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ELECTIONS 2022: CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF

MIKE: Roberson wants to build on successes

BY BILL HORNER III
News + Record Staff

His title may be Chatham County Sheriff, yet the man who holds that office is known to most in the community simply as "Mike."
Mike Roberson, who's seeking a second four-year term in November, doesn't mind. Appointed to the position in 2016 and then reelected to a four-year term in 2018, Roberson says one of the strengths of his tenure as sheriff has been his belief in treating everyone "like family," including those in custody.
"I have worked diligently to build and maintain positive relationships with community members by listening and remaining open to ideas," Roberson, 54,



Roberson

a Democrat, said. "I love helping people and want to continue to serve my home community."

The incumbent sheriff has had several roles within the Chatham County community, including serving as a firefighter, emergency medical technician, jail administrator and chief deputy within the sheriff's department.

Roberson said his ability to be a "uniter" and those strong relationships he's developed as a Chatham County native are factors which make him a better candidate than his Republican challenger, Marcus Globuschutz.

In his next term as sheriff, Roberson's

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MARCUS: He wants office to be 'jewel' of N.C.

BY BILL HORNER III
News + Record Staff

Marcus Globuschutz's litany of concerns about the performance of the man he's trying to unseat, Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson, is voluminous. But the genesis of

Globuschutz's decision to seek the office is rooted in what he says is an insufficient response to what he describes as "the drug epidemic (that is) destroying our community."

The 49-year-old probation and parole officer and first-time candidate says he's watched the problem grow worse and worse — particularly since the onset of the COVID pandemic. He has

publicly claimed Chatham has a burgeoning reputation as a prime source of illicit drugs, particularly fentanyl, for dealers from neighboring counties.

If he's voted in on Nov. 8, a top priority for Globuschutz, a Republican, would be creating a drug task force to collaborate with other law enforcement agencies within Chatham to address the drug problem head-on.

(Founded in late 2017, the Sheriff's Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substances has been working to address the opioid epidemic in the county for five years and was initiated as a partnership between the county Public Health Department and



Globuschutz

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FIRST OF TWO PARTS

Next week, in part 2, we'll take a deeper dive into Marcus Globuschutz's specific criticisms of Sheriff Mike Roberson, and hear why Roberson classifies much of those claims as "simply not true."

PITTSBORO YOUTH THEATER

10 years of providing a home on stage

The theater has plans to move to a new location in Bynum next year

BY BEN RAPPAPORT
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Amari Bullett has a Troy Bolton complex: she's a star on the Northwood women's basketball team, but off the court she wows the crowd with her acting range and theatrical performances at Pittsboro Youth Theater.

And just like Bolton, the "High School Musical" protagonist, Amari embraces both sides of herself because they build on one another.

"Theater has helped me apply this art to all different parts of my life," she said. The confidence she gains playing Marcy Park in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" translates to leadership looking to get the best out of her teammates on the floor.

The shy 8-year-old who started at PYT all those years ago is now 15 and brimming with moxie and maturity. The girl who once told her directors she didn't know how to be "mean" is now starring as Captain Hook in the ensemble's competitive theater team.

Stories like Amari's are everywhere at PYT. The youth

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Staff photo by Anna Connors

Amari Bullet, 15, a member of Pittsboro Youth Theater's Elite Ensemble, rehearses 'Peter Pan Jr.' at the Center for the Arts in Pittsboro. The Elite Ensemble will be performing the play at the Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta in January. Bullet portrays Captain Hook in the production.

theater is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, which is a testament to the founders' commitment to bringing the best out of all who walk through their doors.

Craig Witter and Tammy

Matthews, co-founders of PYT, make the humble stage in downtown Pittsboro a place of family. Over the years they've seen the company evolve and grow, but the community they've created along the way

has followed them.

The beginnings of PYT weren't actually youth theater at all, they were Shakespeare plays. Witter doesn't come from a theater background, but his then-girlfriend-now-

ELECTIONS 2022

Forums set for Oct. 20, 26

The News + Record is set to host two candidate forums in the coming weeks to spotlight local contested races in partnership with the Chatham Chamber of Commerce and Central Carolina Community College.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, candidates in three races — Chatham County Sheriff, N.C. House Dist. 54 and N.C. Senate Dist. 20 — will be featured at a forum at the Chatham County Agricultural & Conference Center in Pittsboro. The forum begins with a brief reception at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, candidates for Chatham County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education will be featured in a forum in the Multipurpose Room, in building 42, on the Chatham Main Campus in Pittsboro on the campus of Central Carolina Community College.

The format for each forum will be identical: candidates will have opening statements and respond to a series of questions from moderator Bill Horner III, the publisher and editor of the News + Record.

More information will be announced on the CN+R's website in the coming days at www.chathamnewsrecord.com.

Staley resident voices concern with Wolfspeed development

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

STALEY — Connecticut-born Dean Betts moved to Staley from his home state three years ago to receive cancer treatment at Duke University Hospital and, he hoped, to live out the rest of his life in peace.

Staley — a town of around 660 people in Chatham County — seemed like the perfect place for Betts to settle down with Chance, the dog he calls the "Queen of Staley."

What Betts couldn't have known when he bought his Benjie Williams

Road home was that one of the largest computer chip manufacturing plants in the U.S. would eventually make plans to locate close his property line.

"I bought a house where I wanted to finish out my life; that's all I wanted," Betts said.

Wolfspeed recently announced it would come to the Chatham-Siler City Manufacturing Site (CAM Site) to build; preemptive grounding plans approved by the Siler City Planning Department show the facility will most likely be within 1,000 feet of Betts' land.

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ELECTIONS 2022: CHATHAM COMMISSIONERS

Incumbent Gomez Flores faces Moody for Dist. 5 seat

BY BEN RAPPAPORT
News + Record Staff

Democrat Franklin Gomez Flores, 28, looks to defend his Dist. 5 seat on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners against Republican challenger Peyton Moody, 36, in November.

Gomez Flores beat Republican Andy Wilkie for the seat in 2020; Wilkie had been appointed to fill the unexpired seat of Walter Petty.

The southwestern-most district, which contains Siler City, Bonlee, Ben-

nett and Goldston, is the most poverty-stricken in the county; some areas have as many as 25% of residents living below the federal poverty line, according to the 2018 Chatham Community Assessment. The 2021 Community Assessment showed the region as the lowest income and furthest away from supermarkets.

Both candidates hope to address the increasing inequality between the eastern and western portions of the

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IN THE KNOW

Panthers finally fire Matt Rhule. Where do they go from here? **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 County Board of Commissioners** will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro. The regular session will begin at 6 p.m.

• The **Siler City Board of Commissioners** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, at the Wren Memorial Library multipurpose room in Siler City.

• The **Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors** will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, 1192 U.S. 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.

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 **League of Women Voters** of North Carolina announces the availability of VOTE411.org for the 2022 Midterm Election. The League's non-partisan online election resource offers voters a "one-stop shop" for all things election related as they prepare to cast their ballots. Early voting runs from Thursday, October 20 to Saturday, November 5. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. VOTE411.org is a comprehensive resource on voting information where citizens can learn about the policy positions of candidates on their ballot, get detailed instructions on registering to vote, find an early voting location, confirm their election day polling place, and take the guesswork out of the absentee-by-mail process.

• **Chatham Community Library** is offering free Genealogy and Microsoft PowerPoint classes in October. Class descriptions and a registration link can be found at www.chathamcountync.gov/ComputerClasses. Call 919-545-8086 or email reference@chathamlibraries.org for more information.

and more.-- Microsoft PowerPoint Basics, Part 2 (ONLINE): October 26, Wednesday, 3 p.m. Build on the concepts learned in Part 1. Create charts and tables, insert video and audio, work with transitions and animations, and more. Participants should have prior basic experience with Microsoft PowerPoint.

• Beginning October 6, 2022, **Chatham Community Library** will host a science fiction film series every Thursday throughout the month from 6 to 8 p.m. This program is free and open to the public, at the Chatham Community Library, Holmes Family Meeting Room. The films in the series are: Thursday, October 6: Forbidden Planet (1956). A starship crew in the 23rd century goes to investigate the silence of a distant planet's colony, only to find just two survivors, a powerful robot, and the deadly secret of a lost civilization.

- Thursday, October 13: The Fifth Element (1997). New York cab driver Korb Dallas didn't mean to be a hero, but he just picked up the kind of fare that only comes along every five thousand years: a perfect beauty, a perfect being, a perfect weapon. Together, they must save the world.

- Thursday, October 20: I, Robot (2004). In 2035, technophobic homicide detective Del Spooner of the Chicago Police Department heads the investigation of the apparent suicide of leading robotics scientist, Dr. Alfred Lanning. Spooner's investigation reveals a trail of secrets and agendas within the USR (United States Robotics) corporation and suspicions of murder.

- Thursday, October 27: Gravity (2013). Sandra Bullock plays a brilliant medical engineer on her first shuttle mission, with veteran astronaut Matt Kowalski (George Clooney) in command of his last flight before retiring. But on a seemingly routine spacewalk, disaster strikes.

-- Residents may visit the libraries' website www.chathamlibraries.org, or contact the Library at (919) 545-8084 or rita.vanduin@chathamlibraries.org for more information on this and other events and programs.

• **Wren Memorial Library** in Siler City is excited to add two new events for the Chatham County

community to enjoy fall. Wren Memorial Library Homeschool Hangout has begun and continues each Monday, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Homeschooling families have an opportunity to meet and chat with fellow homeschoolers, a great opportunity for both parents and students to share ideas, create fun activities, and socialize with one another.

-- Wren Memorial Library Halloween Festival, Monday, October 31st, 4 to 6 p.m. Community members of all ages are welcome to join Wren Memorial Library for an evening of Halloween fun. There will be games, a costume contest, and prizes.

-- Wren Memorial Library is located at 500 North 2nd Avenue, Siler City. For more information about these events and programs at Wren Memorial Library, individuals may contact wren@chathamlibraries.org or (919) 742-2016. Information about all Chatham County Library branches can be found at www.chathamlibraries.org.

• The **CCCC Rehabilitation Technician Class** begins October 18 and is designed to provide entry-level education and training to perform routine rehabilitation tasks and an overview of what the field of rehabilitation therapy entails. This class will be held from 8:30-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Oct. 18 through Dec. 13

at the CCCC Chatham Health Sciences Center, Pittsboro. For more information, call 919-545-8652 or email to tneedham@cccc.edu.

• Community members interested in improving their health with the use of alternative medicine are invited to a special event hosted by **Chatham Community Library**. The program "Building Functional Immunity with Plant Medicines" will be held on Saturday, October 8, at 2:30 p.m. in the Holmes Family Meeting Room. This program is free and open to the public. Tim Keim, Clinical Holistic Health Practitioner of Ayurveda and certified Yoga Therapist, will discuss how plant medicines can help protect the body from viral illnesses such as annual colds, flu, and other viral infections with safety and ease of use.

• **Chatham County Parks and Recreation** Announces October Events - Kicking off the month, community members are invited to participate in the third annual Chatham County Challenge. This is a virtual walk, run, or bike challenge taking

place from October 1-31. Bikers are challenged to complete a 100k (62 miles) and runners/walkers are challenged to complete a 50k (31 miles). There is no cost to participate, and registration is available at <https://ccparksandrec.recdesk.com> until September 30th. Individuals who complete the challenge will receive a free T-shirt, and the participant with the most miles logged in each category will also receive a \$25 gift card to the local business, New Horizons.

#2 -The second annual Sidewalk Chalk Festival has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at The Park at Briar Chapel located at 1015 Andrews Store Road, Pittsboro. All Chatham County artists - amateur and professional alike - are invited to draw their chalk creations and residents also are invited to spend the morning in the park enjoying the artwork, a coffee station, live music from Eric Sommer, and other vendor stations. There will be three categories: Family (group with kids 12 and under), Teen (ages 13-18), and Adult (ages

NOTE TO READERS

The front-page "sticky note" regarding Walter Petty's candidacy is a paid political advertisement. The News + Record offered the ad to each candidate in this year's election cycle on a first-come basis; Petty's campaign purchased the full five-week cycle, and the sticky notes will appear through our Oct. 27-Nov. 2 edition.

Many readers have questioned whether the notes were attached after copies of the newspaper were distributed. They were not; they're part of a paid political campaign, and not an endorsement of the News + Record.

- *Bill Horner III, publisher + editor*

19+), as well as a crowd pleaser award. Artists are encouraged to pre-register online at <https://ccparksandrec.recdesk.com>, but registration will also be available on site the day of the event. A tabletop drawing option is available upon request for those who are not able to draw on the ground.

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- 720 Hamlets Chapel Road (.69 Acres)
- 1447 Old US 1 (.870 Acres)
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- 2328 Andrews Store Road (24.385 Acres)
- 0 Pearteman Teague (23.1 Acres)
- 00 Roberts Chapel Road (123.87 Acres)
- 45 The Whites Way (5.61 Acres)
- 271 Talon Drive (11.97 Acres)
- 1835 Lewter Shop Road (3.24 Acres)
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- 18 Pearleman Teague Road (2 Acres)
- 4831 Old Graham Road (2.774 Acres)
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- 208 Stonewall Road (3.810 Acres)
- 1456 Hadley Mill Road (28.353 Acres)
- 1475 Lewter Shop Road (4.445 Acres)
- 00 Moons Chapel Road (86.599 Acres)
- 0 Alston Chapel Road (10.23 Acres)
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- 388 Wade Bright Road (10 Acres)
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- 00 Roberts Chapel Road (123.87 Acres)
- 45 The Whites Way (5.61 Acres)

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- 2 Village Lake Drive (Siler City)
- 3 Village Lake Drive (Siler City)
- 4 Village Lake Drive (Siler City)
- 7 Village Lake Drive (Siler City)

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- 4233 NC Highway 902 (Pittsboro)
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- 1136 Sanford Road (Pittsboro)
- 729 Hope Hills Drive (Siler City)
- 1429 Van Thomas Road (Pittsboro)
- 1315 Hoyt Scott Road (Bear Creek)
- 745 Mert McManus Road (Bear Creek)
- 2349 S. Main Street (Goldston)
- 206 Olympia Street (Siler City)
- 8798 Sylvan Road (Liberty)
- 488 NC 87 N (Pittsboro)
- 76 Fox Chapel Lane (Pittsboro)
- 354 A Mountain View (Pittsboro)
- 138 Oakwood Lane (Pittsboro)
- 218 A Poplar Street (Chapel Hill)
- 58 Lily McCoy Lane (Pittsboro)
- 1637 Briar Chapel Parkway (Chapel Hill)
- 9849 Twisted Oak Trail (Snow Camp)
- 5470 US 15 501 Hwy (Pittsboro)
- 5472 US 15 501 Hwy (Pittsboro)
- 390 New Salem Church Road (Pittsboro)

RESIDENTIAL (Representing Buyers) 6 Units

- 107 Hawks Spiral Way (Pittsboro)
- 85 Herndon Creek Way (Chapel Hill)
- 729 Hope Hills Drive (Siler City)
- 6490 Snow Camp Road (Snow Camp)
- 94 Pine Cone Loop (Pittsboro)
- 903 Woodland Drive (Siler City)

PROPERTIES CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT

LAND (Representing Sellers) 7 Units

- 0 Hamlets Chapel Road (42.805 Acres)
- 10681 E US 64 Hwy (3.97 Acres)
- Lot 1, TC Justice Road (5.272 Acres)
- 0 Callicutt Road (60.376 Acres)
- 0 Olives Chapel Road (75.43 Acres)
- 12190 E US 64 Hwy (15.158 Acres)
- 0 US 64 Hwy W (11.396 Acres)

RESIDENTIAL (Representing Sellers) 1 Units

- 298 CD Thomas Road (Siler City)

RESIDENTIAL (Representing Buyers) 2 Units

- 650 Half Dollar Road (Chapel Hill)
- 34 Carriage Court (Pittsboro)

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CARD OF THANKS

The Siler City Lions Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Food Drive on Sept. 24. It was a success, collecting 651.1 pounds of food for the West Chatham Food Pantry.

CARD OF THANKS

The Linda Siler family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the UNC Hospice Care for the care you provided to our loved one and our family. We would also like to thank everyone for your love and acts of kindness. It gives our hearts great joy to know our beloved Linda was loved and appreciated by many.

Rev. Barry R. Gray's Retirement Banquet

October 22, 2022

Held at the M.P. McCleave Event Center
Edwards Grove Missionary Baptist Church
214 S. Foster Street, Liberty, NC

Doors Open at 5:30pm
Program Begins at 6:00pm

Guest Speaker: Rep. Robert Reives
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CHATHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION

'Thank you' school board, parents say at final meeting before election

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PITTSBORO — Dozens of Chatham residents filled the front rows at Monday's Chatham County Board of Education meeting, providing a show of support for the school board less than a month before a contentious school board election.

The appreciation came after the board's meeting a month ago that included attacks and criticism from speakers during the public comment segment of the meeting, when some claimed falsely the board promoted critical race theory (CRT) in schools and others, including speakers from outside the county, invoke their faith to call out the board for "bullying" students.

During Monday's meeting, nine of the 10 community members, mostly parents, who spoke during public comment period expressed appreciation for the school board and called out problematic rhetoric that had spread online about CRT in Chatham County Schools.

Board members Del Turner (Dist. 3), Jane Allen Wilson (Dist. 4) and Gary Leonard (Dist. 5) are seeking re-election in November. Turner's and Leonard's opponents — Jessica Winger (Dist. 3) and Timothy Moore (Dist. 5); Wilson doesn't face opposition in the Nov. 8 election — have raised concerns or promoted claims that CRT is being taught in CCS and called on the board for further parent involvement in classroom instruction.

"I want to take this opportunity to use this pulpit to share my wishes for Chatham County

Schools," Sarah D'Amato, a CCS parent, said during the public comment period. "Last meeting this pulpit became a space where some individuals used their faith as a basis to support ideals that do not move Chatham County Schools toward peace and prosperity."

D'Amato called some of the language at last month's meeting harmful, especially to members of the LGBTQ+ community. Her religious allusion was made in reference to three pastors who spoke at last month's meeting, one of whom called transgenderism part of several "tragic ideologies." D'Amato said these attacks on queer students don't move the district forward.

Other parents praised the progress of the school board despite a tumultuous term over the past two years with COVID-19. Several said they believed the current board was the best they had ever experienced in Chatham County Schools. Each of the nine parents filled their three minutes with endless "thank yous" and called out the progress of the district and growth in testing scores.

Some who spoke said the use of buzzwords like "liberty" and "freedom" were antithetical to the language expressed at last month's meeting.

"I am here to voice my opposition to the 'parents first' movement currently making noise within our community," said Krista Millard, CCS parent. "I believe in One Chatham for all students. Putting parents first will not help our students succeed, it only adds noise to the work of the current board."

Millard and others have been critical in letters to editors in the News + Record and other publications about groups, like Moms for Liberty, which used "parents first" language to promote its agenda. The national organization of MFL, which has a chapter in Chatham County, has called for book banning in schools, falsely used CRT as a catch-all for race-related school issues and openly attacked LGBTQ+ students. Parents who praised the school board said allowing this kind of rhetoric in CCS is regressive and won't help students succeed.

"What will help our students to succeed is focusing on giving our students the resources they need to graduate," Millard said. She named programs like AVID, reading comprehension and supporting teacher retention as things the current board has done to help students.

CCS parent Brooke Davis also spoke in support of the board, saying she was proud of the thriving diversity in the district. She, too, said she believed claims of CRT in CCS only threaten that diversity.

"Growth and diversity are not only on the rise, they are who we already are," Davis said. "Educational opportunity for all students is not beholden to one narrative. Rather, they are a diverse collective of authentic and balanced viewpoints"

Davis said there is expected to be an influx of more than 3,000 students in the county over the next 10 years, and that more than half of current children in the county are people of color. She cited her own faith as a reason to embrace diversity in

the district, instead of attacking it with false claims about CRT.

Per board policy, the board was not allowed to respond to any public comments made during the meeting.

Other business:

- Newly appointed school board member Julie Bridenstine was officially sworn in following her selection last Thursday. She replaces Melissa Hlavac, who resigned last month. Bridenstine is a former public defender and guardian ad litem who hopes to reduce the school to prison pipeline in CCS.

- The board honored Elliot Peterson, music education teacher at Jordan-Matthews High School, as the beginning teacher of the year for the 2021-2022 school year. He will go on to a national competition of beginning teachers later this year.

- The board also heard a presentation about a new non-traditional academy, Chatham One Academy. This would replace the former Sage Academy, which served the same purpose — a remedial option for high school students who needed special attention to receive their diploma. Superintendent Dr. Anthony Jackson said students could either be assigned or choose to attend the academy. The goal is to start it next semester, beginning January 2023. The goal would be to have 20 students in the first cohort. At Sage Academy the largest class was around 30 students, and had a consistent graduation rate of 95%. The first year cost would be approximately \$400,000 for four core teachers and a program coordinator. Additional cost would

be \$25,000 for startup expenses and training.

- The board also unanimously approved school improvement plans for all 19 Chatham County Schools. The plans will be made available on each school's website through the "About Us" page.

Four schools in CCS have been designated as low performing under the definition from the North Carolina Dept. of Public Instruction — Chatham Middle, Siler City Elementary, Bonlee, and Jordan-Matthews High. These schools developed a school recovery support plan, which were approved Monday. Public feedback on these support plans is welcomed and can be reached at bit.ly/3COWYZI.

- CCS' Capital Improvement Plans for 2024-2030 were also approved. Projects with estimated costs upward of \$100,000 need to be included in the plans. The district added four new projects to the plan. Those include HVAC upgrades at existing middle schools, building a new Southern Village Elementary School in Chatham Park, increasing capacity possibilities at Moncure School and improving gymnasiums at Bennett, Bonlee, and Silk Hope. All listed projects are expected to be completed in 2028.

The next Chatham Board of Education meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, Nov. 7, at the George Moses Horton Middle School multipurpose room. For more information visit www.chatham.k12.nc.us.

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Chatham Cares aids in Hurricane Ian relief efforts

Ministry takes truck full of supplies, food to hurricane-stricken Florida

BY BEN RAPPAPORT
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — As Hurricane Ian ravaged Florida, knocking out power lines, tearing roofs off homes and upending lives,

Josh Smith knew he had to take action.

It isn't the first time in recent years he's seen storms do serious damage to his neighbors across the southeastern United States. From Irma to Florence and every hurricane in between, the storms kept coming — and so did the needs of those communities.

While Chatham County has also been hit by the storms, its damages were much more manageable. Smith and his colleagues at the Community Baptist Church in Siler City

developed Chatham Cares Disaster Relief.

Chatham Cares initially began in 2017 as a one-time project to send disaster relief supplies to Hurricane Irma victims in Naples, Florida. Smith, director of Chatham Cares and a pastor at the church, began to plan, organize and build a team of volunteers from the church, along with the support of Sheriff Mike Roberson and the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

But when the storms kept coming, Smith and Chatham

Cares kept feeling the need to help. They provided necessities to those in need like flashlights, batteries, insect repellent and non-perishable foods.

Last week, Smith and his team put calls out to the community to volunteer and donate goods for relief in Florida after Ian. They parked a 53-foot truck from Darrell Andrews Trucking outside various stops in the county, including the Piggly Wiggly in Siler City and the Sheriff's Office in Pittsboro. They packed it full of water, food and other supplies — and

even tools to help patch up damaged roofs — then drove nine hours down to Florida to deliver assistance.

"Our heartbeat as a ministry is giving people an organization for disaster relief that they knew they could trust," Smith told the News + Record. "There's a lot of good people that want to do good things, they just don't know what to do."

Although the ministry is tied to Community Baptist, Smith

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wife Matthews wanted to start a local Shakespeare in the Park ensemble, where they would do public performances.

"[About] 12 years ago I said, 'Yeah, right, that'll never work,'" Witter said. "And I was right about the Shakespeare thing, but luckily Tammy and I worked out."

The couple first opened PYT out of the Pittsboro Community House, where they ran the operation for five years before moving into their own space around the corner in the Pittsboro Center for the Arts. Now, after five years the theater is set to move again.

At the end of this year PYT will be moving into a new, bigger space in Bynum. It'll be a home that is authentically theirs, Witter said. Unlike previous spaces, they're designing everything essentially from scratch to make it the optimal place for youth theater rehearsals, music lessons, dancing, and of course, charming performances.

"There's just no way we can stay here," Witter said. "Business as usual won't cut it."

PYT is expanding faster than the corner space in downtown can keep up with, so the bigger space was a necessary move. When Witter and

Matthews first began the endeavor they never thought it would expand to where it is today. What used to be one musical a year is now an average of seven shows annually, a music school, and most recently, a competitive troupe preparing for the Junior Theater Festival (JTF).

What started with five families is now bigger than ever with more than 120 families consistently participating in the shows. They've even hired others to help out with the operation including choreographers and a music director.

Those families often don't just do one show with PYT either; they come back and stay because they see such value in the performances and the confidence their kids gain. One of those parents is Amari's mom, Kala Bullett; she now sends both her children to PYT.

"I have been really grateful to be part of the PYT family basically since it started," Bullett said. "When Amari was in 1st grade her teacher nudged her toward the stage because she always enjoyed grabbing people's attention so PYT seemed like a way to redirect that energy."

Seven years later, Bullett says both her kids have benefited tremendously from their involvement in PYT. Her eyes light up as



Staff photo by Anna Connors

Tammy Matthews, left, and Craig Witter pose for a portrait at the Center for the Arts in Pittsboro. Matthews and Witter are co-founders of the Pittsboro Youth Theater and serve as artistic director and technical/marketing director.

she talks about all the ways she's seen Amari's confidence and sense of identity blossom over the years.

In large part, it's because of the ways her daughter has been forced to push personal boundaries on the stage. The proud mother believes her kids have learned so much about themselves and the people they should strive to be as a result of involvement in PYT.

"If it had not been for PYT, Amari never would've found her way in both theater and music," Bullett said.

Amari now sings and plays piano and guitar, which she learned outside of PYT, but both she and her mother say she wouldn't have found it without Matthews and others within the theater showing her the power of music.

Last summer Amari was also accepted into

the PlayMakers Repertory Company's Summer Youth Conservatory, a six-week practicum for high school students. All of these accomplishments happened because of the space Witter, Matthews and others in PYT gave her to express herself.

Families like the Bulletts have developed a deep loyalty to the theater family, which is why Witter said he is confident that almost all families will join them when they move to Bynum next year.

"This is her family," Kala Bullett said. "When I bring her here she lights up. From a diversity perspective there aren't a lot of people that look like her in the school, but the thing about the theater is that it's a space to be accepted regardless of her identity."

The loyalty, commitment and growth of PYT members is especially remarkable, considering the drastic impacts COVID-19 had on the arts. Many theaters shut their doors, rolled back productions or closed down for good because of financial issues.

But PYT navigated the pandemic with creative solutions. They performed six virtual shows over two years and held outdoor performances at venues across Orange and Chatham County, such as the Forest Theater and Southern Village

in Chapel Hill.

"Kids come here and find a home," Matthews said. "It's so wonderful to watch them grow and learn. To see a kid go from reciting lines to understanding them and feeling them is hugely fulfilling."

That fulfillment has spread throughout the Chatham community and it's how Matthews and Witter got folks on board as the theater prepares to move to Bynum.

Witter said there have been a myriad of challenges in attempting to get everything ready to move on such a rapid timeline, especially as architects, engineers and developers in Chatham are swamped with all the construction in the pipeline for the county. But PYT has utilized their relationships with the community to make it happen.

The lease on the Pittsboro Center for the Arts ends in December, with plans to open the new place in Bynum, the North Chatham Performing Arts Center (NCPAC) in January and have the first show on stage by April 2023. For more information about upcoming shows visit www.pittsboroyouththeater.com.

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VIEWPOINTS

One of the best men I know

One of the best men I know gazed at Orion in the sky this morning. Since his wife died, he has carried his coffee outside and looked for the famous constellation. It comforts him to know that some things remain the same.

ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN
Hope Matters

His wife died of a progressive neurological disorder similar to ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. She slowly lost her ability to

move her body. And one of the best men I know cared for her every day.

The two of them raised two strapping sons and used to be active outdoors — hiking, canoeing, camping. She first wondered if there was something wrong with her health after she fell repeatedly on a mountain trail. I knew her only in the last couple of years when she used a walker, then a motorized wheelchair. One of the best men I know was by her side.

The last six months of her life were especially hard. I could see the weariness of caregiving on his face. It is said

that, in order to take care of themselves, full-time caregivers would need 36 hours in a day. It's impossible.

But one of the best men I know remained faithful to the promise he had made over 40 years ago. Before friends, family and God, he had promised to love her in sickness and in health until death.

He plays guitar and, like me, is a Bob Dylan fan. This morning, as I stared up at Orion between sips of my coffee, I whispered Dylan's lyrics as a prayer for him: "Nothing else can touch the beauty that I remember in my true love's eyes."

Maybe you've known someone with a progressive neurological disease. To lose control of your body with your mind still intact is a torturous way to die. But there can be moments of levity, even joy. That's what one of the best men I know said to me. A few weeks before she died, his wife told him through her computer's speech software that she had figured out a way for him to get a break from caring for her — she was going to start dating again! How they had laughed!

Orion was shining brightly this morning as I chuckled at this memory. All of the constellations have mythical origins.

It's part of the human condition to ascribe fantastic stories to the great wonders above like the sun, the moon and stars.

Yet, I have seen wonders right here on Earth — selfless devotion, grace under duress, cathartic laughter. And the greatest wonder of all is love. Look at one of the best men I know.

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

Reflections on a 30-year chunk of time

The weather was cool that October day 30 years ago.



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

Autumn had arrived with its calling card. The winds were brisk. Leaves were changing colors and falling to the ground. There were little sticks and twigs on the yard, courtesy of the breezes.

My father had finished his breakfast, slipped on his windbreaker and went outside to watch some workers trim trees in his yard. My mother, not only his bride of 61 years, but also his caregiver and nurse since his numerous health problems had arisen, called out the kitchen window to him to come inside and "wait 'til it warms up before you go out."

He complied with her request, came into the living room and settled into his favorite chair in the corner. Shortly afterwards, the telephone rang and after a couple of rings, she called to him from a back room, "Are you going to get that?" In those days before cell phones, he kept the cordless one with him when he was in the house.

When he didn't answer, she went into the living room and found him in his chair.

We knew he had heart disease, had survived several bypass surgeries but probably eventually he would cross the Great Divide because of it.

We just didn't think it would be that day.

It took awhile for my family to find me. Shirley was in her classroom at Chatham Central trying to run me down on the phone. Our son was in the 11th grade. Our daughter was in her freshman year in college. That Thursday morning, I dawdled at my house after getting the paper out the day before and then had eased down to Rufus' Restaurant for a biscuit and then slowly meandered through southwest Chatham on my way to his house just east of the courthouse.

When I got there, it was late morning and the driveway and yard were full of cars. "They've got lots of company," I thought, not really giving any of that a second thought. Even when I went into the house and found it full of neighbors, my brain still was in neutral. And when the mother of a longtime friend got off the phone in the hall after talking with my mama at the hospital, she looked at me and said, "I'm sorry to tell you he's gone." Honest to goodness, for a few seconds I thought: "Gone where?"

Then I figured it out.

The next few days were a blur. We did what we had to do. A brother and his family flew in from New Hampshire; the other dame from a nearby town. There were flowers and family and friends and food, all the stuff that goes with a traditional Southern funeral. Then after the crowds left, it was on to a new normal.

A couple of Sundays ago, on Oct. 2 I thought about him and all that — 30 years to the day he passed on. And I wondered and marveled. I wondered what he would be like today, other than be 111 if he were still here, and what he would think about all that's going on in the world. I wondered how he would like not only his grown grandchildren but also the great-grandchildren that had been produced. I think I know the answer to that thought.

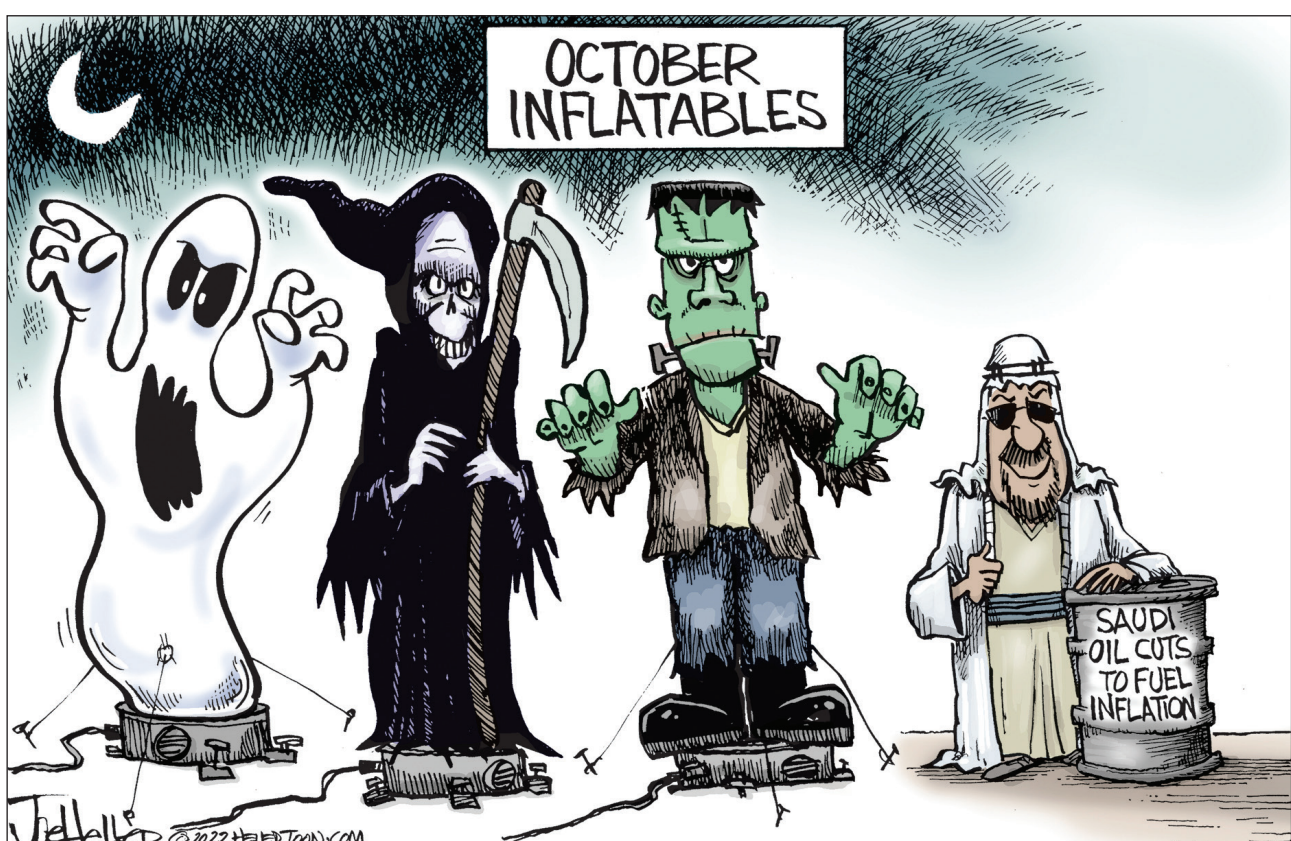
And I marveled ... about where did 30 years go. Wherever they went, they went in a hurry.

I think I've learned some things since then. I've learned life is a great gift from the Master Giver and what we do with it is our gift to Him. I've learned life is fragile, that we should take care of it and enjoy it and share it with other folks. I've learned influence lasts a long time; I catch myself saying some of the things he said to my brothers and me as now I pass them along to my grown children and to the eight grands they've produced.

And I've learned I still miss him. And if you still have yours, be good and kind to him. And if your growing up years with your father might have left something to be desired and you still have him, be the one to break the ice, if you can and will, and repair any bridges that might keep things apart. One day, you might wish you could and you won't be able to.

Did I mention that I still miss him?

Bob Wachs is a native of Chatham County and retired long-time managing editor of the Chatham News/Chatham Record, having written a weekly column for more than 30 years.



Violent crime went up — probably

Did violent crime go up in North Carolina last year? I think the answer is yes, though changes in the way the Federal Bureau of Investigation collects and aggregates crime data make it hard to say for sure.

JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

In 2020, 39,880 violent crimes were reported to the FBI. In 2021, that figure was 41,996 violent crimes, an increase of 5.3%. Our state's population certainly didn't grow by that much in 2021, thus our crime rate must have gone up. Right?

Probably — but there is a wrinkle here. The FBI is in the process of transitioning to a new process called the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This is a good idea. By collecting and presenting more specific information about each reported crime, the NIBRS is superior to its predecessor.

Alas, the transition couldn't happen overnight. Some jurisdictions don't yet submit their crime data in NIBRS format. So when the FBI put out its 2021 crime report last week, big chunks of data from, say, New York City and much of California and Florida weren't included. The report relied on estimation much more than usual.

If you saw last week's national headlines, you know the results were rather confusing. According to the FBI's estimates, overall rates of violent and property crime in

the United States dipped in 2021 while murders rose 4%. Due to all the missing data, however, these estimates have large margins of error. Perhaps America's violent crime actually tracked up slightly. Perhaps murders tracked down. Nobody really knows.

As for North Carolina, our crime statistics for 2021 were not skewed by gobs of missing data. Precisely 387 of our localities used the NIBRS successfully, and they account for 93% of the state's population. But the number of participating localities went up slightly from 2020, when 377 jurisdictions accounting for 90% of the population used the system. This increase in reporting localities is an unlikely explanation for a 5.3% increase in reported crimes, but it's not impossible.

For North Carolinians concerned about the security of their persons and property — and for North Carolina politicians concerned about the effects of the crime issue on their upcoming elections — no reading of the available evidence is comforting. Even if the problem didn't worsen in 2021, it was bad enough already.

From the early 1990s to the mid 2010s, our violent-crime rate typically fell every year, often significantly. The issue never entirely receded from public consciousness, to be sure, but the fact that North Carolina had become a much safer place to live and work was widely understood and celebrated (though the political class never really agreed on why the crime rate dropped).

By 2014, the rate was 329 violent crimes per 100,000 residents, about

half the rate of 1991. Alas, the trend lines then reversed. By 2020 violent crime was up 27%, to 419 per 100,000. For the reasons explained above, the FBI released no official estimate for 2021. Even under the (unlikely) best-case scenario in which it didn't change much, North Carolinians still have good reason to be concerned.

And they are. In the latest statewide poll by High Point University, voters were asked to assess the importance of 16 policy issues in North Carolina. Crime was one of just six issues that at least 70% of respondents rated as "very important." The others were inflation, jobs, education, health care, and school safety. On inflation, jobs, and crime, North Carolina voters trusted Republicans more than Democrats. On the other three issues, Democrats enjoyed a small-to-moderate edge.

That's why, in this final stretch of the midterm elections, you're seeing so many ads from Democrats and Democratic-leaning groups talking about issues such as education (and abortion, though its salience seems to have faded a bit). And it's why you're seeing so many ads from Republicans and Republican-leaning groups talking about food prices, gas prices, and crime.

Did the latter problem truly get worse last year? In a political sense, it doesn't really matter.

John Hood is a John Locke Foundation board member. His latest books, Mountain Folk and Forest Folk, combine epic fantasy with early American history (FolkloreCycle.com).

Still writing compelling history — on his 100th birthday

When UNC-Chapel Hill Professor William Leuchtenburg delivered the Law Day address in Mecklenburg County 35 years ago, I could not have dreamed that I would help celebrate his 100th birthday last week.



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

Or that I would remember the substance of that speech all these years later.

Leuchtenburg is a leading expert

on the presidency of Franklin Roosevelt and on the presidency in general, as a tribute published by the UNC-Chapel Hill history department explained:

"Leuchtenburg became a leading scholar of twentieth-century U.S. history and the American presidency and the preeminent expert on FDR, writing profoundly influential books including 'The Perils of Prosperity, 1914-32.'"

The tribute noted that his "Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, 1932-1940" won both the prestigious Bancroft Prize and

the Francis Parkman Prize" and remains "the best single volume treatment of the subject. His later publications have constantly enhanced his historical influence and stature."

Amazingly, Leuchtenburg is still writing, working on a history of presidents from George Washington to Teddy Roosevelt.

What was the topic of the Mecklenburg Law Day address that so captivated me? It was one that is timely today: "court packing."

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LETTERS

A NOTE ON LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: no letters to the editor addressing subjects related to candidates or issues in the Nov. 8 election will be published after the News + Record's Oct. 20 edition. The deadline for letters to the editor for that edition is noon on Saturday, Oct. 15.

record of concern and actually helping the people of the new 13th district.

Jim Buie
Farrington Village

Del Turner is an advocate for all students; her opponent is not

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for your well-researched and continued reporting on Chatham County Board of Education meetings, campaigns, and the upcoming election. In response to what we have been reading, witnessing, and learning throughout our community, we offer this point of view:

A conservative running to unseat Del Turner insists that she will be the "voice for parents" if she is elected. She would not.

Some of us witnessed the September board meeting in person or via livestream; some of us have heard and read about it since. Chatham County Board of Education meetings should not be a platform to dictate and disrupt; attack and impose; or seek attention via manufactured rage.

Parents and guardians in Chatham County want children to learn the realities of history, including parts that have historically been neglected in favor of American exceptionalism and historical myths. We want teachers to get the training and support they request in order to handle difficult topics with understanding and sensitivity. We want to see Black and Indigenous children and people of color represented in their full humanity in school materials. We want to uplift our undocumented neighbors. We want to see LGBTQIA representation in literature. We believe in religious freedom and the separation of church and state; Christianity is not a prerequisite for being a public educator.

A majority of Chatham County residents voted for, and must again vote for Del Turner, Gary Leonard, and Jane Allen Wilson. Under this board's leadership, Chatham County Schools won awards and recognition for achievement in the arts, academics, and innovation. Over 90% of teachers in our county recently reported that they value their working conditions, and our district moved inside the top 25 statewide. Furthermore, when this board was faced with difficult decisions at the height of the COVID pandemic, they thankfully prioritized community health while working to get students back in the classroom as quickly and safely as possible.

Del Turner is a relentless advocate for ALL students. She is passionate about closing achievement gaps, honest curricula, and compensating teachers on a level "commensurate with their invaluable contribution to our society." This is a voice for parents and guardians in Chatham County. We are asking voting community members to re-elect Del Turner, Gary Leonard, and Jane Allen Wilson to the Chatham County Board of Education. Your support will further expand public education and contribute to the success and longevity of our diverse county.

Emily Boynton
Pittsboro

Brooke Davis
Chapel Hill (Chatham County)
Monica Jarnagin
Pittsboro
Erin Jones
Pittsboro
Katie Thornberg
Pittsboro

the entire U.S. Please vote for climate!

Minta Phillips
Julian

Supporting current board keeps schools moving forward

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing to voice support for the Chatham County Schools Board of Education and my opposition to the "parents first" movement currently making noise within our community. These groups use words like "Liberty" and "Freedom" while banning books and imposing their religious ideologies into public school curricula in other communities and I don't want that to happen here. I believe in ONE CHATHAM FOR ALL STUDENTS.

Putting parents first will not help our students succeed. Our current school board puts students first. Adding "noise" to our school board will not help our students succeed, but bring non-relevant conversations into student education that do not impact student growth or achievement.

Banning books like "Girls Who Code" and "Of Mice and Men" will not help our students succeed.

Parents reviewing social studies curriculum written by the State of North Carolina will not help our students succeed.

What will help our students succeed is focusing on giving them the resources they need to graduate and go on to bright and prosperous futures. This has been and should always be the focus of the board of education.

Expanding programs like AVID, which our current board members voted to do, helps our students.

Expanding programs that increase the percentage of students reading on grade level by the 3rd grade, an early indicator of high school success and on-time graduation, has been the focus of our current board members.

Supporting and respecting our teachers and pushing for salary increases so we can recruit and retain high quality professionals, will help our students.

As a community, we should spend our efforts pushing the state to be accountable. If the legislature would fund the already approved remediation plan for North Carolina public schools, Leandro (which the board passed a resolution on last year), Chatham County Schools would have an additional \$18.7 million to spend.

Over the last 20 years I have worked with the Chatham Education Foundation, the Chatham Arts Council, as a PTA Board Member, as a Booster Club President, a substitute Media Assistant, PTA Thrift Shop Board Member and more. I have witnessed firsthand in almost every one of our traditional public schools the exceptional work our teaching staff and administrators are doing. Why would we want to move backward? I encourage our community to support our current Board of Education and continue to MOVE FORWARD to provide inclusive, respectful, safe and nurturing school environments for ALL students and staff.

Krista Millard
Pittsboro

Your vote matters in N.C. Supreme Court races

TO THE EDITOR:

Having two daughters as well as a granddaughter, I'm keenly interested in how the future treats them. The upcoming N.C. Supreme Courts races are crucial as rulings concerning women's rights, voting rights and redistributing are likely. Voting in the races is therefore crucial.

On this years ballot, Justice Sam Ervin IV (D) is running against Trey Allen (R) and Judge Lucy Inman (D) running against Richard Deitz (R). These races could be won or lost by the smallest of margins. In 2020, Cheri Beasley lost her race for N.C. Supreme Court Justice by just 401 votes! Your vote definitely matters.

Early voting starts Oct. 20. I urge everyone to research the candidates and to vote the entire ballot, including those running for the N.C. Supreme Court. Everyone on that ballot has an impact on our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren, so know who you are voting for. You can find your sample ballot by going to <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/sample-ballot>.

Bonnie McCarthy
Chapel Hill

Inaction on climate change will cost everyone

TO THE EDITOR:

A 2022 analysis estimates that climate change inaction could cost the U.S. Economy \$14.5 trillion, yet if it rapidly decarbonizes, we could gain \$3 trillion while adding nearly 1 million jobs to the U.S. economy by 2070, according to "The Turning Point: A new economic climate in the United States."

Not only aspirational, but slowing climate change is our economic imperative. If global warming reaches 3°C by 2100, severe economic damages would affect every U.S. industry endangering people's life and work due to extreme weather-damaged infrastructure, rising sea levels, heat stress and reduced agricultural production. If we choose ambitious clean energy and new technology decarbonization investments, we could see net economic gains by 2048.

We have a narrow window — this next decade — to implement the necessary policies to correct our untenable climate trajectory. We have the capital, infrastructure, technology, skilled labor and political will needed to make this transition possible in a single generation if we invest in low-emissions growth benefitting our economy. In these midterms, vote for candidates supporting renewable energy and carbon pricing to reinforce our early progress addressing the ever-increasing costs of climate change and unlock future economic possibilities for us and

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Leuchtenburg returned to the court packing topic in an article in the May 2005 "Smithsonian Magazine" titled "When Franklin Roosevelt Clashed with the Supreme Court — and Lost."

In 1936 Franklin Roosevelt was overwhelmingly elected to a second term. Leuchtenburg described FDR's elation and despair: "As the first election returns reached his family estate in Hyde Park, New York, on a November night in 1936, Franklin Delano Roosevelt leaned back in his wheelchair, his signature cigarette holder at a cocky angle, blew a smoke ring and cried 'Wow!' His huge margin in New Haven signaled that he was being swept into a second term in the White House with the largest popular vote in history at the time and the best showing in the electoral college since James Monroe ran unopposed in 1820."

Leuchtenburg pointed out that in his first term, FDR secured congressional approval for a host of programs to overcome the Depression including a "cavalcade of alphabet agencies."

But the court "struck down more significant acts of Congress — including the

two foundation stones, the NRA (National Reconstruction Administration) and the AAA (Agricultural Adjustment Administration), of Roosevelt's program — than at any other time in the nation's history, before or since."

However, as Leuchtenburg explained, the election-night jubilation "was tempered by an inescapable fear — that the U.S. Supreme Court might undo Roosevelt's accomplishments."

By February of the next year Roosevelt was ready to act. He "shocked Congress, his closest advisers, and the country by unleashing a thunderbolt. He asked Congress to empower him to appoint an additional justice for any member of the court over age 70 who did not retire. He sought to name as many as six additional Supreme Court justices, as well as up to 44 judges to the lower federal courts."

Leuchtenburg continued, "Roosevelt's message touched off the greatest struggle in our history among the three branches of government. It also triggered the most intense debate about constitutional issues since the earliest weeks of the Republic. For 168 days, the country was mesmerized by the controversy, which dominated newspaper headlines, radio broadcasts

and newsreels, and spurred countless rallies in towns from New England to the Pacific Coast. Members of Congress were so deluged by mail that they could not read most of it, let alone respond."

Meanwhile the Supreme Court backed away from declaring FDR's programs unconstitutional, and one judge who had opposed FDR's programs announced his retirement. With those developments, support for FDR's court proposal evaporated. On July 22, 1937, the Senate buried it.

"A switch in time saved nine" some observers quipped.

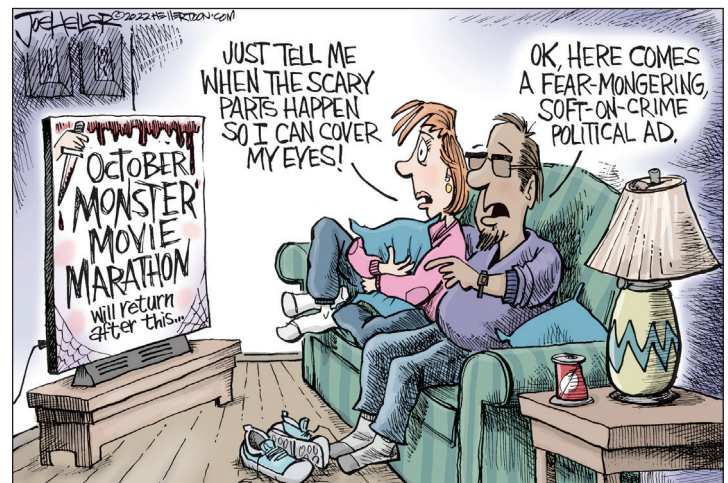
Summing up, Leuchtenburg wrote, "The 168-day contest also has bequeathed some salutary lessons. It instructs presidents to think twice before tampering with the Supreme Court."

President Biden should be listening.

"At the same time," Leuchtenburg wrote, "it teaches the justices that if they unreasonably impede the functioning of the democratic branches, they may precipitate a crisis with unpredictable consequences."

Members of the Supreme Court should take note.

D.G. Martin, a lawyer, served as UNC-System's vice president for public affairs and hosted PBS-NC's North Carolina Bookwatch.



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says it's about much more than the church — it's for the community. That's why they partnered with Roberson and the Sheriff's Office to give the organization further credibility. Chatham Cares also donates 100% of items and financial donations to those affected by the storm.

Smith said the operation is only possible through the volunteering of people across the county including more than 40 volunteers, hundreds of donations and the relief drives at community-powered organizations across Chatham.

Over the donation period last week, dozens of Chatham residents pitched in to fill the truck. Some packed boxes, others organized the truck; all the while, Smith communicated with Tri-City Baptist Church in Port Charlotte to determine what items were most needed. The church in Port Charlotte was where the supplies from Chatham Cares were given.

"When we go on site, our

goal is for the local church and the local pastor to be the heroes," Smith said. "I'm going to be back in North Carolina in a week from now, or a month from now, when those people still need somebody to pray with them, but they will see that church that helped out with the need and they become the hero."

Throughout the week, Smith said he would communicate constantly with the Tri-City Baptist Pastor Jay Sheppard about the community's needs. For example, Sheppard told Smith damaged roofs needed heavy wooden planks to hold down tarps and other makeshift solutions. So, Smith put out a call for dozens of 4x8 planks of lumber — and soon enough he was stocked full thanks to donations from a local supplier, Belk Building Supply. Or another day, Sheppard called asking for special moisture-wicking fans that were out of stock in Port Charlotte. Chatham volunteers rounded up five of them to put on the truck.

"Whatever the need is, we



Staff photo by Bill Horner III

Josh Smith of Chatham Community Baptist and Chatham Cares oversees the loading process a few days before a truckload of supplies left for hurricane-ravaged Florida.

try to tailor to what they're saying on the ground," Smith said.

When Smith and five other church members finally did arrive in Florida, they made sure they had a game plan to unload materials and start giving supplies to people in need. The Chatham Cares network came through. Because of Smith's previous experience in Naples, which is just an hour away from Port Charlotte, he was

able to get churches he previously worked with during Irma to help unload and organize.

Tri-City Baptist already had a forklift on the ground ready to help unload the truck and people from the surrounding community also came to help.

Smith said the donation was a massive success because of the impact it had on Port Charlotte. The small Florida church had been turned into a distribution center, with volunteers showing families around and asking what their needs are to make sure they are adequately helped.

"Their operation was incredible," Smith said. "It was just amazing to see them trying to meet the needs of all the people."

In a normal week, Tri-City Baptist has about 200 members attend. When Ian hit, they had more than 500 people on the property each day. Even so, they found a way to both distribute necessary goods, and feed families with a hot dinner every night.

"We wanted to be that first wave of relief," Smith said. "The humanitarian side is the

focal point. We know there needs to be a second wave with clothing and rebuilding but normally that is a couple weeks out."

The goal of Chatham Cares is to be on site of a storm seven to 10 days after a storm hits. They made it down to Port Charlotte seven days after the initial landfall of Ian. Smith and company were in the hurricane-stricken area for just more than 24 hours.

"Whether people gave \$1 or \$1,000, I think it's important that people know where their donations went," Smith said. "When a big storm hits, our goal is always to be on ground zero."

For more information about Chatham Cares, visit chathamcares.org. All donations will go directly to Hurricane Ian relief efforts, with money going to the Tri-City Baptist Church earmarked for local storm relief.

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focus would be "building on the successes we have already accomplished together" and continuing "to unite residents around shared goals and values," he said.

Other specific goals include keeping Chatham as "one of the safest counties" in the state of North Carolina and increasing the value and availability of programming and services available at the Animal Resource Center.

'Not a call we haven't answered'

Those two areas — the question of how effectively Roberson's administration is policing the county, especially in regard to the illicit drug trade, and his department's operation of the ARC — are the chief points of criticism Globuschutz has raised again and again during his own campaign for sheriff. "Chatham County continues to have one of the lowest crime and incarceration rates in the state," Roberson responded. He added that Globuschutz's use of some percentages rather than real numbers is misleading.

Some crime statistics are up nationwide, Roberson said, but the overall trends in Chatham County show a positive direction.

"So if you look at the crime stats over the last 10 years, it's steadily going down," he said.

"You'll notice he [Globuschutz] talks about percentages, not numbers. The reason you talk about percentages is that when it's a small number to start off with, it's not far to get a large percentage — just a little bit of increase in numbers. We have very, very, very little violent crime in Chatham County. Most of what we have is property crime, which is not violent crime. And so when you start talking about crime stats, it can get confusing — and he's talking about a blip on the bubble, instead of the long trend."

"And so the violent crime went up and 2019 to 2020, because of COVID," Roberson continued. "And the violent crime that went up is assault, which is domestic. Who would have thought us being home together with each other more for a whole year that domestic crime numbers would go up?"

Roberson also said during the pandemic, with more people staying at or near home, property crime went down.

"Now, it's not out there, what the 2021 stats are," Roberson said. "I do know what the Sheriff's Office numbers are: violent crime, when everybody went back to work, went down slightly, and property crime edged back up."

Roberson said the increase has more to do with more people not being at home than, as Globuschutz claims, Roberson's staff "not responding to or not answering calls."

"There's not been a call we've not answered," he said. "We've answered 29,000 calls

this year and have had more than 45,000 responses."

'A testament to teamwork'

Those responses are more effective, he said, because of the work his staff does behind the scenes to build relationships.

"This is a testament to the strength of our shared community and to the teamwork and partnerships actively working behind the scenes to prevent crime and reduce drug addiction," he continued. "Almost a decade ago, there was a nationwide surge in the number of overdose deaths which were later linked to opioids or their derivatives. No community could escape this wave forever, including Chatham County. The opioid epidemic hit us hard in 2013, and has never gone away, but we have taken steps to mitigate the effects of the crisis by focusing on prevention, targeting underlying causes of addiction, expanding resources to treat addiction and break the cycle, and networking with community leaders and residents to better meet their needs. As sheriff, I will continue to support these efforts and save lives."

Roberson's department is responsible for four primary duties: operation of the county jail, opening and closing of the county's court, civil process, and keeping the peace. Just over three years ago, it was handed another: the operation of the ARC.

The ARC had been a part of the health department, but was merged into the Sheriff's

Office in the summer of 2019. So Roberson was given the responsibility by the county for the ARC, he says, but not the staff required to operate it — something he continues to ask for from commissioners.

Regardless, he says, the ARC — counter to what Globuschutz claims — is "making a positive impact for animals and families across the county," with adoption rates doubling and euthanasia rates cut in half over that three-year period.

Public safety, addressing crime and upholding the law, though, are the chief tasks of any sheriff administration. Like other law enforcement agencies — including the police departments in both Siler City and Pittsboro — staff shortages have made that more difficult.

Roberson said the COVID pandemic and the turmoil of the last two years has prompted "a reevaluation of what quality of life is to people" across the country, particularly with work and work-life balance. The nation shortage of law enforcement personnel has impacted his department as well.

"But I will tell you in the last three months, we've had a lot of people want to come to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office," he said.

Part of the "rigorous professional standards" Roberson insists on in his office includes a shared belief in, and commitment to, the idea of community policing — "non-enforcement"

encounters with his staff at churches, on the streets, at community events.

"This is something Sheriff (Richard) Webster started in 2022," he said. "And it has been great. We solve more crime at these community events, because people might not tell 'the sheriff' what's going on. But they will tell Mike, and I want them to know me as 'Mike.'"

Law enforcement can't effectively address the needs of the community without being engaged, accessible and present at important community functions, he said.

"Too often, law enforcement agencies attempt to operate or affect change separate from their communities, with disastrous consequences," Roberson said. "Simply put, the greatest good can be accomplished by working together with residents, from the inside out."

"Our staff members recognize that we cannot resolve issues or prevent crime without the partnership of community members. We will continue to show our love for this community by supporting efforts, events, and causes that elevate and uplift Chatham County as a whole."

To read more about the Roberson's platform and view his full responses to candidate questionnaires visit chathamnewsrecord.com/elections. The general midterm elections will be on Nov. 8. Early voting runs from Oct. 20 through Nov. 5. To find your polling location, visit vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup/.

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the Sheriff's Office.)

"Too many of our children are dying from the large number of overdoses," he said. "If I can save one child from dying, it will be worth it."

Globuschutz told the News + Record, for example, that between Christmas of last year and the end of the school year in June, 35 Chatham County students overdosed in schools. Reports from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services and Chatham County Schools refute that claim — both entities say the actual number was five, all of whom required hospital treatment and survived.

Regardless, Globuschutz called the county's illicit drug trade and drug use "out of control."

He places the blame squarely on Roberson, who's seeking his second full term as sheriff after being appointed to the position in 2016.

"I want to be the first to acknowledge that we cannot arrest our way out of this crisis with those who are addicted," Globuschutz said. But a task force created with the cooperation of "local, state and federal partners" will make a dent in an area where he says Roberson's administration has failed.

An 'elite' agency

In addition to addressing overdoses from and trade of illicit drugs, Globuschutz has two other highest priorities for office: first, to create a jail diversion program for offenders with mental health and substance abuse issues. And second, to address vacancies at the Sheriff's Office by creating a positive work environment that will attract and retain staff.

His vision for his department, if elected, is to make Chatham's Sheriff office "the jewel of North Carolina," and to be considered an "elite" agency, "second to none for training."

"I will be a leader, not just for the Sheriff's Office, but also for the community," Globuschutz said. "As a working sheriff, I will see that my staff will be trained in the best practices for working with the public, those with mental health issues, and establishing policies that are evidence based. I will remember that the individuals in the jail are human beings too, and many of them need help with mental health or substance abuse issues."

The Siler City resident has lived in Chatham County for 20 years, but was born and raised in Alamance County and has worked in Randolph County. Early in his career, Globuschutz

was employed by three law enforcement agencies — the municipal police departments in Gibsonville and Graham, and then the Alamance County Sheriff's Office, beginning in 1994.

In 2003, Globuschutz moved over full time to a landscaping business he'd begun as a side venture in 2001. That business, Triad Lawn, eventually grew to include stone masonry work and lawn maintenance and have more than a dozen employees. Despite early success and profitability, Globuschutz said the housing industry crash led to him shuttering it in 2008.

He then went to work for the N.C. Department of Public Safety, where he's served since. Globuschutz has held various leadership positions as a probation and parole officer, including Parole Association division chairperson and serving a term as president of the state's Probation/Parole Association board.

Since he launched his campaign a year ago, he's used his Facebook page to be particularly critical of Roberson. Globuschutz has charged Roberson with, among other things:

- "failing to protect our citizens and us[ing] the resources at the Sheriff's Office for political gain"
- using "party trick[s] and fake image" to bolster the department's

reputation

- "placed what's best for him [Roberson] ahead of public safety" and putting "more lives in danger just so he can maintain his office"

- "running off great deputies" and disciplining deputies who "are pro-active," pressuring them "to quit or they are moved to the jail, court house (sic) or to another divisions within the office"

- having a higher number of staff vacancies per capita than any other law enforcement department in the state

Roberson, in interviews, says much of what Globuschutz claims and posts on Facebook is "patently false," and said he's not responded point by point to the charges because he's focusing instead on what his department is doing.

Globuschutz scoffs at that and says voters need to know the difference between "public relations" and real law enforcement.

'Provide the needed services'

"I would much rather see deputies working the roads answering calls versus working at festivals and being used as pawns for Michael's false image," he said, referring to Roberson's own active Facebook page. "As a tax-paying citizen, it is incredible to think that there have

been times where the response times have been as high as two hours for calls for service. I have said before — there must be a balance between enforcement action and public relations with the department in order to be successful. Too much of one thing and not enough of the another creates real issues with the community. My goal is to have that balance and provide the needed services for the community."

If he's elected, Globuschutz said he'll "address the current lack of trust with the position of sheriff and tear down the toxic atmosphere" he says permeates the department.

"Just as I, most new deputies are looking for a warm inviting place to work and a command staff that will back/support the deputies," he said. "No experienced officer would be willing to come to a department that has a reputation of not investing into the staff, micromanaging, poor leadership, very little training and high rate of turnover. Historically, departments that have these traits have a hard time getting applicants, keeping good quality staff and ultimately it costs the taxpayers and the community in the long run. This never gets better until that administration is removed and replaced

with new leadership."

Globuschutz said that in addition to his commitment to law enforcement, he'll be guided by his faith.

"As a Christian, I employ these values in my everyday life and will demand my staff to perform at the highest of standards of honesty, professionalism and integrity," he said. "I value community partnerships, and the only way to maintain any of these relationships is to be honest. We will treat each other, and the community, with dignity and respect. By keeping utmost professionalism with the community, I, and my department, will recognize diversity as a strength and the importance of investing in the future of our community's children. As the Sheriff's Office principal mission of protection of life and property, my staff will strive to maintain at the highest level of public trust. This public trust is maintained only if the integrity of the staff and myself is intact."

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Chatham Council on Aging to hold Senior Education Conference Nov. 18

From the Chatham Council on Aging

PITTSBORO — Following a two-year hiatus, the Chatham County Council on Aging will bring back its popular Senior Education Conference on Friday, Nov. 18, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center located at 1192 U.S. Hwy. 64 Business West, Pittsboro.

Beginning at 9 a.m. and running through 3 p.m., residents from Chatham County and surrounding areas can enjoy a day-long program of educational sessions on a range of topics. There is no cost to attend, and a light lunch will be provided. While the sessions will be geared toward older adults and their caregivers, anyone with an interest in senior-related topics may attend. Each session will be roughly 45 minutes in duration.

Confirmed session titles include, but are not limited to, “Make Your Home Senior Friendly,” “Staying Fit,” “Fraud and Scam Awareness” and “Food Safety

in The Kitchen.” Chatham County leadership will be in attendance to hold its own 45-minute session entitled, “Ask The County Executive,” where attendees will receive a macro-level view of county government and have the opportunity to ask questions of county managers.

Dr. Tiffany Long, clinical instructor at UNC School of Medicine and advanced clinical fellow in the Division of Geriatric Medicine, will be the keynote speaker at 2:15 p.m. in the main exhibit hall of the center.

“Traditionally, our Senior Education Conference has been one of the highlights of the Council’s annual calendar,” said Jimmy Lewis, the grants and communications specialist with the Council. “As we settle back into our normal routines, we are excited to reinstate this event for the community we serve.”

To register for the conference, contact Lewis at 919-542-4512 or email jimmy.lewis@chathamcountync.gov

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On **November 8** three seats are up for election on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, and the people in Chatham County have a choice: Pursue **smart growth**, improve **education** for our children, prioritize **clean water** and **good jobs** in our county by electing **Franklin Gomez Flores, David Delaney** and **Katie Kenlan**. We must ensure a livable future for our children. Our team is committed!



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“They want to come here and right up to my backyard,” Betts said.

Wolfspeed acquired additional portions of land, about 81 acres, near Benjie Williams Road from private property owners, which helped the project come to fruition. And Betts’s main concern with the development isn’t Wolfspeed itself — rather, fears his property will be taken by the state through eminent domain to develop roadways necessary to enter the proposed facility.

“There’s going to have to be a long stretch of road right here to get to it — trucks just can’t go from 55 miles an hour and make a hard right turn,” Betts said. “In fact, there’s a new stake in front of my house with a red flag, and I see all the other ones going with white flags. Mine is the beginning — that’s where that’s going to start, right in my front yard.”

Betts became aware of his plight when he received a letter from the town of Siler City about a public hearing on a rezoning request for a land parcel down the street from him and behind his house. He responded by sending email messages to Siler City Community and Planning Director Jack Meadows expressing his grievances with the proposed project. That communication with Meadows began on Sept. 5 after Betts received the town’s notice in the mail regarding the rezoning request — four days before Wolfspeed announced its new CAM site location.

Betts eventually requested documents related to the rezoning request; Meadows sent Betts a copy of the parcel rezoning application. That application included the resolution and ordinance commissioners approved on Sept. 19, maps of the land parcels and surrounding properties, lists of neighboring property owners and contact information for the developers.

“[The application] says the proposed rezoning is consistent with the land development plan, and it also goes on to say an inclusion of the last parcels is needed for the CAM megasite pending project,” Betts said. “There’s no evidence that these were needed. I’ve got other evidence that there are 1,500 acres where they could have gone — that these 81 acres aren’t

needed.”

Complicating matters: a week and half before the board of commissioners meeting and during his email exchanges with Meadows, Betts’ internet — along with all of his neighbors’ internet on Benjie Williams Road — went down.

“Everything was down,” Betts said. “I had to go to the library and Staples [in Asheboro] to reproduce all the documents he (Meadows) sent me.”

Without internet access, Betts was forced to do his research in public places, compromising his already suppressed immune system; in fact, he says he wound up in urgent care after becoming ill from exposure to others in the community.

Betts went to both Siler City Planning Board and Siler City Board of Commissioners meetings to vocalize his worries to appointed and elected officials. He shared that it’s not just about his personal property — he said wildlife will also be impacted by the development.

“They’re capturing a waterway over there and a pond up by the fence, so what’s the plan to save that waterway,” Betts said. “How many of these projects go up and those things dry up? All the wildlife is lost, and that’s all here.”

Betts claims the town is hiding information from the community regarding the project.

“I couldn’t argue with any of that because they’re not giving me the information — they’re hiding it all,” Betts said. “This is the language, and it’s not legal. Well, it will be legal if I don’t fight it.”

In response, Meadows told the News + Record he explained each piece of the application he sent to Betts, including a map of the grounding work approved by planning department staff. The main CAM site land had been zoned as heavy industrial when creating the land use plan in 2017; the only land requiring a rezoning request was the 81 acres Wolfspeed acquired for its new facility.

Meadows said he’s met with Betts on several occasions to explain what his department and the town are responsible for throughout the stages of Wolfspeed’s development. Meadows said that the parcel directly behind Betts’s property is split in half by a creek; Wolfspeed, Meadows said, will be developing on the

side farthest from Betts’s land. And one of the parcels of land Wolfspeed was interested in, parcel 12553, wasn’t sold to the company in the end.

“Wolfspeed decided to not buy it, so it’s still going to be zoned for residential,” Meadows said.

Meadows also said based on conversations he’s had with developers, there will be a 100-foot-long vegetative buffer around the creek dividing the parcel of land behind Betts’s house. Developers can’t touch the area around the buffer, meaning there will be an additional 100 feet of space between Betts’s property and Wolfspeed’s facility.

Wolfspeed still has to send development plans to Meadows, which would indicate where buildings, parking lots and roads for the new chip manufacturing facility will go.

“We haven’t gotten that far yet to see their development plan,” Meadows said. “I believe it’s coming. I don’t know what date it’s coming in, but it’s coming soon.”

Meadows thinks Betts still has a misunderstanding about the development process. Plans haven’t been finalized or approved, aside from leveling and grading work, and no eminent domain proceedings are planned that Meadows or Town Manager Hank Raper are aware of.

Meadows said only NCDOT or the Siler City Town Manager would be aware of any sort of eminent domain request.

The News + Record reached out to NCDOT for comment, but didn’t receive a response by the time of publication.

Raper, the town manager, said his department isn’t pursuing any form of eminent domain around the Wolfspeed property. In fact, he said Wolfspeed isn’t interested in taking any property as eminent domain.

“A lot of companies will start buying land around their property, but Wolfspeed has been adamant about not doing that,” Raper said.

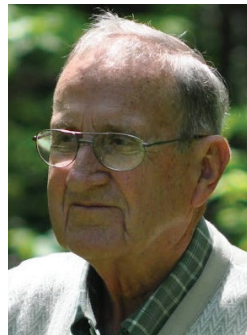
Still, Betts said he’s still worried about the state coming in and taking his land for a road to Wolfspeed.

“All I’m doing is trying to get the record set, and they wouldn’t let me know what’s going on,” Betts said. “I’m not here for big chip factories, that’s not what I bought my house for.”

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OBITUARIES

HOWARD T. BROOKS



November 30, 1929 ~ September 24, 2022
Howard T. Brooks, 92, of Siler City, N.C., went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 24, 2022.

Howard was born in Chatham County on November 30, 1929, to Herbert and Laudis Brooks. He was a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather.

He married the love of his life, Faye Willett Brooks on November 6, 1954, in a double wedding ceremony, along with Charles and Maye Cheek, who was Faye's twin sister.

In addition to his parents, Howard is preceded in death by his wife, Faye Willett Brooks; brothers, Lyndon Brooks and Everett Brooks; sisters Mrs. Johnnie Elmore, Mrs. Mattie Lewis Beal, Mrs. Bertha Dowd, and Mrs. Martha Moffitt. Howard is survived by his sister Mrs. Mary Gunter of Siler City, son Ronald Brooks and wife Cyndi of Greensboro, and grandchildren Amanda Brooks, Dan and Christena Hill, and Trevor Brooks. He is survived by his brother-in-law, Charles Cheek.

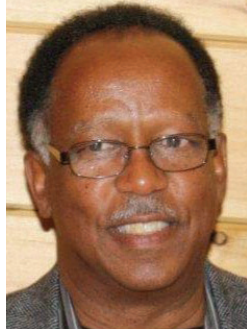
Howard was a graduate of Bonlee High School. He was an Army veteran who served his country in Korea. He worked at Chatham Motors for over 40 years managing the parts department. He took great care of his wife, Faye, who had dementia for many years.

He attended church regularly, and recently attended Shannon Hills Bible Chapel in Greensboro, N.C. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and visiting with family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Ave., Siler City, N.C. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at Sandy Branch Baptist Church, 715 Sandy Branch Church Rd., Bear Creek, N.C., with Pastor Mark Shelley of Shannon Hills Bible Chapel officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Brooks family.
Online condolences may be made at www.smithbuckner-fh.com.

RYNOLD CONWAY FOXF



October 24, 1946 ~ October 6, 2022
Rynold Conway Foxx, 75, of Siler City, passed away on Thursday, October 6, 2022, with his devoted and loving wife by his side.

Mr. Foxx was born in Chatham County on October 24, 1946, the son of Glenn Foxx Sr. and Omega Paige Foxx.

Rynold was a member of Lambert Chapel Baptist Church. He retired after 35 years with Glendale Hosiery.

Rynold enjoyed going to the drag strip and watching races, sitting outside feeding and watching the birds, and going to festivals. He often went to the Senior Center and participated in activities, even joining them on some trips. Rynold loved his family with all of his heart, and cherished the time he spent with his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Rynold is preceded in death by his sister, Jeannie F. Thomas; and grandparents, Climon and Mattie Paige.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joe Ann Cheek Foxx; son, Dwight A. Foxx of Apple Valley, Minnesota, and his daughter, Alexandria; Donald A. Foxx and wife Michelle of Dayton, Ohio; and Ronald H. Foxx and wife Jennifer of Fuquay Varina, and their children, Jeron and Jada; brothers, Lofus T. Fox of Siler City, Glenn Foxx Jr. and wife Gladys of Siler City, Eddie Foxx and wife Juanita of Saginaw, Michigan, Henry T. Foxx of West Lake, Ohio, and Joe C. Foxx of Siler City; sisters, Gwendolyn F. Baldwin of St. Charles, Missouri, and Cora F. Glover and husband Alonzo of Lemon Springs, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. Funeral services for Mr. Foxx was to be held Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Clyde Watson officiating. Burial will follow at Lambert Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithbuckner-fh.com.
Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is serving the Foxx family.

MARY BARBARA KNIGHT

December 6, 1940 ~ September 25, 2022

Mary Barbara Buchanan Knight, 81, of Sanford, N.C., passed away Sunday, September 25, 2022, at her home.

She was born in Lee County, on December 6, 1940, to the late Lennie Buchanan and Alice Jones Buchanan. Mrs. Knight worked at Federal Spinning. She is preceded in death by her husband, Junior "Simon" Knight, son Rex Wyatt Knight, sister Maggie Lee Poindexter, Mattie Capps, and Betty Joyce Hensley; brother Bennie Buchanan and Lloyd Buchanan.

She is survived by her daughters, Debbie Thomas, Donna Knight, Paula Sloan, all of Sanford; Penny Sowards of Suffolk, Virginia; brothers, Buddy Buchanan of Broadway and Billy Buchanan of Richmond; sisters, Evie Belle Hodges of Cameron and Lorena Oakley of Sanford; six grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the First Apostolic Church on Wednesday September 28, 2022, with Pastor George Akers presiding. Burial was in Lee Memory Gardens.

Online condolences are available at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

DEBORAH SUE NEAL HUGHES

March 29, 1951 ~ October 4, 2022

Deborah Sue Neal Hughes, 71, of Bear Creek, passed away on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at Chatham Hospital.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Fair Promise U.M.C., where she was a member, with Rev. Tom Hallberg presiding.

Debbie was born in Moore County on March 29, 1951, to Bobbie Louise Neal Phillips. She was a hair stylist. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her son, Nicky Hughes; grandparents, Willis and Jessie Neal.

She is survived by her husband, Ted "Steve" Hughes; and a brother, Mike Neal of Bear Creek.

In addition to flowers, memorials may be made to Fair Promise U.M.C. Cemetery Fund, c/o Carmen Hussey, 372 N. Howard Mill Rd., Robbins, N.C. 27325.

Condolences may be offered online at www.joycebrady-chapel.com.

CLINTON JAMES GOODWIN

Clinton James Goodwin, 40, died at home on Saturday, October 8, 2022. He was born in Orange County, N.C., at UNC

ELMO LOU PHILLIPS



October 11, 1932 ~ October 8, 2022
Elmo Lou Phillips, 89, of Bear Creek passed away Saturday, October 8, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Chatham County on October 11, 1932, the daughter of Nina Phillips and Buford Goins. Elmo was a member of Fair Promise United Methodist Church, where she held numerous offices and sang in the church choir. She worked for Southern Supreme Fruitcake for

over 20 years. She enjoyed filling her days with quilting, sewing, cooking and gardening. Elmo enjoyed going out to eat and taking camping trips. She loved taking care of people and sitting with them during their times of need. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, James R. "Bobby" Phillips, son, Cary Phillips, and grandson, James McLaughlin.

She is survived by her children, Joy Barbour and husband Dannie of Shallotte, Landis Phillips and wife Donna of Sanford, Martha Whisnand and husband Jon of the home, and Neal Phillips and wife Brandi of Gilbert, Arizona; Daughters in Love, Joyce Phillips of Carthage, and Tracey Phillips of Siler City; grandchildren, Kaycey McLaughlin of Broadway, Jason Phillips and wife Tina of Liberty, Joshua Phillips and wife Cindy of Raleigh, Jonathan McLaughlin and wife Raven of Wilmington, Jeffery McLaughlin and wife Bambi of Boiling Spring Lakes, Nina Keown and husband Daniel of Lake Park, Georgia, Hannah Hancock and husband Jordan of Valdosta, Georgia, Nathan Phillips of Carthage, Jacob Phillips and wife Andrada of Cameron, and Samuel Phillips and wife Hannah of Siler City; great grandchildren, Aiden McLaughlin, Reagan Phillips, Cassidy McLaughlin, Jackson McLaughlin, Vernon McGee Phillips, Rebecca Keown, Luke Keown, Caroline Hancock, John Patrick Hancock, Maxwell Phillips, Benson Phillips, Rhys Phillips, Tyler Madison, Kayleigh Barbour-Bass; sisters-in-law, Mary Cox and Jeanette Phillips; and special friend, Melissa Stuart.

The family received friends on Monday, October 10, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 N. Second Ave., Siler City. The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at Fair Promise United Methodist Church, 192 Glendon-Carthage Rd., Goldston, with Rev. Tom Hallberg and Chaplain Sam Garris. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Liberty Hospice, Chatham Council on Aging or to Fair Promise United Methodist Church.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Phillips family.
Online condolences may be made at www.smithbuckner-fh.com.

DIANE JOHNSON PRICE BEAN

October 18, 1956 ~ October 3, 2022

Diane Johnson Price Bean, 65, of Siler City, passed away on Monday, October 3, 2022, surrounded by her family at her home.

Ms. Bean was born in Chatham County on October 18, 1956, the daughter of Robert and Joyce Winslow Johnson. Diane was a 1974 graduate of Jordan-Matthews High School. She later went on to work as an International Resolution Agent for American Airlines. Diane enjoyed sewing, reading, and gardening. She was an excellent cook. She adored spending time with her grandchildren, who were her pride and joy. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Tommy Johnson.

She is survived by her daughters, Nichol Price of the home, Gretel Poe and husband Joshua of Staley; sons, T.J. Price and wife Cassie of Siler City, Josh Price of Siler City; brothers, Robert J. Johnson and wife Elaine W. of Spartanburg, S.C., Melvin R. Johnson of Siler City, Bennie Johnson and wife Elsbeth of Pittsboro, and Irvin Johnson and wife Kim of Siler City; sisters, Joyce Elaine Yacuzzo, and Judy Kobylarek and husband Tom of St. Louis; grandchildren, Julie, Levi, Joe, Lily, Rose, Jed, Jude, Willow, Jeremiah, Jonah, Joel, Fern, Sam and Violet.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.
Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Price family.
Online condolences may be made at www.smithbuckner-fh.com.

Hospitals to Edwin and Janice Nordon Goodwin.

Clinton is survived by his wife, Ashley Woody Goodwin; son, Carson James Goodwin of the home; daughter, Mea Gabrielle Snave of Mebane; stepsons, Walter Mack Stone, Christopher Michael Stone and Lucas Andrew Davis of Pittsboro; stepdaughter, Hannah Leigh Stone of Pittsboro; mother, Janice Nordon Blasko and stepfather, Michael Eugene "Papa Swall" Blasko; sister, Holly Elizabeth Gansel of Chicago; stepbrothers, Abraham Blasko and William Blasko of Durham, Michael Joseph Blasko of Raleigh-Durham, and stepsister, Betty Blasko of Florida. He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Goodwin.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 14, 2022, at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 12 to 12:50 p.m. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. A graveside service will immediately follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919-2301 or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 200 Vesey Street 28th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10281.

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

WELDON LOYD CRAVEN

June 20, 1937 ~ October 8, 2022

Weldon Loyd Craven, 85, of Seagrove, passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at FirstHealth Hospice House in Pinehurst.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at Union Grove Baptist Church, where he was a member, with Pastor Alton Burrow and Dr. Ron Chaney presiding. Interment, with military honors, followed the service.

Weldon was born in Moore County on June 20, 1937, to Weldon Braxton Craven and Pearl Anne Coltrane Craven. He was a graduate of Campbell University and a U.S. Air Force Veteran. He served as a principal at Brower Elementary and Seagrove School for a total of 15 years. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Doris Anne Craven.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nora Parker Craven of the home; children, Gloria C. Williams of the home, Janet C. King of Seagrove and Weldon Craven II of Asheboro; brother, Kelly Craven of Bennett; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be offered online at www.joycebrady-chapel.com.

JAMES 'JIMMY' LAWRENCE MADDOX

February 2, 1950 ~ October

8, 2022

James "Jimmy" Lawrence Maddox passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at his home.

He was born in Lee County to the late T. Lawton Maddox and Mary Rosser Maddox. He was a Veteran of the United States Army having served in Germany. He retired from Alltel (Heins) Telephone Company after 29 years. He was a life-long member of Shallow Well Church where he served an usher for many years.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, LaVerne Jones Maddox; daughters, Jamie M. Pedley and Lora M. Currin; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild; siblings, Donnie Maddox and Patricia M. Thomas.

Funeral services were held at Shallow Well Church on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 4 p.m. with Dr. Eric Burmahl and Rev. Donald Thompson presiding. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

CINDY SEYMOUR HAYNES

September 27, 1958 ~ October 8, 2022

Cindy Seymour Haynes, 64, of Pittsboro, passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at her home

She was born in Chatham County on September 27, 1958 to the late Milton Vance Seymore and Gertrude Johnson Seymour. Cindy retired from UNC Hospital. She was an active member of Pittsboro Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and was a member of the Praise Team.

Cindy is survived by her husband of 38 years, Ken; brother, Andy Seymour of Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made Pittsboro Baptist Church, 902 Building Fund.

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

Online condolences are available at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

EMMA GRACE MASHBURN BROWN

March 6, 1938 ~ October 6, 2022

Emma Grace Mashburn Brown, of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at her home.

She was born in Guilford County on March 6, 1938 to the late Alton and Emma Wilkie Mashburn. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Eldridge Brown; children, Tammy Brown, Junior Brown, Ronald Brown, Donnie Brown, Robert Brown, Michael Brown; and two grandchildren.

Surviving relatives include her sons, Lee Brown of Sanford and Donald Brown of Ohio; a daughter, Diane Bodenhamer of Sanford; 14 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren.

A funeral was held at the Chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 3 p.m. with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Burial will follow at Broadway Town Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

CABALLERO GADDY

Caballero Gaddy, 39 of Sanford, passed away on Monday, October 10, 2022, at Methodist Olive Branch Hospital in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts, Sanford.

JOHN WINSTON BUIE

August 11, 1954 ~ October 8, 2022

John Winston Buie, 68, of Sanford passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care in Pinehurst.

Professional services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

JAMES HINSON COTTON JR.

James Hinson Cotton Jr., age 67, of Sanford passed away on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at Duke University Hospital in Durham.

The funeral was held Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at Prince Christian Chapel



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‘Death of a Governor’ premieres at House in the Horseshoe

CN+R Staff Report

SANFORD — “The tears which the poor of his neighborhood shed around his tomb, will form the most precious eulogy his character can receive,” read Benjamin Williams’s July 29, 1814 obituary. On Saturday, Oct. 15, “Death of a Governor” will premiere at House in the Horseshoe.

Revolutionary War veteran and four-term North Carolina Gov. Williams, the third owner of the Alston House from 1798 until his death, died of a sudden illness on the Horseshoe property in 1814. Originally buried about a mile away in Dunn Cemetery, he and his family were moved to House in the Horseshoe in August 1970.

The day portion of the Saturday only event

will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the day, family-friendly activities will be available for free. Themed evening tours about early 19th-century burial practices, mourning rituals and the death of Gov. Williams will take place 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets for the evening tours are \$8 and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

Visitors will be able to see the Alston House decorated for mourning, converse with living history interpreters about 19th-century death history and participate in a brief reenactment of a funeral procession for Gov. Williams.

Located at 288 Alston House Road, Sanford, House in the Horseshoe is 16 miles west of Sanford off N.C. Hwy. 42 and 10 miles north of

Carthage on the Carbon-Carthage Road. The house was built in 1772 by Philp Alston. During the American Revolution, Alston proved a fiery leader for the Whig cause. In 1781 the Alston house was the site of militia skirmish between the owner, Whig Col. Philip Alston and Loyalist Col. David Fanning. The house still bears some of the scars from this engagement. From 1798 to 1814 the House in the Horseshoe, under the name Retreat, was home to another Patriot leader and four-time North Carolina Gov. Benjamin Williams.

House in the Horseshoe is part of the Division of State Historic Sites within the N.C. Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources.

SEAT

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county by focusing on local issues such as planning, zoning and infrastructure. Plans for achieving those ends, however, contain quite different means for each candidate.

Gomez Flores says the county needs strategic investments in minority-owned businesses to reduce inequality. Meanwhile, Moody says the county needs to find common ground to make decisions for all people in Chatham.

Qualifications, previous experience

Gomez Flores has lived in Chatham since he was 5 years old. He says he’s seeking another term to continue on the progress he’s made in office by helping the county accommodate the pressures of growth and preserving natural resources.

Beyond his past two years on the board of commissioners, Gomez Flores is also on the Chatham County Board of Health, where he serves on the Maternity Care Center task force for Chatham Hospital. He is also a member of the Chatham Hospital’s Board of Trustees and on the board of directors for Siler City Futbol Club.

Moody is a lifetime resident of Chatham County. He works as the owner of PFP Propane. He’s seeking office to help control the growth of the county, lower taxes and improve conditions for businesses. He said the county itself should be operated like a business where the needs of all stakeholders are met.

Moody’s other community involvements include attending Goldston Methodist Church and Gentlemen of America, which is “a men’s group devoted to the promotion of masculinity in a society that deems it toxic.” Moody previously served as the treasurer for the group.

Goals for office

Both candidates identified future growth as a result of VinFast and Wolfspeed as the biggest challenge in the coming term for Chatham. Gomez Flores said he wants to tackle growth through strategic funding allocation.

“Our tax base is increasing and diversifying,” Gomez Flores told the News + Record. “I am against budgeting any property tax from the megasites into the county’s daily/yearly operations, and rather opt to address major one-time investments that can be paid off quickly.”

The incumbent commissioner said that includes investing in major institutions like schools, parks and increasing broadband. By doing this, he said he believes Chatham will be prepared for megasite growth while also preserving the “agricultural economic base” of his district in the western portion of the county.

Moody, meanwhile, said the current board hasn’t done enough to control the growth coming to Chatham. He advocates for improving the financial structures of the county to capture more tax revenues.

“The people of this county can’t

afford, nor should they have to afford, to cover the tax implications that come along with more infrastructure,” Moody said. “I would ensure that while we are a welcoming place to bring profitable business, we first take care of the folks who call this place home every day.”

Moody said the current board of commissioners has “no structure” in plans for growth; he believes they do not accurately represent the people they serve.

Gomez Flores, one of those current commissioners, of course, disagrees. He said he understands people’s frustrations and is acutely aware of distrust of the local governing body, especially from the agricultural community. That’s why he said he will meet with these communities in the coming term.

“I treat everyone with dignity and respect and am interested in meeting with interested parties to ensure that we cater to their needs and that we are taking into consideration the challenges they face with any decision the board makes, so they don’t sell their farms,” Gomez Flores said.

Bridging the divide

Prior to his election, Gomez Flores says many of the task forces and committees assigned to address issues in Dist. 5 like agriculture or minority-owned businesses came from outside the boundaries of the constituency. Now, he sees ensuring community representation as one of the most important factors in addressing present and future hyperlocal challenges.

“There is an idea of ‘only investing where the population is’ from key individuals,” Gomez Flores said. “And honestly, that gets under my skin. If anything has to change, it is that ideology. It is dismissive of the rest of the county, creating a divide.”

He said reducing that divide will only increase in importance with future development. To manage growth while ensuring the interests of existing residents are heard, Gomez Flores believes all residents need to feel empowered to participate in the political process. That includes speaking up in the production of the upcoming Unified Development Ordinance and desires for future housing projects.

Moody said reducing the divide is about understanding the unique needs of all residents. He said the current board hasn’t found “common ground” for the whole county.

“I understand that as one county there must be some symmetry,” Moody said. “But to draw a line saying that everything in Chapel Hill or in the business park is what is best for the citizens of Bennett, is completely asinine.”

The challenger said there can’t be a one-size-fits-all approach to decisions in the county when there is such a divide in culture and socioeconomic status. Making sure all needs are heard, he believes, will prevent current residents from falling through the cracks.

With anticipated growth also bringing a population boom, Moody said it is pertinent to keep taxes low because property values are already unaffordable for many.

OBITS

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Church with burial following.

OCTAVIAS EVAN SNIPES

Octavias Evan Snipes, 32 of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at his residence in Sanford.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Blandonia Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in Lee Memory Gardens.

MARKEETA RENEE SMITH

Markeeta Renee Smith, 30 of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

The funeral service was held Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 2 p.m.

ESTORY SUITT JR.

Estory Suitt Jr., age 67, of Durham passed away on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at his residence in Durham.

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LEGALS

CREDITOR'S NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified on the 14th day of September 2022, as Executrix of the Estate of **HENRY C. WRUBLE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of December 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 16th day of September 2022. Karen Burdick Executrix of the Estate of Henry C. Wruble 5637 East Angela Drive Scottsdale, Arizona 85254 Attorneys: Law Offices of W. Woods Doster, P.A. 206 Hawkins Avenue Sanford, NC 27330 S22,S29,06,013,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-201 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Priscilla Tankersley Ryder, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Ann Lynette Sims**, 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 day of December 21st, 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 22nd of September, 2022. Priscilla Tankersley Ryder, Executrix c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-499 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Jonathan Carroll Burke, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Lonnie Carroll Burke**, 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 day of December 21st, 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 22nd of September, 2022. Jonathan Carroll Burke, Administrator c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-500 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Jonathan Carroll Burke, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Nancy B. Burke**, 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 day of December 21st, 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 22nd of September, 2022. Jonathan Carroll Burke, Administrator c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 22-E-514 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Kenneth Andrew Wright, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Susan F. Daniel**, 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 day of December 22nd, 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 22nd of September, 2022. Kenneth Andrew Wright, Executor c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

22-E-525 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Ann S. Shackelford, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **CAMILLA DETERMAN SARAVALLI**, 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 21st day of December, 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 22nd day of September, 2022. Ann S. Shackelford Executrix c/o Marie H. Hopper Attorney for the Estate Hopper Cummings, PLLC Post Office Box 1455 Pittsboro, NC 27312 S22,S29,06,013,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KATHY MELISSA MANRING NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **KATHY MELISSA MANRING**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Amanda Valmassoi as Executrix of the decedent's estate on or before December 23, 2022, 113 English Place, Morrisville, NC 27560, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executrix. This is the 22nd day of September, 2022. Amanda Valmassoi, Executrix 113 English Place Morrisville, NC 27560 S22,S29,06,013,4tp

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons having claims against the estate of **ROBERT GEORGE DUNN**, of Chatham County, NC, who died on July 8, 2020, are notified to present them on or before December 28, 2022 to David Dunn, Executor, c/o Maitland & English Law Firm, 2 Couch Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Michele L. English MAITLAND LAW FIRM 2 Couch Road Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Attorney for the Estate S29,06,013,020,4tc

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 641 All persons having claims against **ELEANOR LEWIS CORLEY**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 29th day of September, 2022. Elizabeth Lewis Corley, Executrix 181 Manco Dairy Road Pittsboro, NC 27312 S29,06,013,020,4tp

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CHATHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. To see a listing of polling places, visit our website at www.chathamcountync.gov/boe. All persons who are registered to vote with the Chatham County Board of Elections may vote in this election. The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2022. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence. One-stop early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, October 20, 2022, to Saturday, November 5, 2022: Chatham County Agriculture Conference Center (in lieu of BBOE Office) 1192 US-64 Bus, Pittsboro, NC 27312 Goldston Town Hall, 40A Coral Ave., Goldston, NC 27252 Paul Braxton Gym, 115 S. 3rd Ave, Siler City, NC 27344 CCCC Health Science Building (off 15-501) - 75 Ballentrae Ct., Pittsboro, NC 27312 New Hope Baptist Church - 581 New Hope Church Road, Apex, NC 27523 DAY DATE TIME Thursday, 10/20/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Friday 10/21/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Saturday 10/22/2022, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday 10/23/2022, 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM Monday 10/24/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Tuesday 10/25/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Wednesday 10/26/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Thursday 10/27/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Friday 10/28/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Saturday 10/29/2022, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday 10/30/2022, 12 noon - 3:00 PM Monday 10/31/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Tuesday 11/1/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Wednesday 11/2/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Thursday 11/3/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM Friday 11/4/2022, 8:00 AM - 7:30 p.m. Saturday 11/5/2022, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning September

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION
Line ad deadline Tuesday — Noon
Display ad deadline Monday — 5 p.m.
Rates and payment Minimum charge of \$5 for each classified advertisement of 25 words or less per week. For each additional word, no matter how many insertions, add 20¢ per word. Payable in advance.
Blind ads No information will be given out by this office to the identity of person placing "keyed" or "blind" ads.
Errors In advertisements that run more than one week, we are responsible for errors appearing in the first week only. If you find an error in your ad, report it immediately.

9, 2022. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at votemail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the board of elections. The request must be received through the website or by the CHATHAM Board of Elections by 5 p.m. November 1, 2022. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Chatham County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voters near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multi-partisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and witnesses. In the general election, voters will select candidates for: US Representative for Congressional District 9, State Senate District 20, NC House of Representatives District 54, District



Career Opportunities Available

Visit www.chathamcountync.gov and click Jobs.

HELP WANTED

Chatham Monument Co. has an opening for a monument installer. Work involves working in Siler City and surrounding area installing monuments as part of a 3-person team.

Apply in Person, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
227 N. 2nd Ave. Siler City, NC 27344

HIRING CNA's ALL SHIFTS

CALL: 919-542-3151
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for appointment to complete application and interview.
Pittsboro Christian Village
1825 East Street, Pittsboro, NC

PITTSBORO VILLAGE APARTMENTS

Now accepting applications for 2BR, 1.5BA Range, refrigerator, dishwasher are included in the rent. Rent starts at \$630 and up.
400 Honeysuckle Dr., Pittsboro, NC 27312
919-542-5410
TDD 1-800-735-2962
Email: pittsborovillage@ECCMGT.com
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Attorney District 18, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 3, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 5, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 8, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 9, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 10, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 11, NC Superior Court Judge District 15B Seat 1, NC Superior Court Judge District 15B Seat 2, NC District Court Judge 15B Seat Chatham County Board of Commissioners District 3, Chatham County Board of Commissioners District 4, Chatham County Board of Commissioners District 5, Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court, Chatham County Sheriff, Chatham County Board of Education District 3, Chatham County Board of Education District 4, Chatham County Board of Education District 5, Chatham Soil and Conservation District Supervisor (2 seats), All persons who are registered to vote with the Chatham County Board of Elections may vote in this election. The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2022. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence. Questions? Call the CHATHAM Board of Elections Office at 919-545-8500 or send an email to elections@chathamcountync.gov

Laura Heise, Chairman CHATHAM COUNTY Board of Elections S29,06,013,3tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **BARBARA BRANDEIS ALOTIS**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before January 3, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This 29th day of September, 2022. Mark O. Costley, Personal Representative c/o Clarity Legal Group PO BOX 2207 Chapel Hill, NC 27515 S29,06,013,020,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 540

All persons having claims against **MARGARET HOOKER MOSER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of September, 2022. Kathryn H. O'Connell, Executor 568 Roberson Creek Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 S29,06,013,020,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 547

All persons having claims against **JO ANN D. HILLIARD**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of September, 2022. Michael Jay Hilliard, Executor 3225 Old Graham Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312 S29,06,013,020,4tp

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, October 17, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 US 64W Business, Pittsboro NC 27312. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www.chathamcountync.gov by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below: 1. A legislative request for a public hearing by Edward Holmes, Jr. for a General Use rezoning on Parcels 5837, 79837 and portions of 5276 and 5806 totaling approximately 84.842 acres currently zoned R-1 Residential to NZB Neighborhood Business, Cape Fear Township. In person testimony is required to be given under oath during the evidentiary hearing for the following item: Quasi-Judicial Request: 1. A quasi-judicial request for a public hearing by Lori Lay Thurber for Special Use Permit on Parcel 68864 for an in-home daycare center for up to 15 children at 3721 Old Graham Rd., Center Township. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions. Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique

accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312. O6,013,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled **COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. BRIAN EARL SHEFFIELD and spouse, SABRINA ROBERTS SHEFFIELD**, and all possible heirs and assignees of **BRIAN EARL SHEFFIELD and spouse, SABRINA ROBERTS SHEFFIELD**, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **21-CvD-754**, the undersigned Commissioner will on the **19th day of October, 2022, offer for sale and sell for cash**, to the last and highest bidder at public auction **at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock, noon**, the following described real property, lying and being in Bear Creek Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: **BEGINNING** at the mouth of Meadow Branch where it flows into Cedar Creek and on East Bank of public road, and running thence with East margin of said public road North 12 degrees, West 54 1/2 poles to a point where the said public road enters High Falls and Coleridge black-top highway; thence, South 32 degrees East with said black-top road 36 poles to a point in Meadow Branch; thence, down said branch, its various courses 25 poles to the beginning station, containing 1.79 acre more or less. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0003166**

The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 27th day of September, 2022. Mark D. Bardill/Mark B. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 O6,013,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled **COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, and all possible assigns and successors of **JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, and **DIANNA LYNN BANKS and spouse**, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of **DIANNA LYNN BANKS and spouse**, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, **21-CvD-868**, the undersigned Commissioner will on the **19th day of October, 2022, offer for sale and sell for cash**, to the last and highest bidder at public auction **at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock, noon**, the following described real property, lying and being in Albright Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: **BEING** all of **Lot No. 8 of Piney Ridge Subdivision**, Map One, as shown on plat recorded at **Plat Cabinet 86, Slide 52, Chatham County Registry**. Subject to restrictive covenants, easements, and rights-of-way of record. Parcel Identification Number: **0065031**

The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 27th day of September, 2022. Mark D. Bardill/Mark B. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585

O6,013,2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Siler City (the "Town") invites interested firms to submit a sealed **Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)** for the following: **SERVICES FOR WATER METER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**. Interested parties may submit Qualifications for an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Full-Service Implementation and Maintenance Program in order to improve the process of collecting monthly water utility meter data to enhance the level of service offered to customers. The AMI Full-Service Program will be implemented system wide in a short time frame, in order to maximize the benefits of the system. Interested parties are to submit qualifications for a turnkey deployment of approximately 4,200 metered accounts, followed by an ongoing maintenance program that includes network, AMI endpoints, and software maintenance as well as full-service data hosting and delivery to the Town. The requirements for Qualifications including instructions, requirements, and formatting for the SOQ, and complete scope of work may be secured at the Town of Siler City Town Hall, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344, 919-742-4731, by website at <http://www.silercity.org/>, or email cmccorquodale@silercity.org or cptetiford@silercity.org. Firms interested in being considered for selection should respond by submitting one original and three copies of the SOQ in a sealed envelope marked "Water Meter System Replacement" to Public Works Director, Town of Siler City, PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 by October 28th, 2022. Responses received after October 28, 2022 will not be considered.

The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Tina Stroupe at 919-742-4733, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or tstroupe@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Tina Stroupe al tstroupe@silercity.org o al 919-742-4733 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. O6,013,2tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 22 SP 9

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM In the matter of the Foreclosure of a Deed of Trust Executed by Mable Jones and Paul Jones, Sr., dated October 23, 1998 Recorded in Book 769 at Page 435 in the Chatham County Public Registry, North Carolina **NOTICE OF SALE**

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in payment of the secured debt and failure to perform the agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the secured debt, the undersigned will expose for sale at public auction at the usual place of sale at the Chatham County courthouse at 1:00 PM on October 20, 2022, the following described real estate and any improvements situated thereon, in Chatham County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Mable Jones; Paul Jones, Sr., dated October 23, 1998 to secure the original principal amount of \$66,600.00, and recorded in Book 769 at Page 435 of the Chatham County Public Registry. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warranty is intended. Address of property: **862 Dewitt Smith, Pittsboro, NC 27312** Tax Parcel ID: **0068546** Present Record Owners: Paul S. Jones, Jr.; Bryant D. Jones; Renee Jones Webster; Brenda Jones Simmons The record owner(s) of the property, according to the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Paul S. Jones, Jr. and Bryant D. Jones and Renee Jones Webster and Brenda Jones Simmons. 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 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 offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condi-

tion expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required from the highest bidder and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. After the expiration of the upset period, all remaining amounts are **IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING**. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing. **SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE-HOLD TENANTS** residing at the property: be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days written notice to the landlord. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. The date of this Notice is 30th day of August, 2022. Grady I. Ingle, Attorney for Substitute Trustee Ingle Law Firm, PA 13801 Reese Blvd West Suite 160 Huntersville, NC 28078 (980) 771-0717 Ingle Case Number: 4741-5428 O6,013,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30pm in the multipurpose room at the Wren Memorial Library, located at 500 N Second Avenue, Siler City, NC to consider the potential project for which funding may be applied under the CDBG Economic Development program. The proposed project will be for the construction of a 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank to provide water supply and fire flow for Wolfsped and the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing Site in the amount of \$2.5 million. The project will include all site work, piping, valves, tank construction, electrical and related appurtenances for the erection of the proposed tank. Further information can be obtained by contacting Town Finance Director Tina Stroupe at tstroupe@silercity.org or 919-742-4731.

The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Tina Stroupe at 919-742-4731, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or tstroupe@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Tina Stroupe al tstroupe@silercity.org o al 919-742-4731 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. O6,013,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing in accordance with NCGS 158-7.1 on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Wren Memorial Library, located at 500 N Second Avenue, Siler City, NC to consider a request for an economic development incentive grant. The anticipated new capital investment for Wolfsped is \$5 billion. This project will create 1,800 new full time permanent jobs at an average salary of \$62,522.00. The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners believes that this project will stimulate the local economy and will provide local economic benefits for the citizens of Siler City through an increase in sales tax revenues and the increased purchases of local goods and services. The public is invited to attend the hearing to express their viewpoints. Persons having questions may contact Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson at 919-742-4731, jjohnson@silercity.org. Anyone wishing to submit written comments may do so by writing to the Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson, PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 or jjohnson@silercity.org. O6,013,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY LEGISLATIVE HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a legislative hearing on Oct. 17, 2022 at 6:30pm in the in the multipurpose room of the Wren Memorial Library located at 500 N. 2nd Ave. Legislative hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests: 1. Henry de St. Aubin pro-

poses to rezone 11.83 acres from Light-Industrial (L-I) to Heavy-Industrial-Conditional (H-I-C). The proposed use is a manufacturing, processing, creating of goods and equipment (concrete plant with batch silo, aggregate bin, conveyor, modular control center, truck maintenance garage/shop, truck washing facility, outdoor storage areas for gravel, sand, and other concrete materials). The subject property is located along the northern boundary of W. 11th St. (east of railroad and west of N. Chatham Ave.) and is identified as parcel # 15562 & 80791.

2. Town of Siler City proposes to rezone ~4.078 acres from Light-Industrial (L-I) to General-Commercial (G-C). The subject property is located at 202 W. 3rd St. (west of railroad) and is identified as parcel # 16071.

3. Town of Siler City proposes the following text amendment to the UDO: §307 Retention And Protection of Large Trees (exemptions, golf course). The proposed item is available for review by contacting the Planning and Community Development Director at jmeadows@silercity.org or 919-742-2323. All persons interested in the outcome of the item are invited to attend the legislative hearing and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced item. The Planning Board will meet on Oct. 10 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Tina Stroupe at 919-742-4731, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or tstroupe@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Tina Stroupe al tstroupe@silercity.org o al 919-742-4731 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. O6,013,2tc

TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC NOTICE

Non-Contiguous Annexation The Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Wren Memorial Library, located at 500 N Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina to consider a request for non-contiguous annexation presented by petition by Tim's Farm & Forestry, LLC, G5 Investments, LLC Cambridge Southeast LLC, and DHG Megasite, LLC. The approximate 445.687 acre tract of property is located at Parcel, Address, 12580 (portion of) 72513, off US 64 West, 67263 (portion of) 20436 US 64 W, 63971, 20416 US 64 W, 12551, 20486 US 64 W, 12552, 20416 US 64 W, 61119, OFF US 64 W, 78171, 20266 US 64 W, 12553 (portion of), 558 BENJIE WILLIAMS RD, 12547, OFF BENJIE WILLIAMS RD, 82157 (portion of) OFF STOCKYARD RD, 76879 (portion of) STOCKYARD RD, 76966, OFF STOCKYARD RD, 12765 (portion of), OFF STOCKYARD RD The public is invited to attend the hearing to express their viewpoints. Persons having questions may contact Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson at 919-742-4731, jjohnson@silercity.org. Anyone wishing to submit written comments may do so by writing to the Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson, P. O. Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 or jjohnson@silercity.org. O6,013,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **REBECCA DIANE CLODFELTER**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney for the estate on or before January 6, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 6th day of October, 2022. Barbara Jean York Clodfelter, Administrator Adam G. Kerr PRR Law, PLLC PO Box 10941 Greensboro, NC 27404 Telephone: (336) 808-5028 Fax: (336) 464-2819 O6,013,020,027,4tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF LEE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NO: 22 CVD 675 MARIA ISABEL MADERA, Plaintiff, vs ISMAEL GUEVARA ENRIQUES, Defendant. NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION To: ISMAEL GUEVARA ENRIQUES

Defendant. NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION To: ISMAEL GUEVARA ENRIQUES

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Judgment for Absolute Divorce in Lee County, North Carolina

You are required to make defense to such pleading 40 days following the first date of this notice, no later than the 15th day of November, 2022. And upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for relief sought. This the 6th day of October, 2022. WILSON, REIVES, SILVERMAN & DORAN, PLLC Nathalie M. Doran Attorney for Plaintiff 1502 Woodland Avenue Sanford, North Carolina 27330 O6,013,020,3tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations holding claims against **GLENDIA JEAN LINK**, deceased, of Chatham County, NC are notified to exhibit same to the undersigned on or before January 10, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 6th day of October, 2022. Vance W. Link, Jr., Exec., c/o Clarity Legal Group, PO Box 2207 Chapel Hill, NC 27515. O6,013,020,027,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS of Patricia Bassett Jackson STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **PATRICIA BASSETT JACKSON**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at P.O. Box 3120, Chapel Hill, NC 27515, on or before the 29th day of December, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 6th day of October, 2022. Norman Fullerton Jackson, Jr. Administrator for the Estate. Charles B. Carver CPA P.O. Box 3120 Chapel Hill, NC 27515 Telephone: 919-929-2149 O6,013,020,027,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY 22 E 265

All persons having claims against **SARAH M TOMLINSON**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 29th day of September, 2022. Russell F. Tomlinson, Executor 347 Walter Chambers St. Eden, NC 27288 S29,06,013,020,4tp

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

FILE NO. 22 CVS 715 TOWN OF PITTSBORO,

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION vs. JOSEPH R. SANDERS, widower, PATRICIA ANN PETTIGREW and husband, JOE PETTIGREW, DAVID LEROY KENNEDY, JR. and wife, RENEE KENNEDY, ROBERT THOMAS KENNEDY and wife, LYNN KENNEDY, and WILLIAM ANTHONY KENNEDY, unmarried,

Defendants. TO: WILLIAM ANTHONY KENNEDY

Take notice that a Petition has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is to acquire by condemnation the real property interests in certain real property in Chatham County, North Carolina described in the Complaint. You are required to file a response to the Petition not later than the 2nd day of January, 2023, said date being 120 days from the first publication of this notice in order to participate in and receive further notice of the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of any hearing, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 4th day of October, 2022. GUNN & MESSICK, PLLC By: /S/ Paul S. Messick, Jr. N.C. State Bar No. 2979 Post Office Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 Telephone: (919) 542-3253 Facsimile: (919) 542-0257 Email: pm@gunnmessick.com Attorney for Plaintiff O6,013,020,3tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
22 E 530
 All persons having claims against **JEFFREY LEE CARMINES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of January, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 13th day of October, 2022.
 Elizabeth C. Jackson, Administrator
 3604 Enos Rd.
 Gloucester, Va 23061
 O13,020,027,N3,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
 The undersigned, having qualified on the 5th day of October, 2022, as Executrix of the Estate of **PATRICIA C. RUNYAN**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of January, 2023, 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 13th day of October, 2022.
 Diane Runyan, Executrix of the Estate of Patricia C. Runyan
 4011 University Drive, Suite 300
 Durham, NC 27707
 Gwendolyn C. Brooks, Esquire
 Kennon Craver, PLLC
 4011 University Drive, Suite 300
 Durham, North Carolina 27707
 O13,020,027,N3,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
22 E 493
 The undersigned having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **RICHARD WALKER WHITE**, late of Chatham County, NC does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address below on or before the 13th day of January, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will be please make immediate to the undersigned. This the 13th day of October, 2022.
 Joanna W. Morgan Executrix of the Estate of Richard Walker White, c/o The Law Office of Anne Page Watson, PLLC
 3400 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 325
 Durham, NC 27705
 O13,020,027,N3,4tp

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
 Special Proceedings No 19 SP 222
 Substitute Trustee: Philip A. Glass
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Date of Sale: October 25, 2022
Time of Sale: 10:00 a.m.
Place of Sale: Chatham County Courthouse
 Description of Property: See Attached Description
 Record Owners: Samuel Robinson and Faye Robinson
 Address of Property: **1324 Silk Hope Liberty Road**
Siler
City, NC 27344
 Deed of Trust: Book: 1339 Page: 767
 Dated: May 4, 2007
 Grantors: Samuel Robinson and Faye Robinson, Husband and Wife
 Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Encore Credit
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.
 Philip A. Glass, Substitute Trustee
 Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P.
 EXHIBIT A - PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
 The land referred to in this Commitment is described as follows:
 Situated in Siler City, Chatham County, State of North Carolina and being described as follows: ADJOINING THE LANDS OF PAUL D. FIELDS, J.P. FIELDS AND OTHERS, AND BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE CENTER OF STATE ROAD NO. 1346, PAUL D. FIELDS' LINE OR CORNER, THERE BEING AN IRON STAKE IN THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID ROAD; AND RUNNING THENCE WITH THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD SOUTH 79 DEGREES EAST 133 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD NO. 1346, THERE BEING AN IRON STAKE IN THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE NORTH 4 DEGREES EAST FROM SAID POINT; AN RUNNING THENCE WITH THE LINE OF J.P. FIELDS, NORTH 4 DEGREES WEST 263 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE, FIELDS' CORNER, THENCE NORTH 24 DEGREES 30' WEST 272 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE, J.P. FIELDS' CORNER; THENCE WITH FIELDS' LINE, SOUTH 67 DEGREES WEST 230 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE, PAUL D. FIELDS' LINE; THENCE WITH PAUL D. FIELDS' LINE, SOUTH 29 DEGREES EAST 449 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.18 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO A PLAT PREPARED BY ROBERT HANCOCK, SURVEYOR, MAY 1967. BEING THE IDENTICAL REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN DEED FROM J. PAUL FIELDS, ET UX, TO KENNETH R. FIELDS, ET US, DATED MAY 22, 1967.
 1) FOR CHAIN OF TITLE, SEE DEED BOOK 609, PAGE 1150, CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY.
 2) THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY RECORDED OR UNRECORDED RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTING.
 3) THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS WHICH MIGHT NOW EXIST IN FAVOR OF ANY PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANY.
 4) THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY MATTERS WHICH A RECENT AND ACCURATE SURVEY MIGHT DISCLOSE.
 5) THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND PAY ALL CHATHAM COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES

ON SAID PROPERTY THROUGH THE YEAR 1995; TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1996 SHALL BE PRO-RATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO.
 6) THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIVE AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS OF RECORD.
 The above legal description being the same as the last deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.
PARCEL #0000983
BEING the same property conveyed to Samuel Jerry Robinson, by deed from Deborah Stuart Ingle, dated 6-11-96, recorded 6-12-96, in Book 694 page 577, in the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, NC. This Derivation Clause represents a 24 month Chain of Title.
 The above information is to be used for reference purposes only and not to be relied on as evidence of title and/or encumbrances. Accordingly, said information is furnished at a reduced rate, and the Company's liability shall in no event exceed the amount paid for said information.
 1324 Silk Hope Liberty Road, Siler City, NC 27344.
 O13,020,2tc

RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS
 On September 16, 2022, the CHATHAM COUNTY Board of Elections met at the Chatham County Board of Elections Office and adopted the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED by the CHATHAM COUNTY Board of Elections that:
 1. The CHATHAM COUNTY Board of Elections shall meet at 2:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at the Board of Elections office, 984 Ste., D Thompson Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 to count absentee ballots.
 2. Any voter of the county may attend the in person or virtual meeting and observe the count. Meeting information will be made available to the public to join the meeting virtually or by phone in the meeting notice prior to the meeting.
 3. The results of the absentee ballot count will not be announced before 7:30 p.m. that night.
 Chair
 Secretary
 Member
 Member
 Member
 O13,020,2tc

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
 Special Proceedings No. 22 SP 117
 Substitute Trustee: Philip A. Glass
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Date of Sale: October 25, 2022
 Time of Sale: 10:00 a.m.
 Place of Sale: Chatham County Courthouse
 Description of Property: See Attached Description
 Record Owners: Heirs of George E. Alston
 Address of Property: 81 Honey-suckle Drive
 Pitts-

boro, NC 27312
 Deed of Trust:
 Book : 1682 Page: 485
 Dated: April 24, 2013
 Grantors: George E. Alston 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.
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 Dated: 9/27/22
 /s/ _____

Philip A. Glass, Substitute Trustee
 Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P.
 Posted on 9/27/22
EXHIBIT A
ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN CENTER TOWNSHIP, CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LYING ON THE NORTHEASTERN SIDE OF HONEY SUCKLE DRIVE, CONTAINING 0.315 ACRE OR 13, 721 SQUARE FEET ACCORDING TO ALSTON SURVEY HEREINAFTER REFERENCED AND BEING ALL OF LOT 2 OF VILLAGE GREEN SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN UPON THAT CERTAIN PLAT RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, NC IN PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 326 TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY EXPRESSLY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF SAME.
 This being the same property conveyed to GEORGE E. ALSTON, dated 04/10/2013 and recorded in Book 1679, Page 136, in the CHATHAM County Recorders Office.
PARCEL: 0066411
 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: 9741-06-49-6279
 Property Address: 81 Honey-suckle Dr. Pittsboro, NC 27312
 O13,020,2tc

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF CHATHAM
 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
 SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
 Shirley Royster et al. v
 H. Eugene Tatum, Guardian Ad Litem for Unknown Heirs of Mid T. Farrar, et al, 22 SP 21, Chatham County
 To: Delores Johnson:
 Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought against you is as follows: Petition to Partition and to Sell Property.
 You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days from October 13, 2022 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.
 This the 13th day of October, 2022.
 Daron D. Satterfield
 Satterfield Law, PLLC
 307 Meadowlands Drive, Suite

101
 Hillsborough, NC 27278
 (984) 229-8584
 (919) 287-2696 fax
 O13,020,027,3tc

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 COUNTY OF CHATHAM
 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
 SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
 Shirley Royster et al. v
 H. Eugene Tatum, Guardian Ad Litem for Unknown Heirs of Mid T. Farrar, et al, 22 SP 21, Chatham County
 To: Bruce Edward Johnson, Jr.:
 Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought against you is as follows: Petition to Partition and to Sell Property.
 You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days from October 13, 2022 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.
 This the 13th day of October, 2022.
 Daron D. Satterfield
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 H. Eugene Tatum, Guardian Ad Litem for Unknown Heirs of Mid T. Farrar, et al, 22 SP 21, Chatham County
 To: Joseph Williams, III:
 Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought against you is as follows: Petition to Partition and to Sell Property.
 You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days from October 13, 2022 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.
 This the 13th day of 2022.
 Daron D. Satterfield
 Satterfield Law, PLLC
 307 Meadowlands Drive, Suite 101
 Hillsborough, NC 27278
 (984) 229-8584
 (919) 287-2696 fax
 O13,020,027,3tc

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
 A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, October 17, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, 1192 US 64W Business, Pittsboro NC 27312. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www.chatham-countync.gov by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.
 The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below:
 1. A legislative public hearing requested by Edward Holmes, Jr. for a General Use rezoning on Parcels 5837, 79837 and portions of 5276 and 5806 totaling approximately 84.842 acres currently zoned R-1 Residential to Industrial Light, Cape Fear Township.
 In person testimony is required to be given under oath during the evidentiary hearing for the following item: Quasi-Judicial Request:
 1. A quasi-judicial evidentiary hearing requested by Lori Lay

Thurber for Special Use Permit on Parcel 68864 for an in-home daycare center for up to 15 children at 3721 Old Graham Rd., Center Township. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions. Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312. O13,1tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
OF JEANNIE LOU MURCHISON
 Phillip Allen Cockman having qualified, under **FILE 22 E 542**, Chatham County, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of **JEANNIE LOU MURCHISON** aka **JEANNIE COCKMAN MURCHISON**; Deceased of 105 Goldston Glendon Road, Goldston, NC 27252, 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 the 20th day of January, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 13th day of October 2022.
 PHILLIP ALLEN COCKMAN, Personal Representative of the JEANNIE LOU MURCHISON aka JEANNIE COCKMAN MURCHISON
 S. Denise Watts, Attorney for Estate of Jeannie Lou Murchison
WATTS PHANCO LAW GROUP PLLC
 4617 Main Street
 Shallotte, NC 28470
 (910) 579-6508
 O13,020,027,N3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of **MARK DONALD VEETY** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of January, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 7th day of October, 2022.
 Lynn Ann Veety, Executor of The Estate of Mark Donald Veety
 546 Rebecca Lane
 Siler City, North Carolina 27344

MOODY, WILLIAMS, ATWATER & LEE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
 BOX 1806
 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312
 (919) 542-5605
 O13,020,027,N3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
22 E 574
 All persons having claims against **LULA MAE CRUTCHFIELD**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of January, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 13th day of September 2022.
 Amy Renae Hargrove, Co-Executrix
 4409 Eastport Blvd, Unit E1
 Little River, SC 29566
 Tracey Lynn Troxler, Co-Executrix
 3750 Silk Hope Lindley Mill Rd
 Snow Camp, NC 27349
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FOOTBALL

County teams go 0-3, scoreless in Week 9

BY JEREMY VERNON
News + Record Sports Editor

Week 9 was one to forget for Chatham County football teams, as Chatham Central, Seaforth and Jordan-Matthews went 0-3 and combined to score zero points last Friday.

For the season, the Bears, Hawks and Jets — along with Northwood — have a combined record of 6-24 so far this fall. The Chargers currently have the best record in the county at 3-4; they had a bye this past week.

Here's a closer look at the three games from Week 9 and a look ahead to Week 10.

Graham 24, Chatham Central 0

The Chatham Central football team battled hard Friday trying to earn its second win of the season, but despite shutting out Graham in the first half, the Bears fell to the Red Devils, 24-0, to fall to 1-6 on the season.

It was a punt fest in the first

half, with both teams failing to find a rhythm on offense in either of the first two quarters. Graham was finally able to take control at the start of the third quarter thanks to a nice return on the second-half kickoff. After a long run set them up 1st-and-goal at Central's 1-yard line, the Red Devils scored on a fullback dive to go up 6-0 with 10:24 to go in the third quarter.

Chatham Central's next drive stalled out thanks to penalties, and on fourth down, the Graham rush got to the Bears' punter and tackled him for a huge loss. The Red Devils took over inside Central's 20-yard line, but were ultimately backed up to 4th-and-28 thanks to a few flags of their own. Rather than attempt a lengthy field goal, Graham went for it and managed to score on a desperate heave from senior quarterback Carlos Quintanilla to senior receiver Elijah Summers, who out-jumped a defensive back on the sideline

See SCORELESS, page A3



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Chatham Central senior Brandon Toomer (4) is tackled by several Graham players on Friday in the Bears' 24-0 loss.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Northwood girls ready to defend state title

BY JEREMY VERNON
News + Record Sports Editor

Northwood girls basketball coach Kerri Snipes knows her team will have a target on its back this season.

It's only natural. The Chargers are the reigning 3A state champions, after all, and have an overall record of 66-8 over the past three seasons. After winning the first state title in program history, all eyes are on Northwood to see if it can put together another stellar season.

With those distractions in mind, Snipes has tried to play things down and keep her players focused on the task at hand.

"My mindset has been to just take it day by day," Snipes said. "We haven't had a whole lot of discussion about it yet, but the reality of it is, yes, certainly people do want to see what we're made of and see how they can compete against us."

Last year, the Chargers went 30-1 overall en route to the state championship, losing just one game to Millbrook, 57-53, in a holiday tournament. Northwood dominated teams in the playoffs, winning by double digits in five of its six postseason games, including a 70-42 beatdown of Enka in the state final.

Northwood's best player last season was senior Olivia Porter, who led the team in points (16.4), rebounds (6.4), assists (3.8) and steals (4.3) per game in 2021-22. This year, the Chargers will have to find a way to replace that production as Porter is currently a freshman with the Michigan State women's basketball team and is no longer on the roster.

Among those expected to step up for the Chargers this season is senior forward Te'Keyah Bland, who was second on the team in points per game (8.8) while racking up 4.4 rebounds and 2.0 blocks per game.

Bland is currently Northwood's tallest player at 5-foot-11, and she'll be counted on to score in the low post as well as serve as a rim-protector on defense.

"(Bland) has certainly worked hard

over the last three years," Snipes said. "She's really gotten a lot stronger, especially this past season, so that's what we've continued to work on this off-season. We're trying to make sure she can be physical and can compete."

Northwood won't be a one-trick pony on offense, however. The Chargers also have players who can make shots from 3-point range, including junior Skylar Adams and senior Gianna McManaman, who combined to shoot 44-of-128 (34.4%) from behind the line last winter.

Last season the Chargers made 160 threes as a team, but the majority of them came from Porter (60) and fellow senior Natalie Bell (41). Despite the losses, Snipes expects her players to step in and make up for the hot outside shooting.

"We definitely have shooters. I'm looking to see who is going to step up into those roles this year. That's definitely a strategy for us, the ability to play inside and out, and I think we certainly have the tools to be able to do that."

Defensively, the Chargers will try to pick up right where they left off after giving up an average of 31.1 points per game a season ago. Last year's Northwood team gave up 25 points or less on eight occasions last season, and the intensity on that side of the floor led to open looks on the offensive end and easy transition buckets.

The Northwood girls basketball will hold open tryouts for interested athletes on Oct. 31. The Chargers begin their title defense in the middle of November, as they face Apex Friendship on the road on Nov. 18.

Defeating Apex Friendship will be a tough task to open the season, as the Patriots are coming off a 29-3 campaign last winter. The Chargers will then face Panther Creek — which also won 20 games last season — in their second game of the year.

Sports Editor Jeremy Vernon can be reached at jeremy@chathamnr.com or on Twitter at [@jbo_vernon](https://twitter.com/jbo_vernon).



Staff photo by Simon Barbre

Northwood senior Te'Keyah Bland averaged 8.8 points, 4.4 rebounds and 1.4 steals per game for the Chargers in 2021-22.

VOLLEYBALL

Seaforth takes control of 2nd place in conference with win over North Moore

BY EVAN ROGERS
News + Record Correspondent

PITTSBORO — Heading into Seaforth's volleyball match against North Moore last Thursday, the stakes were clear.

The two teams were tied for second in the Mid-Carolina Conference, both boasting a 6-2 conference record. The Mustangs were looking to avenge a home loss suffered against the Hawks back in mid-September.

For Seaforth, a win would

secure sole possession of second place, and in the process, grant the Hawks a first-round bye in next week's conference tournament. A loss, however, would have propelled North Moore a game ahead of Seaforth with only one regular-season contest remaining.

Tensions were high, and the back-and-forth nature mirrored that of a postseason match. Despite Seaforth's youth and inexperience, the Hawks' ability to put together late-set runs and timely serves led them to a 3-0 sweep of the Mustangs.

"We have some leaders that are also good servers," head coach Scott Green said. "(Their composure) comes through just about every match. We get a lot of free points from our serves and

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SCORES AND SCHEDULES

SCORES	Volleyball	Boys soccer	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12	Girls golf
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4	Chatham Central 3, Northwood 1	Jordan-Matthews vs. Graham (6 p.m.) Seaforth at North Moore (6 p.m.) Northwood at Person (6 p.m.) Chatham Charter vs. River Mill (5 p.m.) Woods Charter at Cristo Rey Research Triangle (4:30 p.m.)	Boys soccer Seaforth vs. Southern Lee (6 p.m.) Jordan-Matthews vs. North Moore (6 p.m.)	1A/2A East Regional championships at Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course (9 a.m.)
Boys soccer	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6	Volleyball	Boys soccer	Volleyball
Woods Charter 5, Chatham Charter 0	Seaforth 3, North Moore 0 Cornerstone Charter 3, Chatham Charter 0	Seaforth 3, Chatham Central 1 North Moore 3, Jordan-Matthews 2	Chatham Central at Eastern Randolph (6:15 p.m.) Northwood vs. Western Alamance (6 p.m.)	Conference Tournaments
Volleyball	Boys soccer	Boys soccer	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13	Boys soccer
Seaforth 3, Chatham Central 1	East Chapel Hill 9, Northwood 0 Chatham Charter 2, Ascend Leadership 2	Woods Charter vs. Franklin Academy (6 p.m.)	Volleyball Seaforth at Graham (6 p.m.) Jordan-Matthews at Bartlett Yancey (6:30 p.m.)	Woods Charter at Triangle Math & Science (5 p.m.) Northwood vs. Orange (6:45 p.m.) Jordan-Matthews at Cummings (6 p.m.)
Girls tennis	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7	Volleyball	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
Seaforth 6, Northwood 3	Boys soccer	Chatham Charter at River Mill (6 p.m.) Woods Charter vs. Southern Wake Academy (6 p.m.) Chatham Central vs. Jordan-Matthews (6 p.m.) Northwood at Eastern Alamance (6:30 p.m.)	Football Northwood at Orange (7 p.m.) Jordan-Matthews vs. Graham (7:30 p.m.) Chatham Central at Bartlett Yancey (7:30 p.m.)	Cross country Central Tar Heel Conference Championships at Wake Med (12 p.m.) Mid-Carolina Conference Championship Meet (4:30 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5	Football	Girls tennis	MONDAY, OCTOBER 17	
Girls tennis	North Moore 42, Seaforth 0 Graham 24, Chatham Central 0 Cummings 64, Jordan-Matthews 0	Chatham Central vs. North Moore (Conference Tournament)	MONDAY, OCTOBER 17	
Seaforth 9, Bartlett Yancey 0 Chatham Central 9, North Moore 0 Orange 7, Northwood 2	MONDAY, OCTOBER 10			
Boys soccer				
Cummings 3, Seaforth 2 Carrboro 4, Jordan-Matthews 1 Northwood 1, Cedar Ridge 0				

The Panthers finally fired Matt Rhule. Where do they go from here?



JEREMY VERNON
Sports Editor

It all finally caught up to Matt Rhule. Just perhaps a bit later than we expected. Rhule — who was hired to coach the Carolina Panthers ahead of the 2020 season — was fired Monday, less than 24 hours after Carolina's 37-15 loss to San Francisco at home Sunday.

The writing was on the wall, or rather in the stands, Sunday, as Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte was filled with mostly 49ers fans. Seven years removed from a Super Bowl run and a handful of seasons from seeing their home sellout streak come to an end, the Panthers' home atmosphere became a shell of its former self in the final few weeks of Rhule's tenure.

But where do owner David Tepper and the Panthers go from here? Whatever the next course of action, it will be the first in a long line of moves that will be necessary to return Carolina to its former glory as a contender in the NFC.

One key for the Panthers will be nailing their next coaching hire. Carolina's interim head coach is Steve Wilks, the team's former defensive coordinator who briefly served as head coach of the Arizona Cardinals back in 2018. Wilks is a favorite with players and is known as a strong defensive mind, but he likely won't be in the running for the Panthers' head job unless he leads this year's team to a massive turnaround.

Regardless of who the Panthers decide to hire as their next coach, it needs to be the right hire. Tepper would also be smart to give the next head coach less power than Rhule was afforded during his time in Charlotte.

A rarity in the NFL, Rhule had, as part of his contract, the final say on roster decisions for the team. To my knowledge, only one other coach in the NFL holds this degree of control over his roster — Bill Belichick. Belichick earned this ability by helping the Patriots win seven Super Bowls. Rhule's biggest accomplishment in his career prior to coming to Carolina was coaching Baylor to an 11-3 record and a loss in the Sugar Bowl in 2019.

Not exactly equal resumes. Among the names that have been suggested as Rhule's replacement, two that really stick out to me are DeMeco Ryans and Ken Dorsey.

Ryans, a former standout linebacker for Houston and Philadelphia, is currently the defensive coordinator for the 49ers, who rank first in yards (249.2) and points allowed (12.2) per game this season.

Ryans would have plenty to work with on Carolina's defense, as several

of the team's brightest young players — including Brian Burns, Jaycee Horn and Jeremy Chinn — play on that side of the ball. Another enticing thing about Ryans is his relationship with his players. At just 38 years old, Ryans is only a few years removed from playing in the league, and he has shown an ability to connect with his players and inspire strong play.

Dorsey, meanwhile, is an offensive guru who is currently in his first season as the offensive coordinator of the Buffalo Bills — who lead the NFL in yards per game (440.4) so far in 2022.

Dorsey has a connection to the Panthers, as he served as the team's quarterbacks coach from 2013-17 before taking the same position in Buffalo on Sean McDermott's staff in 2019. He has played a big part in the development of Bills' quarterback Josh Allen — who is the current favorite to win NFL MVP at 2-to-1.

Having experience in Charlotte, including working with the Panthers during their Super Bowl run in 2015, Dorsey can bring a sense of familiarity as well as an exciting offensive identity to the franchise, something that will be necessary after the horror show that has been the Sam Darnold- and Baker Mayfield-led offenses of the past two seasons.

Having an offensive mind as head coach might make more sense for the Panthers, as they are likely going to have a new quarterback starting under center this time next year. Mayfield and Darnold have inspired zero confidence from fans, many of whom hope the team takes a QB in the 2023 NFL Draft.

Carolina is currently in line for the No. 1 overall pick with the worst record in the league, and if the Panthers manage to hold onto that pick, they could be in line for a truly game-changing player come April's draft.

Right now, the top two quarterbacks expected to come out in 2023 are Ohio State's C.J. Stroud and Alabama's Bryce Young. The two players are different stylistically — the 6-foot-3 Stroud is more of a traditional passer, while the 5-foot-11 Young can make plays with both his arm and his legs.

If the Panthers can bag either Stroud or Young, it will be a huge step toward turning the fortunes of the franchise around. But if the past several years have taught us anything, having a talented roster can only do so much when you don't have the right guy at the top leading the charge.

Rhule definitely wasn't the guy. The Panthers desperately need their next coach to be.

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that helps us." After jumping out to an early lead in the first set, Seaforth's attack went cold.

Numerous kill attempts by freshman outside hitter Keira Rosenmarkle were dug out by the Mustangs, and the early adversity caused the co-captain to eventually hit a few attempts out of bounds.

Heading into the match, Rosenmarkle served as a standard of consistency for the Hawks — recording a team-high 220 kills on the season entering Thursday.

But despite her early struggles, the stand-out freshman eventually came into form.

"In volleyball, the next play is the most important," sophomore libero Mia Kellam said. "So you've got to keep moving on and keep growing."

As the Hawks scraped for every point, North Moore's vocal play helped the visitors open up a 17-12 lead in the first set. The sizable deficit prompted Green to call a timeout, in hopes of regrouping his team.

Sophomore setter Maris Huneycutt said Green has mentioned many times that the only occasion when the Hawks can't afford to lose a point is straight out of a timeout. And right on cue, Seaforth's sets and hits became crisper following the brief stoppage, and the Hawks went on a 13-1 run en route to an opening-set win.

"Our hitters have really advanced and have become a lot better than last year," Huneycutt said. "(The growth) just has to do with maturity and I think we'll just keep getting better."

Seaforth's final match of the regular season is Thursday night at Graham, which is 0-16 on the season. A victory here will lock in the Hawks as the No. 2 seed in the Mid-Carolina Conference Tournament, which begins early next week. The NCHSAA is the expected to release brackets for state tournaments on Oct. 20, with the first round beginning Oct. 22.

The late-set momentum generated by those in maroon and silver failed to carry over into the match's second set, however.

North Moore scored the first two points in the second set, and later on, the Mustangs held a 20-18 advantage thanks to a miscommunication between Seaforth's lines.

Again, the Hawks would push through. This time, they did so through the palm of Huneycutt. The sophomore co-captain tallied three critical aces to lead Seaforth to a 25-20 win to open up a 2-0 lead. For Huneycutt, the success in high-pressure situations came down to nothing more than her being locked in.

"I just go back there and take a deep breath and focus on hitting the ball, instead of what people in the stands are saying," she said. "It's just me and the ball."

Huneycutt's heroics helped ease Seaforth into its third set, as the beaten-down Mustangs soon realized their fate. Though North Moore refused to back down without a fight, the Hawks captured the third set's final five points and prevailed, 3-0.

The marquee victory for the Hawks not only exemplified the rapid rise the young program has made in two years, but it displayed the grueling work that has leapfrogged Seaforth toward to top of the Mid-Carolina Conference, a feat

that gives the Hawks a chance at their first state playoff berth in school history.

"This is a really big win for us — we're all really excited," Kellam said. "We've been working really hard this season and have been playing really hard in our games and practices."

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before finding his way into the end zone.

Down 12-0 at the start of the fourth quarter, Central couldn't change the script in the final period, giving up another two touchdowns to the Red Devils. Central is now 1-2 in conference play entering the final two weeks of the regular season.

North Moore 42, Seaforth 0

Seaforth had its hands full on the road against undefeated North Moore, and the Hawks couldn't keep pace with the Mustangs, losing 42-0, last Friday.

The Hawks (2-6, 2-2 Conf.) fell behind midway through the first quarter on a 35-yard touchdown pass by the Mustangs (7-0, 3-0 Conf.). North Moore added to its lead in the second quarter on a pair of short touchdown runs, and Seaforth entered the locker room at halftime facing a 21-0 deficit.

North Moore scored all three of its second-half touchdowns on the ground, taking the game by a final score of 42-0 to keep its undefeated season alive. The Mustangs currently lead the Mid-Carolina Conference at 3-0 and are looking to make a deep playoff run this fall after falling in the second round in 2021.

Seaforth enters the final two weeks of the regular season at 2-6 overall. The Hawks have performed admirably in their first season as a varsity program, and have already established themselves as the second best team in Chatham County after wins over both Jordan-Matthews and Chatham Central earlier this season.

Cummings 64, Jordan-Matthews 0

Jordan-Matthews suffered its worst loss of the season last Friday, falling to Cummings, 64-0, on the road. The loss drops the Jets to 0-8 on the season and 0-4 in conference play.



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Chatham Central is 1-6 overall and 1-2 in conference play. The Bears have scored 51 total points across their seven games this fall.

Cummings gained 361 yards of total offense. The Cavaliers were led on that end of the field by sophomore quarterback Johnniyus Sharpe, who threw for 189 yards and four touchdowns while adding 68 rushing yards and two rushing scores. Junior Jonathan Paylor caught two passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns, and senior Marione' Enoch had eight carries for 79 yards and two scores on the ground.

So far this season, Jordan-Matthews has scored 26 points across its eight games, an average of 3.3 points per game. The Jets have been outscored by an average of 46.1 points per game this season and have lost 25 of their last 26 games dating back to the end of the 2019 season.

The last time Jordan-Matthews made the state playoffs was 2013, when the Jets finished the year 5-7 overall. Since that season, the Jets have a total record of 13-76.

Looking ahead

The Week 10 slate sees Northwood return to the field after a Week 9 bye. The Chargers (3-4) will try to get back to .500 on the season this Friday on the road at Orange High, which is currently 1-6 on the season.

Northwood is 6-8 against Orange since the start of the 2005 season. The Chargers have won the last two meetings with the Panthers, including a 34-6 victory at home last season.

Jordan-Matthews will try to earn its first win of the season this Friday at home against Graham. The Jets are 5-6 against the Red Devils since 2007, but they have lost the last five meetings between the two teams. Jordan-Matthews' last win over Graham was on Oct. 5, 2012.

Chatham Central, meanwhile, faces Bartlett Yancey on the road Friday. The Buccaneers are currently 4-3 overall and 1-2 in conference play. The Bears played Bartlett Yancey for the first time last season



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Graham senior receiver Elijah Summers catches a touchdown pass over two Chatham Central defenders Friday night.

and lost at home, 54-6.

Seaforth has a bye in Week 10. The Hawks return to action Oct. 21 vs. Cummings.

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ELECTIONS 2022: N.C. SENATE

Murdock, Reed vie to become Chatham's state senator

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A year after North Carolina's new political districts were approved, incumbent Sen. Natalie Murdock and retired software writer Alvin Reed will compete in Chatham's race for state senator.

Murdock, representing District 20, is the first Black woman under the age of 40 in the N.C. Senate. The Democrat originally from Greensboro currently serves as the chief strategist and owner of Murdock Anderson Consulting.

In April 2020, she replaced Sen. H.M. Michaux after his resignation; Gov. Roy Cooper appointed her to the role. Now seeking election to the seat, Murdock's campaign goals include fighting for full access to safe and legal abortions, birth control and reproductive rights, and advocating for environmental justice issues, ensuring that "diverse voices are heard and centered."

Reed, the Republican candidate, grew up in Kansas and has lived in Chatham County since 1991. He previously unsuccessfully ran for the N.C. House District 54 seat, losing against longtime Rep. Joe Hackney in 2006.

Reed is seeking office "to change the laws of North Carolina for a better society," hoping to further the conservative majority in the state senate. Among his goals are increasing access to school vouchers and reducing crime in North Carolina, specifically with regard to fentanyl use.

Each candidate provided responses to two sets of questionnaires provided by the News + Record.

Goals for office + policy issues

Reed, the author of a book called "The Theory of Biblical Patterns: One Hundred

Patterns That Prove That God Wrote Genesis 1:1," said his legislative platform aims to encourage "everyone to follow biblical principles."

He said he wants to strengthen religious liberty and bring discipline to schools, expressing failings in North Carolina's public schools. In an interview with

the News + Record, Reed said he believes the country needs to have a capitalist education system.

Reed also said he believes education is "the catalyst for future economic growth for North Carolina," and vowed, if elected, to advocate for school vouchers for all parents in the state.

"Competition always improves things and more competition in school systems would improve our educational system," Reed said.

The Opportunity Scholarship Program provides private school vouchers to eligible students in N.C., and states it is intended to help families who make a certain amount of household income pay for tuition and fees at participating institutions. The program is not without controversy; since the program was enacted in 2013, guidelines have changed as legislators widened income eligibility and more affluent families have gained access to vouchers, N.C. Policy Watch reported in July. Proponents say school choice should not be a privilege, while critics have called into question a lack of oversight in private schools with accreditation and curriculum and say state resources should be allocated to public education.

In his responses to the CN+R questionnaire, Reed said he aims to establish a 10% increase in the economy over two years and to reduce crime in the state by 10% in the same amount of time. When asked to elaborate on his specific approaches to both issues, Reed offered examples, saying he would support lower tax rates and the use of more undercover police officers, respectively.

Reed does not support expanding Medicaid, and said he feels the in-need population is adequately cared for by the current system. When asked about his stance on current laws and access to abortion in N.C., Reed cited his religious beliefs as a Christian and said he would "fight for the life of the unborn."

In contrast, Murdock said she supports Medicaid expansion and that doing so at the state level would work to keep premiums low and provide care to more individuals.

"The average North Carolinian is a medical emergency away from bankruptcy," she said. "Our broken system rewards those who have great health care plans from their employer or who make enough money to pay high healthcare costs while punishing those with low wages who have no health care coverage and cannot afford to be sick without pay. Addressing rising health care and prescription costs is critical to addressing poverty and low wealth."

When it comes to abortion access, Murdock said she believes full access to reproductive health care is a basic human right.

"All women and birthing people should have the resources they need to make sound and safe reproductive health care issues," she said. "Birth control should be covered by insurance and be free. I believe that a woman has a right to choose what she wants

to do with her body and will continue to protect a woman's right to choose."

In an interview, Murdock also spoke about her advocacy for reform within the justice system, highlighting her previous experience working as deputy communications director for the N.C. Dept. of Justice and Attorney General Josh Stein. Specifically, she noted a desire to see a modernization of the court system and the legalization and decriminalization of cannabis.

Last week, President Joe Biden pardoned all people convicted of simple marijuana possession under federal law, and urged state governors to pardon offenses on a state level as well. In a statement, Gov. Roy Cooper encouraged state lawmakers to act on decriminalizing possession of marijuana, the Raleigh News & Observer reported.

The Compassionate Care Act, a bill that would legalize the use of medical marijuana for individuals with qualifying medical conditions, passed in N.C. Senate in July but has stalled in the House. Murdock called the legalization of medical marijuana "an equity and criminal justice issue."

"We're still working to see if there are some decriminalization aspects of it, particularly if it's less than two ounces," she said. "Because just with the failed War on Drugs, we just have far too many people that look like me that are doing very serious time for nonviolent offenses."

Reed, citing his faith, said he could not recommend the legalization of a controlled substance.

Growth in Chatham

Both candidates expressed that economic growth is continuing to expand in the county, particularly as major industrial developments like Vinfast and Wolfspeed break

ground. In considering subsequent challenges, Murdock said it's important to tackle issues like property insurance rates, zoning and home prices to ensure that Chatham residents can both become and remain homeowners. Besides increasing the quantity and quality of affordable housing, she said it's crucial to support low-income renters.

"Wages in combination with housing is really something we must get a handle on," she said. "Workers should be able to choose to live near where they work without paying most of their income to rent or a mortgage."

Reed said he believes the best solution for affordable housing is "an extremely strong economy so that everyone has an excellent paying job and can afford adequate housing."

"I have no problem with offering some form of minimal housing for those with no housing at all during bad weather," he said.

Murdock also spoke about environmental issues, such as water contamination in the county, and how natural resources might be impacted by the growth. Murdock served as Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor from 2018 to 2020.

"I have a number of family members that really rely on the Haw River for their water," she said. "So (I'm) just very concerned that we just cannot get a handle on making sure folks have the high quality water that they deserve to have."

Reed highlighted infrastructure challenges that may come with economic expansion in Chatham. He said, especially in the northeastern part of Chatham where he lives, the county will have to build more roads to accommodate new homes and traffic.

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How should you pay for short-term financial goals?

As you go through life, you will likely have long- and short-term financial goals. But how will your strategies for meeting your long-term goals differ from those needed for your short-term ones?

If you're like most people, your biggest long-term goal is achieving a comfortable retirement. And for this goal, a common strategy is putting away money in tax-advantaged retirement vehicles, such as your 401(k) and IRA.

So, how should you go about preparing for shorter-term goals, such as a family vacation, home renovation, wedding or major purchase?

For starters, determine what your goal is, how much you can spend on it and when you'll need the money. Even if you can't pinpoint a precise amount, you can develop a good estimate. Of course, the sooner you start this process, the better off you'll be, because you'll have more time to save.

Your next decision involves the manner in which you save for your short-term goal. Specifically, what savings or investment vehicles should you use? The answer will be different for everyone, but you need to make sure that your investments align with your risk tolerance and time horizon. And you'll want to ensure, as much as possible, that a certain amount of money is available for you at the specific time you'll need it.

If you aren't able to save enough to reach a short-term goal, you have other options — you can borrow what you need, or you can potentially sell investments to cover the cost. How can you decide which choice is best?

To help make up your mind, you'll first want to consider some of the most common borrowing options: credit cards, home equity loans, personal loans and margin loans. (A margin loan lets you borrow against the value of investments you already own). How

might each of these loans fit into your overall financial strategy? Will the repayment schedule work with your cash flow and budget?

You'll then want to compare the costs and benefits of borrowing, in whatever form, against selling investments. For example, if you can borrow at a lower interest rate compared to the return you think you can get from your investments, borrowing might be a reasonable choice. You'll also need to consider other factors, such as your credit score, taxes, fees associated with selling investments and time needed to repay debts. If, for instance, selling investments will trigger a large amount of taxes, borrowing might be preferable. You'll also want to consider whether there's a penalty or high costs associated with selling investments. In addition, if you have a long time horizon for a loan, you may want to sell investments to avoid paying interest for a longer period of time, and thus driving up the overall cost of borrowing. Finally, keep in mind that you may have built an investment mix designed to align with your goals and risk tolerance. If you were to sell any of these investments to meet short-term needs, you would want to consider the need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain your desired asset allocation.

As you can see, there's a lot to think about when it comes to paying for short-term goals. But by carefully evaluating your options, you can make the choices that are right for your needs.

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- 9 a.m. - **Chair Yoga w/Liz** (Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom)
- 11:15 a.m. - **Chair Volleyball**
- 6 p.m. - **Caregiver Support Group** (Chatham Community Library)

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10 a.m. - **Craft Class: Plastic Canvas Christmas Ornaments**
- 2 p.m. - **Geri-Fit**

Tuesday, October 18th
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie** (masks optional)
- 9 a.m. - **3G's Men's Group; Trip to NC State Fair** (RSVP Jackie)
- 10 a.m. - **Woodcarvers; Bingo w/ Joe & Coffee**
- 11 a.m. - **Chatham Striders Walk & Learn w/Liz**
- 1 p.m. - **Rummikub**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 1 p.m. - **Rook; Book Club**

Wednesday, October 19th
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 10 a.m. - **Chair Yoga w/Liz** (in-person and Zoom); **Coffee & Games w/Pittsboro Police Department**
- 11 a.m. - **Mind Games w/Alan**
- 1 p.m. - **Open Art Studio**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 8 a.m. - **Veterans Benefit Assistance**
- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10 a.m. - **Bible Study**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Nutrition Education w/Ann Clark**
- 1 p.m. - **Cornhole**
- 2 p.m. - **Crafting w/Kathryn** (Bow Making Lessons)

Thursday, October 20th
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie**
- 9:30 a.m. - **Blood Pressure Screening**
- 10 a.m. - **Crafts and Conversation; Let's Move w/Jackie**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Diabetes Discussion Group**
- 11 a.m. - **Nutrition Education w/Ann Clark**
- 1 p.m. - **Board Games and Cards**
- 1:30 p.m. - **Line Dancing**
- 3 p.m. - **Gentle Yoga w/Liz**

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9:30 a.m. - **Matter of Balance w/Liz**
- 10 a.m. - **Bocce; Horseshoes; Music Jam Session**
- 1 p.m. - **"Bring Your Own Project" Gathering**
- 2 p.m. - **Tai Chi**
- 3 p.m. - **Movie & Popcorn**

Friday, October 21st
Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - **Body Conditioning w/Jackie**
- 11 a.m. - **Stories w/Neriah**
- 1 p.m. - **Card Games/Euchre**
- 3 p.m. - **Jukebox Live!** (Country Music by DJ Rick)

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10 a.m. - **October Birthday Celebration**
- 2 p.m. - **Fitness Room Orientation w/Olivia**
- 7 p.m. - **Friday Night Dance** (fee required to attend)

For more information on these and other programs, call our centers Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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CHATHAM CHAT | MACK THORPE

Troop 93's big 75th anniversary set for Oct. 22



Submitted photo

Mack Thorpe of Pittsboro Boy Scout Troop 93.

In 1965, as an only child growing up two miles north of Wrightsville Beach, Mack Thorpe joined some friends to become charter members of Boy Scout Troop 237 Ogden of the Cape Fear Area Council.

"We thrived as Scouts, signing up for every possible outdoor adventure trip," Thorpe said. "Unlike today's Scouting, 57 years ago, you couldn't work on multiple ranks at the same time or merit badges until attaining the rank of first class."

This week, we speak with Thorpe — the assistant scoutmaster of Pittsboro Troop 93 — who's been working to plan a community-wide celebration of the troop's 75th anniversary. It's set for Saturday, Oct. 22, in Pittsboro; the public is invited. For more information, go to Troop93.classquest.com.

Thorpe and his wife, Pam, own The Rusty Bucket, a small retail store in Apex that sells farm house decor, folk art, candles, antiques and antique reproductions. In July, the couple celebrated the business's 18 years on Salem Street in Apex. Pam manages The Rusty Bucket, while Thorpe, who retired years ago from corporate life, builds custom farm tables from a workshop at his home in Pittsboro.

What else did your own journey with Scouting involve?

In 1970, I became the troop's first Eagle Scout and went to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. In 1972, as a Junior Assistant Scout-

master with the same Troop, I would remain active, joining them for weekend camp-outs. By 1976, I was married and living in Greenville, N.C., where I taught school and became Assistant Scoutmaster. Soon after, Scouting changed its program emphasis to address urban youth more than focusing on traditional scouting skills, I lost interest and dropped out, but still embraced the core tenants of Scouting as principles I would live my life by.

But you came back, eventually ... What got you involved in Scouting in Chatham County?

About four years ago, I began hearing about boys who had been abused as a Boy Scout and then the lawsuit was announced. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints pulled away from the BSA, which netted about a 20% loss in enrollment. Permission was granted for girls to become part of Boy Scout troops and LGBTQ+ identifying individuals were allowed to be Scouts and leaders.

Stark differences of opinion led to division,

and I became discouraged to see Scouting go through such a dark time, especially after the program had made such an impact on me as a youth and young adult. I wondered how I could help, how I might make a difference.

One morning I saw the TV ad about the lawsuit that asked people to report if they had been abused as a scout. Then, as I thumbed through an Eagle Scout magazine I saw the statement: "Once an Eagle... Always an Eagle. Take the challenge and make a difference."

So, with Pam's support, I discovered Troop 93 in Pittsboro, which I later learned is a model Scout Troop, and the Scoutmaster invited me to attend their next meeting. That was two years ago, and I'm now an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 93 and a Unit Commissioner for Chatham County Scout Troops and Cub Packs. I was awarded the Eno District of Oconeechee Council 2021 Unit Commissioner of the Year, and in 2023 I will fulfill a life long dream by attending the National Jamboree. Scouting has certainly

changed a lot in 57 years, so I've spent a lot of time learning how it works in the 21st century. When they ask, I share stories of how things used to be, and thankfully, many safety standards and other practices have improved. But one thing has not changed, and that is the emphasis on leadership and values to live by. Scouting's Mission statement, its Oath or Promise and Scout Laws teachings are the same. A Scout will demonstrate these values: character, fitness and citizenship. What wonderful lessons they teach.

Lots has changed in terms of the perceptions of the Boy Scouts of America in the last few years. What's the status of the BSA now, in your opinion, and how's the health of scouting in Chatham County?

Scouting in America is at a crossroads. It has many challenges to overcome as there are so many options for a youth and their parents to choose from, the recent negative press, lawsuit and the transition of allowing girls to have a scout troop. But the good news is Scouting has its principles as I have outlined above, strengthening the character, fitness and citizenship of those who join, offering Scouts and their families something that can't be found in any other option.

As for the health of Scouting in Chatham today, I would say it's at a low point overcoming all the things I have discussed above, overcoming COVID-19 and misconceptions of what Scouting is and is not. But the good

news Chatham County Scouting stands on the edge of an unbelievable future with all the growth that is going on and forecasted for the next 10 years. Scouting stands to benefit from this growth, but it must do its due diligence in putting the values and benefits of Scouting out into the Chatham County community. It will not happen by itself.

Talk to us about the scouts you work with in Troop 93 and scouts in Chatham County. Why do youngsters get involved, and what do they learn and gain from the scouting experience?

Troop 93 is a textbook or model Scout Troop. It has 40 Scouts, a Scoutmaster that was selected as the Eno District 2021 Scoutmaster of the Year, 15 very engaged and dedicated Assistant Scoutmasters, a Scout lead program, a major activity each month and an emphasis on fun, family, skills and values. Keeping the agenda full of activities, support and caring are key to it's success. Scouts in Chatham County is good and active. But we must be prepared to reach out to the community with the Scouting story.

You recently had four young men who'd been in scouting together for years and years and they earned their Eagle Scout designation together. You're also an Eagle Scout. How significant an accomplishment is that?

It's what being an Eagle Scout means is — it's significant. You have proven yourself to be a head above the average,

and your commitment in your path to Eagle demonstrates you are one to emulate and follow and not the one doing the following. You are the head of the pack.

The 75th anniversary of Troop 93 will be observed on Oct. 22. Tell us what's lined up for that day.

All activities will take place at our Harold Boone Scout Hut, located at 1020 U.S. 64 West in Pittsboro.

- Here's the schedule:
- 11:30 a.m.: Eagle Scouts check-in
 - 12 p.m.: Eagle Scout Luncheon to honor our 80 Eagle Scouts.
 - 1:30 p.m.: Guest Check-in
 - 2 to 5 p.m.: Visit Scout Hut memorabilia display, Troop 93 Scouting Village
 - 6 p.m.: Dinner celebrating 75 years, awards, speaker and opening of our 50th anniversary time capsule
 - 7:30 p.m.: Scout Camp Fire led by Scouts from Troop 93, along with a flag retirement, sing-along, 100th time capsule, Scout skits and thank yous.

How can folks get involved, and why should they attend?

Go to the 75th Anniversary Celebration web site at: Troop93.classquest.com. You should attend to remember, you should attend to celebrate 75 years and more than 1,100 Scouts and 80 Eagle Scouts. You should attend to show your support for another 75 years and you should attend to learn that Scouting is not dead in Chatham County, but very much alive.

NEWS BRIEFS

A new partnership in Pittsboro

PITTSBORO — The town of Pittsboro has partnered with Chatham County to make our permitting and zoning processes more efficient and user-friendly for town residents and business owners.

In addition to in-person services already offered, those who need to apply for residential zoning compliances,

floodplain determinations or sign permits can now complete the applications and pay for permits online. Once users create an account, they can use this portal to apply for permits as needed.

Visit <https://chathamcountync.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1085> to access the planning application portal.

To apply and pay for permits in person, please visit the town of Pittsboro's planning offices

at 480 Hillsboro St., Suite 400, Pittsboro, NC, 27312. For questions or concerns about this system, please contact Janie Phelps, Planner II, at jphelps@pittsboronc.gov.

Pittsboro receives second water test results post-GAC; hits 90% removal target

PITTSBORO — The town of

Pittsboro has recently received the second set of water test results following installing the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) advanced filtration system. Town officials announced that Pittsboro reached and exceeded the 90% PFAS removal target for which the system was designed.

The GAC system installed at the Water Treatment Plant is designed to filter out chemicals known as per- and polyfluo-

roalkyl substances, or PFAS. Across this group of chemicals, the GAC removed more than 90% of the chemical.

As the water plant continues to produce finished water filtered through the GAC filtration system, concentrations of the chemicals currently in our storage tanks and distribution system will continue to decrease. Since the last report, the town has seen reductions above 50% for some substances.

SENATOR

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"Obviously, as a Republican I don't want to spend more money, but we definitely got to spend more money on roads because these people got

to get to work," Reed said.

Representing Chatham

In considering what makes him the best candidate to represent the county, Reed emphasized his political ideologies.

"I recognize the importance of conservative values in our government," he said.

In response to a question in the CN+R questionnaire about the 2020 presidential election, Reed said he does not believe the election pro-

duced fair and legitimate results, and referenced a website he created that he claims proves former President Donald Trump won from rejected mail-in ballots. This claim of election fraud, as well as the certification of the 2020 presidential election,

has been proven false and has failed in dozens of court challenges, before and after the results were certified.

Murdock said she considers herself a "proud, pragmatic progressive Democrat" who aims to serve all people in the

state.

"My political philosophy is one that is founded on strong guiding principles of equality, justice, and community," she said. "These are manifested in my unwavering commitment to fighting for a progressive movement of economic justice, racial equity, women's rights, and freedom for the LGBTQIA+ community, just to name a few of the many areas in this struggle."

Murdock highlighted her background serving rural and urban communities and collaborating with individuals who have differing political ideologies.

"I am a renter that founded her own businesses from the ground up, so I will legislate from my lived experience and can relate to those that I serve," she said.

To read more about the candidates' platforms and view their full responses to candidate questionnaires visit chathamnewsrecord.com/elections. The general midterm elections will be on Nov. 8. Early voting runs from Oct. 20 through Nov. 5. To find your polling location, visit vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup/.

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POLICE REPORTS

From Chatham County Sheriff's Office

On September 28, Reggie Dexter Jessup, Jr., 31, of 6615 Joe Branson Road, Bennett, was arrested by Deputy Conner Bussey for failure to appear. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Randolph County District Court in Asheboro on October 17.

On September 28, Stevie Vincent Cameron, 50, of 40 Sonatra Drive, Cameron, was arrested by Deputy Tyler Welch for two counts of assault on a female. He was issued no bond and is scheduled to appear in Harnett County District Court in Lillington on October 7. Mr. Cameron was also arrested by Deputy Welch for injury to personal property. He was issued a \$500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Harnett County District Court in Lillington on October 7. Mr. Cameron was also arrested by Deputy Welch for assault by pointing a gun and communicating threats. He was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Harnett County District Court in Lillington on October 10.

On September 28, Silvia Espinoza, 47, of 501 West 7th Street, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Vincent E. Iorio for failure to appear. She was issued a \$3,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Currituck County District Court in Currituck on October 26.

On September 29, Adrian Lawrence Lee, 42, of 4891 Old US 421, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Joseph Scott for assault on a female and communicating threats. He was placed on a 48 hour Domestic Violence hold and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 19.

On October 2, Juan Carlos Estrada, 56, of 260

Piney Grove Road, Siler City, was arrested by Cpl. Michael Cox for attempted 2nd degree forceable sexual offense and sexual battery. He was issued \$50,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 17.

On October 2, Emily Grace Owens, 24, of 208 A Cedar Terrace Road, Chapel Hill, was arrested by Deputy Rami Amer for possession of methamphetamines, felony possession of Schedule II controlled substance, simple possession of Schedule II controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 17.

On October 2, Joshua Alan Nance, 38, of 307 Phillips Drive, Salisbury, was arrested by Deputy Joseph Scott for driving under the influence and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was issued a \$1,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on November 30.

On October 2, Montana Lane Lopossay, 25, of 415 Meronies Church Road, Bear Creek, was arrested by Corporal Brandal Harrington for failure to appear. He was issued a \$200 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 26.

On October 3, Randall Louis Fore, 31, of 4447 South Plank Road, Sanford, was arrested by Investigator Ricky Culberston for resisting a public officer and identity theft. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 17.

On October 3, Amber Brady Almas, 27, of 1536 Goldston Carbonton Road, Goldston, was arrested by Investigator

Ricky Culberston for resisting a public officer and identity theft. She was issued a \$1,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 17. On October 3, Ms. Almas was also arrested by Corporal Robert Hussey for two counts of failure to appear. She was issued \$3,500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Moore County District Court in Carthage on October 26.

On October 3, Danilo Ivan Rivera Choto, 56, of 1270 Lambert Chapel Road, Siler City, was arrested by Cpl. Robert Hussey for failure to appear. He was issued a \$500 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 3.

On October 4, Brandon Rashed McCrimmon, 38, of 497 Edwards Hill Church Road, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Reggie Griffin for possession of a controlled substance with the intent to sell/deliver, possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine, felony possession of cocaine and trafficking cocaine. He was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on October 17.

On October 4, Hubert Haywood Stone, 62, of 215 Hickory Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Corporal Robert Pelkey for failure to appear. He was issued a \$2,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court in Sanford on November 28.

On October 4, Jacob Wayne Parsons, 23, of 260 Allen Lane, Aberdeen, was arrested by Deputy Conner Bussey for failure to appear and felony probation violation. He was issued a \$11,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Moore County Superior Court in Carthage on November 9.

TOWN OF SILER CITY

Planning department's split will provide more service to residents

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Siler City's inevitable growth and its growth prospects, coming after chip manufacturer Wolfspeed's decision to locate here, have prompted the town's board of commissioners to split its existing Planning and Community Development departments into separate entities.

Town Manager Hank Raper says the move is a step in ensuring residents and business get the best service from municipal government.

"As a staff, we are always looking at ways to be more efficient and effective, working to improve our workflow and working toward improvement as an agency," Raper said. "So when I looked at a broader sense of what was the best way to move forward, to address challenges that we have ... we need to think about what a town with 20,000 residents looks like and build our organization to reflect that structure or service."

The town's current population of about 8,000 is expected to more than double with economic development announcements like VinFast and Wolfspeed coming to the area. In order to brace for that kind of growth, Raper said he met with the three-person staff in the Planning and Community Development after a permit specialist left the town last month for a different position.

He said in that meeting, everyone agreed filling the specialist position wasn't what the town needed.

"With the direction we're going as a town and the growth we're seeing, refilling that position with another permit specialist was not the best use of time resources," Raper said. "Because of the size of that department and the change that was being made, it necessitated taking a bigger, bolder action now."

The split approved by the board of commissioners created two new positions: a Community Development Director and a

Code Enforcement Officer. The Community Development Director will be in charge of working with existing community businesses and partners, while the Planning Director will work with incoming industries and businesses to help them establish themselves in Siler City.

Planning and Community Development Director Jack Meadows will fill the Community Development Director position, Raper said. The Planning Director position is currently advertised on the town's website, along with the Code Enforcement Officer job.

"I have all the confidence in the world Jack will excel as our Community Development Director, based on his knowledge, skills, abilities, and 20-plus years of experience working with Siler City and its community," Raper said. "He's not going to have to learn this community and that community development piece. Without his experience here, this move would be that much more difficult to do."

Raper said the split will become effective when the director and code enforcement officer positions are filled. Raper said he believes with the split, staff will be able to respond to the public faster and be equipped to handle incoming growth.

"You'll see a more responsive planning department because there's the time and attention to be focused on future development, but I also think we will have more time and attention devoted to the community development piece and working with our existing community partners and building upon those relationships and expanding that to a further extent," Raper said. "This allows us to make sure that we have somebody focus in each of those key areas so that we're not missing any part of the service level we need to better meet the needs of our community."

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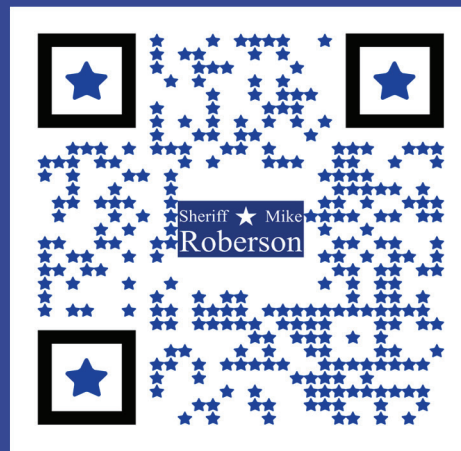
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Pittsboro's Ethan Nunn to compete in International Lineman Rodeo

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Ethan Nunn of Pittsboro will be representing Chatham County in a unique global event for electric line workers — the International Linemen's Rodeo.

The annual International Lineman's Rodeo takes the top electric line workers from across the globe to compete in a series of events based on tasks that test job-related skills for electric line workers. Some of these situations include the "hurt man" rescue, power line repairs and utility pole climbs.

Nunn started his career with Duke Energy 10 years ago at the Fuquay-Varina office. He worked there for six and a half years until coming to the Pittsboro office, and recently, he started working in the Sanford Duke Energy location.

"I think it's been a while since Chatham had somebody

represented," Nunn said. "This shows no matter where you work in our company, there are people that are successful and it doesn't matter where everybody is — you don't have to work in one of the biggest places either."

This is the third time Nunn has qualified for the international competition, and he said he is looking forward to competing on behalf of Duke Energy and Chatham County.

"If we can go out there and succeed, we'll show that we have good linemen that work for our company," Nunn said. "That makes us look good on an international stage."

Nunn has also been recognized by Duke Energy administration as an exceptional employee. Duke Energy Lead Communications Manager

Logan Kureczka said Nunn is the perfect example of what a line worker should be.

"Ethan is one of our dedicated lineworkers who are trained to respond to major power outages in events such as high winds, ice and summer and winter storms," he said. "His role is critical to the safe and efficient delivery of power for our customers in the areas where Duke Energy provides service."

The competition will be Saturday in Overland Park, Kansas, at the National Agriculture Center & Hall of Fame. Nunn will fly out to Kansas on Thursday and will be there until Sunday.

To learn more about the International Lineman's Rodeo, you can go to <https://www.linemansrodeokc.com/>.

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Nunn

CHURCH NEWS

PLAINFIELD FRIENDS CHURCH

Plainfield Friends Church will be holding revival services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16., and 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 17 and 18.

The Revival speaker will be Cade Fields. Special music Sunday morning will be provided by the church choir. Sunday evening music will feature Jordan Pickett, Monday will feature MacKayla Brown Beal and Tuesday will feature Bobby & Charity Gales.

The church is located at 1956 Plainfield Church Rd., Siler City. All are invited to attend.

EDWARD HILL FRIENDS MEETING

Revival services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly on Sunday, Oct. 16, through Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Edward Hill Friends Meeting. Rick Wilkie will be the guest speaker. Meetings will be held at 92 Ed Leonard Rd. off Edward Hill Church Road in Bonlee.

HOLLAND CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Lay Council Day will be

observed during the morning worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16. The guest speaker will be Rev. Ronnie Gilmore. The Harmony Male Chorus will also celebrate their anniversary in that service.

Pastor Appreciation Service for Rev. Charles Mathews and the First Family will be held Sunday, Oct. 23, during morning worship service. Our morning speaker will be Rev. Brodwynn Robert

The church is located at 360 Burgess Rd., Apex. Please call 919-362-7831 or visit the church website for changes or updates.

GEES GROVE A.M.E.Z. CHURCH

Gees Grove AME Zion Church will commemorate 170 years of ministry on Sunday, Oct. 16. Rev. James Whitted, pastor of Kingdom Builders Ministry, Fayetteville, will bring the message in the 11 a.m. service.

The church will be honoring three of its oldest members, Mrs. Betty M. Paschal, Mrs. Alice Price and Mrs. Mazelle Price Roberts. All are invited to celebrate this occasion. The church is located at 245 Gees Grove Rd., Siler City.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Inside the 'Election Integrity' efforts undermining elections

In North Carolina, a new group is scaling up old tactics to hunt for voter fraud — and burdening elections officials on the way

BY LAURA LEE & JORDAN WILKIE

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Almost a year to the day after thousands of insurrectionists stormed the U.S. Capitol, Jim Womack braved a winter storm to travel to Virginia, bound for a conference on "election integrity."

The conference aimed to teach people how to legally challenge election legitimacy in real time — giving a veneer of legitimacy to a mission built on conspiratorial beliefs about the 2020 election.

"The central message was that we have problems with our elections around the country," said Womack, the GOP chairperson for Lee County, a rural swath of central North Carolina. "And they're not the same in every state, or even in every jurisdiction within the state."

Womack and attendees from seven other swing states were brought together by Cleta Mitchell, a conservative lawyer from Oklahoma and now-registered voter in Southern Pines, who was part of Donald Trump's legal team as he tried to overturn the 2020 election.

The event was meant to kick off a new nationwide strategy to monitor election integrity at the state and local level, said Womack, who now runs the North Carolina Election Integrity Team (NCEIT).

So far, the group's efforts have included organizing opposition, through public comments, to recommendations from elections officials; lobbying legislators and the lieutenant governor to block those recommendations; filing record requests about the 2020 election; training poll observers; and creating a system to internally report perceived election problems, which they will then use for election protests, voter challenges, and referrals to prosecutors.

"We're not conspiracy theorists, and we're not suggesting that the election was stolen or that there was any one particular lane of election integrity that is subjected to widespread voter fraud around the country," Womack said.

But it's clear that North Carolina is only one piece of the national movement. Several public-opinion polls from the first half of 2022 show that roughly 70% of registered Republicans believe there is widespread voter fraud, despite no evidence to support the claim. Swing states Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin — each of which had representatives at the January event—now have statewide groups, Womack said. And organizations in several other states, including Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Nevada and New Mexico, have joined the project.

Casting doubt

So-called "election integrity" efforts date back to the post-Reconstruction era, when segregationists aimed to take back racially integrated Southern governments by casting

doubt on the legitimacy of Black votes, said Francesca Tripodi, a sociologist at the University of North Carolina who studies how information is manipulated for political gain.

While the tactics are old, former federal Election Assistance Commissioner and head of election security in the Department of Homeland Security Matt Masterson says the resources conservative groups are putting into the efforts are new. "There's quite a bit of energy and quite a bit of money behind organizing these types of efforts, in order to accomplish the goal of having these observers challenge or interrupt the process," Masterson said.

Mitchell leads the Conservative Partnership Institute (CPI)'s Election Integrity Network, where former Trump chief of staff Mark Meadows is also a senior partner. As a legal adviser to Trump, Mitchell was on the call when the then-president asked Georgia's lead elections official to find enough votes to flip the state. She repeatedly touted theories about illegal votes, which Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensburger and his office's general counsel, Ryan Germany, rebuffed.

In connection with her efforts to overturn the 2020 election, Fulton County's district attorney subpoenaed Mitchell to testify, and the U.S. House January 6 Committee has subpoenaed her phone and communication records. Even so, Mitchell is focused on orchestrating the election-integrity mission through operators like Womack.

"I point to North Carolina, and I say to everybody, 'Be like North Carolina. Be like Jim Womack,'" Mitchell said in her podcast.

Womack presents NCEIT as a nonpartisan effort, but the group's members are predominantly conservative, and several are in GOP county leadership.

Womack said he consults with Hans von Spakovsky, a lawyer with the conservative think tank Heritage Foundation, and J. Christian Adams, the founder and lead lawyer for the Public Interest Legal Foundation, on "cleaning up" voter rolls. Both men have a long history of right-wing activism, and both served on Trump's Election Integrity commission.

Josh Findlay, the RNC's national election-integrity director, attended NCEIT's kick-off summit in partnership with the Conservative Partnership Institute on June 11 in Raleigh. A document on the NCEIT site lists RNC attorney Kevin Cline as "legal advisor" on the list-maintenance team. Dave Warren, who is the RNC's North Carolina election-integrity director, has attended several NCEIT calls and gave updates about the RNC's and state GOP's latest actions.

"The RNC's efforts are independent from any outside organization," RNC spokesperson Emma Vaughn wrote in response to questions.

But Womack says RNC members attend summits and participate in weekly calls. "The RNC reps message me almost daily, and we will collaborate multiple times daily during the voting period," he wrote

in an email.

'A noble cause'

Womack said he was hesitant when Mitchell first asked him to lead the group's North Carolina effort. He told Mitchell he'd commit to starting a statewide organization if he could generate excitement at a February meeting in Winston-Salem. Roughly 100 people showed up.

Womack, who sees this work as a "noble purpose and cause," was a Republican commissioner for Lee County from 2010 to 2014, and has been the county GOP chairman since. He also leads the Conservative Coalition of North Carolina PAC, which supports Trump and other far-right Republican candidates. Both he and his wife, Lee County Board of Education member Sherry Lynn Womack, were in D.C. during the Jan. 6 insurrection.

When NCEIT held its first major event in June, a joint summit with the Conservative Partnership Institute in Raleigh, approximately 300 people showed up. They now have 25 "active county taskforces," according to Womack, and about 750 members from 90 of the state's 100 counties.

Womack said they have trained more than 1,200 poll observers through both in-person and online sessions and "vetted" over 150 people who now have access to NCEIT's statewide incident-reporting system. The reports can be used to protest elections, push prosecutors to investigate allegations of illegal conduct, and advocate for legislative changes, Womack said.

The group has a lot of ground to cover. Across North Carolina, there are 2,500 polling places open on Election Day and roughly 500 early-voting sites. While their actions are legal, there is still concern among election officials.

"Something that is legal can become, you know, distracting or even harassing," Masterson said.

Lee County Board of Elections director Jane Rae Fawcett encountered such an incident in the May primary when a poll worker complained that Womack, acting as an election observer, was standing too close to the registration table, according to an incident report. Fawcett suggested keeping more space between Womack and the worker, and asked the worker to speak louder.

"I don't think that he thought that that was something that maybe I should be suggesting, because it wasn't in the law," Fawcett said. "But there's a lot that's not in the law."

Conspiratorial fringe

NCEIT's members include people who have existed on the conspiratorial fringe of election-integrity efforts in North Carolina for years.

Jay DeLancy, a Lee County resident who retired from the Air Force and has been an election-integrity advocate since 2011, is the group's chief operating officer. In 2016, volunteers for DeLancy's organization, Voter Integrity Project, sent hundreds of postcards to voters in Cumberland and Moore Counties. When many were returned as undeliverable, the group pointed to that as evidence that

the voters were no longer at the addresses, and convinced county boards of elections to remove them from the rolls.

A federal judge found that the process violated federal law. In 2018, the judge blocked the part of North Carolina's law that allows the state to remove voters based on challenges without also following the federal waiting period or conducting individualized inquiry into the voter's status. That ruling, along with disclosure requirements if challengers are coordinating with an attorney, means NCEIT members will have a more difficult time removing voters from the rolls.

One of DeLancy's other missions is ending same-day voter registration —

hailed as a voting-rights victory when it was adopted in 2007 — which allowed more than 114,000 North Carolinians to cast ballots in 2020. Voters have to verify their identity and current address to vote on the same day; DeLancy says the process opens the door for voter fraud, despite having no evidence to that point.

"Is there enough fraud to alter the outcome of the election? Yeah," DeLancy said in an interview. "Can I prove it? Not unless you give me the resources. Not unless you give me some badges to go ask some hard questions to people and that kind of thing. So it's hard to prove, without the government having the desire to prove it. And this is my problem."

NCEIT is also raising baseless claims about the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a bipartisan nonprofit that helps states manage their voter rolls. North Carolina's State Board of Elections is seeking to join the center, but Harnett County GOP chairperson Jesse Burger claimed on the group's Aug. 2 call that ERIC is a tool for Democrats.

"The level of sophistication that they have, from what I've gathered, is that they go all the way to the point of identifying what you're into, what's your age range, and all of this other stuff, and within 24 hours, there is a person of that exact same demo-

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DENIERS: Where Chatham candidates stand on the 'rigged and stolen' 2020 election

CN+R Staff Report

Former President Donald Trump, who continues his false claim that the 2020 presidential election was "rigged and stolen," told supporters at a rally on Saturday that election integrity may be a thing of the past in the United States.

"I don't believe we'll ever have a fair election again," Trump said in Warren, Michigan. "I don't believe it."

A majority of Republican nominees on the ballot this November for the House, Senate and key statewide offices — 299 in all — have denied or questioned the outcome of that 2020 presidential election. Many echo Trump's false claims — all of which have been thoroughly investigated and dismissed by myriad officials and courts. Experts said the insistence on such claims, despite the lack of evidence, reflects a willingness among election-denying candidates to undermine democratic institutions when it benefits their side.

In Chatham County, some Republicans for office join deniers in saying the 2020 election didn't produce fair results. As part of questionnaires sent to all candidates, the News + Record posed the question. You'll find responses below.

Here's the question posed to each Chatham candidate on contested ballots:

Do you believe the 2020 Presidential election produced fair and legitimate results? (Please respond with a "yes" or "no" answer, then, if desired, you have 100 words to support your response.)

MIKE ROBERSON, Chatham County Sheriff: YES. I believe in the power and legitimacy of the democratic process. However, it is essential that our voting methods be fair, consistent, and inclusive in order to achieve true representa-

tion of all people, not only a select few. I believe residents shoulder an incredible responsibility and duty to vote, and there is no such thing as an insignificant election. Voters should make their voices heard at the polls at every opportunity and never take such extraordinary decision-making opportunities for granted.

MARCUS GLOBUSCHUTZ, Chatham County Sheriff challenger: YES. I can only form an opinion based on my experience. I have not observed or heard of any issues here in Chatham County or North Carolina.

ROBERT REIVES II, N.C. Representative, District 54: YES. Countless inquiries into so called election fraud have found nothing of the sort, and the narrative of a stolen election is obviously being used to undermine faith in our democratic process.

WALTER PETTY, N.C. House of Representatives challenger: (Petty did not provide a "YES" or "NO" response.) One can only speculate unless he or she knows something definitively. I can speak only to the integrity of this district and for the most part our state. Because of years of involvement here I think I can say the process here is probably the most accurate. The 2020 election is behind us, we need to focus on securing the future for our kids. (In a separate interview with the News + Record, when asked for clarification, Petty said he would accept the results of the election, but called the question divisive, part of the reason why he said he wouldn't initially answer yes or no.)

NATALIE MURDOCK, N.C. Senator, District 20: YES.

ALVIN REED, N.C. Senate challenger:

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graphic showing up at your doorstep convincing you to vote Democrat,” Burger told attendees. Womack and DeLancy supported this conspiracy theory on the same call.

But ERIC does not share its data with political parties for get-out-the-vote efforts. Rather, it provides an “Eligible but Unregistered Report” and requires states to contact at least 95% of such possible voters with information about how to register to vote. This is done by the state agency and not a political party and does not target voters of any socioeconomic, political, or racial background.

DeLancy described ERIC’s requirement to contact eligible but unregistered voters as “putting your finger on the scale with low-information voters who use state resources.” Womack said it targeted “low-income, government-dependent people for the most part that are predisposed to vote to the left.”

Womack also said via email that “questions and unvalidated comments are often expressed” on their weekly calls. “When they are expressed as ‘facts’ we will intercede,” he said.

An avalanche of requests

Corinne Duncan juggles scores of logistical hurdles as Buncombe County’s elections director. Since the 2020 election, her to-do list has only expanded.

“Public-records requests have increased drastically. I mean, I get one at least every day,” she said. “And we get a

lot [of requests] that are these coordinated efforts. They’re just cut-and-paste.”

Officials say they’ve seen a pattern emerge in recent months. Participants send letters to local boards of elections, including demands to retain records for the 2020 election beyond the 22 months federal law requires, and for records state law doesn’t allow boards to disclose, like old ballots or “cast vote records,” digital representations of ballot selections that a voting machine counts.

Womack and other NCEIT members sent some of those letters.

Karen Brinson Bell, director of North Carolina’s State Board of Elections, equated the mass records requests to a denial-of-service attack, when computer programs send an overwhelming amount of fake traffic to websites in order to shut them down for regular users.

Pat Gannon, spokesperson for the North Carolina State Board of Elections, said that the more time elections staff spend trying to respond to these requests, the less able they are to prepare for the upcoming election.

Masterson, who has helped run state and federal elections since 2006, said he has never seen such an organized and well-backed intervention effort.

Flooding voting sites with observers can strain the system, a strategy pulled from the Virginia Fair Elections playbook, which Mitchell and the Conservative Partnership Institute developed in 2021 for the state’s gubernatorial elections. In Womack’s Lee County, for example, the county’s board of commissioners just last week approved the hiring

of a full-time assistant for its board of elections to help fulfill public information requests.

Scott Konopasek, the former registrar of elections for Fairfax County, Virginia, said Virginia Fair Elections members pressured his office and his staff. He’s been trying to raise alarms about the “Virginia Model” ever since, including in a testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

“They would push acceptable behavior right to the edge in terms of civility and asking questions, which started to make my staff really kind of nervous and uncomfortable and threatened,” said Konopasek.

Karen Hebb, elections director for Henderson County, said the county’s 35 precincts had a “huge uptick” in poll observers in 2022.

“They asked for access to our voting equipment,” she said. “They asked to be present when we did things in the office that we had never had them request before. We were told that they were looking for fraud. We kept insisting there is nothing here to find.”

Brunswick County’s Board of Elections Director Sara LaVere also reported an increase in interest in poll observation. LaVere and her staff had to spend more time training precinct officials about what observers can and cannot do.

The State Board of Elections unanimously passed temporary rules this August, updating guidance on acceptable behavior for poll workers and partisan election observers to “ensure that voting is conducted in an orderly fashion this fall, and that no voters experience intimidation,”

Chairman Damon Circosta said in a statement.

But Womack submitted comments to the board on behalf of NCEIT, expressing the organization’s opposition.

The rules then needed approval from the Rules Review Commission, a 10-member panel that Republican legislative leaders nominated and lawmakers approved. Mitchell joined NCEIT members to state opposition during public comments at the commission meeting reviewing the rules. The RNC and state GOP also opposed the rule changes. The commission rejected the rule changes, and the State Board declined to appeal the decision.

Womack said that he and his group are now gearing up for the next election by creating a “suspicious voters list” of anyone they believe to be double-registered or not actually a citizen, and asking members in every county to use it to challenge voters on sight.

Challenges could force a number of voters to cast provisional ballots, and put each of those voters’ eligibility to cast a ballot up to a decision by the county board of elections.

State law prohibits anyone, including poll observers, from knowingly making a false affidavit or falsely affirming information in a voter challenge. Reporting potential discrepancies or issues is a common practice of political parties, but purportedly nonpartisan groups doing so on the spot is new.

These efforts, however, create further distrust in the process and give legislators talking points to help pass more restrictive election laws. After Trump generated fears of fraud through

by-mail voting in 2020, for example, North Carolina Republicans cut short the ballot return date (which Cooper vetoed).

After right-wing groups protested counties’ use of funds from nonprofits like the Center for Tech and Civic Life and the Center for Election Innovation and Research (but, oddly, not the Schwarzenegger Institute) to help run elections during the pandemic, the legislature passed a law preventing it. Cooper vetoed that one, too. And since 2013, North Carolina Republicans have claimed that photo voter ID is necessary to combat widespread voter fraud, only to have their attempts blocked in state and federal courts.

Doubling down

While courts have blocked some attempts to intervene in North Carolina elections, Womack’s group is openly doubling down on its efforts just weeks before the midterm elections.

On weekly calls, NCEIT has discussed using voter caging — a highly inaccurate method of using undeliverable-mail bounce-backs as evidence that voters don’t live at their listed addresses — and using door-to-door voter canvassing of “voters and addresses where apparent improper voting may have occurred” to challenge rolls, according to its website.

NCEIT’s discussion pages make false assertions that some counties have more registered voters than eligible voters, or that the state registration system doesn’t check for duplicates. Several allegations stem from the group identifying data-entry errors in the voter registration lists — for example, when a person’s birthdate

is entered into the name field by accident.

The State Board of Elections fact-checked more than a dozen of NCEIT’s claims made on the members-only section of the website, deeming many of them partially or entirely untrue.

In response to one claim about how elections officials rig post-election audits, Gannon wrote that the claim is false and “is premised on a conspiracy theory that county election workers are dishonest people somehow trying to defraud the voters. This is offensive, and this claim is nonsense.”

Nearly half of North Carolina’s county elections directors have resigned or retired since January 2019, which DeLancy says creates a moment of opportunity. “There’s openings at the bottom for people like you to get in there and get a job,” DeLancy told NCEIT members on an early August call. “We have to take this over. It’s not something you do overnight.”

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NO. There a massive amount of evidence to question the accuracy of the 2020 election and virtually none of it has been disproven. My own website transparency-petition.com proves that Trump won by 16 orders of magnitude certainty just from the low number of rejected mail in ballots.

TOM GLENDINNING, Chatham Board of Commissioners Dist. 3 candidate: NO! The district courts are denying the rights of plaintiffs across the country to hear complaints and torts.

DAVID DELANEY, Chatham Board of Commissioners Dist. 3 candidate: YES.

KATIE KENLAN, Chatham Board of Commissioners Dist. 4 candidate: (Kenlan did not provide a “YES” or “NO” response.) My neighbors here in Chatham County — indeed some of my relatives — and people I know in the community are poll workers, election workers, volunteers, and help to ensure our elections are fair and secure EVERY election cycle. The same holds true throughout this country. While it would be really convenient to answer this with a pat “yes” or “no” answer, I earnestly hope we can remember that

when we hear arbitrary shouts of fraud in current rhetoric, we’re potentially seeing harm caused to our own neighbors and fellow citizens who help make our elections accurate and legitimate.

JOE GODFREY, Chatham Board of Commissioners Dist. 4 candidate: YES. Chatham County does a really good job with the election. We have an active citizen board with members from both Republican and Democrat Parties, and the Chatham County Board of Elections staff are very focused on ensuring the rule of law is followed in our local elections.

FRANKLIN GOMEZ FLORES, Chatham County

Commissioner Dist. 5: YES. I believe the result was proper, but not to the extent that it should have been. I believe there was an attempt to steal the election by the former President. How many attorneys of the former president are in trouble with the law? Even those that were not yet affiliated with the former president during the 2020 election. It is 2022 and new attorneys are getting scrutinized because of the former president. What if it was your child or your spouse? I was critical of the business practices of the former president leading up to the 2016 election.

PEYTON MOODY, Chatham County Commissioner

Dist. 5 challenger: NO.

DEL TURNER, Chatham Board of Education member Dist. 3: YES. The nation’s top intelligence and law enforcement agencies confirmed that the 2020 election was secure and allegations of massive voter fraud, by mail or otherwise, had no basis in fact. The Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council verified that no electronic voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes or was in any way compromised. The most compelling evidence to support my answer is that 50 post-election lawsuits filed to the contrary, were emphatically rejected by the courts presided over by Republican judges. When

different people from the same political party, coming from different places with different responsibilities all come to the same conclusion, it is hard to dispute that conclusion.

JESSICA WINGER, Chatham Board of Education Dist. 3 challenger: NO & YES. It is shameful that the Chatham News + Record wants to distract from the important issues facing families and children in this election by trying to re-litigate the last election and fan the flames of division. Stunts like this make average citizens distrust the media. Every minute you and your readers spend on this issue is a wasted opportunity to focus on vital matters for our children, grandchildren and loved ones.

JANE ALLEN WILSON, Chatham Board of Education member Dist. 4: YES. I believe in our democracy, and our democratic process. The results were tested again and again to the same outcome. The almost salacious perpetuation of mythology about the elections being invalid stems from ulterior motives rather than facts, and it is causing harm to our nation.

GARY LEONARD, Chatham Board of Education member Dist. 5: YES.

TIMOTHY MOORE, Chatham Board of Education Dist. 5 challenger: Did not respond

RICHARD HUDSON, N.C. Dist. 9 U.S. House of Representatives: YES. However, the Constitution is clear that only state legislatures can change election laws. In 2020, there were numerous examples of other entities modifying rules and the Supreme Court must weigh in to remove ambiguity.

BEN CLARK, N.C. Dist. 9 U.S. House of Representatives challenger: YES.

COVID UPDATE

Chatham's health voices on monkeypox, long COVID and more

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New COVID case counts continue to drop — down 25% the last two weeks across the U.S., and trending down since mid-July — and more discussions center around whether the pandemic is “under control.”

But with Chatham County home to its first case of monkeypox and COVID mutations continuing — faster, in fact, than the world's dominant flu strain — we checked in with Chatham's resident health experts on those and a variety of related topics, including long COVID, the pandemic's fall outlook and the flu vaccine.

For this wide-ranging conversation, we spoke with Johnsie Hubble, RN, MPH, the infection preventionist for Chatham Hospital, and two men from the Chatham County Public Health Department: Director Mike Zelek, and Public Information Specialist Zachary Horner.

Chatham has its first case of monkeypox. Remind us how serious/significant this virus is, particularly in terms of transmissibility...

JOHNSIE HUBBLE: Monkeypox is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus. It is endemic to Central and West Africa, circulating in rodents and causing occasional human outbreaks there. This past summer we also saw cases in many other countries, including the U.S. In those infected it causes a variety of symptoms, including fever, chills, swollen lymph nodes, fatigue, body aches, headache, sore throat and cough. Most all get a rash located almost anywhere on the body that goes through stages of pimples, blisters and then scabs. A person is contagious until the scabs fall off and the underlying skin is completely healed. It is spread through close, personal contact, most often by skin to skin contact. Most cases in North Carolina have been in men who have sex with men, and within that group, about 60% have been African American men. We do not have any specific information on the case in Chatham County, and that is to protect the identity of the individual. The physicians at Chatham Hospital are aware of the national and state outbreak and know what to look for to identify a case.

Has news of this first case generated any particular concern for your offices?

MIKE ZELEK: While the news hits home when it is in our county, we were mindful that there were more than 500 confirmed cases of monkeypox in North Carolina at that time, including in surrounding counties. For us, it is an opportunity to continue to encourage those who are eligible to get vaccinated, and for those with potential symptoms to reach out to their doctors.

Shifting back to COVID: a new report shows that 24 million U.S. adults have “long COVID,” with more than 80% of them having some trouble carrying out daily activities. Nearly 30% of adults previously infected with COVID reported having long COVID at some point. Can you share what we need to know about long COVID, and your experience of it (from a



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Mike Zelek

personal and professional perspective)? And is there a “normal” recovery from COVID?

ZELEK: Long COVID is an unfortunate reality for many. It also includes a range of symptoms of varying severity and duration, and there is no test to diagnose it. I expect that the statistics don't completely capture those with mild or intermittent symptoms.

I have talked to many who haven't completely recovered months after being infected. The most common symptoms of long COVID are fatigue and brain fog. For me, nearly three months after having COVID, I would say I have recovered other than occasional mild symptoms like fatigue. But it has become clear that “normal” recovery is tough to define since experiences are so varied. And I am hoping the bivalent booster I got today will not only reduce COVID symptoms if I am exposed, but also reduce the risk of long COVID.

HUBBLE: Some people who have been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 can experience long-term effects from their infection, known as post-COVID conditions (PCC) or long COVID. It can last weeks or months or longer. It is found most often in those who had severe COVID-19 illness, but anyone infected can develop symptoms of long COVID. Long COVID can be considered a disability under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Examples of common symptoms of long COVID include:

- Tiredness or fatigue
- Difficulty thinking or concentrating (sometimes called “brain fog”)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Headache
- Dizziness on standing
- Fast-beating or pounding heart (known as heart palpitations)
- Chest pain
- Cough
- Joint or muscle pain
- Depression or anxiety
- Fever
- Loss of taste or smell

This list is not exhaustive. Some people also experience damage to multiple organs including the heart, lungs, kidneys, skin and brain.

UNC Medical Center has a special clinic where they advise and work to help those suffering from Long COVID. It is called the COVID Recovery Clinic. For those with questions, they can call the UNC Center for Rehabilitation Care at 984-974-9747, then press 2.

There's no test to di-

agnose long COVID. How would someone know they have it?

ZELEK: It can be very difficult to diagnose because there is no test and symptoms can vary. By definition, long COVID symptoms occur at least four weeks after infection. A medical provider will look at infection history along with symptoms and your health history to make a diagnosis. If you are experiencing what you think may be long COVID, reach out to your medical provider.

We're moving into our third fall of the COVID era. What are case numbers looking like, and what's your anticipation for the winter ahead?

HUBBLE: Cases are a moderately high level at this time, having peaked at a higher level in July. There are still more than 10,000 cases per week being reported in North Carolina, with over 800 hospitalization per week. The state does monitor wastewater for an indication of the directions of viral spread (up or down), and most recently COVID-19 virus particles found in wastewater had increased slightly. It is impossible to predict what will happen in the months ahead. Given the way this virus does mutate, we expect new variants to cause more infections, even in those previously infected or vaccinated.

Despite that prediction, the best way to protect yourself against severe disease or hospitalization and death are to be up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccination. Updated boosters are recommended for persons age 12 and older, the bivalent booster from Pfizer or Moderna, if it has been at least two months since their last COVID-19 vaccine, whether that was their first primary series or an original monovalent booster (in general, a booster prior to September).

Additional actions that decrease your risk include improving ventilation and spending time outdoors; getting tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or have been exposed (a PCR test from a physician or clinic or three at home tests, 48 hours apart); wearing a high-quality mask when indoors around others if exposed, including your own home, for 10 days; staying home when sick with COVID-19 and away from others for at least five days and wear a mask around others from days 6-10.

In North Carolina, as of last week 78% of

adults are vaccinated with two vaccines, and 61% have received at least one booster vaccine. Only 30% of children and teens have been vaccinated. In Chatham County, 46% of people have been vaccinated with the primary series plus one booster.

ZACHARY HORNER: Weekly cases in Chatham and statewide last peaked in late July and have been declining since then. But the last two winters, we have seen spikes in COVID-19 cases, so I would be surprised if we didn't see that again. If cases follow the same pattern, we'll see this decline continue until mid-November, when they'll begin to rise again and peak in late January/early February.

It's worth a reminder here that colds, flu and other respiratory illnesses (like COVID) are also more common in colder months because people are indoor more often, meaning more opportunity for virus transmission. While we are always concerned about people getting sick from COVID, we'll likely see those other illnesses pop up with more frequency in the coming months as well.

What are the numbers and trends looking like for the new booster?

HORNER: We don't have any data available right now specifically for the new bivalent booster among the Chatham population, but we have been seeing a steady stream of people, around 200 so far, come to our Siler City clinic for it.

ZELEK: That nearly 200 includes me as of today!

Although the Omicron subvariant BA.5 is currently causing most new COVID-19 cases in the United States, the number of cases caused by another Omicron subvariant — BA.4.6 — has prompted the FDA to issue a warning: The only monoclonal antibody authorized for immunocompromised individuals may be completely ineffective against it.

HUBBLE: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last Friday estimated that by Oct. 8 nearly 14% of the circulating coronavirus variants in the United States were of the BA.4.6 subvariant of Omicron. The BA.5 variant, however, still makes up the majority of cases at this time.

In North Carolina, according to the N.C. Dept.

of Health and Human Services report, BA.4.6 made up 16% of cases for the week ending 9/24/22. BF.7 is another variant that has recently been increasing, and made up 2% of cases as of that same report.

The BA.4.6 subvariant has been found to be better at evading COVID-19 antibody therapies, with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in early October warning healthcare providers that AstraZeneca's Evusheld had the risk of being ineffective against some variants it cannot neutralize. According to the FDA, the BA.4.6 subvariant was likely to have more than 1,000-fold reduction in susceptibility to the antibody therapy, based on laboratory tests.

Evusheld is a combination of two long-lasting, lab-created antibodies (called monoclonal antibodies) made by AstraZeneca. When given every six months to people with immune compromising conditions, it can prevent a COVID-19 infection. These are people who may not get enough protection from vaccines because their immune system can't respond effectively to them, such as those with certain cancers or on cancer treatment or those who have had organ transplants. The CDC estimates that about 7 million Americans could benefit from the protection of Evusheld.

This vital therapy had been holding up well against new coronavirus variants. But in some new laboratory tests, Dr. David Ho, a professor of microbiology and immunology at Columbia University, found that even though BA.4.6 doesn't seem to bind to our cells more easily than others, it does appear to evade the ability of some antibodies to neutralize it, including those in Evusheld. Similar results were found by some researchers in China.

There is one monoclonal antibody that is still effective against this BA.4.6 variant, and it is called bebtelovimab. However, with more and more therapies becoming ineffective, there is concern among many in the medical community that we may be running out of options.

ZELEK: There is a level of unpredictability with future variants, and that is reflected in this news. It is also a reminder of having a wide range

of tools and ongoing research to update those tools. For example, if existing monoclonal antibodies are not effective against an emerging variant, we can still look to the bivalent boosters and other forms of treatment to help those exposed to COVID. So, this news should not cause panic, but rather reinforce the importance of taking preventive measures, specifically getting the bivalent booster, to add that layer of protection.

And what's your best flu shot advice?

HUBBLE: Get a Flu Shot if you are 6 months old or older, and now is a good time to get one. It is best to get the vaccine in the fall before influenza becomes more widespread. Influenza (flu) vaccines take about two weeks to help the body make antibodies to protect against infection or severe disease. These antibodies provide protection against infection with the flu viruses that are used to make vaccine. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the influenza viruses that research suggests will be most common during the upcoming season.

People 65 and older should get a higher dose or adjuvanted flu vaccine, including: Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent, or Fludac Quadrivalent, or Flublok Quadrivalent. These vaccines are preferred for people 65 years and older because a review of existing studies suggested that, in this age group, these vaccines are potentially more effective than standard dose unadjuvanted flu vaccines.

HORNER: It's pretty simple: If you or someone you love is six months of age or older, get a flu shot. Recent studies show that flu vaccination can reduce the risk of flu illness by between 40% and 60% among the general population and vaccination reduced flu-related hospitalizations by an estimated 105,000 in the 2019-20 flu season. More on flu vaccine effectiveness here: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/vaccines-work/vaccineeffect.htm>. We'll have the flu shot soon, but it's available many places already. Check with your doctor or pharmacy about getting one today.

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ACROSS

1 It's removed from skim
8 Guitar's cousin
16 Nautical mop
20 Be cautious
21 Conditionally free, in a way
22 Rock's ZZ Top, e.g.
23 Building full of periodicals for soldiers?
25 Outer edges
26 Cursed
27 Takes too much, in brief
28 Moose cousin
29 Fries lightly
31 Unit of work
32 Body of water on which there are frequent haircutters' cruises?
35 Not sinking
40 Smart — (wiseacres)
42 Safecracker, informally
43 Hailstorm on the highway?
45 Deg. from MIT Sloan
47 "Anaconda" director Luis
51 Savor faire
52 Dumbbell selling for half off?

55 1950s-'70s defense gp.
56 Weapon in a boxing ring
58 MGM motto
59 Deliver, as a verdict
60 Politico Hatch
62 "Sure thing, guv'nor!"
64 "Sommersby" star Richard
65 Cleo's snake
68 World's best singer of Venetian gondoliers' songs?
72 Born, in Brest
73 South African Dutch
75 First name of Dr. Oz
76 Cereal grass disease
78 Quick on the uptake
80 Many eras
81 — Seltzer
83 Suggest
87 Sticking the singer of "White Christmas" with a fishhook?
90 Tell the story of
92 Certain building brick

93 Guitar's cousin, for short
94 Actress Brigitte playing a Bohemian dancer?
96 "NFL Live" airer
98 Disconnect
99 Sailor's "Roger!"
100 16-ounce drink from a Starbucks next to a bodega?
105 Quick on the uptake
107 "No idea"
108 Frozen cubes
109 Gloomy —
110 Tent securer
115 Unleavened combread
116 One-wheeled cart carrying supplies for a toga party?
121 Guitarist
122 Dining places
123 Perfume
124 Marina fixture
125 Area with bad reception
126 Frankfurters

2 Caesar's "vidi," in English
3 Certain building brick
4 1980s Chrysler
5 Unnerve
6 Jackie's hubby #2
7 Choir male
8 Irate crowds
9 Ortiz of "Kristin"
10 "Ask Me Another" airer
11 Risk-taking types
12 Toothbrush brand
13 Actress
14 Type
15 Moniker of a loch monster
16 Having a hard time
17 Judges' orders
18 Singer Mann
19 — nova
24 Artist Degas
30 "Gemini Man" director
31 Cpts.' guesses
32 Sired, biblical-style
33 Aspire PC company
34 "French Kiss" co-star Meg

35 Pooch barks
36 — gras (goose-liver paste)
37 Singer —
38 Keats' "— Autumn"
39 Soak up
41 Test centers
44 Shoot again, as a gun
45 Mother of Bart Simpson
46 Capital of Kyrgyzstan
48 Witty Nash
49 — Khan ("The Jungle Book" tiger)
50 "If — falls in the forest ..."
53 Author
54 Incorrect
57 Restrained
61 Noodle soup
62 Turn sour
63 Capital of Albania
65 Addis — (capital of Ethiopia)
66 "What a pity!"
67 — Canada (oil brand)
69 Love, to Luigi
70 City near Lake Tahoe
71 Become silver-haired

74 Gawk
77 — Haute
79 Links (with)
81 Higher than
82 Country rocker Lovett
84 "I did it!"
85 "This is not —" (warning label)
86 Head, in Nice
88 — ho (keen)
89 Raced
91 Blind as —
95 "Sauer" topping
97 Vanished, informally
98 Villains' looks
100 Two-legged beast
101 Love a lot
102 Of an ancient alphabet
103 Ranch rope
104 Made believe
106 Amp (up)
109 Man idea
110 Curing stuff
111 Trampled
112 Mythical ship
113 Donkey or Hong follower
114 Some sheep
117 "Norma —"
118 Put a tear in
119 — noir
120 Ghostly cry

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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **New Zealand flightless bird**

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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
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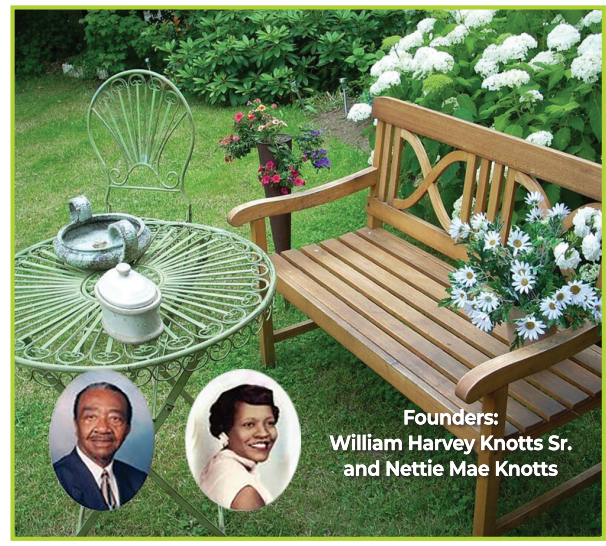
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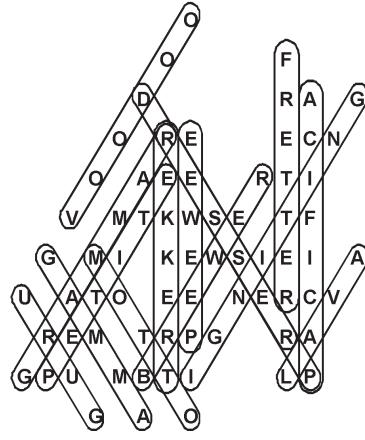


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Answer

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Comfort food for my quarantine

After almost three years, and two vaccinations and a



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook

booster, with no scientific evidence whatsoever, I was convinced I was immune to COVID.

Yeah, sure. About three weeks ago at work, I began feeling

very strange. You guessed it, Gentle Reader; your intrepid girl reporter had contracted that infernal plague.

My wonderful child appointed themselves my contact to the world and errand runner. I made a grocery list, and The Kid brought me every single item.

As you might expect, I not only peruse food and cooking websites, I also receive various daily emails with recipes of every stripe.

Weeks ago, I got a recipe in my inbox that looked like it might be one of my new favorite comfort foods. Pasta, cheese, sour cream, and those crunchy little onion rings that come in a can. What's not to love?

So, I asked for the ingredients for the list — I planned to make it and then eat on it for days.

Just one minor problem: COVID wiped me out. I was more tired than when The Kid was born and came home with days and nights mixed up. Petey and I slept approximately 45 minutes a month. We were new parent zombies.

This infernal virus made me feel like every moment was the second after I finished running a marathon. Every movement

Monterey Spaghetti

6 ounces Fideo (short pieces of spaghetti found in most grocers) or spaghetti broken into pieces 1 ½ to 2 inches long
1 large egg
1 cup sour cream
½ teaspoon dry thyme
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese + plus more for top
2 large cloves of garlic, sliced thin and lightly toasted in a teaspoon of vegetable oil
2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
1-2 cups chopped or shredded cooked chicken
1 can (2.8 ounces) french-fried onions, divided

Cook spaghetti a minute less than package directions. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, beat egg. Add sour cream, Parmesan cheese and toasted garlic.

Drain spaghetti; add to egg mixture with Monterey Jack cheese, spinach, and half of the onions. Pour into a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Cover and bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until heated though. Top with remaining onions and parmesan; return to the oven you've turned to low broiler for 5 minutes or until onions are golden brown.

Serves 4-6.

hurt and took way too much effort.

Which made cooking a meal from scratch, less than easy — actually it was impossible.

So, if you get that viral scourge and live alone, meaning you're nursing yourself; learn to love premade meals and delivery because cooking an actual meal probably ain't gonna happen.

Tonight, three weeks after I was sidelined, I finally made the dish.

OMG, it was so good. The sour cream egg sauce was creamy and unctuous. The cheese was soft, but not completely melted through so that when you took a bite, there were tiny pops of pure cheesiness. The onions and garlic added a savory zestiness.

And the toasted cheese and onion rings on top gave it a salty crunchy texture that was the final piece of a well-rounded comfort food casserole.

The recipe came from a website called Taste of Home. Their recipes are made for busy families and as such sometimes have cream soups from a can, or convenience ingredients.

I'm not a fan. So, I subbed in toasted garlic for the garlic powder, and added thyme and chicken, to make the dish a full meal, rather than a side.

I made up the casserole and baked it off about an hour later. This could also be refrigerated overnight and baked it off the next evening. It's so easy, a non-cook could be trusted to bake the finished dish.

Need a dish for a potluck or to give to new parents, new neighbors, or to have in the fridge for someone coming home from a long trip?

This dish is an awesome make ahead meal — for the next day or make a double



Courtesy of Debbie Matthews

Monterey spaghetti.

batch and freeze one for later. And the flavor is great, but not too strong, so it should be a hit with both kids and adults. If some of your diners have a predilection for heat and spice, add hot sauce to the recipe or

have it on the table. I hope you give this recipe a try. It's kind of a warm cheesy hug on a plate.

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



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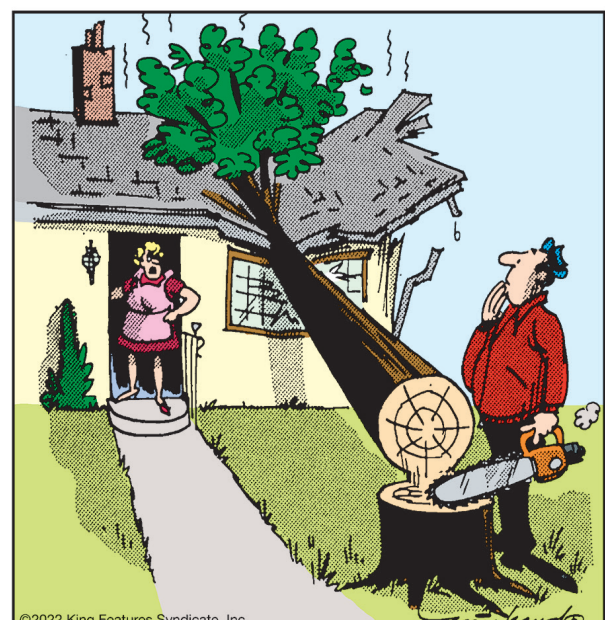
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