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# Has StartUp Siler begun its work yet?



A view from the outside of the offices of StartUp Siler in downtown Siler City.

# Organization's pledge to 'aggressively invest' appears unfulfilled

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

SILER CITY — It's hard to tell whether things at StartUp Siler, the charitable organization which settled here earlier this year with bold ambitions, have actually started up.

And if StartUp Siler is fulfilling any of the promises it promotes on its website and social media feeds to support local entrepreneurship and help eradicate poverty and crime, no one affiliated with the organization is talking about it.

During multiple recent visits to its offices in downtown Siler

City, a person peering from behind a locked door — he appears to be "Andy from Sarasota," featured in the lone video on its YouTube channel, found at https://www.youtube.com/c/ StartUPSiler — told the News + Record that any staff members inside were "too busy" to speak. And multiple calls, texts and email messages over the last two months to Kristen Picot, its executive director, have yielded no response.

Meanwhile, Courtney Jordan, the self-described billionaire who claimed to be backing the organization, does have an appointment on his calendar

this week: a Thursday, July 14, court date in Moore County, in connection with an early-morning car accident there in April which led to four serious criminal charges against him, including driving while impaired.

The accident, which occurred just after 3 a.m. back on April 27, happened near the traffic circle between Pinehurst and Aberdeen in Moore County. According to an incident report filed by the Pinehurst Police Department, Jordan was driving a rented 2020 Ford

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# **Chatham app developer** wants to simplify finding family activities



**BY BEN RAPPAPORT** News + Record Staff

It's summertime, the kids are out of school and you want to do something fun with them.

But what do you do when all the parent-related anxiety questions start swirling: what if this activity isn't safe for my child? What if it's too far away? What if we can't afford the activity?

Chatham neurologist Dr. Zachary Potter knows the feeling. That scenario has occurred time and time within his household, and it led him to develop Zuzu For Kids



# **COVID CASES UP 197%** Chatham in 'high' transmission level

### **CN+R Staff Report**

As the number of COVID-19 cases rises in some pockets of the country — a surprising summer surge driven in part by new variants - is keeping Chatham County in the "high" transmission level.

There were 181 active cases in the county as of Sunday, a 197% increase over the prior week's rolling seven-day average. And the county's test positivity rate has also climbed to 19.6%, a 3.9 point increase from the prior week.

Eighteen of North Carolina's counties, found in three geographic clusters, are at the "high" transmission level, including Orange, Durham and nearby Harnett. That rate roughly matches the national rate, where 20.7% of all U.S. counties are considered at a high risk of illness and strain on the health care system. The "high" ranking — as measured by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — comes with a number of specific recommendations from the CDC, including:

• wear a mask indoors in public and on public transportation

stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines

• get tested if you have symptoms

– a free digital platform to help parents find activities for their kids.

"You can look on Google, or you can look on Tripadvisor or other websites, but there didn't seem to be a website that was dedicated wholeheartedly to all aspects of entertaining kids,' Potter said.

Potter has two boys of his own: a 5-year-old and a 3-year-old they've traveled extensively with. The family, however, frequently struggled to find a simple way to choose safe and fun activities.

When he took matters into his own hands. Potter began by com-

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The Zuzu For Kids team was accepted into the Andrews Launch Acclerator at N.C. State. Shown, from left, are Eli Brittain, Zachary Potter, David Fine and Mandi Biondi.

piling data from local blogging sites about children's activities in and around North Carolina or near his family's next vacation destination, comparing the popularity of different activities. Overly tedious, maybe. But it worked. Potter said through his process he was able to have better trips with

fuller itineraries — then decided more people should have access to his methodology.

After two and a half years of data collection, the website zuzuforkids.com — officially launched in late January. Now,

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• If you are at high risk for severe liness, consider taking additional precautions

"Our recommendations right now are the same as they were when case levels previously reached this point," said Zachary Horner, the communications specialist for the Chatham County Public Health Department. "The CDC's guidance is sound and we encourage all Chatham County residents to follow it. At this point, there is no expectation of a mask mandate being put in place, but we continue to support the efficacy of masking as a preventative measure in keeping yourself and others as safe as possible.

Horner emphasized that vaccines continue to be effective at preventing severe illness and death from COVID-19. Throughout the pandemic, he said, those who are unvaccinated remain

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# As Chatham's growth looms, small businesses see opportunity

# **BY BEN RAPPAPORT**

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Sue and Rich Szary have become staples in the downtown Siler City community. Their retail business, Twin Birch & Teasel, has sold handmade products, offered fiber weaving classes and made the storefront a space for local artists to collaborate and create together for the last 12 vears.

"It's about experiences," Sue Szary said. "We're really enablers in this community and we like it that way."

The fabric filled brick-and-mortar store for Twin Birch is about more than just selling products, it's about

the community. That's the case for many of the local businesses in and around Siler City - owners know their customers and the customers trust them. It seems simple enough, but Szary said it's part of the character of the small town.

"To us, this isn't just a business, it's not about money," she said. "This is part of my life.

Maintaining the character of the community may become an increasing challenge with the major growth in the area expected. In eastern Chatham, VinFast is poised to create 7,500 jobs; closer to Siler City, a major chip man-

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# THE CN+R Q&A | TRIANGLE LAND CONSERVANCY TLC has conserved more than 6,300 acres of land in Chatham. Here's what else it does.

# A conversation with Land Protection Manager Margaret Sands

Over the last four decades, Triangle Land Conservancy has worked to safeguard clean water, protect natural habitats, support local farms and food, and connect people with nature in the Triangle area. This week, we speak with Margaret Sands, who has worked with TLC since 2015 and oversees its projects in Chatham County.

Sands grew up among stunning natural landscapes along coastal South Carolina that shaped and

divided human history, and continue to do so. She earned degrees in environmental studies from Loyola in



New Orleans and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. Now living in

Durham, Sands is

working to ensure

everyone living in

Sands

Chatham and the Triangle has access to open space, local food, and clean water, as well as being involved in TLC's efforts to use

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Northwood's Olivia Porter commits to Spartans. 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 Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will meet on Thursday, July 14th, at 7 p.m. at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 US 64 W Business, Pittsboro (west side entrance) in the conference room. All meetings are open to the public. To be added to the agenda or for more information, please call 919-545-8440.

 The Siler City Board of **Commissioners** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18, at Wren Memorial Library's multi-purpose room. The meeting will also be available on Zoom.

 The Chatham County Board of Commissioners will meet for a work session 2 p.m. and regular session at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 18, at the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro

 The Chatham County **Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18, at the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro

 The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 25, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center. The meeting will be livestreamed on the town's YouTube channel. Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge #143 has its Stated Communication the 3rd Tuesday of each month (July 19) with supper at 6:30 p.m., and the monthly meeting at 7:30. All Master Masons are welcome, 185 Bonlee/ Bennett Road, Bonlee. Central Carolina Community College will host Career Community Exploration Day on Tuesday, July 19, at the CCCC Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro. The event is free and open to the public. The event will be open from 2 to 6:45 p.m. Those attending should visit the check-in station in Building 41 (Chatham Administration) before the first session begins. Thirty-minute sessions at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. focus on various program offerings. Choose one session or attend them all! In addition, the following additional events will be at Building 41 (Chatham Administration): Checkin before your first session, On-Site Class Registration (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), Coffee With The Provost (3:45 to 4:30 p.m.), Let's Talk Money Workshop and Financial Aid & Financial Literacy Workshop (4:30 to 5 p.m.), and Campus Tours (3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.). To register, visit bit. ly/3ObSG0R. For more information, contact Candice Solis, CCCC Director of Onboarding & Success, at (919) 718-7565 or email csolis@cccc. edu.

# The Art of Sewing for

Youth Summer Program is set for July 11 to 21 for youth ages 12 to16 to be held at the CCCC Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro. Youth will learn the art and craft of sewing, starting with the fundamentals of sewing including understanding and using their sewing machine, selecting fabrics, different needles, threads, patterns, sewing safety, and the best tools to get started. Learn more about this CCCC youth summer camp at www.cccc.edu/ ecd/find-classes/. To register or for more information on this program, contact: Beverly Diniz, 919-545-8663, bdini752@cccc.edu. In recognition of Muslim-American Heritage Month in July, Chatham **Community Library** will host a virtual film screening of The Mosque of Morgantown (2009), free and open to the public: Thursdays, July 14 and 21, Virtual Program: Access to the virtual screening will be available by visiting: https://vimeo. com/51630187 -- A password is required at the time of viewing. Those who are interested may contact social.library@ chathamlibraries.org to request the password or for additional information. The library has purchased a hard copy of the film if residents who wish to see the film miss the virtual screening window. Residents may visit the libraries' website, www.chathamlibraries.org, or contact the Library at (919) 545-8084 or rita.vanduinen@ chathamlibraries.org for more information on this and other events and programs.

Wren Memorial Library in Siler City announce new programs and events for the Chatham County community to enjoy. The Arts & Crafts will continue 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. Wren Memorial Library Social Hour will continue 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 will continue 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.

**Chatham County Public** Libraries are offering a virtual parenting workshop presented by Kris Hawkins, Parent Educator with Teen Health Connection. Designed for parents of preteens and teens, these sessions will address the basics of parenting teens, plus some in-depth discussion of today's hot topics. The two remaining workshops will take place on the fourth Tuesday in July and August at 6 p.m. Parents may attend one part only. July 26: Active Parenting: Choice Within Limits - Choice is Power! The idea of collaborative parenting will be explored and how giving simple choices can head off power struggles and prepare teens to be good decision makers. - August 23: Active Parenting: Winning Cooperation -Parents will learn why sharing power with their teens is necessary, how it teaches them the very important lesson of working cooperatively with others and plays a vital role in developing and maintaining strong, positive parent-teen relationships where everyone wins. This virtual event is free, open to the public and will be presented via Zoom. Participants should register online to receive the meeting link. Residents may visit the libraries' website, www. chathamlibraries.org, or contact Youth Services at (919) 545-8085 or youth. services@chathamlibraries.org for more informa-

# 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 July 21 at the Silk Hope Community Center. Horton High School Alumni Association

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., Pittsboro, in the Food Lion

Shopping Center. We are accepting donations of gently used men's and women's spring clothing and accessories. Credit cards are accepted. All proceeds provide support for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

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

**mous** — 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 Ala-

mance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA. com.

### Narcotics Anonymous

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

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

# **SCOUT NEWS**

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

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

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

# **Strengthen Your** 'Three-Legged Stool' for Retirement

For many years, Americans provided for their retirement needs through three sources: employer-sponsored pension plans, Social Security income, and savings and investments accumulated through employer plans or individual accounts - the so-called "three-legged stool." But today, that stool is shakier than it used to be. What can you do to strengthen it?

To begin with, all three legs of the stool are facing challenges. Let's consider them:

 Employer pensions—Ageneration ago, workers employed in many companies could count on a set monthly pension income to help them through their retirement years. Today, pensions - also known as defined benefit plans - are mostly found in public sector employment, as most privatesector employers have replaced their pensions with 401(k) and similar plans. These plans can be quite effective at helping build resources for retirement, but they do place most of the responsibility for saving on the employee.

• Social Security - Social Security has come under financial pressure because the workers-to-retirees ratio has declined significantly, according to the Social Security Administration's 2021 Board of Trustees Report. A number of proposals have been brought forward on how to improve the long-term financial security of the Social Security system. • Personal savings and investments - In terms of building savings and investments for retirement, the picture is somewhat mixed. The national savings rate has increased in recent years, but more than half of American workers still say their retirement savings are not where they should be, according to a 2021 survey from Bankrate, a personal finance website. And the same survey found that just over half of investors with a 401(k) or IRA have taken early withdrawals - that is, they withdrew money before they retired. Furthermore,

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we may be waiting too long even to begin saving/investing for retirement. A survey from Age Wave and Edward Jones found that respondents began saving for retirement at an average age of 38, but the majority said they *should* have started saving a decade earlier.

You have options for improving some parts of your own three-legged stool. For example, no matter what happens to Social Security, you can still decide when to start taking payments. You can begin collecting benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will be larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. You can even delay taking benefits until they "max out" at age 70.

As for a pension, you can't control what's available to you through your employer, but you can create your own retirement income stream by contributing as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan and by increasing your contributions whenever your salary goes up. And you can also contribute to an IRA or other investment vehicle to further boost your retirement funds. Try to leave these accounts intact until you need them for retirement. This will be easier if you've built an emergency fund, with the money kept in a liquid, lowrisk account, to pay for unexpected costs. such as those resulting from a major car or home repair. The three-legged stool may not be as universal as it once was - but you can still construct a sturdy structure to support your retirement needs in the future.

Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for 2022-2023 HHSAA Scholarship. Descendants of

# CORRECTION

The story "Chatham education advocates say Leandro funding is necessary to improve schools," published in the July 6-14 edition of the News + Record, inadvertently misrepresented remarks from Dr. Mary Kolek. She said voucher programs for private schools, not charter schools, increased in the 2022-2023

state budget. The budget was signed into law by Gov. Roy Cooper on Monday. The online version of the story has been updated to reflect this information along with additional context about private school vouchers in the proposed state budget. The News + Record apologizes for this error.

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# Right at home, Walters hits the ground running at Western Center

### BY JIMMY LEWIS Chatham County Council on Aging

SILER CITY — There is no relocation, no lengthy acclimation period to undertake for the new manager of the Western Chatham Senior Center, Kathryn Walters.

Instead, this product of Siler City is right at home in her new role — and she's coming in swinging, having seen more than enough of pandemic fatigue.

"What I've found in the last week is that our seniors are just done," Walters said. "They're done with being alone. They're safe; they wash their hands. Some of them still wear masks, which is great. But most of them just want the activity that we had before."

Walters has made a career out of forging connections and relationships in Siler City and the greater Chatham community. A teacher at Chatham Central High



Courtesy of the Council on Aging

### Kathryn Walters, the new manager of the Western Chatham Senior Center.

School, Silk Hope School, J.S. Waters School and Bonlee School, Walters found the time to run a music ministry with her family.

It was there that the bonds with Chatham's seniors began to flourish.

"I worked with so many seniors in our ministry that it became something dear to my heart," Walters said. "When I found out that this job was available, I thought that would be absolutely fantastic. I feel like seniors are getting a whole new chapter. It's not the end, it's just a different season for them and I want to help them live their best life in those senior years."

She's already leveraged the familiar sights and sounds of home. Walking into the Western Center will reveal her 7th-grade social studies teacher who has been a client of the Chatham County Council on Aging for many years. Others heard of her adventures through her father, a dentist in Siler City for over four decades.

"I feel like I'm already home," Walters assured. "I've been there one week, and I feel like I'm right where I need to be. It's just going to be a great partnership with the people that are using the facility. I feel like I get to use my gifts to help them do their best."

What are those gifts? Chief among them is the heart of a listener. Amidst the hustle and bustle of learning a leadership position, Walters encountered a new Western Center client just days into the job. With new routines and processes swirling nonstop, the temptation could have existed to rush him through the registration process and quickly move onto the next pressing assignment.

However, quite the opposite happened. Walters instead invested more than an hour in getting to know the client — one she had never met before. Given the opportunity, his story was told.

"And we're connected now," Walters said. "I think that's going to be the greatest blessing and also one of the most important parts of my job at the senior center is building those relationships with each person. Because that's how you're going to encourage them. That's how you're going to impact their lives, is by valuing their

story."

The stories also involve what activities should return to everyday life at the Western Center. As a testament to her can-do spirit, Walters has quickly moved to reinstate the center's gospel choir. There was a leg broken on a keyboard, but that was quickly fixed.

"We're not stopping for a broken leg on a keyboard," Walters assured.

One client came in and inquired about basket weaving. Walters' mind immediately began conjuring up ways to get her started. A line dancing instructor is already prepared to come and logistics are being prepared.

Granted, Walters has plenty of energy. But she doesn't consider herself a revolutionary.

"Those are easy fixes," she said. "You have people in place that know what they're doing, and you already have a few reams of card stock let's do a craft. Those are the things I'm already starting. Especially the things that don't require money, I don't even have to jump hurdles on how we're going to pay for it! Those things, I'm getting going right away."

Ultimately, Walters wants clients to notice no difference between the comforts of their own homes and those they will find at the Western Center.

"It needs to feel like theirs," Walters said. "It needs to be their senior center, and they need to be invested. But more than anything, just to be valued for their experience and their knowledge and their worth to feel like they're an integral part. I don't want anybody feeling like they're at the tail end of a chapter. I want them to feel like, you woke up this morning, you got a whole new day and I want that enthusiasm in their life. I want them to feel like we'll miss them if they didn't show up today.<sup>3</sup>

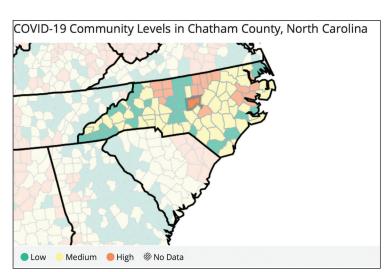
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much more likely to die from COVID-19 than those vaccinated and those boosted. The last Respiratory Disease Surveillance Report from the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services says that for the fourweek period ending June 25, unvaccinated individuals were 7.9 times more likely to die of COVID-19 than people who had a booster shot. Additionally, those who are unvaccinated make up more than half of COVID-19 hospitalizations and ICU COVID-19 hospitalizations.

Across Chatham County, 64% of the total population has had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine; 59% are fully vaccinated. And while case counts are up, hospitalizations are down; new admissions have dropped 51% in the last week in Chatham, according to the CDC, even as hospitalizations nationwide ticked up 4.5% in the last week.

An updated report from NCDHHS provides post-vaccination trend data, including: • Even with highly effective vaccines, the number of post-vaccination cases is expected to rise as virus transmission goes up and as more people are vaccinated • Although NCDHHS continues to see stable and highly effective protection against



Chatham County is one of 19 N.C. counties in the 'high' COVID-19 transmission level.

hospitalizations and severe outcomes for people who are fully vaccinated, the agency has seen a decrease in vaccine effectiveness against infection with the Delta and Omicron variants.

• Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well severe, hospitalization and death because of the virus.

# To mask or not to mask?

go, whether COVID-19 levels are high or not," Horner said. "If you are in a store and see someone wearing a mask, whether you are wearing a mask or not, we encourage you to respect their space and keep a safe social distance. Just like people wear seatbelts when they drive for safety and protection, masks provide a level of protection from the virus other things cannot."

Centers for Disease Control

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both the Moderna and Pfizer versions of the 6 months to 5 years vaccine are considered safe and effective. (Visit the CDC's website to see specifics: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccines-children-teens.html.)

The health department is offering COVID-19 vaccine appointments for all ages 6 months and up at its clinic in Siler City from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Those seeking vaccines are encouraged to call ahead at 919-742-5641 to schedule an appointment.

"Getting a vaccine is still encouraged and helpful even if you've already had COVID," Horner said. "I completely understand the urge to say that because you had COVID, you're safe and set. There are some diseases for which you can get immunity after having that illness. While COVID infection does provide some short-term immunity, it is not as long-lasting as being up-to-date on your vaccination."

Health experts and authorities have not officially declared COVID-19 an endemic yet, he it has led to hospitalization and death. We encourage you to do what you can to keep yourself healthy. If you or your child are currently unvaccinated and you're curious about getting vaccinated, we encourage you to speak to your primary care provider or child's pediatrician, respectively."

# Monkeypox

Meanwhile, N.C. had four cases of monkeypox, a new viral disease, as of Friday. Monkeypox is primarily spread through skin-to-skin contact with someone who has been diagnosed with monkeypox or has spent significant time in an area where there is monkeypox transmission.

The primary symptoms of monkeypox are fever, headache, other aches, chills, and a rash that can look like pimples or blisters that appear on various parts of the body. Some people get a rash first and then other symptoms, while others experience just a rash.

Horner said the state has received 444 doses of Jynneos, a vaccine which can prevent illness or lead to less severe symptoms if given within two weeks after someone is exposed to monkeypox. The doses have already been allocated to seven counties in North Carolina (not including Chatham) and are only available to individuals with known or suspected exposure to monkeypox.

It's not uncommon to see voluntary masking among some individuals in public places across the county or "masks recommended" signs at gatherings, including some local churches.

"There is no shame in wearing a mask wherever you The CCPHD is also recommending residents stay up to date on vaccines if you are 6 months old or older. Chatham's children can now receive the COVID-19 vaccine, Horner said; how many doses and how far apart are dependent on which vaccine they receive, but said.

"But we're likely heading in that direction. It's a virus that's probably going to be around for a long time and we will have to live with. Those who have had symptomatic COVID-19 will tell you that it's not fun. It's still a sickness, and for many,

# **STARTUP**

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Escape north on U.S. Hwy. 15-501 when his car ran off the roadway to the right, corrected, then plowed into the traffic circle area, where it struck a road sign before crashing into a tree.

In addition to the DWI charge, Jordan was also charged with resisting a police officer, reckless driving to endanger and unsafe movement resulting in property damage.

Making matters worse, the insurance policy Jordan used to cover damages to the rental was apparently canceled days before the accident — leaving the rental company, University Daily Rentals in Durham, holding the bill for the damaged car.

Grey Perry, the rental manager for University Daily Rentals, told the News + Record his company was having to go through its own insurance to cover the damages after Jordan reneged on promises to reimburse the company in cash for the vehicle, just before ceasing all communication.

"For such a millionaire 'do-gooder' as he says he is, he's certainly left us in a bad way," Perry told the News + Record.

# 'Aggressively looking to invest'

Jordan's legal issues notwithstanding, the confusing

and contradictory messaging on StartUp Siler's website and other sites linked to it doesn't clarify its plans for Siler City. A story on the Chatham Weekly website — linked to a Jordan-backed print newspaper which claims a circulation of 40,000 in Chatham, though apparently it has yet to publish its first issue — described Picot, StartUp Siler's executive director, as being "on a mission to build a bigger table in the world of business, investing in seed- and early-stage companies, providing outside resources, incubating, and focusing primarily on those founded and led by women of color and folks from underresoucred (sic) groups." She's quoted on a website as saying, "We believe in pushing the limits, of those who dare to dream.'

But statements like that seem to push the limits of credulity. While StartUp Siler is definitely Siler City-based (its offices are at 235 E. Raleigh St.), the organization's website curiously points to Asia, not Chatham County: "Entrepreneurship is in our DNA, and we are aggressively looking to invest in and incubate the future of India's tomorrow."

Meanwhile, activity on StartUp Siler's social media platforms, and those of "Unity 2022" — the four Jordan-backed town board candidates — have had just a handful of posts since the group's election losses in the town's May 17 election. One of those candidates, Jared Picot, Kristen Picot's brother, is also listed as business analyst for StartUp Siler.

Multiple calls and messages to Jared Picot and the other three candidates seeking comment — Nick Gallardo, Dean Picot Jr. and Samuel Williams — were not responded to, though a few social media posts showed the foursome volunteering at a local food pantry. The last post on the Unity group's Twitter feed, from May 28, shows them gathered on a rooftop bar in an unnamed town with the caption: "Unbothered. Interviews and vacations next." The account has 10 followers, four of which are the candidates themselves.

### 'We help people'

In an earlier interview with the News + Record, Kristen Picot said StartUp Siler's "main thing" was to foster entrepreneurship in Siler City. "So we help people — early stages, middle stages, what have you. We just basically believe in pushing the limit, pushing, pushing their dream, challenging, seeing what they can do."

In the same interview, in late April, Jordan told the News + Record he established the initiative because Siler City has a high poverty rate and great disparity in economic fortunes. He said StartUp Siler would be providing "long-term substantive solutions" to problems those in Siler City were facing, particular given the town's growth potential.

"I'm very transparent about this initially, when we did the market research, and we saw the rapid rate of growth here," he said. "Of course, as a businessman, I'm looking at it and saying yeah, I can probably develop some land here and get a return on that. But I'm willing to forgo that after I hear about people who are sitting around crying and don't even have, can't even afford to drive outside of Siler City to take their baby to the pediatrician."

Siler City Manager Hank Raper said to his knowledge, no one from the StartUp Siler organization has approached the town about collaboration. Nor have Unity 2022 candidates, who earlier pledged, among other things, to create a privately-funded \$100 million affordable housing loan fund for the town, along with promises to cap costs for residents who are in rental properties and bring two urgent care centers from Duke University Health Systems.

"This is the first time I've heard of them," Raper said Tuesday. "I think the town would always be willing to sit down and work with community partners to help those in need. But in regards to this particular organization, I'm not aware of them reaching out to anybody."

## The accident

Perry, the rental manager for University Daily Rentals, said Jordan initially rented a car from him after Jordan claimed his Porsche was wrecked by another driver. The rental lasted for a few months, Perry said; Jordan switched to a 2020 Ford Escape rental at one point and stayed in contact with Perry and up to date on payments through his credit card.

By the date of the accident, though, Jordan was behind on the rental payment. Then Perry got notification of the wreck. Jordan, Perry said, told him he planned to pay cash for the damaged car — the value was \$24,477 — before communication between the two stopped.

"I never heard from him again," Perry said. "He never paid a dime, and all his credit cards were declined ... Things fell apart real quickly."

The rental company's insurance company is pursuing Jordan to get payment, Perry said.

Capt. Justin Guthrie of the Pinehurst Police Department said Jordan wasn't required to post bail, but was instead "signed out" on his own recognizance. An official in the Moore County clerk's office said she thought Jordan was also liable for damage to signs his car struck.

Jordan is being represented by attorney Michael C. Rowland, according to the clerk's office.

This is a developing story and will be updated.

# VIEWPOINTS

# **GUEST COLUMN |** DENNIS STREETS

# **Reflecting on our place in history in the** newly-fortified Washington, D.C.

I recently sat on a bench at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial looking



DENNIS STREETS

Guest Columnist Korean War Veterans memorials as well as one dedicated to the women who served in the Vietnam War, the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

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I noticed much more fencing in the National Mall area than I had seen on previous visits. It bordered much of the reflecting pool in front of the memorial and extended sporadically throughout the grassy mall. It validated what I had heard that D.C. has been described

as the "increasingly fortified federal city."

I worried about how this landscape would be captured in the photos and minds of the many visitors from around the country and globe who passed in front of me.

My thoughts were many. I knew some barriers went back to the 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing, 9/11 and other national threats and tragedies. Still, I could not help but wonder if the more extensive fencing is the result of the January 6 insurrection. If so, while understandable, it is a sad societal commentary on where we are today.

I reflected on the memorable "I Have a Dream" speech of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. In 1963, Rev. King shared his hopes for an America that would recognize, respect and appreciate the value of what we now refer to as DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion). Behind King on that August day in 1963 were the statute and this epitaph: "In this temple, as in the hearts of the people for whom he saved the Union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever.'

What I could not see as I sat on that bench was the Supreme Court of the United States, but I could certainly feel the effect of the current activist group of jurists. In short order, the majority of judges have exercised their absolute power to undo women's reproductive rights, increase the likelihood of more gun violence, limit opportunities to vote, and inhibit efforts to protect our climate. They have diminished the idea of a union of states protected by common decency and uniform rights and laws.

For a court that preaches an originalist view of the Consti-

tution, they have disrespected what our Founding Fathers imagined. Alexander Hamilton and James Madison were among the many Founding Fathers who expected the Supreme Court to assume a judicial review role to maintain a "living Constitution" whose broad provisions are continually applied to new and changing circumstances that allow us to serve as a successful "experiment in Democracy" and what President Reagan called "the shining city upon a hill.'

As I sat on that bench, I prayed we could regain our posture and move toward being the nation that Lincoln, King, and our Founding Fathers imagined and espoused. If I have the opportunity to visit the memorials again, I hope I can then enjoy a renewed sense of confidence and pride about our place in history and in the

world.

At the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in 1922, President Harding offered these words that should reassure us today:

"Somehow my emotions incline me to speak simply as a reverent and grateful American rather than one in official responsibility. I am thus inclined because the true measure of Lincoln is in his place today in the heart of American citizenship, though more than half a century has passed since his colossal service and his martyrdom. In every moment of peril, in every hour of discouragement, whenever the clouds gather. there is the image of Lincoln to rivet our hopes and to renew our faith."

Dennis Streets is the retired director of the Chatham Council on Aging.

# Mister Rogers and a packaging screw

I bet you have heard of the most famous Presbyterian pastor ... but you likely know the



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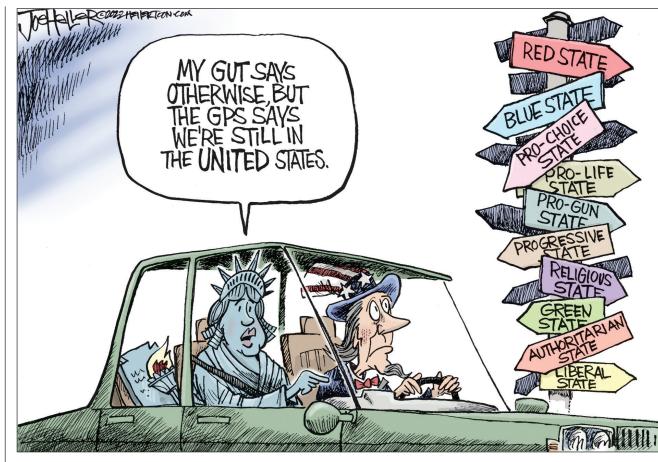
Rev. Fred Rogers by a different name! Mister Rogers received a master's of divinity and was ordained to the ministry of children's television.

The spirituality of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" is not exclusively Christian or limited to any religion. Rogers tried to honor each and every person as special and beloved: "I like you just the way you are."

There is a story about

Rogers meeting a young boy with special needs. Before he left, Rogers whispered something in his ear. He was later asked by a reporter what he had said, and the children's television star replied that he had asked the child about prayer. The reporter responded that it was kind of him to offer to pray for the boy.

"You have it backwards," Rogers replied. "I asked nim to pray for me. I believe that someone like him is close to the heart of God." I understand that this story raises other theological questions, such as why do innocent people suffer? This question is asked in one way or another by every world religion and, most likely, by humans since the evolution of our species. The Bible does not provide a definitive answer. But the books of Isaiah and Revelation contain promises of "a new heaven and earth" in which there will be no more suffering or pain of any kind. For death itself will be no more. And God will wipe away every tear from every eye. One day, all shall be well. I take comfort in this promise. And I also want a faith that points to this world — this broken, often tragic yet blessed and beautiful world. Like Psalm 121, I lift up my eyes to the hills and the majesty of nature. I also look closer for glimpses of the holy in much smaller things. One of my parishioners had an elder sister named Carolyn. Carolyn was a healthy baby but suffered encephalitis as a toddler, which profoundly impacted her physical and cognitive ability for the rest of her life. I don't know why such suffering occurred. But I knew that, as an adult, Carolyn was able to find a job packaging screws in plastic bags for household appliances. Such a small, simple thing, ... but it brought her a sense of accomplishment and purpose as well as the pleasure of company. Who could say how much this job meant to her? What's more, who could say what a difference Carolyn made? Those screws eventually made their way into homes and were a part of people's lives. Who knows how they helped individuals and families in their day-to-day lives? Even brought them joy! While suffering is a mystery, so is grace. Take it from Mister Rogers — you are close to the heart of God. If you believe, like me, that the creator of all is making and remaking the world, then it follows that each of us is like a tiny screw with an essential and holy part to play. I hope we can all agree that we never know the difference we can make with even the smallest of acts.



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# Irying to make sense of it all is not that easy

The more I age the less I understand some things. Actually, it's

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**BOB WACHS** Movin' Around

folks, especially my folks, didn't know anything.

Why, my dad was — as Mark Twain said about his father — so ignorant the old man probably didn't know enough to come in out of the rain.

"Old," of course, meant he was about 53.

It was truly amazing how much he learned during the time I went from 16 to 27 ... but that's another story

By "understanding" I don't mean such things as the eternal question, "Why do we drive on the parkway and park on the driveway?"

Rather, I mean such considerations as, "Where has common courtesy gone?" Common courtesy, like common sense, seems to be a most uncommon thing these days.

Don't believe it? Pay attention the next time you're out on the fourlane. You'll see people riding along in the left passing lane doing about 37 miles an hour, for instance.

Granted, I have become a much slower driver since the price of gas and diesel has gone up to a small fortune per gallon. And I have become somewhat of a coaster, kicking my vehicle out of gear anytime I can.

It's amazing how many roads around here lend themselves to coasting at a respectable speed usually at or near the speed limit. But I don't coast along at 45 miles an hour if someone is behind me, especially right behind me as on my rear bumper or close enough to get

in the truck bed. That, of course, is another example of the lack of common sense.

Why will a motorist drive bumper to bumper to a pickup carrying hay or garbage or split oak firewood or 10-ft boards and stay there?

Oh, wait ... I know. It's that lack of common sense.

There also seems to be living somewhere in memory that it was a custom in my childhood, teen, and young adult world that folks would pull over either way when a funeral procession was going by. It's really hard not to recognize a funeral procession, I thought. That's the one that includes a big black (usually) hearse with its lights and flashers on, accompanied by a lengthy line of vehicles with their lights and flashers on.

Today, however, one of the new games available on the nation's roads must be "Not Only Ignore the Funeral Procession But See if You Can Get Into It" and then drive like the proverbial bat from somewhere until you break it up or can get out of it.

The burning question or questions don't stop there, however.

For another instance, I remember doing fairly well in my 9th-grade civics class and learning about our system of government and so forth. "Checks and balances" was what Mr. Allred drove into our heads as to why our American form of government worked as well as it did.

Why then, pray tell, can one judge toss out what a legislative body of senators and representatives did in crafting a state budget or creating new laws - right, wrong or indifferent? At the rate that's going we might as well do away with those bodies and find ourselves a dictator or a benevolent king, someone such as me. Think of the money that would be saved and the speed at which things would be done.

And while parents and civ-

il people everywhere ache in their hearts for ocean swimmers attacked by sharks, there is to me a larger question and that is: why are we surprised when that happens?

Sharks, as the scientist in the movie "Jaws" said, "swim, eat and make baby sharks." That movie for the longest time kept folks out of the water since we learned sharks can swim in water not very deep and not very far from shore. I don't get into the water any more and it's because there are things in there that can eat me, even if the water is only knee deep. Also, the fact that the last time I went to the beach, the folks at Greenpeace thought I was a beached whale and kept trying to drag me back into the water to keep me off the sand.

Reminds me of what our guide told us some years back when I had opportunity to visit Alaska and go to the park at Mt. McKinley, now Denali. The sky was clear that day and we could see that's one impressive rock.

We saw all kinds of wildlife moose, elk, rams, and grizzly bears. And the bears weren't behind bars or in cages. There were significant numbers of folks walking, hiking, camping and riding bikes in the same environment as the bears. Our guide told us this one significant piece of information the locals knew and often said: "When you step off the bus, you step into the food chain.'

That makes sense to me.

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# VIEWPOINTS Housing demand in N.C. will stay strong

For much of the past year, housing markets were ablaze in many

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inventory to sell. Sellers gasped and smiled as competing offers soared upward. Builders broke ground on as many new projects as available labor and materials allowed.

According to a recent nationwide analysis by the website Redfin, Raleigh had the second-highest per-capita rate of building permits issued for single-family homes during the first quarter of 2022. Among the nation's metropolitan areas with a million or more residents, only Austin reported a higher rate. Charlotte was number five on the list. Both

North Carolina communities had eye-popping increases in median sale prices, as well: 25% and 22% respectively.

Now that the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is hiking interest rates aggressively to combat resurgent inflation, will higher debt-service costs for builders and buyers cause our housing markets take a drastic downtown turn? Don't count on it.

For a variety of reasons, North Carolina remains an attractive place to live, work, invest and build new enterprises. In 2021, only seven other state economies grew faster than ours. We were also one of the fastest-growing states in population. Although the real cost of buying or renting housing in North Carolina has gone up, too, the best bet is for such population in-flows to continue for the foreseeable future.

In the Triangle market, for example, Duke University economist David Berger expects only a "modest cooling" in response to higher interest rates.

"It's important to remember we have sort of record low housing inventories," he observed during a recent virtual briefing for reporters. "Many people are still moving here. Supposedly 15 households a day to Wake County, five households a day to Durham County."

One could say something similar about other regions of the state, from the mountains to the coast. And a glance at the latest unemployment figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics readily reveals one of the main causes.

Here in North Carolina, we have been experiencing a worker shortage for more than a year in food service, hospitality, retail and other service industries in addition to manufacturing and logistics. Across large swaths of the labor market, companies are having a devil of a time finding people to fill available jobs. It is not just skilled labor in high demand. Even businesses willing to train folks with little work experience are struggling to find people willing to take them up on it.

Having just returned from a work trip to the mountains and a subsequent family vacation at the beach, I can certainly attest to the effects of this shortage. Restaurants and stores are slammed. Hotels are struggling to clean rooms and staff front desks.

I had a similar experience during an earlier trip to Texas. But believe it or not, not all states have ultralow unemployment rates. For the purposes of this comparison, I will use a set of BLS statistics called "alternative measures of labor utilization for states." Instead of counting only jobless individuals actively looking for work as unemployed, the alternative measure includes workers who have given up looking for jobs in the communities where they currently reside as well as those who are working parttime but would rather have a full-time job.

For the most recent 12-month period, this broadest measure of unemployment

and underemployment, called the U-6 rate, was 7.8% in North Carolina. That is lower than the national average of 8.4%. Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and South Carolina have comparable or even lower U-6 rates than we do.

On the other hand, California (11.5%), New York (10.7%), New Jersey (9.5%), the District of Columbia (9.5%), and Connecticut (9.2%) have much higher rates. Not coincidentally, these are among the states experiencing the greatest out-flow of residents in the aftermath of the COVID recession.

North Carolina is going to continue to be a key destination for these relocating workers and families. They will need homes and apartments. That will keep demand strong and prices up.

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# **A Salisbury woman** takes down the hog barons

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last week,



D.G. MARTIN Mona Lisa One on One

Wallace and her law firm won \$32 million in verdicts against the Smithfield group for its nuisance damage to the homes and lives on properties near hog farms.

In a letter promoting his new book, "Wastelands: The True Story of Farm Country on Trial," for use in college and law school classes, the book's author, Corban Addison, explains how he learned

How did a Salisbury woman the research and drafted motions and briefs. And Wallace engaged a talented and energetic co-counsel, Mike Kaeske, a Texas lawyer with working class roots. Kaeske handled the trial witness presentations, cross examinations and, most important, opening and closing arguments, for which he spent hundreds of hours in preparation and practice.

All the work paid off in trials in a Federal District Court, but the defendant appealed the verdict to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Although one judge dissented, the panel of three judges, including conservative J. Harvie Wilkinson, voted to assure Smithfield's loss.

Addison noted that Wilkinson, in a concurring opinion, wrote "with Mosaic thunder," saying that the Smithfield group's "interference with their quiet enjoyment of their properties was unreasonable. It was willful, and it was wanton.' For Smithfield, Addison writes, the ruling was a devastating blow. Its public relations team launched a preemptive strike in an attempt to stanch the bleeding. Its press release "then regurgitates the same warmed-over pablum that the hog barons have served up for more than a generation that no one understands the industry, that all the negative media and lawsuits and jury verdicts are biased and unfair, that Smithfield cares about farmers, and that it is committed to feeding the world.' But, writes Addison: "The press release, however, is not just propagandistic. It contains a nugget of news: We have resolved these cases through a settlement that will take into account the divided decision of the court. Information about the terms of the settlement will not be disclosed." Unfortunately, the book ends on this note, leaving the reader to guess how much more Smithfield had to pay to each plaintiff and whether the settlement will significantly change Smithfield's methods. Still, the book has gained national attention, including a detailed review in the most recent edition of The New York Times Book Review.



# Would you have signed?

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Not only were they bold and courageous, they were vision-

announcements by life sciences companies that promised 4.800 new jobs. Apple Inc. revealed they would make a \$1 billion investment, resulting in at least 3,000 jobs. VinFast recently declared it would build a new line of electric vehicles and battery manufacturing in our state, creating 7,500 jobs. Boom Supersonic added to our luster by proclaiming they would revive supersonic air travel by building new airplanes, employing some 1,700. Toyota is going to manufacture the next generation of batteries for electric vehicles, with a payroll expected to exceed 1,700 new jobs. And the just-passed state budget has a major appropriation for a prospective computer chip maker that would add another 2,000 jobs. The message is clear: Visionary leadership, coupled with innovative public sector initiatives has propelled North Carolina into being a desired place to invest, live, work and play — today's rewards for yesterday's investments. But a follow-up question begs to be answered: Where are today's visionary leaders and the big, bold futuristic ideas that will ensure future prosperity and betterment of our way of life? At this moment we don't see them. Let us hope they will come forward and that we will be receptive enough to encourage and assist them.

about wallace and her efforts.

"Three years ago, a friend called me and told me a story that sounded almost too good to be true. It was about a lawyer he knew, a woman named Mona Lisa Wallace from his hometown in North Carolina.'

Addison's Salisbury-connected friend is best-selling author John Hart, whose most recent novel is "The Unwilling." Addison continues, "In 2013, Mona took up the banner of a rural community 'down east,' as the locals call it, a community comprised of mostly Black people of modest means. Over the course of a generation, that community had seen its ancestral land — as well as its air and water — degraded by pollution from factory farms tied to the world's largest hog producer, Smithfield Foods. They had agitated for change, but the change never came. Not until Mona took Smithfield to court.

"Her mass action required seven years to litigate. It sparked rallies in the streets, a firestorm on social media, death threats to the lawyers, witness intimidation, and an attempt by the industry's bedfellows in the state legislature to modify the centuries-old definition of nuisance retroactively to prevent the lawsuits from ever reaching a jury. Notwithstanding these headwinds, Mona and her co-counsel persisted, bringing five cases to trial and winning five plaintiffs' verdicts.'

Of course, Wallace could not have done the whole thing by herself. Lawyers and paralegals interviewed people who had been impacted by the hog farming, mostly people whose homes were nearby, mostly in Duplin, Bladen, Pender and Sampson counties. They did

Stay tuned. The hog wars are not over.

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

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



TOM CAMPBELL N.C. Spin

dence. The 56 delegates to the Continental Congress were well-educated, wealthy and influential in their respective colonies. Among them were three from North Carolina: Joseph Hewes, a merchant and Justice of the Peace from Edenton; John Penn, a farmer from Island Creek in Granville County; and William Hooper, a lawyer from New Hanover County.

Many hours were spent in 1775-76 debating, but, after lengthy deliberation, they affixed their names to the Declaration of Independence. I found myself wondering if I would have signed it. Would you have taken such a momentous step? They were committing treason against the most powerful monarch of the most powerful country then known, effectively signing their own death warrants.

Perhaps you know what happened to them, but it bears remembering. Five were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. One had his ships captured by the British navy and was forced to sell all to pay his debts, dying in rags. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the war. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of eight, threatening and forcing many to move repeatedly; another was driven from his dying wife's bedside, later himself dying from exhaustion and a

aries, people who dreamed of a land free from tyrants, a country of opportunities to live a better life. They were imbued with a desire to serve the public good.

North Carolina has had many visionaries. In my own lifetime, a few come to mind. Former Gov. William Kerr Scott, who had the vision for farmers to get out of the mud and have paved roads to transport their crops to market. Scott initiated the "Go Forward" program that paved thousands of miles of roads in a single year. In 1952, with our state economy languishing, then-governor Luther Hodges joined in a vision with others to create the Research Triangle Park, using our three research universities as foundations to assist in innovation, invention and corporate job creation. Hodges, along with Dallas Herring, had the vision for people to learn new job skills by developing a statewide system of community colleges.

Kerr Scott's son, Bob, visualized the great benefits of consolidating the state-funded colleges into today's 16-campus University of North Carolina System, with Bill Friday tasked to make that vision a reality. In 1980, Gov. Jim Hunt recognized the future of electronic technology and had a vision for our state to play a role, helping create the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina. Hunt and Gov. Jim Martin saw the future for life sciences and spearheaded the N.C. Biotechnology Center in 1984, priming our state for new product developments and jobs.

Yesterday's public sector investments are reaping huge dividends for North Carolina today. In 2021 we reported 34 recruitment and expansion

Our signers were dreamers 246 years ago. We owe it to them to continue that rich heritage.

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# Pat Hackney celebrates 40 years at same business

### BY TAYLOR HEEDEN News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — For Pat Hackney, one of the secrets to happiness is staying close to home.

She still lives in her hometown of Bennett, where she and her late husband, Charles, raised three sons. Tony. Jerry and Drew. And when it came time, back in 1982, to help supplement the family's income, she again stuck close to home, taking a job at an insurance agency in downtown Siler City.

She's still in that same job today.

This month, she's observing her 40th year as an account manager, celebrating with co-workers at Glick Insurance Group, located at 116 S. Chatham Ave. in Siler City.

"I enjoy my job," Hackney said "I know what is expected of me, and I just tried to do my best."

Hackney started at what was then Nationwide Insurance in 1982 shortly after her third child was born. It was a way to bring in a second income following her husband's retirement from military ser-



Staff photo by Tanner Bubeck

Pat Hackney is celebrating her 40th anniversary as an account manager at Chatham County Insurors in downtown Siler City.

vice. Getting the job required a typing test and a couple of certifications from Davidson Community College.

'Back then, everything was hands-on — no computers, going through the manuals and looking up rates," she said. "I didn't have computers when I was going to school, so anytime I do anything new, I feel like I've accomplished a lot, especially since I do not know anything about computers." Technology wasn't the only

change Hackney would see during all those years at S. Chatham Avenue. New bosses and new owners came and went; today, Hackney works for agency owner Michael Glick, whose main practice is located at 131 S Birch St. in downtown Siler City.

"He already had one location in town, and so he combined them," Hackney said. "I enjoy working for Michael — he has been very good to me over the years."

Siler City also changed over the 40 years Hackney has spent working downtown. She said manufacturing plants and steady jobs used to keep the town bursting at the seams, but not so much these days.

"We had so much at one time, and then now we have so many empty buildings," Hackney said. "I would like to see more companies come into town to help keep people in town ... At one time you could come in and do whatever you wanted. Well, now it's not that way anymore.'

Despite the occasional rude customer, Hackney said she's thankful for her career. Since that first day in 1982, she's never sought work elsewhere. And the people she's met have made her day-to-day work life brighter.

'I've been here for so long, and I've watched babies become adults," she said.

"They're just like friends and family."

Hackney tries to live life by the "Golden Rule," treating others as she would like to be treated. By doing so, she says she's been able to experience high satisfaction — not just in

her work place, but in her life as well.

For Hackney, her clients aren't just customers. They're family.

"I've watched a lot of my customers over the years, and I have lost several because they have passed away and it's like losing part of my family," she said. "I just try to treat people the way I want to be treated or how I would expect people to treat me in business situations."

Working at the same business for 40 years isn't as commonplace as it used to be, Hackney said. And she has some advice for those looking for long, fulfilling careers.

"Find a job that you enjoy and stick with it because you may have one bad day, but the majority of the days are gonna be a lot better," Hackney said. "I think everybody should enjoy their work. I think that's what makes you stay — if you enjoy it, and you know your iob.'

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# **BUSINESS**

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ufacturer or other large company may soon announce it's locating at the nearby Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) site.

The growth from the megasites, which will inevitably bring employees and housing needs to Siler City, is coupled with ongoing revitalization efforts in the downtown area. Small business owners in the town care about preserving the community-feel of commerce in the area, but several told the News + Record they viewed the growth as an opportunity to grow their business and welcome in new clientele.

"We can't become a drawbridge community," Rich Szary said. "We can't just set ourselves down and not let anyone else in. We know this community is going to grow and change and that's exciting.'

The Szarys both serve on the Siler City Merchants Association, which aims to assist in developing the town's retail business. Angelynn Fox is the co-president of the SCMA and has owned Siler City Pharmacy for the last four years. She agreed with the Szarys' assessment of growth in Chatham, saying she's excited for the opportunity to grow the business and employ new residents.

"There may be a scared response because nobody really likes change," Fox said. "Or we can look at it as opportunity. Here comes growth, here comes new potential clients and patients, and I think that's exciting."

Fox said growth is an obvious challenge, but it also means it's a chance for the business to rise to the occasion. She said her passion has always been serving and caring for people, so more people means more care for others.

"An influx of people means there's a real opportunity to come together," Fox said. "The heart and pulse of what we do is to care for the community and that isn't going to stop because these relationships matter."

The pharmacy owner said change is one of the only constants in Siler City. She's seen the population become more diverse with an increasing Hispanic population, and the agricultural roots of Siler City evolve over



Staff photo by Ben Rappaport

Hand-crafted goods and tools such as baskets and yarn lay on display at Twin Birch & Teasel on Monday in Siler City. The shop in downtown Siler City has specialized in making birchwood fiber art tools since 1982.

time. So to Fox, the next phase of growth only feels like a natural next step.

'We are an integral part of this community as the first place patients go when they have medical questions," she said. "I'm so thankful that patients choose to come here even before they come to the doctor's office.'

There's a certain camaraderie between customers and the business owners of Siler City, Fox said. Employees know the names of their customers, which means a business is often more than its designation. Siler **City Pharmacy serves** 

as a directory of medical information, Twin Birch helps customers find the best art supplies in town — even when it doesn't directly give them a profit.

Both Szary and Fox said preserving that camaraderie and character is important, even as the town grows adjacent to VinFast and the CAM site

Phillip Pappas, the

"Overall, it's going to be positive," Pappas said. "There will be growing pains for sure, but the

tide raises all ships. Expansion equals opportunity and that's what we see in Siler and throughout Chatham."

Pappas said he was hopeful the town will be able to both preserve character and grow. The Small Business Center is aiding in the downtown revitalization efforts and Pappas said it's getting harder to find space for potential new businesses because many of the buildings downtown are getting filled up with other small, local businesses.

"There will be holes to be filled and new services needed that we can't foresee yet," Pappas said. "But I'm sure, over time, infrastructure will improve with an influx of capital from the industrial sites and that may mean more space and more space for small business.'

The town's infrastructure needs at the moment

the town come to fruition. capacity, scheduled to come online late in 2024. More is needed, though, to accommodate growth that will spring out of CAM development and other business. And many of the industries which have chosen the region — Toyota's battery plant in Randolph Countv. for example — for development have water needs two or three times those of existing industries, the News + Record previously reported.

> Despite these concerns, Pappas said in the longterm the county is poised to be an opportunity for small businesses to flourish.

"When you are courting a large industry, like a VinFast, you need to show them you are educated and you have to prove to them people are going to want to stay here," Pappas said. "The local places make up the feel of a town because they're deeply connected to their customer ... small businesses can be competitive even with industry, given the right atmosphere and opportunity to innovate."

Small Business Center Coordinator for Chatham County at Central Carolina Community College, said he believes balancing these two concepts helps a better future for

have been well document ed. Siler City officials have recognized the limitations presented by the town's existing water and sewer infrastructure and are working to add

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# ZUZU

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Zuzu For Kids is growing with about 1,000 new users per week. The majority of users, about 60%, are from North Carolina, but as the company acquires more marketing funds to purchase ads in other areas, Potter expects to grow it at an accelerated pace.

# 'Meaningful and lasting memories'

Potter said he's thrilled the business has taken off because it shows belief in his idea. He said even more important than proving it to himself has been showing parents what's possible and what's available.

"My goal is to really help parents find things to do with their kids and create meaningful and lasting memories," he said. "Putting information in front of parents about how to spend high quality time with their kids is a really valuable investment."

The website has a fairly simple concept. Users type in where they want to find family activities, a radius they're willing to travel outside of that destination, and the age range of their children.



Submitted photo by Tom Fuldner

The Zuzu For Kids team is focusing future development on user feedback. The company's goal is to become the top website for children and family activities.

The search reveals a list of activities that fit those criteria and provides ratings and reviews for parents, all in one place.

The site also includes filters to look at nearby playgrounds, specific events or games. If families are planning a trip, they can also generate a whole itinerary for their trip full of a mix of all types of activities.

Current data on the website shows about 25% of users are utilizing Zuzu for travel purposes to venture to other cities, while the other 75% of users are finding activities closer to home. Potter said this was surprising given that the idea came from traveling, but he said he believes the

reason is because of the functionality of Zuzu.

'We have filters and radius maps that a lot of other sites don't have and so that makes us a unique experience," Potter said. "We also show people maps of playgrounds, which aren't widely available, and also events in a very simple way.'

Along with activities and events, Potter said the site has aggregated the locations of more than 120,000 playgrounds across the country on the site.

As Zuzu grows, Potter says it will only keep getting better because user data helps other parents find better activities. If more people are trying to find things to do within a 20-mile radius of Pittsboro this summer, the site, then, can generate trending pages to show what people in the area have been doing most. Users can also make

profiles on the site to share their experiences through written and video reviews of their activity.

## 'A natural extension'

Potter works as a neurologist at Duke Health. It may seem like an odd progression to go from neurology to developing web- and mobile-based applications, but the way he sees it, the two passions are connected. He views much of his work as a neurologist as helping to improve family dynamics, so developing an app that does the same thing was only fitting.

"This is a natural extension," Potter said. "It's giving people a tool that they can access with a click of a button and provide them with a meaningful experience."

Mandi Biondi helps with product management and marketing for Zuzu. She has worked with Potter as his medical assistant for several years before assisting with his startup idea. She said there were several iterations of Zuzu before settling on what it is today, and believes Potter's unique background made the final product unique.

"Zach also has a business degree from Duke University, and so I think the business perspective is something that's different than a lot of other physicians who are only in medicine," Biondi said. "That background helped [him] realize the gap in the

market and apply that.' Biondi said she and Potter both grew up in very close families, which served as part of the inspiration for the app.

One of the ways the website was able to grow was through the Andrews Accelerator Program at N.C. State University. The program provides startups access to funding, human capital, resources and guidance to help take their startup to the next level. Out of hundreds of applications, Zuzu was one of just five startups to be accepted in this year's cohort.

Biondi and Potter both said getting accepted into the accelerator was a shocking and validating experience. They also said it helped them grow the business by creating networks with other entrepreneurs, teaching them marketing tips and giving them more access to capital.

"Right now we are focusing on developing a real user base," Biondi said. "As we keep growing, we hope to be the number one website out there for kids activities and family travel."

She said user feedback and analytics will play a major role in the future developments of the site and help them in reaching that big goal. Potter said the path forward appears both inevitably surprising and challenging.

"It's like being in a cave without a flashlight and you're trying to feel the walls around you," Potter said. "You're just kind of seeing where the users are taking it, instead of us driving the product."

He said the goal will always be creating fun and meaningful family memories, and doing that means listening to what families want rather than forcing them in any direction.

"I thought I was just going to have a great idea everybody comes flocking to it that's the end of it now it's like a living thing that changes over time," Potter said.

For more information about Zuzu For Kids visit zuzuforkids.com or follow them on Instagram and Facebook.

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# **OBITUARIES**

## JOHN WAYNE STROWD SR.



March 7, 1934 ~ July 9, 2022 John Wayne Strowd Sr., 88, of Pittsboro, N.C., passed away peacefully in his home on July 9, 2022. Wayne was born on March 7, 1934, to John S. and Lenora W. Strowd. He graduated from Pittsboro High

School in 1953. He attended N.C. State College for a two-week seminar in Agriculture and then continued to work on the family farm. On Christmas Day, 1955 he married his favorite girl, Shirley Ann

Crawford. Wayne brought Shirley to Chatham County where they first lived in Pittsboro. He worked on the family farm during the day and nights at a service station near the courthouse. After a few years, they built a house next to his parents where they have lived for almost 68 years. Wayne continued the legacy of the family farm after the death of his father. Wayne worked hard along with his twin brother, Warren, to build one of the largest dairy farms in Chatham County. At the farm's prime, they were milking over 300 Holstein cows twice a day. Wayne was involved in a fertilizer business with custom spraying in Chatham and Orange County, a dealership to market upright silos, and established an artificial breeding service for cattle through American Breeders Service.

His two sons, John, and Mike, also worked alongside their father on the family farm for many years. Wayne wore many hats in the agriculture arena. Wayne served as President of the Central Carolina Holstein Association for over 30 years, held other positions in the Association and helped build a successful club for area dairy farmers and youth. Wayne also served on the N.C. Holstein Association Board of Directors for multiple terms and was co-chair for the N.C. Holstein State Sales. Wayne served on the Chatham County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for since 1996. He so looked forward to the meal catered by Ms. Scurlock at these monthly meetings. Wayne's interest in showing dairy cattle started at the Raleigh Dorton Arena in High School. He attended the NC State Fair for over 52 years. With the help of his sons, they showed Holsteins at county and state shows and traveled to other states for cow sales as well. Wayne's love for dairy showing was passed on to his children and grandchildren for many years to come. He looked forward to his friends and family coming by his cow exhibit at the N.C. State Fair. He took pride in how well his dairy cows placed and the hard work paid off with multiple awards including the Herdsman award. He was so appreciative of the many people that helped with the production of his exhibit and care of the animals at the fair throughout the years. In 1962, Wayne received the outstanding farmer award from the State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In 2006, Wayne was inducted to the N.C. State Livestock Hall of Fame. He was surrounded by his family and close friends to receive this distinguished award presented by Agriculture Commissioner, Steve Troxler.

Wayne's other passion was the North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department which in 1968 he was one of the original founding members. In its early days, the fire department operated on donations and fund raisers of fried chicken, BBQ, and turkey shoots. Wayne served as Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, and other officer positions. He was an active member for 54 years and elected to the Board of Directors for 40 years until his death.

In 1968, Wayne traveled to Tipton, Indiana, with G.R. Farrell, John Horne, Jim Norwood, and Warren Strowd to the John Bean Fire Apparatus Manufacturing Company for one week training and to drive back the first firetruck to North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department. During his years of service, he watched the department grow from a single station and three apparatus, with all volunteer staffing to what currently exists of seven stations, over 35 apparatus, covering 205 square miles and one of the largest career/volunteer departments in the state. He was always proud of the convince the mean and variance of North Chatham Volunteer felt thanks for the devotion of his caregivers, Edith, Mandy, and Jean. They made sure Wayne and Shirley took their daily road trips to Maple View in Hillsborough for milkshakes, then back "around the corner" to Siler City to get gas and stop at Piggly Wiggly. Their love for Wayne and Shirley is a blessing that has touched his family deeply; family physician Dr. Kylstra and nurse Jessica, and lastly the compassion and direction of UNC Hospice, especially Wayne's hospice nurse, Brooke.

The funeral service will be held Friday, July 15, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. 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 the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Wayne's memory to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 1785 Mt. Gilead Church Road, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312; UNC Hospice, P.O. Box 1077, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312; and Central Carolina Holstein Association c/o Kathy Shambley, 4410 Efland Cedar Grove Road, Hillsborough, N.C. 27278.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals. com.

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

# JOYCE ANN WEBSTER PHILLIPS



May 14, 1935 ~ July 5, 2022 Joyce Ann Webster Phillips, 87, of Siler City, passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Siler City Center.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Chatham County on May 14, 1935, the daughter of James T. Webster Jr. and Josie Johnson Webster. She was a member of First Baptist Church, where she attended the Rachel Allred Sunday School Class. She loved reading, and enjoyed spending time baking in the kitchen for ev-

eryone. Ann cherished her community and spending time with people. Ann was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Billy Edward Webster; and sister, Margaret Guthrie.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Earl Phillips; daughters, Dawn Overman of Siler City, and Susie Singleton and husband David of Washington, N.C.; grandchildren, Zachary Overman and wife Catherine of Seattle, Washington; Daniel Overman of Seattle; and Seth Singleton (Janessa Biddix) of Washington, N.C.; and great granddaughter, Hannah Singleton.

The family received friends on Friday, July 8, 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, July 9, 2022, at First Baptist Church, 314 N. 2nd Ave., Siler City with Rev. Jim Wall and Rev. Jason Brogan officiating. Burial followed at Hickory Mountain Baptist Church Cemetery, 1094 Mt. Vernon-Hickory Mountain Road, Siler City.

The family would like to thank the staff at Community Home Care and Hospice, as well as Genesis, Siler City Center for the great care of their mother.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, or to Community Hospice of Sanford.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Phillips family.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithbuckner-fh.com.

# ZACHARY PETTY

September 12, 1989 ~ July 5, 2022 Zachary Petty, 32, passed suddenly of natural cau

### **MOSES LOUIS FAGG**

May 8, 1937 ~ July 1, 2022 Moses Louis Fagg, 85, of Siler City passed away Friday, July 1, 2022, at the Siler City Center.

A memorial graveside service was held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at Chatham Memorial Park with Rev. Wesley Long officiating.

The son of Coy Rovell and Vannie Mabe Fagg, he worked as a truck driver with Stout Trucking. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Janette D. Fagg; sister, Linda F. Phillips; and brother, David Fagg.

Surviving are his daughter, Tammy F. Wester of Pittsboro; son, Robert Louis "Peanut" McLeod of Staley; brother, Harry K. Fagg of Siler City; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www. smithbucknerfh.com.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is serving the Fagg family.

## ELIZABETH WAGNER BROWN

August 19, 1945 ~ July 5, 2022 Elizabeth Anne Wagner Brown, 76, of Broadway, passed away at her home on July 5, 2022.

The graveside funeral was held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2022, at Cumberland Union Baptist Cemetery with Rev. Doug Houston officiating.

She was the daughter of Isaac and Clara Ashworth Wagner, who preceded her in death, along with a grandson, her sister, Ruby McKinney and brothers, Roy Wagner and Wayne Wagner.

Surviving is her daughter, Melissa Barefoot; and a son, Timothy Sawyer, both of Broadway; brothers, Claude Wagner of Sanford, and Billy Wagner of Mamers; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Online condolences can be made at www.smithfuneralhomebroadway.com.

# LORAINE WAY HOCKADAY

March 29, 1958 ~ July 9, 2022 Loraine Way Hockaday, 64, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, July 9, 2022.

The family received friends on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Buffalo Cemetery. She was born to the late Jack and Helen Roberson Way. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jonathan David Hockaday; brothers, Bailey Way, and Gary Charles Way. Loraine was a nurse. She is survived by her daughters, Maria Hockaday Freedman of Chapel Hill and Ashley Hockaday of Burlington. Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

Fire Department provided to the fire districts in Chatham and Orange County.

Wayne has received the Fireman of the Year Award for North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department and in 2018 he received the Outstanding Emergency Service Award from Orange County for his years of service. Wayne took pride in knowing both his children continued their careers in the fire service and dairy industry.

Wayne became involved with Pittsboro's little league football program when John and Mike were old enough to play. Wayne and other dedicated parents traveled to games and supported the team and coaches for many years. Wayne's "fun passion" was the Northwood Chargers Football program. He could be found at every high school football home game to assist with the "Chain Gang". This group of guys have always supported Wayne even in the latter years when Wayne was unable to pull the chain but monitored from the end zone. In 2017 Wayne was one of the first inductees of the Northwood Hall of Fame, an award in which he took great pride. Wayne was N.C. State's number one Wolfpack fan. He sported his Wolfpack hat and attire with pride. He never let an opportunity pass to call his UNC Tar Heel friends soon after a N.C. State win.

Wayne loved his family with a passion like no other. He was taught at very young age to work hard, respect others, respect the land and uphold the highest quality of integrity. These values were passed down to his children and grandchildren. He always told his family how much he loved them and didn't miss an opportunity to tell them, no matter how successful they were in life, never forget where they came from. He was the best father, grandfather, great grandfather, and a friend to many.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Warren Strowd; his beloved wife, Shirley who passed away only three weeks ago. He is survived by his sons, John W. Strowd Jr (Tracy), Michael C. Strowd (Bonnie); his grandchildren, John W. Strowd III "Trai" (Brittany), Faith S. Dennis (Patrick), Kennedy H. Strowd (Jessica), and Olivia M. Strowd; great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Charlotte, Knox, and Miller. Once again, the family would like to give heart-



with his Heavenly Father on July 5, 2022.

Born in Lee County on September 12, 1989, Zach was the son of Starla Wilson and Christopher Keith Petty. Zach was a 2007 graduate of Lincoln High School. He dedicated most of his career to law enforcement, serving for the Lee County Sheriff's Department after finishing Law Enforcement School in Randolph County. Zach took great pride in serving others, and enjoyed taking care of those he loved. His favorite past time was hanging with friends, encouraging them and making them laugh. He also enjoyed kayaking, graphic design, and playing video games with his siblings and dad. Zach loved going to the beach and practicing Martial Arts. Many people knew him but only a few really knew his heart. He was a sweet, loving man who had a wicked/dry sense of humor. He was a great combination of duty and honor like his father, Keith Petty, while having a giving and loving heart like his grandfather, Ralph Wilson. He could be goofy and silly, but strong and solid. Zach is preceded in death by his grandparents, Ralph Wilson, and A.W. Petty.

He is survived by his mom, Starla Wilson; father, Christopher Keith Petty and wife Deborah; siblings, Travis and Hayley Petty; grandparents, Shirley Wilson, and Mickey Petty; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and a special acknowledgement to Monica Romyn, who has been his best friend, the person that brought light to his eyes and heart. The family visited with friends from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Avenue, Siler City, including family stories and words by Michael Smith at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Zachary Wilson Petty Memorial Fund at the N.C. State Employees Credit Union.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Petty family.

Online condolences may be made at www.pughfuneral-home.com.

# JEFFREY LEE CARMINES

Jeffrey Lee Carmines, 59, formerly of Newport News, Virginia, and Bear Creek, N.C., passed away July 3, 2022 in Siler City, N.C. He is proceeded in death by his parents, Robert L Carmines and Bettie Lou Matkins, grandparents, Sam and Cora Matkins, Harry and Margaret Carmines and Aunt and Uncle Susie and Dick Ellyson.

He is survived by his sister Lisa C Jackson, nieces Chelsea Jackson-Loesch (Parker), Holly F Jackson (Cory Grove), Rilee Q. Jackson; great-nephew, Jaxon A Grove; Aunt and Uncle Judy and Ronnie Waddell; a host of cousins and long time special friend, Nancy Hargis.

In lieu of flowers, please share your condolences with a contribution to your local Humane Society or Animal Shelter.

# FAYE NORRIS STROUTH

January 17, 1943 ~ July 6, 2022

Faye Norris Strouth, 79, of Cameron, died Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford.

Graveside service was conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Lee Memory Gardens with Rev. Garland Smith officiating.

Faye was the daughter of the late Preston B. and Jessie Lee Baker Norris. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Kenneth Charles Strouth and brothers, Bobby Ray Norris and Harold Norris.

Surviving are her sons, John Strouth Jr. of Venice, Florida, and Preston Bryant Strouth Sr. of Lillington; sisters, Sue Puryear of Sanford, Peggy Seamone of Midland, N.C., and six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial gifts be made to Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 370, Broadway, N.C. 27505 to help with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com.

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### LUCILLE PACE DOUGLAS

Lucille Pace Douglas, 79, of Broadway, passed away on Monday, June 27, 2022.

There will be a graveside service on Friday, July 15, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Barbecue Presbyterian Church cemetery with Rev. Bucky Holmes and Pastor David Sherrod presiding.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home, Inc.

# LARRY 'KEVIN' MORRIS

Larry "Kevin" Morris, 52, of Siler City, passed away at the Hospice House in Pittsboro on Sunday, July 3, 2022. The graveside service was held at 12 p.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022, at Providence Methodist Church with Ricky Wilkie presiding.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Larry Morris.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel Morris; his mother, Jeanette of Siler City; son, Chris Morris of Silk Hope; brothers, Brian of and Charlie of Siler City; daughter, Hannah Palmeri, of South Carolina; and two grandchildren.

The graveside service was held at 12 p.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022, at Providence Methodist Church with Ricky Wilkie presiding.

Condolences may be offered online at www.joycebradychapel.com.

### YUSHEVIA RENEE BREWINGTON

August 9, 1966 ~ July 5, 2022 Yushevia Renee Brewington, 55, of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at her home.

She was the daughter of Annie and the late Rolland Brewington Sr.

The memorial service was held Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 12 noon at Works for Christ Christian Center.

# DENNIS RANDALL 'RANDY' KIDD

Dennis Randall "Randy" Kidd, 66, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2022, at Smith Funeral Home in Broadway. A private family service will be held at a later date.

He was the son of the late James Henry and Hannah Elizabeth Kearns Kidd. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Phyllis Welch. He was retired from Pfizer.

Surviving is his wife, Patricia "Patty" Martin Kidd of the home; daughter, Stephanie Alderson of Greensboro; son, Bradley Martin Kidd of Sanford; sister, Bunny Johnson of North Wilkesboro; brother, Ronald Kidd of Ramseur; and three grandchildren.

Memorial gifts can be made to Holly's Nest Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 4086, Sanford, N.C. 27331 or to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences can be made at www.smithfuneral-homebroadway.com.

# MAYNARD RUSSELL

November 8, 1947  $\sim$  July 4, 2022

Maynard Russell, 74, of Siler City passed away on Monday, July 4, 2022, at his home. Professional services will be

provided by Knotts and Son.

# LEANN WHITAKER

November 6, 1964 ~ July 9, 2022

LeAnn Whitaker, 57, passed away on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford.

Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford is serving the Whitaker Family.

# ALAN ALBERT AHERN

Alan Albert Ahern, 91, of Chapel Hill passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2022. Arrangements are by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas. <image>

BPW scholarship winners, from left: Leslie Chartier, Jamie Kreil, Chana Meeks and Mari Vogel.

# BPW awards 4 during scholarship night

### From PW-COC

PITTSBORO — The Professional Women of Chatham and **Orange Counties (PW-COC)** held its annual Scholarship Awards night at Briar Chapel Clubhouse June 29, presenting \$500 scholarships to members Leslie Chartier, Jamie Kreil, Chana Meeks and Mari Vogel. These winners are women who are in business in the area who sought extra training, equipment, or other essentials to help grow their business or assist them in their goals.

As a group of diverse professionals, PW-COC is an organization with a strong mission statement: open to, and answering the needs of the community through service or aid. To develop, support, and promote the professional, business, and leadership potential of working women

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while enhancing and sharing experience and ideas with each other. The group strives to connect to other like-minded women focused on achievement and success in business. They are a sisterhood of caring and helpful women dedicated to assist other women when needed. They provide support, advice, referrals, relevant educational presentations that help members achieve their goals through quarterly member events, a member website and promotion of each other's businesses through the website and newsletters.

"When successful women gather together one can almost feel the electricity in the room!" President Jennifer Halloran said. Newcomer Brenda Jernigan noted that the evening was so much fun because everyone was so welcoming, and friendly. Another guest noted that the gathering was quite different than most networking groups. That is most likely due to the commitment to making this a unique organization and sisterhood. Founder and past president Jean MacDonald infuses this philosophy into each event and project with outstanding results. Joined by an energetic board of directors, PW-COC hopes to realize continued success in the area of women in business.

The scholarship fund is supported by member events such as the annual auction "Sell Your Sizzle" which will take place next month as well as a vendor fair that is held in November.

The group is open to all women who are in business. Member meetings are held on Wednesday nights once a month as well as informal monthly lunch gatherings. For more information on how to join, go to pw-coc.com.

# Siler City board seeks residents to fill 2 vacancies

SILER CITY — Siler City's town Planning Board/Board of Adjustments has two vacancies — one for a member and one for an alternate member. Living in the city limits is a requirement to serve.

The board makes recommendations to the Siler City Board of Commissioners on conditional use permit, rezoning, conditional use rezoning, and text amendment applications. The board meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

Persons interested should submit a letter of interest to Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson, Town of Siler City, P.O. Box 769, Siler City, N.C., or email her at jjohnson@silercity.org. The letter of interest should include home address, phone number, email address, educational background, current employment, civic involvement, why you wish to serve, and any other information you feel pertinent. -CN+R staff reports



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conservation tools to address issues of land loss and unattainable land prices for communities of color through the Good Ground Initiative. The News + Record spoke to Sands about the TLC and her role there.

### For those unfamiliar with TLC, can you share about the work the organization does and why it's impactful to residents in and around the Triangle?

Triangle Land Conservancy is an accredited land trust serving six counties in N.C.'s Triangle region since 1983. Land trusts are private nonprofit organizations whose mission is to conserve land and water. We do so by securing land outright through donations or purchases by willing sellers or by negotiating voluntary conservation agreements with property owners who want to leave their land undeveloped in perpetuity.

TLC makes a positive, permanent impact on the quality of life in the Triangle by safeguarding clean water, protecting wildlife habitats, keeping local farms and food in our community, and providing places for people to connect with nature. We identify the most important natural and working lands in the region and work with landowners, developers, municipalities, nonprofit partners, and the public to conserve these special places. Since our organization began in 1983, we've conserved 23,000 acres of land and opened eight public nature preserves, including White Pines Nature Preserve at the confluence of the Deep and Rocky Rivers in Chatham.

# When you talk about "conserving open space," what does that mean what does that look like?

For Triangle Land Conservancy, open space refers to land that is still able to provide those four public benefits: clean water, wildlife habitat, local farms and food, and places to connect with nature in significant quantities with minimal development. All of our projects have at least one of these four benefits, but most have more than one.

White Pines Nature Preserve for example is a forest of White Pine trees, rare for the area and an important habitat type. It also sits at the confluence of the Deep and Rocky rivers, and has trails and a canoe launch so people can connect with nature. Harland's Creek Farm northwest of Pittsboro was put under easement last year; it has an organic farm and historic farm structures on site and a rare natural community with important habitat for salamanders and other species. When properties such as these are conserved, the features that contribute to those four benefits are permanently protected, and Triangle Land Conservancy becomes their guardians.

Properties that TLC conserves "fee simple" are owned and managed by TLC to maximize our public benefits, whether by being open to the public like White Pines Nature Preserve, or being kept private and available for wildlife or partners like Irvin Learning Farm where Transplanting Traditions and Learning Outside operate. TLC also holds conservation easements on more than 150 properties that are still privately owned but permanently conserved. A conservation easement runs with the land and permanently limits some

uses, such as subdivision and the location and size of any further construction, but allows the landowner to continue to own and manage the property as they see fit. On these properties you might see a forest, a farm, a home or all of these and more.

## What is your role at TLC?

As the Land Protection Manager, I meet with landowners interested in conservation options for their properties and explore funding opportunities to save more land for tomorrow. I cover projects in Durham, Orange, Chatham and Lee counties and help manage the Good Ground Initiative.

### Can you talk about work you and TLC have done in Chatham County, and what other work is planned for our area?

Since our start in 1983, TLC has conserved more than 6,300 acres of land in Chatham County, including about 3,200 acres in conservation easements. Much of our work lately in Chatham has centered around agriculture and conserving working farms.

I am currently working on closing an easement on a 265-acre working farm, which will be our third Chatham working lands easement in as many years. Part of our farm focus reflects the importance of farming to Chatham's rural character and the well-established agricultural community, especially in the Silk Hope region. An even bigger reason though is the availability of grant funding for conservation of working family farms.

TLC does not currently have sufficient funds to purchase conservation easements or land independently, and most landowners are not in a financial position to be

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able to donate the full value of their land or easement — so we must seek outside funding sources to make these projects happen.

Currently, in Chatham County, there is no source of local conservation funding. Instead, we compete with projects across North Carolina for funding, including from the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust. With Chatham's diversity of small farms and prime soils, our projects in the county have been very competitive, but with local funding could be even more so. We do also have active applications with the N.C. Land and Water Fund for acquisitions that would provide significant habitat protections and possibilities for recreation. We are also supporting the Haw River Trail's efforts to conserve land and trail access and working with the Conservation Fund to create an updated conservation strategy along the Deep and Rocky River corridors.

Protecting sources of drinking water is one of TLC's objectives. How do you go about doing that, and why is that particular work becoming more challenging?

TLC focuses on protecting the land that naturally filters drinking water. If you think about water that runs into a stream from a parking lot or driveway, versus water that enters a stream through a forest, there are fewer impurities entering waterways from more natural settings.

Everywhere is downstream from somewhere. and the more forests and buffers there are upstream, the cleaner our downstream water is going to be when it gets to our reservoirs. By acquiring properties or conservation easements on land that has streams leading to drinking water sources, we protect the natural process that filters water. This saves money for municipalities who are tasked with providing clean water for their citizens, so several of them have invested in encouraging conservation in their

watersheds. Raleigh and Durham this critical water supply watershed and unique recreation areas like our Brumley Forest Nature Preserve.

In hopes of replicating this success, TLC collaborated with the Triangle J Council of Governments and Jordan Lake One Water to develop a conservation strategy for the Jordan Lake Watershed where 70% of the land is open space, but 92% of it is unprotected.

Chatham is known as a rural county with incredible natural beauty. But it's also one of North Carolina's fastest-growing, and that growth is coming from development — both industrial and residential. What challenges and opportunities does that present for you?

Chatham is certainly at a crossroads, and I have found it very encouraging how often people cite the rural character and natural beauty of Chatham as what drew them to the area or what they are intent on preserving. With the growth and development has come a heightened interest in conservation, especially from landowners seeking to do their part and ensure that the lands that they love and manage will continue to provide natural benefits to their communities. In order to turn these good intentions into permanently conserved open spaces, a locally sustained funding source is needed to invest in conserving the lands that Chatham values most. In other counties TLC

works in, the two most effective sources of funding have been watershed protection funds and county bonds or appropriations for open space. Wake County has dedicated almost \$200 million to Parks and Open Space though several bonds and despite being the second most populous county in the state is well on its way to achieving 30% conservation of open space.

Several other local counties including Alamance, and most recently Johnston, at \$625,000, have dedicated general appropriations for farm easements and acquisitions. TLC is nearly always able to match these local funds one to one, in the Neuse Watershed we and our partners have leveraged municipal investment to a ratio of seven to one. As development comes to the area, so does an influx of resources and opportunities to invest strategically in quality of life and environment, while so many of those resources are still available for protection.

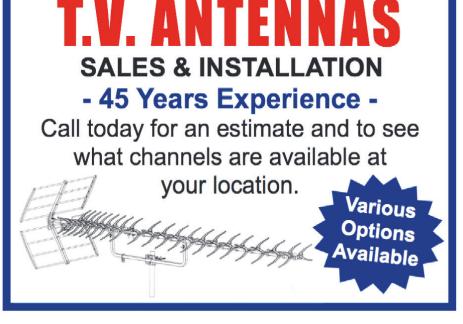
# in-person events. Can you share more about those?

TLC offers events year-round to encourage people to get outside and learn about conservation and the wild and working lands of our area. These programs range from hikes, birding, mindfulness, family field trips, to citizen science and volunteer opportunities. We regularly communicate about these opportunities and the latest developments in our work via our e-newsletters and print publications sent to our members. Registration for events and information can be found at our website www.triangleland.org.

We were also very excited to launch the Pathways Into Natural Environments and Science (PINES) Fellowship Program. TLC knows that we have a role in creating opportunities to increase diversity in the environmental profession. Lack of racial diversity in environmental organizations is a well-documented problem and one that TLC must actively address if we are to reflect the communities we serve and fulfill our promise of protecting land forever. In conjunction with Knightdale High School, TLC developed the PINES Fellowship to open pathways of opportunity for a diverse group of high school students in the field of conservation and natural resources. Through weekly meetings all spring, Fellows are learning about career opportunities in conservation, building relationships with TLC staff, board members, and environmental professionals, as well as learning about conservation through immersive experiences.

### What else do Chatham County residents need to know about TLC's work?

We believe land conservation can be a tool for community benefit and are eager to utilize it as such. People may be interested to learn about the Good Ground Initiative, which uses the conservation tools addressed above to aid in farm transition and create land ownership opportunities for people of color. https://www. triangleland.org/ good-ground-initiative Our webinar series, Conservation Conversations, is a great way to dig deeper on a lot of our work. https://www.triangleland.org/conservation-conversations We are always happy to talk with residents interested in ways to get involved, or seeking to learn more about conservation options.



have both adopted watershed protection programs to conserve land in the Upper Neuse River Basin. Since 2005, Raleigh water users have generated over \$15 million for watershed protection via a volumetric fee that costs most residential households about \$.60 per month. Triangle Land Conservancy and other conservation partners in the area have leveraged that investment to conserve over 11,000 acres of land and more than 117 miles of streams within

TLC is involved in education, which you engage in through your preserves, student programs and



# New President: **Patrick Walsh**

I was invited to a Rotary club meeting in 2019, and I had no idea what Rotary was. I found that this is an incredibly large group of like-minded individuals that have been doing good all around the world for years. I have

met many unbelievable, generous, thoughtful, courageous, interesting people. A goal I have for our group going forward is to hear each other's stories. To build better friendships, to learn more about what each of us is all about so we can grow our Rotary family. I also hope to improve the image of Rotary. I want our community to know we are a group of action. We are advocates for peace, clean water, education, the environment.



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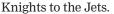
# Alston, named Jets' next volleyball coach, set to return to J-M after 45 years

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY** News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — A staple of Siler City's volleyball community is gearing up for his seventh season on a Chatham County sideline.

But when Johnny Alston suits up for his team's first regular-season game on Aug. 16, he'll be doing so as the newest head coach of the Jordan-Matthews Jets.

Last week, Jordan-Matthews announced via social media that Alston, the former head coach at Chatham Charter, would be trading in his purple-and-silver armor for a blue-andgold pilot's uniform, moving less than three miles away in a switch from the



"He heard that we had an opening and he reached out and expressed inter-



est in it," Josh Harris, Jordan-Matthews' athletic director, told the News + Record. "Once we got him in, sat him down and talked to him, it was a pretty clear-cut decision on our end. He seems

like he really cares. Every person I've talked to ... was just through the roof about him. He's just an overall great person and that's what you want, you want good people first, then the strategy comes second.'

He'll be replacing Taylor Crowder,

who spent two seasons as the Jets' head vollevball coach.

Alston has spent 38 years coaching volleyball in some capacity, with his most recent stint coming in the form of six seasons with the Knights from 2015-21.

During his time at Chatham Charter, Alston's teams posted a record of 52-70 and earned two NCHSAA 1A playoff berths, including the program's first postseason appearance in 2018-19.

After a 2021-22 season that saw the Knights earn the most wins in program history (17) and suffer a first-round exit as the East's No. 19 seed in a 3-0 loss to Pamlico County, Alston chose to step away from Chatham Charter to explore other coaching opportunities, a move

that Knights athletic director Clint Fields said he understood.

"He just felt like he'd done all he could do at Chatham Charter and he kind of wanted to see what other opportunities were out there." Fields said. "I told him I didn't want him to go or anything like that, but he thought it was best for him to see what other opportunities he could have.'

In addition to having coached in Siler City for the last seven years, Alston is also a member of Jordan-Matthews' Class of 1977, having played football for the Jets during the mid-1970s before graduating and moving on to compete at running back for the North Carolina

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# **'WHERE I WANT TO BE' Northwood star Olivia** Porter takes her game to **Michigan State**

**BY VICTOR HENSLEY** News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — In a half-century as a program, Michigan State has never won a national title in women's basketball.

Luckily, the Spartans have added a former

North-ANI wood great who knows a little something about ending championship droughts.

On June 22, Michigan State announced that Olivia Porter the former Chargers star who played a major role in the program's first-ever state title run this past season, snapping a 52-year drought for Northwood — would be headed to East Lansing this fall, where she'll play for the Spartans under Head Coach Suzy Merchant. "I went on a visit (to East Lansing) during spring break and I really enjoyed the atmosphere," Porter told the News + Record. "It was so family-oriented. The coaches, they welcomed me as I walked through (the Breslin Center) and



# NBA Summer League is back. Cue the overreactions.

This time of year, the sports world is a little bit ... slow, to put it lightly.



**HENSLEY** 

Sure, you've got the middle of the MLB season - packed with the All-Star Game and its festivities starting July 18, followed by the trade deadline on Aug. 2 — along with the NBA Draft, NBA Free Agency, the British Open and, of course, one of the greatest sporting events out there in Wimbledon.

Sports Editor But compared to the fall, winter and early spring, the dog days of summer just can't compete.

Hence why, as of last week, the national spotlight has shifted its gaze upon Las Vegas and Salt Lake City, where all 30 NBA teams are competing in the annual NBA Summer League, an event meant for younger players and those on roster bubbles to showcase their talents to front offices and the world-at-large.

Summer League is, personally, one of my favorite events of the year.

Despite the level of basketball not always being of the highest quality, the idea of the NBA's brightest rookies and overlooked second- and third-year guys getting together to hoop for a couple weeks in the middle of summer has always been fun.

Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Northwood's four seniors (from left, Natalie Bell, Olivia Porter, Myla Marve, Caroline Allen) pose with their head coach, Kerri Snipes after winning the 3A women's basketball state title, 72-40, over the Enka Jets in March. Porter won the game's MVP award after scoring 18 points.

they were all so happy for me. ... Just having that opportunity to compete was all I ever wanted." Porter said she chose Michigan State over a handful of schools which extended offers, including

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However, as great as Summer League can be, it also brings out one of the worst aspects of modern hot-take culture: overreaction season.

Every year, NBA Summer League is a hotbed for some of the most reactionary, overblown takes. There's always that one player who exceeds expectations in Summer League and is billed as a potential star and then, shockingly, doesn't live up to the hype once the regular season rolls around.

Then, naturally, there are a couple of play-

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# Baker in Charlotte? Honestly, I don't know what to expect.

My wife loves Baker Mayfield. More like, she loves his



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particularly in the Progressive commercials where he demonstrates "protecting your home," with his "home" being FirstEnergy Stadium, home of the Cleveland Browns. For example, he's on the field when he sees a dark cloud in the sky. Running past the groundskeeper, he proclaims that it's time to protect the furniture, which the groundskeeper takes to mean 'the stands?" Yes, the stands.

There is a chance now that those commercials may be shot not in Ohio, but a couple hours south of us in Mecklenburg County. That's right: Baker Mayfield is headed to the Carolina Panthers, after

on a long-rumored trade last Wednesday to bring the former commercials. And I get it. They're

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For those unaware: Mayfield had a stellar college career. After a great first year at Texas Tech, he put up legendary numbers over three seasons with the Oklahoma Sooners. After his final year, he won the Heisman Trophy in a landslide. In his rookie season in the NFL in 2018, he threw for more touchdowns than any rookie quarterback to that point, surpassing Hall-of-Famer Peyton Manning and potential future Hall-of-Famer and erstwhile N.C. State legend Russell Wilson. In 2020, the Browns reached the promised land of the playoffs for the first time since 2002, and defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers on the back of Mayfield's 263 yards and three touchdowns in the Wild Card round, the first Browns playoff win in 26 years.

So how did this guy land in Charlotte, which has had its own quarterback problems

since Cam Newton picked up a string of injuries and the coaching staff didn't commit to a serviceable Teddy Bridgewater? (Yes, I'm a Teddy fan.) Two reasons.

First, Mayfield had a rough 2021. He played most of the year with a partially torn labrum and then a right knee contusion. He played 14 of 17 games and had middling statistics. Second, in a shocking move that still irks me, the Browns traded their franchise away for Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson, who is facing 24 civil lawsuits related to sexual misconduct and assault. Having a former No. 1 overall pick and, as of 2020, one of the most talented QBs in the league on the same team would not work out, and the fact that Cleveland was ready to face all the media pressure and well-deserved national ridicule that came with trading for Watson was a sign, I'm sure, to Mayfield that he needed to leave.

With all this context, I was asked, as a Panthers fan, to write how I felt about Baker coming to Charlotte. Fans of

NFL franchises without franchise QBs firmly in place ask themselves every offseason if this is the year we find the fit. Panthers fans are convinced that Sam Darnold is not the answer. He didn't exactly prove he was last year, but I'm not sure it's entirely his fault. Explaining that take is another column. Newton came back in the middle of last year and brought excitement, but not sustained success, and he's no longer on the roster. Former XFL legend P.J. Walker has shown just a couple glimpses of ability, and new thirdround pick Matt Corral had a great college career at Ole Miss, but is not NFL-ready this year.

So the Panthers went for Mayfield, someone who has a playoff win to his name, something Darnold, Walker and Corral do not have. Most sports columnists write these with snappy predictions and the "hot take" that I can't stand. Making predictions now is foolish, and hot takes are annoying.

But I was asked, so here's my take: What's there to lose? Mayfield has shown more skill and winning mentality in the NFL than the Panthers' three current quarterbacks combined. He's an obvious upgrade on Darnold and Walker, and Corral is unproven. The asking price was not much, and Cleveland will pay most of his salary, a good thing given the Panthers are on the hook for Darnold's \$18 million paycheck this year.

Would I love to see him shooting commercials in the stands of Bank of America Stadium, telling his wife how lovely it is to live in the Queen City? I would. Would I love to see him throwing touchdown passes to DJ Moore, Robby Anderson, and Christian McCaffrey on Sundays? Of course.

But am I expecting that? Honestly, I don't know what to expect. At the very least, he's better than what we had before last Wednesday, and maybe that's enough for now.

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ers who fall on the opposite end of the spectrum, the ones that underperform in Summer League and are almost immediately referred to as a bust.

I am living, breathing truth in this phenomenon.

When I was just an amateur sportswriter with nothing but a laptop and a blog — entitled "Sack the Point Guard" — I spent the summer of 2014 covering the now-defunct Orlando Summer League, a league that played at the Orlando Magic's practice facility and featured much fewer teams than the current iteration in Las Vegas.

Well, to say I "covered" it would be giving me a little too much credit.

Instead, I watched all of the games and, just as if I was a media member in attendance, wrote game recaps on my blog.

One of the players I fell in love with during the 2014 Orlando Summer League was Nick Johnson, former Arizona Wildcats shooting guard who was a second-round pick for the Houston Rockets earlier that summer.

In one of his five games, he posted a statline of 15 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, notching a triple-double in a win over the Brooklyn Nets, which prompted me to write a line I've snickered at for nearly a decade.

"Nick Johnson didn't just flirt with

the triple-double against the Nets," I wrote in the game's recap, "he convinced it to come back to his place."

His performance had many Rockets fans wondering if they'd hit on a second-round gem, comparing him to players like Chandler Parsons or Patrick Beverley.

But despite his standout showing in Orlando, Johnson never took off in the NBA.

He managed to make the Rockets' roster, but played just 28 total career games, all during the 2014-15 season, averaging just 2.6 points per game.

The point is, the overreactions in regards to players during Summer League, good or bad, is a vicious cycle that happens every single season. And this year is no exception.

Through the first week of the Summer League, fans have already crowned some players while simultaneously trashing others.

Perhaps the most notable example came on July 5 in Salt Lake City, when the Oklahoma City Thunder blew out the Utah Jazz behind 23 points from 2022 No. 2 overall pick Chet Holmgren, who had plenty of doubters (including myself) during the draft process.

Let me be clear, however. Holmgren had one heckuva game.

In 23 minutes, he scored 23 points on 7-of-9 shooting (4-of-6 from behind the arc) and posted 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 6 blocks (a Summer League record). By the end of the first half, he already had 18 points and all four of his 3-pointers.

It was an absolute monster debut for the 7-footer out of Gonzaga.

And, as the natural flow of Summer League goes, the Internet was ablaze with takes praising Holmgren. Not just saluting his great game or breaking down the film, highlighting everything he did well, but takes that said the Magic's front office should be ashamed of itself for passing on him at No. 1, among plenty of other wildly absurd overreactions about a player who's played just a single game in the NBA Summer League.

Yes, Holmgren looked fantastic. But making any sort of bold proclamations based off of 23 minutes against the Jazz's J.V. roster is just flat-out silly.

The same could be said for Houston Rockets' No. 3 pick Jabari Smith Jr.

In the Rockets' opening game against the Magic last Thursday, Smith looked ... bad. He didn't seem to have much confidence, struggled to score the ball (10 points in 31 minutes) and was outshined by No. 1 overall pick Paolo Banchero in just about every way.

It happened again last Saturday against Holmgren and the Thunder, where Smith scored 12 points in 30 minutes on 5-of-19 shooting and looked inconsistent, to say the least.

While there have been flashes of defensive brilliance from Smith, he's well underperformed by the standards of a top-three draft pick — especially when he was supposedly in the conversation to be the No. 1 pick.

But, as is the case with Holmgren, judging Smith off of subpar play this far out from the start of the NBA season is just as ridiculous as hailing Holmgren as the next Hall-of-Fame big man this early.

As a Magic fan, I'm guilty of using Orlando's first two Summer League games as reason for why Banchero will be the greatest basketball player of all-time — which may or may not have been a tweet I sent out last week — but, the reality is, we simply don't know.

Whether it's Banchero dropping dimes, Holmgren shooting the lights out, Golden State Warriors forward Moses Moody showing out with 34 points against the Knicks or Smith underperforming, it's better to take it all with a grain of salt. Temper expectations, refrain from posting a hot take over the Internet and just enjoy the flashes in a pan.

After all, the unexpected breakout stars are exactly what makes Summer League fun.

If you find yourself getting too high or too low on someone based on a Summer League game or two, just remember Nick Johnson. He's the rule, not the exception.

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# PORTER

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Army, Georgia Southern, Radford and Seton Hall, among others.

But when it came to her making her final decision, the importance rested not only on atmosphere or athletic prestige, but academics, too.

"I didn't really want to make it a basketball decision, where I was sacrificing my academics for my athletics, so I kind of wanted them to be 50-50 and get the best of both worlds," Porter said, citing her desire to be a veterinarian when she graduates. "Michigan State has a great Animal Science program with a great vet school, so it was kind of like, 'This is where I want to be.'

Her commitment to the Spartans comes on the heels of one of the most dominant varsity seasons of her career.

After transferring to Northwood last summer, Porter became a crucial member of a Chargers team that went 30-1 during the 2021-22 season and cruised to the first state title in school history, scoring 18 points in the 3A state championship game against the Enka Jets to earn the game's most valuable player award. "She really fit in well, she just has that I-won'tgive-up mentality and is really determined, she never settles," Kerri Snipes, the Chargers' head coach, told the News + Record when asked about Porter's addition to the 2021-22 team. "She was always a competitor in practice and certainly in games, as everyone else could see, but she was also a great leader in the sense of bringing her teammates up. She always tried to push them and build confidence in them, cheering them on in practice when nobody's watching. She just has that grit and tenacity that a lot of athletes don't have, but is just so humble and so caring and loving of everyone else.' In five seasons of varsity basketball — four at Auburn High School in Alabama and one at Northwood — Porter averaged 16.6 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 3.5 steals per game, which included career per-game highs her senior season in rebounds (6.4), assists (3.8) and steals (4.3). She was her team's leader in points and assists all five seasons, along with leading the Chargers in points, rebounds, assists and steals per game last season, while being tied for second in blocks per



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Northwood senior Olivia Porter (green) maneuvers around an Enka defender during the Chargers' 70-42 win over the Jets in the 3A women's basketball state title game on March 12.

game (0.6).

Porter's amassed plenty of both on- and offcourt accolades, too.

On Jan. 4, Porter scored 24 points in a home win over Panther Creek to eclipse the career 2,000-point mark,

for the Memphis Tigers from 1990-93 and Memphis' head coach for two seasons from 2010-11, Larry Porter has also held assistant coaching jobs at eight schools, including Texas (2013, running backs coach), Auburn (2017-20, running backs coach) and North Carolina, where he's been the special teams coordinator/running backs coach under Head Coach Mack Brown since 2021 as part of his second stint with the Tar Heels — the move which brought Olivia to Northwood for her senior season. Porter's older brother, Omari, has a track record on the gridiron, too, having been a top 25 recruit out of Alabama; he now is a junior and plays cornerback at Stanford. From a young age, with her family's athletic background, Olivia was encouraged to play sports. As many as she could. Her mother, Sharmane, was her first basketball coach and she said she stuck with the sport because she "enjoyed it and it was inside, so that was a plus." While in Texas during Larry's one-year stint with the Longhorns in 2013, a YMCA coach introduced Porter to the world of AAU basketball. A couple of years later, after her family had moved to N.C. for the first time, she joined Team Carolina AAU, based out of the Triangle, where she teamed up with Imani Lester — a 2022 Louisville commit out of North Raleigh Christian Academy — and some of her future Northwood teammates. "That kind of took off and we became a really great team and program," Porter said. "That's when things really started opening up for



Northwood senior Olivia Porter poses with the Kay Yow State Championship Most Valuable Player award plaque following the Chargers' 70-42 win over the Enka Jets in the 3A state title game on March 12. She had 18 points in the blowout victory.

me as far as (Power Five) programs like Wake Forest and me visiting them in 7th grade and really honing in on my skills.

"My dad knew what it took to become a D-I athlete, so he was always on me to not necessarily be satisfied with where I am," she added. "We're a competitive family, so we don't let anybody outwork us because you can't really control the talent, but you can control your effort and how hard you work." From there, Porter went on to Auburn High School, where she played four seasons — including her 8th grade year — for the Tigers, leading them to four straight postseason berths, including two **Final Four appearances** where they came up just short. Then came her move back to Pittsboro last year, where she was able to help the Chargers reach the pinnacle, something both she and the Northwood community had been waiting patiently for: a state championship banner. "I feel like we had a more complete team, just as far as there wasn't just two girls that were producing and if we weren't, then nobody could pick up the slack," Porter said. "You couldn't be lackluster with my teammates because they could score. When it came to presses, we knew how to handle them and even our defense, it really pushed us through in some of our games. We were a good defensive team at Auburn, but sometimes we had those dips in the season or even games where we became lackadaisical, so just having that defensive mentality this year really pushed us and got us over the mountain.' Despite having been a multi-time all-conference and all-state player in Alabama, Porter saw her game improve during her one season at Northwood.

that as the season went on, she started driving harder to the basket and strengthened her ability to finish from both sides, becoming a much more well-rounded player.

Porter, however, cited her three-point shooting as the primary skillset that took a leap with the Chargers, jumping from around 27-30% from behind the arc at Auburn to The life of a student-athlete at a major university is rarely easy, but being the daughter of a coach with decades of experience in college sports and the sister of a current D-I athlete, she knew what she was getting herself into.

"It was quick, but I was prepared for it," Porter said. "I had like two weeks to really train, get in shape and condition through strength and conditioning with my dad. He was really on me in making sure that I was in shape because he knew that one thing I didn't want to be as a freshman was out of shape.... When we scrimmaged on the first day, I felt like I was able to compete at my highest level.'

In her first year, Porter isn't yet sure what part she'll play with the Spartans, but it's clear that she'll have opportunities to see the floor and, depending on her performance, might potentially earn her way into a larger role.

"She's going to give it 100%, that's just the person that she is," Snipes added. "She gives 100% in the classroom

er in Northwood history to reach that milestone.

She's also been a twotime Alabama all-state selection (2019 and 2021), a five-time all-conference selection and was one of 10 players picked to represent the East in the North Carolina East-West All-Star Game earlier this week.

But despite how effortless she often makes it seem, Porter's basketball talents didn't emerge overnight, suddenly providing her with the tools to catch the eyes of Division I programs from across the country.

Instead, it took practice, plenty of work and, of course, a little bit of familial assistance.

### **Family ties**

Olivia Porter didn't hesitate when asked if she was the best athlete in her family.

"Yes, I am," Porter said with a laugh. "When we won the state championship, I said (in the post-game press conference) that since I'm the first person to win a state championship, then I'm the most athletic in the family. My brother didn't find that too funny, but he'll be OK."

Porter hails from a family with plenty of experience with Division I college athletics.

Her father, Larry Porter, has been a college football coach for 26 years. His job was one of the major reasons for her family moving from stateto-state throughout her childhood.

A former running back

Snipes mentioned

44-45% at Northwood.

"(At Auburn), I was mostly driving because I was a point guard, but when I got to North Carolina, I played more off the ball and was able to get up some more shots," she explained. "That was a drastic change for me. And it was just knowing that every time I was in the gym shooting and trying to perfect those threes, it was actually paying off in the games."

A few months removed from her final high school game, Porter used one word to describe her lone season as a Charger: magical.

"My teammates and I all knew we had the potential to win a state championship, but it was about us actually putting in the work and listening to coach and testing each other and just becoming that cohesive team," she said. "We were all friends at the end of the day. Some of us played AAU together, some of us won a middle school championship together, so winning and only having one loss and doing so with some of your friends that you've been playing with is one of the best feelings ever. And as an athlete, when you're winning with your friends, you wouldn't want anything else."

## Suiting up a Spartan

Less than 24 hours after arriving in East Lansing on June 22, Porter got to work — practicing, lifting, scrimmaging and preparing for classes that were just a couple of weeks away. ... she gave 100% to our team, she was always committed. She's going to be an impactful player (at Michigan State). She's going to be a big, big part of that team just because of her character and her personality and her perseverance. That's what stands out."

Porter said she's still working to adjust to life away from home — especially coming to grips with the absence of her mom's cooking when she gets out of practice — but, so far, the transition's going smoothly.

There may be nearly four months until the start of her freshman season, but Porter's already itching to get started, excited about what her team brings to the table and how they can improve upon last year's eighth-place Big Ten finish.

"We lost Nia Clouden, a first-round WNBA draft pick, so we're losing 20 points a game," Porter explained, "so just seeing who can pick up those pieces and seeing how we all can gel together because I feel like this team is pretty good. Just seeing how all of that works out is what I'm really excited for. ... And even Coach Suzy (Merchant), being coached by her, she's a pretty great coach and an even better person, so (I'm excited for) just that whole experience."

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# Old Chatham Golf Club to host 2026 U.S Girls' Junior

### From USGA

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. – Ahead of the 73rd U.S. Girls' Junior Championship next week, the USGA announced on Monday that the 2026 U.S. Girls' Junior will be held at Old Chatham Golf Club in Durham from July 13-18.

"We are excited to continue to provide junior golfers with prestigious stages to achieve their dreams," said Tracy Parsons, championship director. "The recipe for a good USGA amateur championship is a fantastic golf course, supportive membership and an enthusiastic golf community, and Old Chatham has all those things. The 2026 U.S. Girls' Junior will be an exceptional experience for all involved."

The 78th installment of the U.S. Girls' Junior will be Old Chatham's second USGA championship. The first was the U.S. Senior Amateur in 2019, when Bob Royak, of Alpharetta, Georgia, defeated Roger Newsom, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, 1 up in the 18-hole final to claim his first USGA title. The club has also hosted the 2018 North Carolina Senior Four-Ball Championship, 2017 Carolinas Super Senior Four-Ball Championship, 2014 North Carolina Mid-Amateur Championship and 2009 North Carolina Amateur Championship.

"We are pleased to welcome the U.S. Girls' Junior to Old Chatham," said Allen Wilson, president of Old Chatham Golf Club. "To host the most elite junior players at our club will be a tremendous opportunity for our community. We had a wonderful experience hosting the 2019 U.S. Senior Amateur. The golfers enjoyed the challenge and beauty of Old Chatham and mentioned how they felt so welcomed throughout the week. We plan to build on that experience for the girls in 2026 and look forward to shining a

light on the future of women's golf."

Designed in 2001 by Rees Jones, who has renovated seven U.S. Open courses, Old Chatham sits on 400 acres of protected pine woodlands on the northeast shore of Jordan Lake. Jones and associate Greg Muirhead are currently in the process of overseeing an extensive renovation that included converting fairways to zorro zoysiagrass and greens to Mach 1 hybrid bermudagrass. rebuilding the bunkers and tees and adding a new water feature on the par-four 16th hole.

This championship will be the 39th USGA championship held in North Carolina. The state hosted the 2022 U.S. Women's Open Presented by Pro-Medica in early June at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in Southern Pines, and will next host the Inaugural U.S. Adaptive Open at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club next week. This year's U.S. Girls' Junior will be played from July 18-23 at the Club at Olde Stone in Bowling Green, Kentucky. In 2021, medalist Rose Zhang defeated Bailey Davis, 6 and 4, in the final of the championship's 72nd edition at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Zhang also captured the 2020 U.S Women's Amateur and is currently the No 1 player in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking<sup>®</sup>.

First conducted in 1949, the U.S. Girls' Junior is open to female amateurs who have not turned 19 by the final day of the championship and have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 9.4. Notable champions include three-time winner Hollis Stacy, Mickey Wright, Nancy Lopez, Amy Alcott, JoAnne Gunderson Carner, Pat Hurst, I.K. Kim, Inbee Park, Ariya Jutanugarn and Lexi Thompson. The U.S Girls' Junior champion earns an exemption into the following year's U.S. Women's Open Championship.

### About the USGA

The USGA is a nonprofit organization that celebrates, serves and advances the game of golf. Founded in 1894, we conduct many of golf's premier professional and amateur championships, including the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open Presented by ProMedica. With The R&A, we govern the sport via a global set of playing, equipment, handicap ping and amateur status rules. The USGA campus in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, is home to the Association's Research and Test Center, where science and innovation are fueling a healthy and sustainable game for the future. The campus is also home to the USGA Golf Museum, where we honor the game by curating the world's most comprehensive archive of golf artifacts. To learn more, visit usga.org.

# ALSTON

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A&T Aggies in Greensboro from 1977-81.

Alston's hiring marks the seventh J-M alumni on the school's current head coaching staff, joining the baseball, basketball, football, golf, softball and swimming programs.

"It's a little bit of a mix," Harris said when asked about J-M's tendency to hire former athletes. "They have a good understanding of Siler City, so that always helps, but they've also just been the best options. It's probably more of a coincidence in how it's worked out, but it's as much them and their interest in coming back as it has been us seeking it out.'

Given Alston's long and illustrious coaching history, ending up at his alma mater 45 years later is hardly a surprise.

But to a younger version of himself, the sport he's coaching might've been.

## 'A student of the game'

A few decades ago, If you would have told Alston that he'd be the nead volleyball coach at Jordan-Matthews, he wouldn't have believed you. "They didn't even have volleyball at Jordan-Matthews when I was in high school," Alston recalled. "When I was at A&T, I walked into the gym every night and volleyball was going on — because it was the same time as football season — but I didn't pay an ounce of at-



Submitted photo

Johnny Alston poses with a basketball, the sport he's coached for decades alongside volleyball. Alston has been a volleyball coach in Chatham County for 7 years, but has been involved in the sport for over three decades.

tention to it. I just walked through on the way to somewhere else and they'd be playing and I'd watch maybe a minute."

After graduating from N.C. A&T in 1981, Alston started his coaching career in Lawrenceville, Virginia, where he spent time coaching middle school basketball and football. While in Virginia, he coached players like former Virginia Cavalier and 10-year NBA veteran Bryant Stith, who he still has contact with today.

There, he became engulfed in basketball coaching circles through out the region, connecting with legendary minds like former UNC coaching Hall-of-Famer Dean Smith. But once Alston left Virginia, late J-M football coach Phil Senter helped him find a middle school coaching gig in Liberty, where he was originally hired to coach basketball. It was there that he

volleyball.

"They asked me to coach volleyball (in Liberty) and I said, 'Man, I don't know anything about volleyball,'" Alston said, laughing. "We went 7-7 that year and I sort of liked it. It was a lot of fun. The girls did a great job, so the next year, we started winning. We won some county championships and then it just became a given that, after basketball season, I'd coach volleyball.

For years, he coached middle school volleyball in Randolph County, including at Northeastern Middle School in Liberty, where he helped start a county-wide volleyball tournament and eventually coached his daughter, who also fell in love with the game and played both school and club volleyball. Alston's first taste of high school volleyball came in 2008, when he went to Providence Grove High School to begin helping out former

Patriots head coach Tony Joyce as an assistant, who he praised for his knowledge of the game.

"I went over there and learned even more about the game because he was a good volleyball coach," Alston said. "He knew what he was doing. But I also got exposed to better teams in other areas of the state moreso than just the middle school teams in Randolph County, which helped a lot.

"Once I got to high school and started seeing it played at a high level, I started coaching, planning and learning more," he added. "I'm still a student of the game myself."

While at Providence Grove, Alston began seeing more of his athletes taking volleyball to the next level, most notably Tori Baldwin, who went on to play four seasons at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and become the Rams' all-time blocks leader (519).

"One day I was driving back from Washington, D.C., and I was going through Richmond and I looked up and her picture was on a billboard," Alston said proudly. "I was like, 'Oh my Lord.' That was sort of neat."

During his time in Randolph County, Alston

# 'Leave (it) better than you found it'

In 2015, just one year removed from the program's inaugural varsity season, Chatham Charter hired Alston in what would be his first varsity volleyball head coaching role.

The Knights also named him the head coach of the women's basketball team, which he led to a 12-16 overall record and the program's first playoff appearance in his one season on the job.

In seven years at Chatham Charter, Alston created a legacy.

He was instrumental in molding the Knights' youth volleyball camp early on, the formula and structure of which was eventually adopted by men's basketball head coach Jason Messier for his youth basketball camps.

"He's really done a lot for our school and even for me professionally," Fields said. "Especially as a young (athletic director), him being around athletics for 25-35 years really helped. If I had something come up or he saw something better or experienced something in another school, I'd ask The next day, Alston took a trip to the emergency room and was later diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), a form of cancer that starts in the bone marrow and can quickly spread to the blood and other parts of the body.

As tough as it was to hear the diagnosis, Alston said one of the hardest parts was coming to terms with the idea that his season was over and he'd miss the Knights' first-ever postseason appearance.

Determined to get back onto the court, Alston went through a series of treatments and, right before Christmas of 2018, he found out he was in remission.

In March 2019, Alston underwent a bone marrow transplant aimed at keeping him in remission and, as of now, is still cancer-free.

"According to the doctor, he said from that point, I've got to go five years before he uses the word 'cured," Alston told the News + Record last October, "but so far, my appointments have been going well."

'Getting to know Coach Alston, even when he had cancer and was sick, he was always upbeat and positive," Fields recalled. "You would've thought he'd won the lottery. ... He always said, 'We're going to make it through. It's going to be all right."" Alston rejoined the Knights after a year off in 2019-20 — when the team was coached by Holley Hall, who led them to a 16-12 record and a playoff berth — and posted backto-back winning seasons before he stepped down this offseason. Chatham Charter improved each season under Alston, never having fewer wins than it did the season before — aside from the COVID-shortened 2020-21 season, where the Knights went 5-4. "I remember a saying from Burton Cates up there at Eastern Randolph ... he said something along the lines of, 'Leave the program better than you found it," Alston said. "I think we accomplished that (at Chatham Charter).' In his next step, Alston has the opportunity to take over the volleyball team at his alma mater, a team that he said he believes has been trending in the right direction. "At Jordan-Matthews, hopefully, everything will fall in place and they can look up and feel like we're going in the right direction," Alston said. "I just love teaching the game.... Hopefully, we can have a great run of success down there.'

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continued to make connections with coaches throughout the state in both basketball and volleyball, providing him with some of the best coaching minds to both lean on and glean information from.

"The man knows almost everyone in North Carolina in some capacity at the high school and college level," Fields said with a chuckle. nim questions and he'd tell me, 'This is how we did it at PG or in Asheboro.' ... He's a great sounding board with a lot of experience."

In 2018, during Alston's fourth season coaching the Knights' volleyball team, he began experiencing chest pains and shortness of breath the same night the team won its 10th game of the year, a first for the program.

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# POLICE REPORTS

# FROM CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On July 1. Barbara Jo Meltzer, 61, of 260 Blue Rock Trail, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Vincent Iorio for neglect of disabled/elder person causing injury and abuse of a disabled/ elder person causing injury. She was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 6.

On July 1, Aja Nickea Sutton, 25, of 47 Chester St. Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Vincent Iorio for failure to appear. She was issued a \$2,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Randolph County District Court in Asheboro on July 14

On July 3, Teddy Leon Martin, 33, of 181 Alex Watson Rd., Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for obtaining property by false pretense, identity theft and financial car theft. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 18. Martin was also arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 27.

On July 3, Mark Alexander Thompson Jr., 33, of 2554 Gemena Rd., Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for possession of a firearm by a felon, carrying a concealed gun, possession of marijuana up to 0.5 ounces, driving while license revoked, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and possession of an open container(s) of alcohol in the passenger area of vehicle. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County

District Court in Pittsboro on July 18.

On July 4, Timothy Claude Phillips, 60, of 121 Miss Jane Way, B, Siler City was arrested by Deputy Brooke Roberts for larceny of a motor vehicle and assault inflicting serious injury. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 18.

On July 4, Nelson Alejandro Gomez-Perez, 19, of 2920 Chapel Hill St., Durham, was arrested for failure to appear, breaking or entering in a motor vehicle, financial card theft, conspiracy to obtain property under false pretense, possession of stolen goods/property, attempting to obtain property under false pretense, identity theft and financial card fraud. He was issued a \$25,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Durham County District Court in Durham on August 1.

On July 4, Giovanny Palma Perez, 19, of 117 North Adams St., Durham, was arrested by Deputy Brooke Roberts for larcenv of a motor vehicle. He was issued a \$5,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Wake County District Court in Raleigh on July 20.

On July 4, Jimmy Lee Kidd, 35, of 11904 N.C. Hwy. 902, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy John Beach for Domestic Violence Protective Order violation. He was placed on a 48 hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 20.

On July 4, Kiera Nicole Payne, 22, of 75 Evie Lynn Rd., Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for simple assault. She was placed on a 48 hour Domestic Violence hold

and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 20.

On July 5, Brandy Raynee Jones, 38, of 1309 Marks Rd., Cameron, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for driving while impaired, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license revoked. She was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 5.

On July 5, Segee Lynn, 32, of 200 Chatham Business Dr., Apt. 208, Pittsboro, was arrested by Staff Sergeant Feliciano Jimenez for failure to appear. She was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court in Sanford on July 27.

On July 5, Bryan Cameron McDaniel, 45, of 1086 Martha's Chapel Rd., Apex, was arrested by Deputy Joseph Scott for driving while license revoked. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Wake County District Court in Raleigh on October 24.

On July 6, Roy Dean Maness, Jr., 59, of 67 Cobles Boy Road Dr., Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for assault on a female. He was placed on a 48 hour domestic violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 20.

On July 6, Danny Lynn Brewer, 56, of 270 Dusty Rd., Goldston, was arrested by Deputy Matthew Mitchell for felony possession of a Schedule I controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a firearm by a felon. He was issued a \$25,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on

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On July 6, Madison Dunn, 18, of 5248 Old U.S. 421 South, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Zackary Gross for failure to appear. She was issued a \$100 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Julv 19.

On July 8, Kaleb Anthony Zimmer, 21, of 2400 Krista Kim Drive, High Point, was arrested by Deputy Mackenzie Abbott for failure to appear related to possession of heroin. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in **Guilford County District Court** in Greensboro on July 21.

On July 8, Jonathan Therome Speight, 50, of 1735 Lincoln Avenue, Winston Salem, was arrested by Deputy Conner Lee for failure to appear. He was issued a \$200 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 26.

On July 9, Daniel Noel Barber, 24, of 103 Winston Way, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Vincent Iorio for **Domestic Violence protective** order violation, assault on a female, false imprisonment, communicating threats and second-degree trespass. He was placed on a 48 hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Julv 20.

On July 10, Shawn Lyle Grubb, 48, of 799 Legacy Falls Dr S., Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for indecent liberties with a child, attempted 1st degree forcible rape, kidnapping/abduction, assault on a female, false imprisonment and statutory sexual offense with a child by an

adult. He was issued a \$100,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on August 15.

On July 10, Paris Caelan Baldwin, 22, of 95 Ricky Road, Staley, was arrested by Deputy Conner Lee for discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling and injury to real property. He was issued a \$10,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 18. Baldwin was also arrested by Deputy Lee for failure to appear. He was issued a \$100 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 15.

On July 10, Corey Bynum Burns, 35, of 2974 Dewitt Smith Road, Pittsboro, was arrested by Deputy Conner Lee on two warrants from another jurisdiction. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 18

On July 10, Kansas Star Philbrick, 27, of 2974 DeWitt Smith Road, Pittsboro, was arrested by Staff Sergeant Paul Carroll for two warrants from another jurisdiction. She was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 18.

On July 11, Tina Marie Beers, 38, of 305 N. Dogwood Avenue, Bear Creek, was arrested by Corporal Brandal Harrington for breaking and entering, larceny after breaking/entering, possession of burglary tools, and larceny of a firearm. She was issued a \$25,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on July 18.

# **CCCC** will host **Career Community Exploration Day** at Chatham Main Campus

PITTSBORO — Central Carolina Community College will host Career Community Exploration Day on Tuesday, July 19, at the CCCC Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro the event is free and open to the public.

The event will be open from 2 to 6:45 p.m., with those attending should visit the check-in station in Building 41 (Chatham Administration) before the

# **3 CCS students receive** scholarships from Delta Sigma Theta area chapter

PITTSBORO — The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority announced July 1, 2022, the three recipients chosen to receive scholarships this year.

Naziare Headen-Stacken, a graduate of Jordan-Matthews High School who will be attending North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and Kennedy Poston, a graduate of Northwood High School who will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill, each received \$2,500 as recipients of the Isnna J. Hall Scholarship. Deontae Jordan Glover, a graduate of the Chatham School of Science & Engineering who will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill, was awarded \$1,500 as the recipient of the Fortitude Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes a student who has overcome adversity and shown strength of character. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., encourages and supports the advancement of educational opportunities for all. The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta carries out the charge by awarding scholarships to graduating students in the chapter's service area of Orange and Chatham counties. The chapter has awarded more than \$190,500 in scholarships to 251 students since its chartering on March 18, 1979. Erika Newkirk, who served as chairperson of the scholarship committee,

said the organization was thrilled to recognize all three.

"These are special young people, and we are so glad to help support them as they take their pathways to continued success in college and their future

careers," Newkirk said. "They worked hard in high school and all three have outstanding character. We are proud to be a part of helping them begin this next chapter."

*—CN+R staff reports* 



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In addition, the following additional events will be at Building 41 (Chatham Administration): Check-in (before your first session), On-Site Class Registration (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.), Coffee With The Provost (3:45-4:30 p.m.), Let's Talk Money Workshop and Financial Aid & Financial Literacy Workshop (4:30 - 5 p.m.), and Campus Tours (3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.).

To register, visit bit.ly/3ObSG0R.

For more information, contact Candice Solis, CCCC Director of Onboarding and Success, at (919) 718-7565 or email csolis@cccc.edu.

To learn more about Central Carolina Community College and its various programs, visit www.cccc.edu.

# Teachers, get your applications in for a **Bright Ideas education grant!**

Central Electric is awarding up to \$15,000 in Bright Ideas education grants to local educators in K-12 classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year.

The final deadline for all grant applications is Sept. 16, but don't wait to apply. Applications submitted prior to the early-bird deadline on Aug. 15 will be entered to win one of five \$100 Visa<sup>°</sup> gift cards. For more information or to submit an application, visit NCBrightIdeas.com.

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- Caregiver Support Group at 6:00 PM (Chatham Community Library)

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- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program w/Olivia at 2:00 PM (Aerobic Room, WCSC) 🍟

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- Strong & Fit w/Olivia at 9:00 AM (Aerobic Room, WCSC)
- Friday Night Dance at 7:00 PM (at WCSC)

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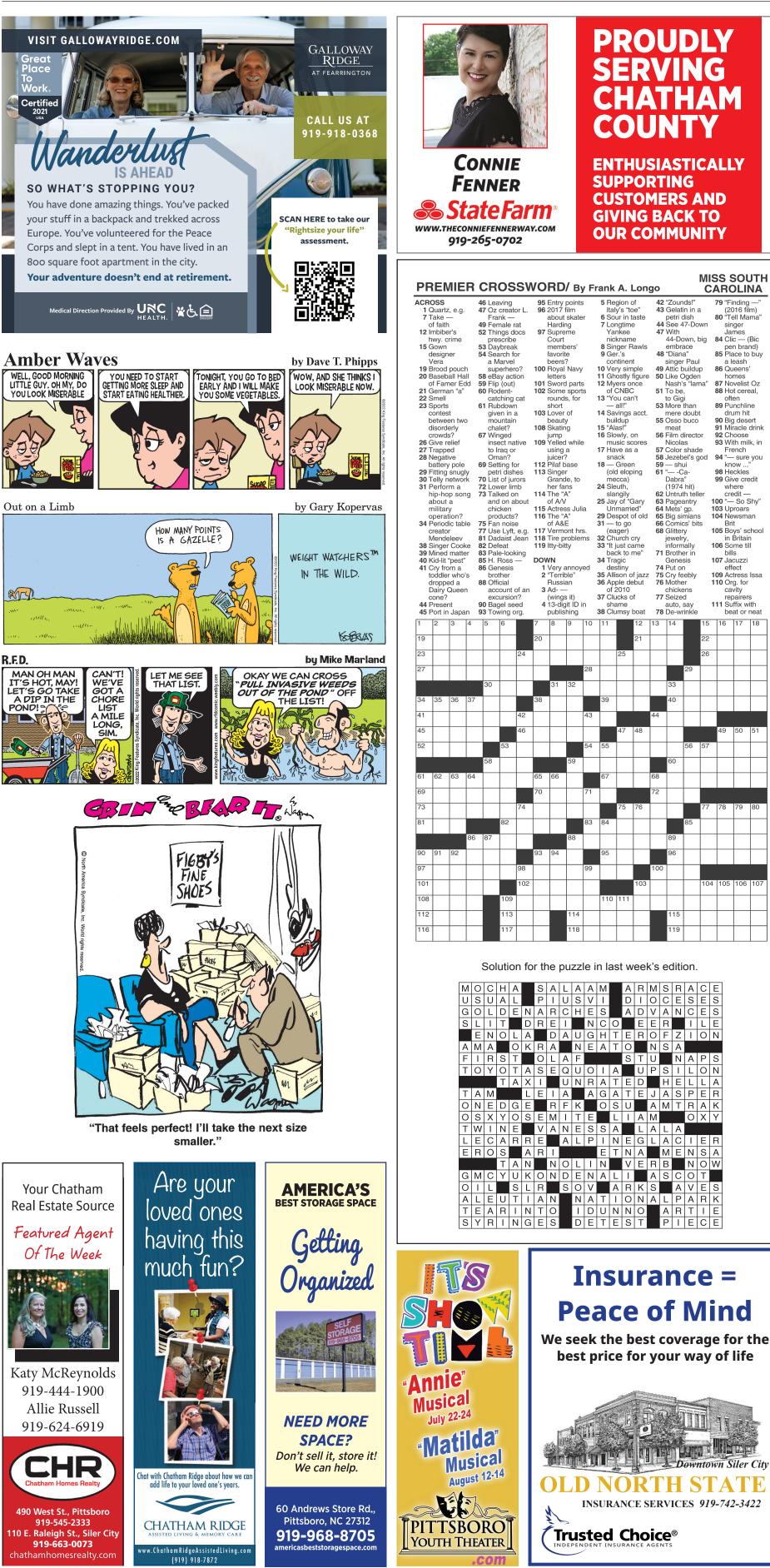
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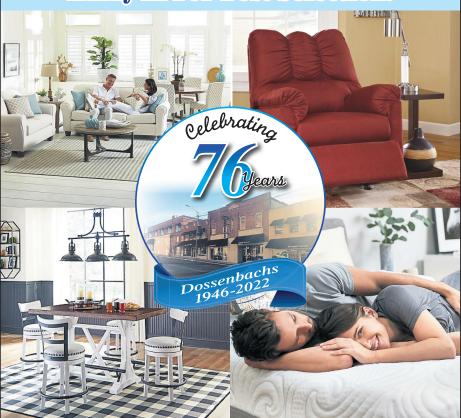
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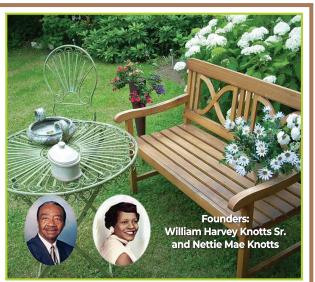
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# Making things out of stuff

I'll bet, Gentle Reader, that occasionally (probably after reading something I've written that is particularly entitled, ill-informed, or dog forbid, deeply unfunny) you might have pondered to yourself: "Self! Who



DEBBIE MATTHEWS The Curious Cook

beloved newspaper and makes out like she's some big fancy all things food expert?

beloved,

worthy of

Pulitzers

all 'round

"Did she go to culinary school?

"Has she cheffed in a restaurant?

Has she written a cookbook? "Has she ever cooked on PBS? "Does she know all the words to Bohemian Rhapsody?'

# **A Proper Baked Potato**

Large russet spuds Some type of fat, butter, olive oil ...

Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Wash potatoes and dry them. Spread a layer of fat all over the potato, then spread a tablespoon of kosher salt and a couple of generous pinches of pepper all over as well.

degrees, and bake for 45 more.

### Serve immediately. Duck, Duck, Fat Mushroom Ragout

2 yellow onions sliced in half then slice into Đ inch half moons

2 tablespoons duck fat

1-pound wild mushrooms, cleaned and sliced thinly 1 teaspoon dry thyme

- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup Marsala wine
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Heat the duck fat on medium, then add sliced onions. Cover and cook on medium for 5-7 minutes.

Remove lid, and cook on medium-low until the liquid cooks away and the onions begin to color. Add mushrooms cover, raise heat to medium and cook for 5-7 minutes.

Uncover, turn to medium-low, cook until the 'shrooms start to color.

Add Marsala and cook on medium until the wine has food, bold enough to bug anybody who knows something about food, cooking, or recipes, and lucky enough to have spent a lot of time around a lot of people who were both amazing at what they do and kind enough to teach me and answer every question at the drop of a hat.

But I was, unlike The Kid, no culinary prodigy.

I always get uncharacteristically quiet when people start talking about the first thing they ever cooked.

Forced to spill, and spill truthfully, the answer would be a casserole made with ground beef cooked to a uniform taupe, a can of peas, juice and all, and a couple of peeled potatoes.

Oh, and no salt and/or pepper.

I was so proud of it and it must have tasted like a dry, yet curiously mushy place where dreams go to die.

using an infra-red thermometer which measures the surface temp. I cooked it for 2 1/2 hours before giving up.

I had to throw away the pot.

The time I made a seafood casserole and didn't know you had to pick through the crab meat for pieces of shell before using.

Maybe casseroles and I need to reevaluate our relationship.

The recipes and photo are what happened when I undercooked a baked potato (accidentally turned off the oven) and underestimated the time it would take to make a cream sauce; something that doesn't do, "sit around and wait" very well.

So, I cut it into chunks and finished cooking the spud in

the sauce. It was tasty and soul satis-

fying. The potato thing happened last week.

The desperation casserole that as a young bride I made out of the last few cans (labeled and kitchen. not) in the very back of the cabinet that had to have been some kind of chemical warfare crime against the Geneva Convention. The time I made fudge and instead of a candy thermometer I had the brilliant idea of mom.

Place into a shallow pan. Bake for 45 minutes, flip 180

- No.
- No.
- No.
- No.

Why, actually I do! How kind

of you to ask about it!

reduced to an almost syrup consistency.

Take off heat, stir in cream and return to burner on low, Cook until sauce is thick and glossy. Season, taste, and reseason, if needed.

Serve immediately

Look, Gentle Reader, if you're looking for a bona fide, professional, highly regarded

food expert, I'm a big fan of Julia Child, but that ain't me. I'm somebody who loves

I'm still capable of being a hot and bloody mess in the

So no, Gentle Reader I am nobody's food role model.

More like a horrible, horrible object lesson or cautionary tale.

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

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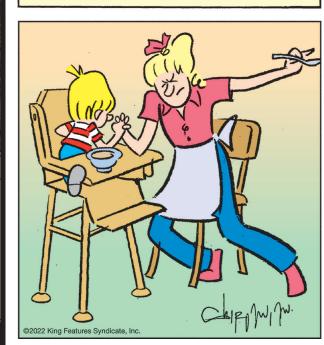








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# LEGALS

**NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** The undersigned, Samantha Marie Arzate, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of MAYBELLINE ANN ARZATE, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 23rd 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 23rd day of June, 2022 Samantha Marie Arzate, Administrator 79 Oldham MHP Pittsboro, NC 27312 919-548-2703 W. Ben Atwater, Jr. P.O. Box 629 Siler City, NC 27344 919-663-2850 benatwater@chathamlawfirm. com

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. Jennifer M. Yacobellis, Administrator 510 Raleigh St. Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

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# **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

22 E 220 All persons having claims against **AMY W. WHITT AKA** AMY WAGNER WHITT, deceased, late of Chatham Countv. 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

# **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against SANDRA M. WARD, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to present them to Barbara M. LaFevers, Administratrix of the Estate of Sandra M. Ward, Estate File Number: 22 E 242, on or before September 23, 2022, in care of the below Attorney at Law at her address, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to Sandra M. Ward, please make immediate payment. This 23rd day of June, 2022 Lisa K. Vira, Attorney at Law The Vira Law Firm, P.A. 205 West Main Street, Suite 207 Carrboro, NC 27510

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### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA** CHATHAM COUNTY

Philippe Jean Schaefer, having qualified as the Executor of the Estate of **RUTH ANN** SCHAEFER, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on February 16, 2022, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on

olina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th 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 27th day of June, 2022

Jonathan Joseph Paryz, Executor 1028 St. Cloud Loop Apex, NC 27523

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### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 312

All persons having claims against **DENNIS COOK aka** DENNIS ROSS COOK, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th 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 27th day of June, 2022. Adam Cook, Executor 114 Vintage Hill Cir Apex, NC 27539

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### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** 22 E 334

All persons having claims against **BARBARA ANDREWS** JONES, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th 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 27th day of June, 2022. Ashley Rabbitt, Executrix 115 Matt Dr Bell Buckle, TN 37020 Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,4tp

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY** 22 E 339

All persons having claims against ALFONSINA MARIE THYLSTRUP, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th 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 27th day of June, 2022. Celeste D'Emilio, Executrix 6065 70th Avenue Ridgewood, NY 11385

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# NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**

The undersigned, having qual-ified on the 17th day of June, 2022, as Executor of the Estate of **RAYMOND C. LAUVER,** 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 30th day of September, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 30th day of June, 2022. Franklin Street Trust Companv. Executor of the Estate of Raymond C. Lauver Post Office Box 57579 Durham, North Carolina 27 717 G. Rhodes Craver Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,4tc

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### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY**

The undersigned, having qualified on the 10th day of June, 2022, as Executor of the Estate of BEVERLEE A. Mc-NEILL aka Beverlee Ann McNeil 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 23rd day of Sep-tember, 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 23rd day of June, 2022. Lorene Tripp, Executor of the Estate of

Beverlee A. McNeil aka Beverlee Ann McNeil

Julia G. Henry, Esquire Kennon Craver, PLLC 4011 University Drive, Suite 300 Durham, North Carolina 27707 Jn23,Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,4tc

# NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 316

All persons having claims against **SANDRA M. ELIXSON,** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are

or before September 21, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This the 21st day of June, 2022. Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandeveer, 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1. Austin C. Vandeveer, Attorney of Record 101 Conner Drive, Suite 402

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** 22 E 288

All persons having claims against ROBERT THOMAS BOONE, JR., deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 30th 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. Carol Ann Rinzler, Executrix 4 Neptune Dr. Groton, CT 06340

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# CHATHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS **NORTH CAROLINA** CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Steven Hur-ley, having qualified as Execuof the Estate of JANICE M. HURLEY (also known as Janice Marie Hurley), deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the under signed on or before the 30th 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 24th day of June, 2022. Steven Hurley, Executor of the Estate of Janice M. Hurley c/o Whatley Law, PLLC PO Box 904 Kernersville, NC 27285 Jn30,Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,4tp

# NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** HAVING QUALIFIED as Co-Ex-

ecutors of the Estate of PERCY W. HORTON, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** 22 E 165

All persons having claims against WILMA M. ROBINSON, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 5th day of July, 2022. Jamie Robinson, Executor 1513 Duet Dr.



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This the 7th day of July, 2022 Ira A. Hallman, Sr. and

Timothy Lee Hallman, Execu-

HALLMAN aka MARGIE LEE

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

ESTATE OF ALLEN MARK

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deceased, of Chatham County,

NC. are notified to exhibit the

same to the undersigned on

or before October 7, 2022, or

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tors of the Estate of MARGIE LEE COLLINS

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the undersigned.

c/o Samuel Gray,

P.O. Box 1381,

HALLMAN

in bar of their recovery. All per-

indebted to the said estate will

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 371

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of SHIRLEY C. STROWD, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 4041 Mt. Gilead Church Road, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 7th day of October, 2022 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 29th day of June, 2022. John Wayne Strowd, Jr. 4041 Mt. Gilead Church Road Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

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27312-0880 Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,4tc

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 327

Having qualified as Executors of the Estate of MARGIE LEE COLLINS HALLMAN aka MARGIE LEE HALLMAN, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before

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against NANCY W. McCOY, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of October, 2022. or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 5th day of July, 2022. Teresa M. Crumley, Executrix 759 Newbern Ave Asheboro, NC 27205 Jy7,Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,4tp

EXECUTOR NOTICE **NORTH CAROLINA** CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor

of the Estate of TAD WHIT-COMB JONES, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before October 30, 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.

Susan Edison Jones Hartley, Executor

c/o Thomas A. Earls, Attorney at Law 102-B Fountainbrook Circle

Cary, NC 27511 Phone: (919) 462-9177 Jy14, Jy21, Jy28, Au4, 4tc

# NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** 22 E 381

All persons having claims against JAMES LEE MCDI-ARMID, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 12th day of July, 2022.

Matthew McDiarmid 9474 Hwy 87 N Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,Au4,4tp

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Special Proceedings NO. 18 SP 158 Substitute Trustee: Philip A.

Glass+ Date of Sale: July 26, 2022 Time of Sale: 10:00 a.m. Place of Sale: Chatham County

Courthouse Description of Property: Exhibit A

BEING all of Lot 106, containing 0.14 Acres, more or less, as shown and described on Plat entitled, "Harmony Hills Subdivision Phase One", dated July 17, 2002, prepared by Stalling urveying, and recorded in Plat Slide 2003-10 and 2003-11. Chatham County Registry. together with the right of access, ingress and regress across the roads in Harmony Hills Subdivision as shown on Plat, reference to which is hereby made for greater certainty of description. (1) The above described prop-erty is subject to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Harmony Hills Subdivision, recorded in Book 991, Page 124, Chatham Coun-

ty Registry. Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record, and utility lines and rights of way in existence over, under or upon the above described property. PIN: 8752-15-62-9628 Property Address: 1703 Signing Sound Way, Siler City, NC 27344 Record Owners: Trazon Euell Mason Address of Property: 1703

Grantors: Trazon Euell Mason and wife, Rahma Mateen Mason

**Original Beneficiary: State** Employees' Credit Union CONDITIONS OF SALE: Should the property be purchased by a third party, that person must pay the tax of Forty-five Cents (45¢) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1).

This sale is made subject to all unpaid taxes and superior liens or encumbrances of record and assessments, if any, against the said property and any recorded leases. This sale is also subject to any applicable county land transfer tax, and the successful third party bidder shall be required to make payment for any such county land transfer tax A cash deposit of 5% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30 (d) and (e). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

Residential real property with less than 15 rental units, including single-family residential real property: an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. Dated: 4/27/22 Philip A. Glass, Substitute Trustee Trustee Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P. Posted on 5/4/22 Jy14,Jy21,2tc

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 22-E-105 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, Alton Rayvon King, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of BERTA FAYE JOHNSON KING. 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 12th October, 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 14th day of July. 2022. Alton Rayvon King, Executor H Hon

them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 14th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment This 14th day of July, 2022.

Joyce A. Waterbury AKA Joyce W. Weston, Executrix, Estate of Jean G.

Waterbury Tillman, Whichard & Cagle,

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### **AMENDED NOTICE OF FORE-CLOSURE SALE** 21 SP 8 **NORTH CAROLINA**

**CHATHAM COUNTY** Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Martin W. Pinnock and Lucinda P. Pinnock (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Martin W. Pinnock) to Michael J. Broker, Trustee(s), dated June 8, 2006, and recorded in Book No. 1270, at Page 271 in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the promissory note secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument dulv recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on July 28, 2022 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in Goldston in the County of Chatham, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows: The land referred to is described as follows: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Gulf Township, Chatham County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a railroad spike in the southern right of way line of Audubon Lane. the same being a common corner between the lands of Herman Stout and Mrs. Caudle. and runs thence as the Caudle line South 37 degrees 42 minutes East 150 feet to an iron stake. southwestern corner of the Caudle land; thence North 52 degrees 18 minutes East 150 feet to an iron stake, the southeastern corner of Caudle land in the western right of way line of a proposed street known as Durham Street; thence as the said proposed street line South 37 degrees 42 minutes East 252.3 feet to an iron stake with white oak pointers; thence as the J.D. Johnson line South 11 degrees 35 minutes West 220 feet to a large cedar tree. an old corner between J.D. Johnson, Stout, and Gwen; thence as the Gwen line South 14 degrees 20 minutes West 128.7 feet to an iron axle on the hillside, another corner with the Gwen Land; thence South 76 degrees 35 minutes West 109.1 feet to a solid iron

the southern line of Audubon Lane North 52 degrees 18 minutes East 174 feet to the point of beginning and more particularly shown on a map by Hal T. Siler, Registered Land Surveyor, dated June 26, 1987, entitled, "Property of John Russell Wilkins, Jr. and wife, Karen T. Wilkins." Together with improvements located thereon: said property being located at 96 Audubon Lane, Goldston, North Carolina. BEING the same property conveyed to Martin W. Pinnock and Lucinda P. Pinnock by Deed dated 02/01/05 recorded 02/04/05 in Book 1157, Page 518.

Parcel/Tax I.D.#: 9167 Commonly known as: 96 Auburn Lane, Goldston, NC 27252 Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax. as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition are expressly disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws.

A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or sever hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in its sole discretion, if it believes the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1. 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SER-VICES, INC.

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Singing Sound Way Siler City, NC 27344 Deed of Trust: Book: 1698 Page: 709 Dated: July 19, 2013

Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,Au4,4tc

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS **NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

The undersigned, having qual-ified as Executrix of the Estate of JEAN G. WATERBURY, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit



West 23.25 feet to an iron pipe. corner with the lands of Frank D. Hayes as shown on the map thereof recorded in Map Book 6, Page 69, Chatham County Registry; thence as the line of Haves and E.M. Harris, Sr., North 36 degrees 55 minutes West 320.9 feet to an iron pipe, the E.M. Harris corner in the line of the David W. Fields property; thence as the Fields line North 52 degrees 05 minutes East 38 feet to a solid iron rod in the ditch; thence North 32 degrees 30 minutes West along the lines of David W. Fields and Mrs. Earl Stout and near along the center of the ditch 261.4 feet to an iron pipe in the southern line of

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY

**22-E-373** All persons having claims against **RUBY MAE SCURLOCK**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of October, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the14th day of July, 2022. George C. Scurlock, Jr., Administrator c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC PO Box 97035 Raleigh, NC 27624 Jy14,Jy21,Jy28,Au4,4tc

# **PUBLIC NOTICE** North Carolina Environmental

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

requested renewal of NPDES permit NC0026441 with flow expansion for its Siler City Wastewater Treatment Plant located in Chatham County. This permitted facility discharges treated municipal and industrial wastewater to the Loves Creek, a class C water in the Cape Fear River Basin. Some of the parameters in the permit are water quality limited. This discharge may affect future allocations in this segment of the Loves Creek. Jy14,1tc

## PITTSBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

All current and past members of Pittsboro Baptist Church are invited to attend its 175th anniversary kick-off, to be held from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, at its property on Hwy. 902, next to Roco Fuerte Church.

Wood Family Tradition, an award-winning bluegrass band, will be the featured entertainment. In addition, there will be entertainment for the kids including a performance by the Hands-in-Service puppet team. A barbeque chicken lunch will be provided. Those who would like to attend are asked to RSVP by September 5 by calling the church at 919-542-2986 or email pittsborobaptist175@ gmail.com.

All past and current members are also invited to Homecoming, Sunday, October 9. Todd Unzicker, executive director/treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of N.C. will be the guest speaker. The worship service will be followed

cheon. Former PBC pastors and staff members are asked to RSVP if they plan to attend Homecoming, so that they can be recognized during the service. RSVP by calling the church at 919-542-2986.

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# CHURCH NEWS

# MOON'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Everyone is invited to Vacation Bible School at Moon's Chapel Baptist Church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on July 17-21.

This year's theme will be "Monumental - Celebrating God's Greatness." There will be classes for ages 3-18, with

an adult class for ages 19-100 (all adults).

The church is located at 175 Moon's Chapel Rd., Siler City.

# OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Youth of Oakley Baptist Church are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3. Everyone is invited to donate and bring a friend if possible. The church is located at 2300 Siler City-Glendon Road, Siler City.

Sign up at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

# As inflation hits power bills, here's how to get help

From the grocery store to the gas pump, North Carolinians are all feeling pinched by the rising costs of many of the products they rely on daily.

The energy sector is not immune – over the past year, costs for the fuel Duke Energy needs to produce energy have tripled. Thankfully, carbon-free nuclear power provides half of our energy in the Carolinas. North Carolina is fourth in the nation for solar power, so fuel expenses have not impacted customer bills as drastically here as in other regions of the country.

But with summer heating up and air conditioning systems running longer, electric bills will inevitably increase. So I wanted to take this opportunity to share some resources that can make a difference.

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er in summer and winter. This service, provided by Duke Energy, calculates an average bill based on your past usage, keeping your bill predictable from month to month. It also offers a variety of energy-saving tips and efficiency programs, including the Home Energy House Call, a free in-home assessment that provides information about your energy use and personalized strategies to save you money.

Then there are income-qualified programs for both homeowners and renters, including replacement of inefficient refrigerators and other old appliances, heating/ cooling system replacement, and weatherization services through either Duke Energy or the state weatherization program. For those most in need, we offer the Share the Light Fund – details about that and additional resources can be found at duke-energy.com/billhelp.

Beyond Duke Energy, other government programs and nonprofit agencies supply aid for a wide range of needs, including help with utility bills. To see if you may qualify for local assistance programs, dial 211 or visit nc211. org, an information and referral service provided by United Way of North Carolina.

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