town of Siler City."

The Immigrant Advisory Committee will meet again at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, on Zoom via [bit.ly/3JfKave](https://bit.ly/3JfKave).

### In other meeting business:

• Benitez and Hernandez also recommended that committee members participate in volunteer and planning efforts for the Hispanic Liaison's Hispanic Heritage Fiesta scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, in downtown Siler City.

Last celebrated in 2018, the Fiesta is a large outdoor festival thrown each year to celebrate Hispanic cultures and kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins on Sept. 15. Though the Liaison takes charge of the event's overall organization, staff engage interested community members in a volunteer Fiesta organizing committee, which acts as the driving force behind most, if not all, Fiesta activities.

"We were recommending having members of the Immigrant Advisory Committee to help volunteer their time in planning for Fiesta as well, in regards to that," Benitez told committee members. "But then also, it's a really great opportunity for ... (the)

Town of Siler City departments to really be out there — a really, really great outreach opportunity. Since it's a centralized location, a lot of our community members come out here, and so it's just a really great way to, you know, be in direct contact."

To that end, she asked that two to three committee members participate in the Fiesta planning committee, a task for which members Shirley Villatoro and Danubio Vazquez Rodriguez volunteered.

"I know that historically, EVH, if they know XYZ folks are here, they do make it very intentional for community members to know, 'Hey, here's Norma, Carlos, Danubio, Shirley from the Immigrant Advisory Committee that are here,'" Benitez said. "So that would be another ask for committee members — to save the date for Sept. 17 so that y'all can be there."

• Siler City Police Chief Mike Wagner shared several equity-focused updates with the committee last Tuesday, including a new recruiting program and diverse new hires.

"In order to remain competitive in the law enforcement community, we have initiated a program [where] we would hire new recruits to attend the Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy," Wagner told committee members. "From that change, we currently have several new applicants that have applied with us, and I guess the number that we're interested in is that of those applicants, two are female Hispanic applicants and two male Hispanic applicants."

Wagner also added that the department's three newest hires are all Hispanic men, two of whom have been undergoing field training.

"They're progressing as we expect them to do," he said. "So, we'll be excited to turn them loose and add to our fully staffed department in the near future, but we're very happy with them, and I can tell you that during the interview process, both of those young men really just represented the core values and the mission of the police department, and they're really good fit for our community, so I'm very pleased."

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CHATHAM IS **BOLD!**



# Chatham County LEO



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In honor of the recent National Police Week, the Chatham County Law Enforcement Officers Association honored those working in the field. From left, office manager Teresa Clark, Capt. Troy Roberson, Officer Benjamin Hadley, Officer Sam Bradburn and Officer Delanie Womack receive letters of thanks as well as giftcards to Subway Restaurant from CCLEOA secretary Cathy Judge (center) on May 17 at the Pittsboro Police Department. The letters were given to honor police officers during the 2022 National Police Week.



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CCLEOA secretary Cathy Judge (center) hands out letters of thanks with gift cards to Chief Aaron Presley (left) and Capt. David Jessup (right) on May 17 at the Ramseur Police Department. The letters were given to honor police officers during the 2022 National Police Week.



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CCLEOA secretary Cathy Judge (center) hands out letters of thanks with gift cards to Cowboy Cafe to Chief Mike Wagner (left) and Lt. Jason Boyd (right) on May 17 at the Ramseur Police Department. The letters were given to honor police officers during the 2022 National Police Week.

## Down Town Café's ribbon cutting set for June 30

SILER CITY — The Chatham Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the grand opening of Down Town Café, located at 113 West Raleigh St., on June 30.

A ribbon cutting will begin at 10:30 a.m.; light refreshments will follow.

Down Town Café is a small family-owned restaurant, owned and managed by Sherrie Hatfield and serving home cooked meals and desserts. Hatfield has more than 25 years of experience in the hospitality business.

## Fix-It Plumbing establishes CCCC Foundation scholarship

SANFORD — Central Carolina Community College graduate Neil Coggins has established the Fix-It Plumbing Scholarship Endowment at his alma mater. The scholarship will benefit students in the Industrial Systems or Building Construction Technologies programs.

Fix-it Plumbing Services began in

1982 as a part-time job for Coggins while he was enrolled at CCCC.

"CCCC is definitely special to me and close to my heart being that the two years I was enrolled directly helped me to be where I am today," said Coggins. "The knowledge and skills obtained through the two-year Industrial Maintenance program opened the door to qualify and obtain a great job after graduation."

Coggins points out that his foundation in plumbing skills is due to the investment of time, energy and resources of one of his high school teachers, Donnie Brafford.

Upon graduating from CCCC in 1984, Coggins was employed by Weyerhaeuser Company for 11 years as a maintenance mechanic and still did plumbing work part-time. In October 1995, he began plumbing as a full-time profession.

Coggins says that he and his company have been blessed and prosperous throughout the years thanks to many great employees and great customers.

"We are currently in our 27th year with 15 awesome, dedicated and skilled employees with a customer

base in excess of 13,000 customers — many of who are still active customers since the beginning in 1982," said Coggins. He notes that the success of the family-owned and operated business is due to many people -- "the hard work, support and dedication of myself, my family, great employees, our customer base and many good friends."

Dr. Emily C. Hare, Executive Director of the CCCC Foundation, said she was

grateful for Mr. Coggins' generosity to his alma mater.

"CCCC is grateful for the continuation of support from our alumni base," she said. "Mr. Coggins exemplifies generosity through his investment in the Foundation and we are grateful to him for paying it forward. The Fix-It Plumbing Endowment will make a difference in the lives of our students for years to come."

—CN+R staff reports

## BRIEFS

## HONORS

### UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Anthony Arias Sorto of Pittsboro graduated with a Master of Professional Studies in leadership for Sustainability during commencement ceremonies recently at the University of Vermont. The school is located in Burlington, Vermont.

### ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Drake Schwehn of Pittsboro graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from St. Lawrence University located in Canton, N.Y.

### WIDENER UNIVERSITY

Emma Bronwyn Wilcock of Pittsboro, a summa cum laude graduate, earned a bachelor of science degree in Biology from Widener University, College of Arts & Sciences. The school is located in Chester, Pennsylvania.

### CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY

Brent Whitley of Moncure was named to the spring 2022 Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University located in Cedarville, Ohio. Whitley is majoring in Computer Science.

### BELMONT UNIVERSITY

Laura Balan of Pittsboro was named to the spring 2022 Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee.

### UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Isabelle Moore of Siler City has been named to the spring 2022 University of Mississippi's Chancellor's List. She is majoring in accounting and Spanish.

### Bridgewater College

Erika Nettles of Pittsboro received the John W. and Lurene M. Durna Award for Excellence in Pre-Law Studies from Bridgewater College. Nettles is a senior psychology major.

### RANDOLPH COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION

#### CHATHAM STUDENTS, Spring 2022

#### ASSOCIATE DEGREES

**Bear Creek:** Cambria Michelle Sipe, Nursing  
**Bennett:** Misty Powers Murray, General Education, Radiography  
**Siler City:** Shannon Marsh Brooks, Arts and General Education; Rachel Neve Shaw, Nursing; David Steecher, Computer-Integrated Machining

#### CERTIFICATES

**Siler City:** Christian Emanuel Gomez, Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology; and Erika Gil, Early Childhood Education, Infant/Toddler Care

### RANDOLPH COMMUNITY COLLEGE - ACADEMIC STANDINGS

#### CHATHAM STUDENTS - Spring 2022

**President's List:** Bennett: Misty Murray  
**Dean's List:** Siler City: Brenda Flores Guevara; and Isaac Miconi  
**Academia Merit List:** Bennett: Zachary Ritter

Siler City: Shannon Brooks, Phoenixia Evans, London Frazier, Erika Gil, Yasleen Perez Bautista, Alexis Quinn and David Stecher

## Crypto: Investment or Speculation?

With cryptocurrencies so much in the news, you might be wondering if you should invest in them. But "invest" may not be the right word — because, in many ways, cryptocurrencies, or "crypto" for short, are more speculation than investment.

But what's really the difference between a speculator and an investor? Probably the main factor is the differing views of time. A true investor is in it for the long term, building a portfolio that, over many years, can eventually provide the financial resources to achieve important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But speculators want to see results, in the form of big gains, right now — and they're often willing to take big risks to achieve these outcomes.

There's also the difference in knowledge. Investors know that they're buying shares of stock in a company that manufactures products or provides services. But many speculators in cryptocurrency don't fully comprehend what they're buying — because crypto just isn't that easy to understand. Cryptocurrency is a digital asset, and cryptocurrency transactions only exist as digital entries on a blockchain, with the "block" essentially being just a collection of information, or digital ledgers. But even knowing this doesn't necessarily provide a clear picture to many of those entering the crypto world.

In addition to time and understanding, two other elements help define cryptocurrency's speculative nature:

- **Volatility** — Cryptocurrencies are subject to truly astonishing price swings, with big gains followed by enormous losses — sometimes within a matter of hours. What's behind this type of volatility? Actually, several factors are involved. For one thing, the price of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies depends heavily on supply and demand — and the

demand can skyrocket when media outlets and crypto "celebrities" tout a particular offering. Furthermore, speculators will bet on crypto prices moving up or down, and these bets can trigger a rush on buying and selling, again leading to the rapid price movements. And many purchasers of crypto, especially young people, want to see big profits quickly, so when they lose large amounts, which is common, they often simply quit the market, contributing to the volatility.

- **Lack of regulation** — When you invest in the traditional financial markets, your transactions are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the firms with which you invest are typically overseen by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Other agencies are also involved in regulating various investments. These regulating bodies work to ensure the basic fairness of the financial markets and to prevent and investigate fraud. But cryptocurrency exchanges are essentially unregulated, and this lack of oversight has contributed to the growth of "scam" exchanges, crypto market manipulation, excessive trading fees and other predatory practices. This "Wild West" scenario should be of concern to anyone putting money in crypto.

The cryptocurrency market is still relatively new, and it's certainly possible that, in the future, crypto can become more of an investment and less of a speculation. In fact, Congress is actively considering ways to regulate the cryptocurrency market. But for now, caveat emptor — "let the buyer beware."

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SILER CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Siler City board delays vote on subdivision to discuss affordable housing component

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The town’s board of commissioners postponed a vote Monday to rezone a 99.73-acre tract of land near Hwy. 421 and Harold Andrews Road that would be developed into a 214-unit housing development.

Instead, after a public hearing, commissioners decided to gather for a special meeting on Monday, June 27, to give developers a chance to come up with a plan for affordable housing units for the new neighborhood.

Siler City Planning and Community Development Director Jack Meadows presented the rezoning question and

subdivision plan to the board and gave more specifics about the size and the conditions of the rezoning request. The request was made by Apex-based Raval Realty LLC on behalf of the owner, Mary France Davis Life Estate, represented by Gary Davis of Salisbury.

The development would be located on Harold Andrews Road and would have 147 single-family residential lots and 67 multi-family three-bedroom townhomes. In order to rezone from A-R (Agricultural-Residential) to R-3-C (Residential-3-Conditional), the town would have to annex the property, since it’s currently outside of the town’s corporate limits.

Not everyone was on board with the new subdivision.

Siler City resident and pastor Donald Matthews, who unsuccessfully sought the mayor’s seat in May’s primary, spoke during the public comment section of the hearing. He said the town shouldn’t be considering a new subdivision when they are under a water moratorium preventing any additional sewer and water connections within town limits.

“How in the name of God can we allow 127 new homes plus 67 more apartments and we can’t take care of what we got?” he said. “We need to work on infrastructure before we get any new projects going.”

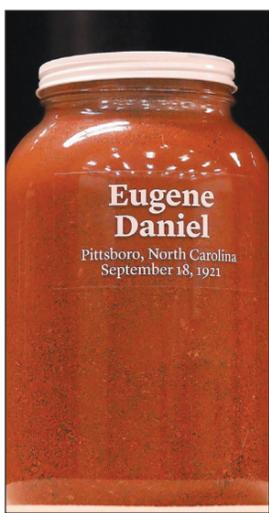
Commissioners had some concerns regarding the development, most specifically with the lack of proposed affordable housing units. Lewis Fadely and Mayor Chip Price expressed their concerns during Monday’s meeting, saying they wanted to ensure affordable housing was a part of the proposed subdivision.

The board agreed and voted to recess the public hearing until 6:30 p.m. next Monday at Wren Memorial Library’s multipurpose room, where the commissioners will hold a special meeting.

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CHATHAM CHAT | COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE COALITION

# Commissioners consider historical marker for county’s lynching victims



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

This jar of soil, from Eugene Daniel’s lynching site, will go on display at the Equal Justice Initiative’s Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday evening to consider accepting the donation of a historical marker remembering the county’s lynching victims. The donation, if approved, would come from the Community Remembrance Coalition-Chatham and the national Equal Justice Initiative; the EJI, based on Montgomery, Alabama, has sponsored dozens of such markers across the country.

EJI’s founder, Bryan Stevenson, is a public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. In speaking about EJI’s historical marker project, he said: “The public narrative a

nation creates about what is important is reflected in memorials and monuments. Who is honored, what is remembered, what is memorialized tells a story about a society that can’t be reflected in other ways.”

According to the EJI, the Historical Marker Project works with local groups to erect narrative markers in public locations describing the devastating violence, today widely unknown, that once took place in these locations. These projects and the other engagement efforts that community coalitions develop center the African American experience of racial injustice, empower African American community members who have directly borne

this trauma, and invite the entire community to use truth to give voice to those experiences and expose their legacies.

The CRC-C’s mission is to improve race relations, enhance comity, empathy and understanding across and within Chatham County’s races, faiths and communities. Tuesday’s vote by the commission board occurred after press time. Prior to the vote, we asked the CRC-C about the marker, which would honor six Chatham residents who were lynched: Harriet Finch, Jerry Finch, Lee Tyson and John Pattishall in 1885, Henry Jones in 1889, and Eugene Daniel in 1921.

**The idea of a historical marker to memorialize Chatham’s lynching victims has been in the works for some time. Commissioners were expected to accept the donation of that marker at Tuesday night’s meeting, which took place after our press time for this edition. Why is erecting a marker like this a good and appropriate thing to do?**

These lynchings took place in a time when Black Americans were denied equal political, economic, educational and political rights, privileges and opportunities. Now more and more Americans of every color recognize those injustices for what they were and want a better society and a truer democracy. Memorializing the lives of these victims in a county which saw the second highest number of lynchings in North Carolina is a key step forward, an acceptance of the fact of injustice, and a commitment by the whole community to keep making progress.

**What’s the proposed location for the marker?**

The marker will go near the new Chatham Justice Center, on the

south side of the county government annex at 12 East St. in Pittsboro, so that it will be a powerful reminder of the need for justice and to provide a site for the public, from school children to elders, to learn and understand our shared history in Chatham County.

**What permitting and government approval is required for the marker?**

The Community Remembrance Coalition Chatham (CRC-C.org), together the NAACP branches in Chatham County, applied through the planning commission for a permit to erect the historical marker. We and the Equal Justice provided all the details requested concerning the site, details of erection of the marker and the EJI-approved text for the marker.

**The approval and placement of this marker would come soon after observances in memory of Eugene Daniel (last September) and the other lynching victims earlier this year, which included a soil removal ceremony (with some of that soil going to the EJI museum in Montgomery.) Those events reflect what a community doing similar work in Tennessee said: “There can be no reconciliation and healing without remembering the past.” In this work toward healing, what’s next for the CRC-C?**

We have other important projects underway or in the planning stages. We plan to present to the county’s community with a mural that captures the history of the Black Chathamites and the brighter future they foresee. We are working on expanding and further developing a walking tour of downtown Pittsboro that will feature key sites of Black life in the city.

CRC-C is joined with the NAACP branches in

the county to address the issue of excessive unnecessary suspensions for minority students and special needs children in our schools; their rates of suspension far exceed those of non-minority children. We would like to develop a project that would help released prisoners return to productive life and are exploring the options.

Finally, and very importantly, we want to work more closely with the business development community of the county to ensure vibrant life of our Black community, which depends on jobs and support for Black businesses in the county. Without that key economic access and wealth-building, our Black community, churches and cultural contributions to the county will wither and disappear as the county’s economic development ignores basic fairness to our own citizens.

We welcome new members and encourage those interested in our projects to contact us on our website home page (CRC-C.org). Donations are very welcome and work 100% to help our local community. We have no paid staff so all funds go to our charitable projects.

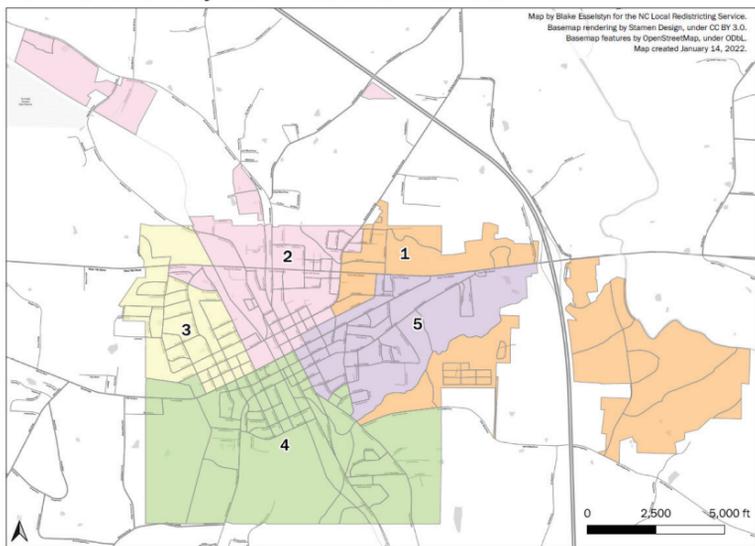
**Your group is planning a trip to Montgomery later this year. What details can you share, and is that trip open to the public?**

The trip is open to the public, subject to health and access conditions. We are planning to visit Montgomery from Sept. 19-21, traveling by bus. We have arranged with the EJI to visit the new Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Together these two sites tell the powerful story of slavery in the United States and encourage all Americans to commit to redeem our history with a better future.

## Siler City Board of Commissioners Are Accepting Letters of Interest for the At-Large Commissioner Vacancy

The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners are accepting letters of interest from the public to serve as a member of the Siler City Board of Commissioners representing the At-Large District. Interested parties must be registered and eligible to vote in the city limits (all the highlighted areas on the map below) in order to be considered.

Town of Siler City Commissioner Districts



Letters of interest and any supporting information about qualifications and experience should be submitted no later than 2:00pm on Friday, July 8, 2022.

**SUBMIT LETTERS TO:**

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**NEWS BRIEF**

**2021 Community Assessment report to be released July 1**

PITTSBORO — The 2021 Chatham County Community Assessment report is nearing completion and will be published online for community viewing on July 1, 2022. Hard copies of the assessment will be made available to the public in various locations in the coming months.

The Assessment is a project of the Chatham County Public Health Department (CCPHD), Chatham Health Alliance, and Chatham Hospital, and is produced every three years. Previously called the Community Health Assessment, the Community Assessment documents important information related to health and well-being in Chatham County, covering topics ranging from

health insurance, affordable housing, mental health, substance use, internet access, discrimination, maternal health, and poverty.

The report will be available online at [www.chathamcountync.gov/healthreports](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/healthreports), where visitors can also find past Community Assessments, State of the County Health Reports, and other health data reports. The CCPHD has been posting data from the report online at [www.facebook.com/chathamhealth](https://www.facebook.com/chathamhealth) over the last few days and will continue to do so in the coming weeks.

To learn more about the Chatham County Public Health Department, visit [www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth) or [www.facebook.com/chathamhealth](https://www.facebook.com/chathamhealth).

# Misperception, the real enemy, wins as saber-rattling over China drowns out people-to-people exchanges

BY BUCK RYAN & LEI JIAO

Special to the News + Record

*Editor's note: This is the second part of a two-part exchange on U.S.-China relations. Journalism professor Buck Ryan in Kentucky and English lecturer Lei Jiao in Wuhan, China, pursue cross-cultural understanding through news events — this time the demise of Confucius Institutes and Fulbright and Peace Corps programs to China.*



Illustration by Ruby Wang

**Lei Jiao's daughter, Ruby, now 15 and living in Wuhan, China, depicts how the noisy saber-rattling between the U.S. and China interrupts the kind of people-to-people exchange she enjoyed with her mother in the U.S. in 2014. The book the American boy is studying with a Chinese friend is titled 'Modern Mandarin.'**

reliable as a good Trump tweet.

BUCK: Say what?

LEI: Don't you remember what Trump revealed to his attorney general, Bill Barr, about his secret to a good tweet?

BUCK: No, what?

LEI: Just the right amount of crazy.

BUCK: LOL. But you reminded me of Professor Liu's key lecture point.

LEI: What's that?

BUCK: Misperception can lead to miscalculation, and miscalculation will inevitably lead to conflict.

LEI: Bingo, Buck! And do you know the best antidote to misperception and miscalculation?

BUCK: No.

LEI: People-to-people exchanges. Those experiences can clear people's heads and warm their hearts. It's called soft power. Americans used it in China for generations.

BUCK: Oh?

LEI: The YMCA movement was active in China as early as the 1870s. Rotary International opened a Shanghai club in 1919, then, of course, you remember when the American Ping-Pong team was invited to China in 1971.

BUCK: Ah, yes, the days of ping pong diplomacy.

LEI: And don't forget the government-funded efforts. Ever hear of the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs?

BUCK: Tell me more.

LEI: Well, I counted 40 programs on its website for U.S. citizens wishing to study abroad for cultural, educational or professional exchange.

BUCK: Did that list include the Fulbright program?

LEI: Yes, Chinese and American Fulbright scholars were working in China under the Nationalist government before the establishment of the People's Republic of China in October 1949. And don't forget, the Peace Corps came to China in 1993.

BUCK: Sad to say, Lei, but the Fulbright programs and the Peace Corps hit the skids.

LEI: Yes, President Trump's executive orders in 2020 terminated the Fulbright exchange program in China and Hong Kong and axed the Peace Corps program in China, too.

BUCK: Oh gee.

LEI: So who sponsored Professor Liu's lecture?

BUCK: The University of Minnesota's China Center.

LEI: Wait, Buck, I know that place.

BUCK: Really?

LEI: Yes, I spent a year in a people-to-people program sponsored by the University of Minnesota's Confucius Institute.

BUCK: What did you do?

LEI: I taught Mandarin to elementary school students at a Chinese immersion school outside Minneapolis. I brought along my daughter, Ruby, who was in the 2nd grade.

BUCK: What year was that?

LEI: 2014. That was a wonderful time for Ruby and me. The schoolchildren and their American teachers loved the experience. We learned a lot from each other.

BUCK: You know, that Confucius Institute closed in 2019.

LEI: It's not alone.

BUCK: Yes, in North Caroli-

na, the Confucius Institutes at Pfeiffer University, N.C. State University and UNC Charlotte were all gone by 2020. Our Confucius Institute at the University of Kentucky was shut down abruptly one day in 2021.

LEI: China's Confucius Institute program started in 1994. It was our attempt at using soft power through teaching Mandarin and Chinese art and culture in school classrooms.

BUCK: How far did it go?

LEI: Honestly, the stats are a moving target. Let's say for the peak there were 550 institutes in 162 countries and regions with 1,172 classrooms in primary and secondary schools, as of December 2019. Official estimates of students trained: more than 13 million, as of October 2021.

BUCK: No happy ending, though.

LEI: Right. Confucius Institutes started to fade, just like Mike Campbell went bankrupt in Hemingway's "The Sun Also Rises" (1926).

BUCK: How did that happen?

LEI: Two ways. Gradually and then suddenly.

BUCK: Got it.

LEI: Of the 121 Confucius Institutes that opened in the U.S. since 2004, only 20 or so remain open and some of those announced they'll close in 2022.

BUCK: So what's killing them, Lei?

LEI: Suspicion, mostly. It started with faculty concerns about academic freedom, shady deals with partner universities, lack of transparency.

BUCK: When was that?

LEI: Well the American Association of University Professors issued a statement in 2014 — the same year I was in Minnesota — urging American universities to cease their collaborations or fix the problems.

BUCK: And Congress put the ax down, too, right?

LEI: Right, Buck. Chop, chop, chop.

• 2018, the National Defense Authorization Act restricted

colleges hosting Confucius Institutes from receiving federal funding for language classes.

• 2020, the State Department designated CI headquarters a "foreign mission."

• 2021, the National Defense Authorization Act restricted research funding for universities with Confucius Institutes.

You get the idea.

BUCK: What did they fear?

LEI: Spying, theft of intellectual property, propaganda. You know, they rounded up the usual suspects.

BUCK: I'm shocked — shocked! Like the police chief in "Casablanca."

LEI: Buck, there's a Confucius Institute in Casablanca.

BUCK: You're kidding.

LEI: No, at the University Hassan II in Morocco. There's a growing demand in Arab countries to learn the new language of commerce — Chinese.

BUCK: I see.

LEI: We have an ancient Chinese expression to explain what happened to those Confucius Institutes in the U.S.

BUCK: What's that?

LEI: They threw the baby out with the bath water.

BUCK: LOL. I think I understand our best hope for peace right now.

LEI: What's that?

BUCK: People-to-people exchanges for everybody like this one between you and me.

LEI: Right, Buck. That might be our best defense against people going nuclear.

*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.*

*You can read the first part of this exchange, "A new Cold War recipe: Take China's overconfidence, add our misperceptions, then dip it in a batter of 'strategic ambiguity,'" at <https://bit.ly/3zeUJga>.*



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WELL...

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YES, BUT...

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STOP.

HUH?

YOU TOLD ME TO STOP YOU IF I'D HEARD IT.

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- 1 Pour drippings on
- 6 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
- 9 Blocks up
- 14 Sailing
- 19 Earthy hue
- 20 Arsenal for weapons
- 22 Limericks, e.g.
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Color qualities
- 26 Drain-clearing chemicals
- 27 Forster's "— With a View"
- 28 Frequently, to a bard
- 30 Unadorned
- 31 Brandy fruit
- 33 Riddle, part 2
- 38 Halt
- 40 Everyday worker
- 42 Disembarked
- 43 Sings
- 44 "Listen up!"
- 46 Vaping device brand
- 47 Crafty
- 48 Riddle, part 3
- 51 Analyze, as an alloy
- 56 Belgian painter James
- 57 Pro photog's camera
- 58 Bamboozle
- 60 "Pride and Prejudice" actress Jennifer
- 61 Fleming, who created
- 64 Shaving balm brand
- 67 Handheld telescope
- 69 Riddle, part 4
- 75 Golden-coated horse
- 76 "Star Wars" princess
- 77 To this point
- 78 Uganda's Idi
- 79 Side in sports
- 81 Pewter metal
- 83 Kinds
- 88 Certain believer in God
- 90 Riddle, part 5
- 95 Marina del —, California
- 97 Bucks' mates
- 98 Car fuel
- 99 Walk over
- 103 Trig ratio
- 104 Uses teeth
- 105 Australian strait: Abbr.
- 106 End of the riddle
- 109 See 10-Down
- 111 Best Picture of 2012
- 112 Arbor Day mo.
- 113 Poker champion Stu
- 115 "Ticklish" doll
- 118 Top hats
- 120 Riddle's answer
- 125 Old TV parts
- 126 Captive's angry shout
- 127 — Carlo
- 128 "Full House" actor Bob
- 129 Walk over
- 130 Crimson, e.g.
- 131 Limerick penner Nash
- 8 "No more for me"
- 9 Federal health agcy.
- 10 With
- 109-Across, Beatles song or album
- 11 Brand of nail polish
- 12 Start to melt
- 13 Rod's partner
- 14 Liable
- 15 "It's a shame"
- 16 Upper House of Congress
- 17 Celebrity chef
- 18 Size up
- 21 Rikishi's sport
- 24 Golfed acceptably
- 29 "Bye 4 now"
- 32 Pithy saying
- 34 Membrane enclosing a fetus
- 35 Supermodel
- 36 — Olay (face cream brand, formerly)
- 37 Boxer Oscar de la —
- 38 Additionally
- 39 12:00 p.m.
- 41 "Either you do it — will"
- 45 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1974 hit)
- 46 Amount of jelly or olives
- 47 Visit casually
- 49 Smeltery stuff
- 50 Sammy with 609 homers
- 52 Part of SASE
- 53 — -Pei
- 54 Additionally
- 55 Polite rural assent to a lady
- 59 Singer Lovett
- 62 Doing the job
- 63 A ripe old age
- 65 Sports draw
- 66 The way things stand
- 68 Scrams
- 69 Tablet since 2010
- 70 Appoint
- 71 Livy's 552
- 72 Bits in physics
- 73 Ark crafter
- 74 Alexander of Reagan's Cabinet
- 80 Military doc
- 82 Match under the stars, maybe
- 84 Hooting bird
- 85 Bonn's region
- 86 Sunbathes
- 87 Gumbo, e.g.
- 89 Horse gait
- 91 The last Mrs. Chaplin
- 92 Rod's partner
- 93 Not, to Scots
- 94 Whirling
- 96 "Exile" New Age singer
- 99 Noisy kisses
- 100 Albanian capital
- 101 Yule drink
- 102 Singer Snow
- 103 One hanging ten
- 104 Ember
- 107 Eye-teasing paintings
- 108 San — Obispo, California
- 110 Envelop in haze
- 114 In the sack
- 116 Put in silent mode
- 117 Yaks, e.g.
- 119 Former Brit. Airways jet
- 121 Corrida shout
- 122 Stephen of "Roadkill"
- 123 Incensed
- 124 Angsty rock genre

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

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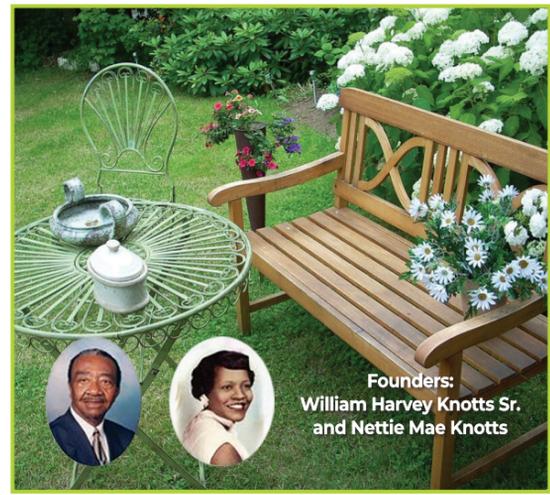
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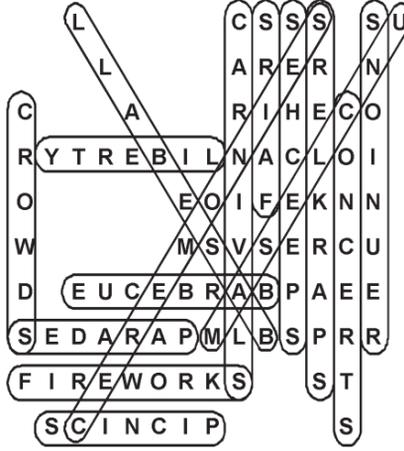
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## The yolk's on me

It's another egg column. I'll let you in on a little secret.



**DEBBIE MATTHEWS**  
The Curious Cook

I had a horrible May at the dealership. And when you work on 100% commission, if you don't produce, what can be a very well-paying gig, ain't so much.

So, instead of chicken in my very frequent dinner salads, it has been hard boiled eggs.

Here's the skinny (pun sort of intended) on the price difference; for a gram of protein from an egg, the price is two cents. For a gram of chicken protein, it's 92.5 cents.

So ... Everybody who eats eggs has had that hard boiled egg where the white is tough and rubbery and the yolk is dry as chalk and the palest of yellows with an outer ring around it that is the green resembling cartoon zombie flesh.

That egg was insanely overcooked.

And, the odor of an egg like this is multiplied exponentially. It has the sulfur of the bowels (pun absolutely intended) of hell.

It's not a pleasant eating experience.

When a hammered egg is made into egg salad, you get a foul smelling mess that taste like dirty dishes.

Inside potato salad it confers a rubbery bite and a funky aftertaste.

No bueno. Overcooking is bad.

So, we move to a seemingly well-cooked egg. Firm white and pale yellow yolk.

But. That yolk is still so dry you



Courtesy of Debbie Matthews

### Two styles of deviled eggs.

can draw a hopscotch court on a sidewalk. It'll crumble in a salad and your left with pale yellow dust.

Then a conventionally cooked hard boiled egg ain't the greatest either.

So, what's a discerning ova-vore to do?

When I was a kid and got sick, my mom would make a dish for me that I loved so much, I almost looked forward to catching something.

It was two soft-boiled eggs, in a Tupperware bowl with margarine, salt, and pepper. It was delicious and comforting.

Lately I'd bought a few dozen organic, free range, small producer eggs. The yolks were almost orange. But hard boiled for a conventional manner, they turned that namby-pamby pale yellow and dry.

That meant that I had to shake up the cooking procedure.

The goal was to take a reg-

ular cook and infuse it with a little of Mom's sick day treat.

I tinkered, cooked a few dozen dozen eggs and came up with a procedure that works with two or 12 eggs — every time.

What I came up with is a white that is in no way rubbery and a yolk that is bright yellow and moist.

I call them Bright and Early Hardboiled eggs.

'Cause the yolk is bright and you take them off the heat early.

Next hurdle is peeling those darn eggs. The way to get a clean peel is to get that darn membrane off the egg along with the shell. Leaving the membrane in shards is what make the shell come off with chunks of white. Not only is it unsightly, you're losing hunks of the egg; you're literally throwing food down the drain.

So, what I offer below is both recipe and technique.

### Bright & Early Hard-Boiled Eggs

Place eggs into a pot in which they easily fit. Cover with cold water. Place on burner at 8 and bring to a full boil. Immediately cover and remove from heat. Let sit covered for 11 minutes.

After exactly 11 minutes, remove from pot and place into a bowl filled with ice and enough water to cover by at least 1/2 inch.

Let sit in ice water for around 15 minutes before peeling.

### Peeling Hard-Boiled Eggs

One at a time, place egg in a big, heavy mug. Jiggle and shake the egg in the mug for about 15 seconds. Dunk in the ice water, then peel the shell away.

I know it sounds crazy, Gentle Reader, but it works.

### Easiest Deviled Eggs Ever

Slice the eggs in half and put the yolks in a zip-top bag. For each 6 yolks, add 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard and 1/2 cup mayonnaise. Season with salt and pepper then add flavor; 1 teaspoon of herbs and spices.

Middle Eastern-Za'atar

Spanish-Smoked Paprika

Mexican-Tajin

Chinese-Five Spice

Italian-Garlic and Basil

Greek-Lemon zest and oregano

Massage the bag until the mixture is thoroughly combined.

Clip one corner off the bag then fill the hollowed halves of the whites like it's a pastry bag.

Garnish with something that denotes the flavor of the filling.



Courtesy of Debbie Matthews

### Peeled eggs.

With food prices rising every day, cheap protein is not a terrible idea — for anybody.

Thanks for your time. Contact me at dm@bullcity.mom.



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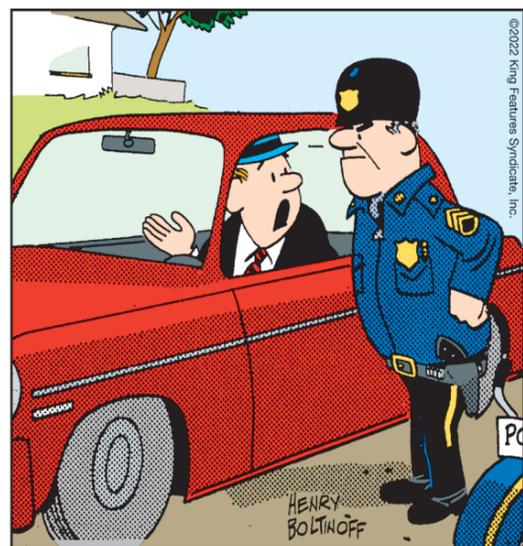
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