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Donald Fleming of Chapel Hill hugs his grandmother, Lily Brabble, who lives in The Legacy in Chatham County. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)

NATIONAL HUGGING DAY IS JANUARY 21

Hugging is a simple act with many benefits

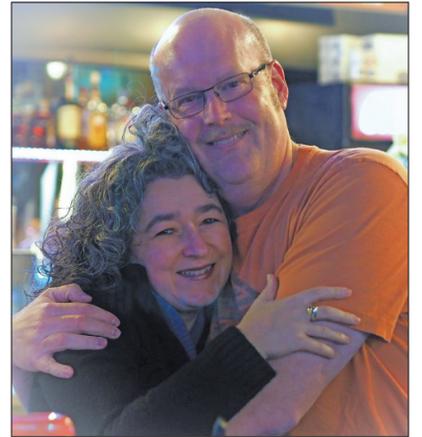
BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
News + Record Staff

In Spanish, it's called un abrazo. In French, it's un calin. The English language employs only a single vowel sandwiched between two consonants to notate the same thing: a "hug."
The word isn't complex and neither is the action: an embrace between two people.

Regardless of the language spoken, or the word we may use, a hug is one of the most basic forms of nonverbal human communication, usually employed to express affection.

But for all their simplicity, a lot goes on when we give or receive a hug and a lot of serious research has been conducted to help us better understand the action.

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Pittsboro's Alina Wilson and her husband, Aaron Kuehn, share a hug at Carolina Brewery. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)

UNDER PRESSURE

Chatham's Latinx teens battle cultural effects on mental health

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Noemi Mora, Cesia Lopez and Lenore Ramos — each 17-year-old seniors at Jordan-Matthews High School — share many similarities with their peers.

They're in the midst of making some major life decisions, like whether or not to go to college. They're thinking about careers to pursue. And while they'll tell you that those decisions add pressure to their lives, each say they face things many of their classmates will never have to confront.

Mora, Lopez and Ramos are Hispanic. And while that's nothing abnormal in Chatham County, and especially nothing strange in Siler City or at Jordan-Matthews, the three say their day-to-day struggles are unique to their ethnicity.

"I feel like there's so much more pressure on a Latino person than there is a white person," Mora says. "I feel like we all try so hard to get out of where we came from and we have such pressure to be bigger and better than our parents are."

So it's no surprise to them that their Hispanic peers in high school are more likely to be depressed, consider suicide and attempt suicide than the average Chatham County teenager, and at some levels, more likely than their national counterparts.

Why?
The students point to the unique pressure points that confront them in their daily

lives.

Looking at the Numbers

Salud America! is a San Antonio-based organization dedicated to "inspir(ing) people to drive community change for health equity for Latino and all kids," according to its mission statement. In 2017, it put together a review of research on mental health and Latinx — a relatively new gender-inclusive term used to describe people of Latin American origin.

The abstract begins this way: "Latino youth are far more likely than their peers to have mental health issues, which often go unaddressed and untreated."

The International Journal of Adolescent Medical Health reported that 22 percent of Latinx youth across the country have depressive symptoms, "a rate higher than any minority group besides Native American youth." Hispanic high schoolers, according to the Centers for Disease Control, are more likely than their white peers to consider and attempt suicide.

That rings true in Chatham County.

According to the 2018 Community Health Assessment, produced by the Chatham Health Alliance, about 16 percent of Hispanic high schoolers in the county have attempted suicide, twice the rate of white high schoolers here. Thirty-seven percent of Latinx high schoolers reported feeling sad or hopeless every day for more than two weeks, compared to 32 percent of their Caucasian peers.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Chatham County's



Noemi Mora, Cesia Lopez and Lenore Ramos of Siler City sit in the office of The Hispanic Liaison as they discuss the mental health experience of 'Latinx' teenagers. (Staff photo by Michael Frank)

population is 12.5 percent Hispanic — third in ethnicity behind white (71.6 percent) and black (12.7 percent). But there's been significant growth in the number of Hispanic residents in the last 30 years. The county's official website states that Chatham had an estimated 564 Hispanic residents in 1990, a number grew to about 8,800 in 2017.

The majority of that growth has been in Siler City, where an estimated 43.5 percent of the population is Hispanic or Latinx. That's where Mora, Lopez and Ramos were born after their parents moved from Central America — Mora and

Ramos' from Mexico, Lopez's from Guatemala.

They say they don't feel like a minority in Siler City or at Jordan-Matthews, where the student population is 51 percent Hispanic and 29 percent white. But it's within that community, they say, that mental health issues are difficult to be open about and even more difficult to get help for.

Under Pressure

Selina Lopez leads the youth leadership program at El Vínculo Hispano, also known as The Hispanic Liaison, in downtown Siler City. The program, called "Orgullo Latinx

Pride," is about a year old but has already attracted 26 high schoolers on a regular basis.

Selina, 24, isn't too far gone from that age group. And like many of them, she had mental health issues of her own as a teenager. Those numbers from the Community Health Assessment don't surprise her.

"I lived it," she says. "I myself was diagnosed with mental problems. It's hard. You have so many more stressors."

There are a couple major reasons, Selina Lopez and the teens say, and the first one is something familiar to teens and

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Effects of shutdown ripple through Chatham

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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SILER CITY — The U.S. government's partial shutdown, which has halted the work of some government agencies since Dec. 22, hasn't had a broad effect in Chatham County, but local shock waves have hit.

Just ask John Sich, owner of Floorazzo Tile, which manufactures Terrazzo flooring tiles at its facility on 3rd Street in Siler City.

Sich's plans to expand his 17-year-old business with the help of a loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration are on hold now

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John Sich continues to operate his Siler City business, Floorazzo Tile, while he awaits the end to the federal government shutdown. Sich is waiting on the SBA Sich needs to relocate his business elsewhere in town to be processed. (Staff photo by Randall Riggsbee)

MOUNTAINE TO DOUBLE TOWN'S WATER USE

Siler City approves bulk water rates for industry

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — For the first time, the Town of Siler City is instituting new water rates for bulk users.

The new rates were approved at last week's board of commissioners meeting. Officials say they were implemented to ensure

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Chatham County Calendar

THURSDAY

• The Chatham County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), which meets to discuss county-wide emergency preparedness, has scheduled quarterly meetings for February 7, May 2, August 1, and November 7. The February meeting will be held at the Jordan Lake Visitor Center in Apex, from 10 to noon. The other meeting sites for the year will be the Chatham County Detention Center, the new Mountaire Farms facility in Siler City, and the county's Emergency Operations Center in Pittsboro. Specific details for each meeting will be made known via media notification, county E-Notify, Facebook, and Twitter at least two weeks prior to the respective meeting dates. – For information concerning hazardous material facilities in Chatham County or the LEPC in general, contact Emergency Management at 919-545-8163.

SATURDAY

• The West Chatham NAACP's MLK Jr. Day breakfast will be on Jan. 19 at 8 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 309 Trinity Street, Siler City. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Ronda Taylor Bullock, Co-founder and Director of WE ARE (Working to Extend Anti-Racist Education). Tickets are \$10. To purchase a ticket, contact a West Chatham NAACP branch member or send an email to the branch secretary at victoria.shea32@yahoo.com.

MONDAY

• The Chatham County Community Library in Pittsboro will be closed on Jan. 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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• As a "Day of Service" to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will sponsor its 29th Annual MLK Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross on Jan. 21, from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at Hargraves Recreation Center in Chapel Hill, 216 N. Roberson St. To schedule your lifesaving appointment, go to: www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Chapel Hill. The community is encouraged to pre-register for an appointment, Walk-ins are welcome.

• The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee will sponsor the M.L.K. Parade in downtown Liberty Jan. 21. The parade will begin to line-up at 12 noon in the parking lot behind the SECU. If you would like to be in the parade, call Helen at 336-622-3957 or Kay at 336-674-2415 to register. There is no fee to enter.

ALSO HAPPENING

• The Friends of the Chatham Community Library will hold a special one-day sale on Jan. 26 featuring a collection of foreign language books donated from the personal library of a retired university librarian who specialized in Latin American, Iberian, and Classic Romance Languages. More than 1,000 books will be offered. Hard cover books will be \$3 or less; soft cover \$2 or less.

• The Council on Aging will host a Health & Wellness Discussion Group on the Third Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro. To sign up for information, contact Alan Russo at 919-542-4512 or alan.russo@chathamcoa.org.

• Drop in to Chatham Community Library's computer lab for one-on-one assistance on the second Wednesday of each month, any time between 4 and 5 p.m. If you have a question about something on your personal laptop or device, please bring it with you.

• Wake Up Wednesday, the local forum for sharing news about your products, services, skills, or non-profit events and programs, is held on the third Wednesday of every month at the Carolina Brewery near Lowes Home Store in Pittsboro. Doors open at 8 a.m. The program starts at 8:30 and ends at 9:30. \$5 gains you entry, a fresh hot breakfast with coffee, and access to approximately 50 people looking for new clients and customers in the community.

• Afternoon Bird Walk with New Hope Audubon Society, 2 p.m., Jan. 27, meeting in front of Wild Bird Center in Eastgate Shopping Center in Chapel Hill for a 2-3 hour bird walk nearby. All skill-levels are welcome, including new birders. Questions: contact Tommy Rickey at trickey@gmail.com. – Another walk scheduled for Jan. 30 meeting at 8 a.m. at same location. Contact Norm Budnitz at nbudnitz@gmail.com.

• Birds of the Lower Haw - Come out and and Join a Park Ranger to learn about birds at the Lower Haw River State Natural Area on Jan.26. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Bynum Mill Parking Area. This is a great time of year to view migratory waterfowl that make their homes here for the winter. Also, learn about Bald Eagles and other birds that we can spot and identify! Please come prepared for the weather. If inclement weather, program will be canceled. The Bynum Mill parking area is located off Bynum Church Road, approximately ¼ mile from US 15-501. A spotting scope will be available. If you have binoculars, please bring them. For further information, contact Ranger Steve McMurray at 919-362-0586 ext. 219 or at steve.mcmurray@ncparks.gov

• CORA invites the public to the 9th Annual Chatham Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Sunday, February 24 at Galloway Ridge at Fearington in Pittsboro. Empty Bowls is an event designed to raise awareness and funds for our battle to end hunger in Chatham County. Artists of all ages, skill levels, and mediums will donate hundreds of handmade bowls. The bowl then serves as a reminder that someone's bowl is always empty and that we need to continue our efforts to end hunger in our community. Dinner and bowls will be available for purchase at various levels. Visit www.corafoodpantry.org for more information.

• Randolph Health Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine is conducting a free shoulder screening. This screening will be conducted on Jan. 29 at 503 N. Fayetteville St., Asheville from 3 - 5 p.m. To register for this screening, call the Community Events Desk at (336) 633-7788. Registration is required and space is limited.

• The Caregiver Support Group meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Pittsboro Senior Center. For more information, contact Susan Hardy at 919-542-4512.

• Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive Parent in Chatham County. Call 919-642-6956 to learn more about the Foster or Adoption Program.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, NC District 33, Meeting schedules available at 866-640-0180 for Chatham, Alamance, Caswell and Orange Counties.

• Children ages 1 to 12 without dental insurance may receive free dental services through Piedmont Health Care for Give Kids a Smile Day, Feb. 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Services available include exams, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride treatment and free toothbrush and tooth-paste. Appointments are required, and space is limited. In Chatham, call Moncure Community Health Center, 7228 Pittsboro-Moncure Rd., Moncure (919-542-4991) or Siler City Community Health

• The Motorcycle Association for Chatham, Western Wake, Lee, Orange and Alamance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA.com.

In aftermath of Hurricane Florence

Power restoration efforts earn utility Edison award

CN+R Staff Report

CHARLOTTE – Duke Energy has received the Edison Electric Institute's (EEI) "Emergency Recovery Award" for the company's power restoration efforts after Hurricane Florence hit North Carolina and South Carolina in September 2018.

The Emergency Recovery Award is given to select EEI member companies to recognize their extraordinary efforts to restore power to customers after service disruptions caused by severe weather conditions or other natural events.

The winners are chosen by a panel of judges following an international nomination process. Duke Energy received the award during EEI's Winter Board and Chief

Executives Meeting in Palm Beach, Fla.

"Hurricane Florence caused historic flooding along the Carolinas' coastal communities and more than 1.8 million of our customers lost power," said Harry Sideris, Duke Energy senior vice president and chief distribution officer.

"While flooding presented some unique challenges to our restoration efforts, we were able to restore power to nearly 1.2 million customers in the first three days after the storm made landfall. We are forever grateful for our customers' patience and kindness during that time, and for our government partners and the dozens of utilities who worked alongside us to restore power and normalcy to our communities," Sideris said.

"The dedication of Duke Energy's crews to restore service throughout the Carolinas after Hurricane Florence illustrates our industry's commitment to customers," said EEI President Tom Kuhn. "Duke Energy's crews worked tirelessly in hazardous conditions to quickly and safely restore power. They are truly deserving of this award."

Duke Energy continues to learn from and improve its performance after every storm.

For example, after Hurricane Irma in 2017, the company developed a way to use geographic information system (GIS) technology to monitor changing road conditions to help crews reach power outage locations safely and quickly.

The company also has

improved communication with customers after major storms, updating them with proactive text messages and emails.



Area Obituaries

MARGIE ELIZABETH BOWDEN DARK

Margie Elizabeth Bowden Dark, the daughter of the late Thomas Ross and Mabel McMasters Bowden began her inspiring journey on September 18, 1944 in Chatham County, North Carolina. On January 4, 2019, she gracefully completed her life and purpose that God ordained and entered eternal rest from her labor.



Margie joined Rocky River Missionary Baptist Church at an early age where she remained dedicated and active throughout her life in numerous roles, including as a deaconess, usher, secretary, and choir member. Margie also served for many years holding various offices in the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association.

Margie was educated in Siler City, NC and graduated from Chatham High School in 1962. In 1965, Margie began working at Kellwood (Glendale) Company in Siler City and retired in 2005 after 40 years of service.

In 1964, Margie married Ralph Calvin Dark of Siler City and enjoyed 45 years of matrimony until his death in 2009. To this union, one son, Ralph Calvin Dark II was born.

Margie will be lovingly remembered for her love of music, wit, frankness, sense of humor, and appreciation of regular fellowship with her enormous extended family, friends from her childhood, work, and community.

Margie was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Calvin Dark, one sister, Ophelia Jeffers, and four brothers, Roy, Melvin, Clyde, and Jerome Bowden.

Margie leaves the blessing of her life and memory to: son, Ralph Calvin Dark II of Washington, DC; two brothers, Marvin Bowden of Staley, NC and Ronald Bowden of Liberty, NC; a host of beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, relatives, friends, the community at Coventry House in Siler City, NC and so many others.

JAMES GILBERT OLDHAM, SR.

James Gilbert Oldham, Sr., 85, of Siler City died Monday, January 14, 2019.



Mr. Oldham was born in Chatham County on November 21, 1933 the son of Richard Henry and Lottie (Andrews) Oldham. He was an Army Veteran, had worked for Collins & Aikman, and attended Siler City Chapel. He spent time reading his Bible, especially Psalms. Gilbert enjoyed raising horses and cows and he enjoyed the challenge of playing along with The Price Is Right and Wheel of Fortune.

Gilbert is preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Peggy Paschal Oldham; his parents; brothers, Leroy, Elbert, Norman Oldham; and sister, Lataine Oldham.

He is survived by his son, James Gilbert Oldham, Jr. and wife Pam of Siler City; sister, Edna O. Murray of Winston Salem; grandchildren, Tabatha Norton and husband T. J. of Bear Creek, Christopher Kirk and wife Brittany of Siler City; great-grandchildren, Harley, Robert, Wyatt and Cash Norton, and Avery Kirk.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Chatham Memorial Park, 13260 Hwy 64 West, Siler City with Rev. Don Southern officiating.

Memorials may be made to First Wesleyan Church, 608 North 3rd Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344.

The family wishes to express a special thank you to caregiver, Terri White Ettson.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.pughfuneralhome.com.

RUBY LEE WAGNER MCKINNEY

Ruby Lee Wagner McKinney, 63, passed away on Wednesday, (01-09-2019) at her home.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, (01-12-2019) at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. She was born in Harnett County on February 15, 1955 to the late Isaac Hall Wagner and Clara Ashworth Wagner. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Winfield Dickens; a son, Christopher William Dickens and two brothers, Wayne Wagner and Roy Wagner. Ruby worked many years at Frontier Spinning.

Ruby is survived by her daughters, Angela Gunter of Sanford, Jennifer Coleman of Sanford; brothers, Billy Wagner of Marners, Claude Wagner of Sanford; sister, Elizabeth Brown of Marners; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS

Foundation, North Carolina Chapter, 4 North Blount Street #200, Raleigh, NC 27601.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

DALLIN JAMES BAILEY, JR.

Dallin James Bailey, Jr., 71, of Sanford passed on Friday, (01-04-2019) at his residence.

Funeral service was held Saturday, (01-12-2019) at 11 a.m. at White Oak Missionary Baptist Church in Lillington.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

EDWARD DALE GODFREY

Edward Dale Godfrey, 86, passed away on Thursday, (01-10-2019) at UNC Hospice House in Pittsboro.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, (01-13-2019) at Holly Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Scott Yow and Rev. Jerry Parsons officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Godfrey was born in Lee County on May

KENNETH ANTHONY WITHERS

Kenneth passed away in his home in Siler City on Tuesday morning, 8 January, 2019. Kenneth was born 24 July, 1964, to the late David and Dorothy Withers in Nyack, NY.



He joined the United States Marine Corps and served his country for four years at Camp Lejeune and overseas exercises as a chaplain's assistant. After completing his enlistment, he returned to Spring Valley, NY, and later moved to High Point, NC. His father encouraged him to get his CDL and he began driving for him and various other companies.

He eventually moved to Siler City, NC where he continued driving trucks. He later embarked on a career in landscaping for the Collins Mountain Grading Company for 12 years. Many have commented on his great work ethic, pleasant demeanor, and the outstanding quality of his work. He recently started working for the Mountaire Company in Siler City, N.C.

Kenneth was a brother who was loved by his mother whom he shared a home with for many years until her passing in 2016. He was the best brother we could have and we loved him dearly.

Our beloved brother Kenneth (Tony) leaves to cherish his memory a brother, Michael Withers of Orangeburg, N.Y.; two sisters, Pamela Moorehead (Louis) of Fayetteville, NC, and Wanda Withers of Siler City, NC.

Services are entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home, Siler City and the First Baptist Church at a later date.

18, 1932 to the late Sam Henry Godfrey and Myrtle Helms Godfrey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Brown Godfrey. Ed was a veteran of the US Army and a member of the American Legion Post 382 and Stanley McLeod VFW Post 5631. He enjoyed a long career handcrafting fine furniture.

He is survived by his son, Edward Dale Godfrey, Jr. of Sanford; sisters, Jeanette Al-Habib and Doris Carter, both of Sanford; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to the Stanley McLeod VFW Post 5631, 1500 Veterans Way, Sanford, NC 27330.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

TAMMY RENEE DICKERSON LAMBERT

Tammy Renee Dickerson Lambert, 48, of Pittsboro passed away on Thursday (01/10/2019) at her home.

Funeral services were held at 12 p.m. on Tuesday (01/15/2019) at Truth Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Ronald Humphries officiating. Burial followed in the Hanks Chapel United Church of Christ Cemetery.

She was born in Chatham County on May 16, 1970, the daughter of James Harold Dickerson, Jr. and Victoria Ann Bryant Dickerson. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Survivors include her father, James Harold Dickerson, Sr. of Pittsboro; daughter, Emily N. Allen of the home; sons, Garrett L. Allen of the home, Matthew B. Dickerson of Pittsboro; and brother, Jay Dickerson of New Hill.

KATHLEEN WICKER JONES

Kathleen Wicker Jones, 90, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, (01-13-2019) at Parkview Retirement Center.

A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday, (01-17-2019) at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Rev. Kevin McHarg officiating. The burial will be held in Lee Memory Gardens following the service.

She was born in Moore County on August 21, 1928 to the late Daisy Ashburn. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carlton Jack Jones. Kathleen was a member of Morningside Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by daughters, Carolyn Jones Mason of Spring Lake, Patsy Jones Wadford of Erwin, Jackie Jones Tyler of Sanford; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The family received

friends on Wednesday, (01-16-2019) from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Alzheimer's Association, 5171 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27612 and/or Community Home Care and Hospice, 1836 Doctor's Drive, Sanford, NC 27330.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

CLYDE THOMAS SAUNDERS

Clyde Thomas Saunders, 86, of Robbins, passed away Saturday, (01-12-2019) at his home.

The funeral was held Wednesday, (01-16-2019) at 2 p.m. at Robbins Bible Methodist Church with Rev. Gary Melchin presiding. Burial followed immediately at the Saunders Family Cemetery, 233 Milestone Lane, Robbins.

Clyde was born on July 10, 1932 to Orlando Thomas Saunders and Minnie Ethel Latham. He owned and operated Saunders Sawmill. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sons James Thomas Saunders and Timothy Bruce Saunders, two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Clara Jean Saunders of the home; sons, Randy Saunders, Steven Saunders, both of High Falls, Billy Saunders of Robbins; daughters, Sandra Hall of High Falls, Becky Medlin of Robbins; sisters, Canarie Kennedy and Iris Owens, both of Robbins; brothers, Bobby Saunders of Randleman, Lonnie Saunders of Asheboro, Gary Saunders of Seagrove, 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 4 step-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

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

DONNIE LEVON BUIE

Donnie Levon Buie, 48, of Sanford passed on Wednesday, (01-02-2019). Funeral service was held Saturday, (01-12-2019) at 2 p.m. at Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church in Broadway.

LAURENCIO MENENDEZ ESTEVEZ

Laurencio Menendez Estevez, 51, of Siler City passed on Sunday (01-06-2019).

Funeral services were held Saturday, (01-12-2019) at 1 p.m. at Knotts Funeral Home Chapel in Pittsboro.

MARY OCHELTREE BERNARD

Mary Deberry Ocheltree Bernard, 60, of Sanford, passed on Monday, (01-14-2019) at her home. Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

FAYE M. BYNUM

Ms. Faye M. Bynum, 62, of Siler City, passed on Sunday (01-13-2019) at Duke University in Durham.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

CLARENCE L. MARSH

Mr. Clarence L. Marsh, 79, of Bear Creek, passed on Saturday, (01-12-2019) at Sanford health and Rehab in Sanford.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home, Siler City.

JASMINE PERKINS

Jasmine Perkins, 20, of Cameron passed on Friday, (01-11-2019). Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

JOCELYN PERKINS

Jocelyn Perkins, 22, of Cameron passed on Friday, (01-11-2019). Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

INFANT KIA'REENA NEVAEH PERKINS

Kia'Reena Nevaeh Perkins, 6 months, of Cameron passed on Friday (01-11-2019). Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

MATTIE LEE HILL PEARSON

Mattie Lee Pearson, 96, of Broadway, passed on Friday, (01-11-2019) at FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care of West End.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

Radon test kits available from Chatham County Extension Agency

CN+R Staff Report

RALEIGH—As families button up their homes to guard against winter's chill it is an ideal time to make plans to test for radon, the odorless, colorless gas that is our nation's second leading cause of lung cancer.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon causes more than 21,000 deaths each year, making it the second most common cause of lung cancer deaths in the United States and the number one cause among non-smokers.

Because testing is the only way to know if your family is at risk from radon, Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed January as Radon Action Month in North Carolina, and beginning next week, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human services is making 3,600 residential radon testing kits available at no charge.

The test kits will be available from local health departments and county extension offices in 32 counties, including Chatham, with outreach efforts. Funds for the test kits were provided last fall through a grant from the EPA.

"Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas found in soil and rock that can seep through cracks in the foundations, walls and joints of homes," said NC Radiation Protection Section Chief Lee Cox. "About 7 percent of North Carolina homes have unsafe levels of radon, based on data we've collected. That is why we urge testing of homes."

Radon gas can accumulate and reach harmful levels when trapped in homes and buildings, as may occur during the home heating season, when warm air rises in homes, pulling air from the lower parts of the home where radon may enter. Elevated levels of indoor radon are a preventable and fixable problem with costs of mitigation to reduce the radon to safe levels ranging from \$800 to approximately \$2,500.

The NC Radon Program's website offers links to certified professionals who can assist in testing or fixing radon issues in homes. Through mitigation, the naturally occurring radioactive gas is released harmlessly from under the home into outdoor air.

For those who are not in the counties where free test kits are available, homes still should be tested.

The NC Radon Program web page has links to several retailers that sell kits, and they are also available in many hardware stores. Retail prices average below \$20 per kit. The website also lists resources and a link to an instructive video, and provides information on its web page for families who may qualify for financial assistance to meet mitigation expenses.

In Chatham County, contact Phyllis Smith, Chatham County Cooperative Extension Service, 65 East Chatham Street Pittsboro NC 27312 (919) 542-8202 phyllis.smith@chathamnc.org for information about the kits.

New guidelines promote better oral health

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RALEIGH — North Carolina health leaders are promoting new oral health guidance to advance maternal and infant health.

In 2016, the Division of Public Health, focusing on better birth outcomes and the reduction of infant mortality, convened the NC Perinatal Oral Health Task Force, which includes representatives from public health and state-funded medical and dental training institutions.

The goal of the Perinatal Oral Health Task Force is to create a comprehensive perinatal oral health initiative for the state, and the Oral Health During Pregnancy: North Carolina Collaborative Practice Framework is one product of its ongoing efforts.

"By adopting this oral health framework, North Carolina provides a central reference point for health care providers and highlights the important relationship between oral health,

healthy pregnancies and overall health," said Sarah Tomlinson, DDS, State Dental Director and Oral Health Section Chief in the Division of Public Health. "This guidance promotes oral health discussions between providers and patients and moves providers toward the incorporation of oral health into prenatal care."

The new guidance promotes collaboration between medical and dental professionals who care for pregnant women. The Oral Health During Pregnancy: North Carolina Collaborative Practice Framework is a component of an overarching strategy to improve the health and quality of life for mothers and young children.

DHHS has several other initiatives underway to improve birth outcomes and decrease health disparities which include the N.C. Perinatal Health Strategic Plan, the Early Childhood Action Plan and the North Carolina Health Equity Report.

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Chicken Festival making welcome return to Siler City in the spring

It's been nearly 20 years since Siler City celebrated its ties to the poultry industry with a popular Chicken Festival, so the fact that the town's newest industry-related company is supporting a new version of the event is positive indeed.

Mountaire is lending its support – and, most importantly, \$15,000 in financial help – to the new Spring Chicken Festival, planned for Siler City's historic downtown on May 4. Officials say the event will feature food trucks and a beer garden, along with a host of vendor displays and booths, arts and crafts and a classic car show – and, of course, plenty of chicken.

Joseph Keel, the Siler City Parks and Recreation director, said last week he hoped the festival would become a “marquee annual event” that would promote Siler City and create positive economic – as well as social – impact.

By the time the festival rolls around, Mountaire should be operating and will have provided full employment with the 1,200 or so promised jobs our part of Chatham County so desperately needs. So Spring Chicken Festival should be a celebration on many fronts.

Siler City Mayor John Grimes said the festival will represent the economic impact the poultry industry has the surrounding area. “Not too many years ago,” he told the News + Record, “the poultry industry was a very important economic engine that helped drive the economic well-being for the citizens of Siler City and many citizens in the surrounding areas.”

When Mountaire gets up to full speed, that engine will turn again, of course – and the festival will provide those in Siler City and other Chathamites with a fun venue to recognize the economic benefits a corporate citizen like Mountaire can help bring to a small community.

And, not to mention, a fun way to spend the first Saturday in May.

So now it's up to the Parks and Rec department and local non-profits, church groups, civic groups, business, associations and clubs to raise a hand to make the festival memorable. Those interested can reach out to the department at (919) 742-2699, or by email recreation@silercity.org, to get involved.

State regulatory reform working

By JOHN HOOD

RALEIGH — Milton Friedman once observed that “nothing is so permanent as a temporary government program.” To be sure, spending bills or regulations initially sold as limited responses to specific conditions often take on a life of their own. They create constituencies that receive funds or protection from the program and thus have a strong interest in converting the temporary into the permanent.

But these constituencies need not always win. Citizens who desire to control the size and scope of government have some tools at their disposal to defeat the special interests. Some are constitutional, such as spending limitations and referendum requirements for public debt. Others are statutory.

A good example of the latter is North Carolina's regulatory-sunset law. Enacted in 2013, it subjects every rule on the books to a 10-year lifespan. If the administrative agency responsible for the rule fails to review the regulation within the time allotted, or concludes that its costs exceed any

continuing benefits, the regulation goes away.

On the other hand, if the agency concludes that the rule remains relevant and cost-beneficial, it stays in force. If such a rule has attracted public comments over the preceding two years, then it must be go back through the regulatory process for re-adoption.

As of early 2018, some 13,500 rules had been subjected to periodic review by state agencies. Most, 62 percent, were kept in place unchanged. Regulators deemed 26 percent to require a re-adoption process. The remaining 12 percent, about 1,600 outmoded rules, went “poof.”

While policies enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly on taxes, spending, education, and election laws may have attracted more attention, regulatory reform may well be the most important legacy of the state's conservative governance since 2011. There have been meaningful changes in specific rules or regulatory procedure every single year.

Unfortunately, while Friedman's observation

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I DON'T KNOW MELANIA... IT SEEMS EVERYTHING I DO MAKES ME LOOK GUILTY!



Becoming teenager not just mark on calendar

My first-born grandchild, who happens to be the only guy out of a total of six folks in that category, entered the great unknown world of “teen-dom” last week.

He took great delight in asking his mother, my first-born, for about two months or so before the event, “Do you know you're going to be the mother of a teenager soon?” I'm pretty sure she knew that – although she, her mother and I all think he should be only about six.

The reality, though, is the numbers don't lie and it's been 13 years since that night at Rex Hospital in Raleigh when he announced his arrival and presence. I got my hands on him as soon as possible, partly so I could endow him whatever greatness I might possess, if any.

At least, that's what my

mama often said. She was big on whoever carried the baby from the hospital would find that the infant would grow up to be like that person in nature and personality. I didn't get to do those honors but I did hold the little guy as much and as often as I could.

Today that would be kinda hard, as in dang near impossible. It won't be long, at the rate he's going, until he's 6 feet or more tall and he weighs considerably more now than the eight pounds or so he carried on his birth day.

I watched him learn to sit up, to crawl, to walk and run. It's hard to remember those unsteady attempts at left-right today as I watch him run up

and down the basketball court, dribbling the ball and weaving in and out of traffic. In the interest of full disclosure, I must admit that is not a characteristic I gave him. My brief and feeble school basketball career consisted of being the last guy down the court,

hence earning the nickname “Lightning” as a behind the backslap in the face.

I hope I have instilled some traits in the young lad, however. Reading, for instance. He has quite a library already and I'd like to think some of that got started as he sat on the couch with Shirley and me and we read “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?” a gazillion times.

And there are other things we share – corny jokes, puns, meals at the Waffle House, episodes of the original “Twilight Zone” (the one with Rod Serling), an understanding and sense of right and wrong. I know I'm not in this business alone: there are his folks, his extended family, his church and teachers, good friends, his dog Peter . . . and who knows who in the future.

I want to stay around as long as I can and spend more time with him, provided he can work me into his growing busy schedule. And therein is the rub: as he gets older, he – and others – spreads his wings and flies farther and longer.

I love him dearly; I think he knows that, as much as a 13-year old boy will admit or say it. I hope he remembers me when he's a granddaddy.

Mevin' Around

WITH BOB WACHS



I, and my car, need help

Some people, I believe, have a natural aptitude for auto mechanics, but I'm not one of them.

I can change oil and filters, install a battery, replace a bulb, remove a flat tire and replace it with a spare.

With proper supervision, I can even do a few other, more involved car tasks.

Twice, for instance, I've removed worn brake pads and replaced them; but before anyone presents me with certification, I should note that both times I had a more experienced car veteran looking over my shoulder to steer me through the task. Left to my own, I know I'd do it wrong.

Most of what I know about cars – and all I know about troubleshooting car problems – I've learned out of necessity.

As a teenager, my first car – a 1977 Volkswagen Dasher that was well-used when I got it and nearly used up by the time I was finished with it – required me to adapt.

I knew, for instance, to

keep spare bottles of oil – which I stored in an oil-soaked cardboard box in the back seat – to replenish the oil that constantly leaked from the engine.

Near the box of spare oil, I kept a couple of two-liter soda bottles filled with water, to routinely replenish the radiator.

The Dasher also required I keep an eye on the spark plug, which had a habit of shaking loose. I kept a spark plug wrench in the back seat, also near the spare oil, to address this problem.

Because necessity is the mother of invention, I picked up a few car care essentials during my driving life, so – even though I'd greatly appreciate any help you could offer if you find me stopped along a roadside looking under my hood – I'm not a complete automotive moron.

But my current car has developed a problem that has stumped me and my

limited abilities.

In a twist of fate that Murphy, for whom Murphy's Law is named, would be proud, my car's front windshield – or some other component nearby – developed a leak around the time our weather

turned so wet a few months ago.

First, following a rain, I noticed water (a small amount) puddled on the front passenger floorboard.

A fluke, I thought, optimistically.

Following another, more severe rain, I couldn't help notice not only more water on the floorboard, but, as I drove, more water pouring from some unseen reservoir behind the glove compartment, enough of it that a little Epsom salt added to the mix would have made a nice foot soak.

I could no longer dismiss it as a fluke, but I was still slow to realize I

had a serious problem.

By “serious,” I mean I couldn't fix it myself.

As more rain fell over the next few weeks, I attempted to investigate and isolate the trouble.

I concluded that the seal around the windshield of my 12-year-old car was compromised, though I admit I had little concrete evidence of this. It just seemed likely.

And I believed my efforts to mitigate the problem with a tarp were working.

That is, until last weekend, when the snow forecast for our area turned out only to be more rain, some of which made it through, under or around the tarp I'd secured over the windshield, eventually finding its way, of course, to the passenger side floorboard.

My troubleshooting and problem-solving skills exhausted by this problem, I've figured out what all car owners inevitably do when facing one problem or another: I need professional help.

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Can opportunity zones boost local economies?

BY DR. MIKE WALDEN

I make about 80 presentations across the state each year on a variety of economic topics. It's one of the most enjoyable parts of my job at N.C. State University, by allowing me to become acquainted with many

people and groups in almost every region of our beautiful state.

Recently I spoke to a group in Raleigh I had never before encountered. They were investors and economic development experts from across both the state and nation. They

had gathered to hear about a new concept called “opportunity zones.”

My task was to broadly discuss the North Carolina economy, including both its needs and opportunities. My central theme was that North Carolina has experienced signifi-

cant improvement in its economy in recent years. Yet there have been many areas of our state left out of these gains.

Opportunity zones (OZ's for short) are a new

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concept designed to address this shortfall and spread prosperity to more regions of North Carolina. OZ's are a national plan that were part of the 2017 federal tax overhaul. The meeting in Raleigh was one of many across the nation to explain OZ's and hopefully get them started.

So how will OZ's work? The basic idea is to use tax incentives to attract investors to designated geographic areas. The major carrot is the reduction – and in some cases, total elimination – of federal capital gains taxes. Investors pay capital gains taxes on the increase in value of their investment (in investment lingo, an increase in an investment's value is called a "capital gain").

Investors in OZ's can save capital gains taxes in two ways. One is by taking capital gains from another project outside the OZ and putting that money to work in the OZ. In this case, the capital gains taxes owed from the other project are reduced. Also, the taxes on capital gains earned on the money invested in the OZ will be reduced and – if the investment is kept long enough – totally eliminated.

This might all sound like a financial mumbo-jumbo, but trust me, these tax incentives are important enough to get the attention of investors. Also, the incentives are all coming from the federal government, not the states.

There are 252 OZ's in North Carolina covering 1.1 million people. Two-thirds are in metropolitan areas, while the remainder are in small towns and rural regions. Clearly the OZ's are more economically challenged than the rest of the state. Average

household income in the OZ's is \$18,000 less than the state average. Also, the OZ's have unemployment rates 40 percent higher than the state, and the percentage of adults with a college degree is about half that for all the state.

Will the OZ's work? Supporters say there is potentially \$6 trillion of investable funds that could be available for the areas. Others question this amount as well as the success of earlier versions of the OZ's. In the 1980s and 1990s, especially, there were similar programs to lure investments to economically lagging areas. The evaluations of those programs have been mixed. Several studies found no impact of the programs on employment in the qualifying areas. Others did find employment gains in the designated locations but concluded the additional jobs would have happened anyway without the tax incentives.

OZ supporters retort that previous programs didn't have powerful enough tax incentives and also required too much red tape. They claim the OZ's have fixed these problems, and supporters are excited about the interest already shown by investors.

Still, the ultimate question is this: even if the OZ's are able to bring billions or trillions of dollars of new investments to lower performing economic regions, who will really win?

For example, what if the investors in OZ's fund properties and businesses that primarily hire college-educated workers, many of whom move to the regions for the jobs. It's likely this new economic activity would create other kinds

of jobs for local residents who don't have college degrees. Yet if the local economy really flourishes, it may also mean higher housing prices and other costs for the original local residents. We've seen this happen after many inner-city neighborhoods have re-developed.

This question comes down to a long-debated issue in economic development circles. Should the focus be on "place-development," of which the OZ is an example? Here the goal is to increase investments in an area, using the philosophy that a general rising economic tide will lift all boats.

Or, should the attention be given to "people-development," based on the notion that what lower-performing regions most need is better educational attainment and skill development for local residents. If this is accomplished, then more and better-paying jobs can follow. Although the OZ's don't preclude this approach, it is not their main focus.

The opportunity zone program is just beginning, but I predict we'll hear much more about it in coming months and years. Along the way, we'll eventually have to decide what constitutes success of the OZ's.

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Gerrymandering, the courts and Lady Justice

2019 was only four days old when we got the announcement the U.S. Supreme Court was going to hear arguments on North Carolina's redistricting laws in March. Once again, our state will be in the political spotlight. In addition to being surprised, how should we interpret this announcement?



My Spin By Tom Campbell

Plaintiffs rejoiced, believing the highest court in the land was once and for all going to reaffirm that gerrymandering elective districts so as to favor one party over another disenfranchised voters who belonged to the minority party, thus unconstitutionally dictating election outcomes by violating the First and 14th Amendments, as well as portions of Article 1 of the U. S. Constitution. They want specificity of what is and isn't unconstitutional gerrymandering.

The State represents the defendants, our legislature and the were equally happy, convinced the court would once and for all declare that gerrymandering, so long as it wasn't racial gerrymandering, was permissible.

Last year, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered that new congressional districts be drawn in our state, but the Supreme Court declared that the 2016 maps be used, since the verdict was handed down close to the November 8th election.

North Carolina legislators have been unabashed in their political partisanship, with one leader giddily admitting that they

and legislative districts as well as in judicial elections. Our legislature, clearly angered by courts that ruled many of their actions unconstitutional, believed the way to correct the situation was to put more Republicans on the bench. To accomplish these goals, they required that all judicial candidates list their political affiliation on the ballot, then last year did away with judicial primary elections altogether, a move that clearly backfired. Anita Earls defeated an incumbent Republican justice in the sole state supreme court race, giving that court a 5-2 Democratic majority, where it had previously been 4-3. And the Court of Appeals now has an 8-7 Republican edge after three Democrats were elected.

We need reminding of the blindfolded Lady Justice, her blindfold signifying objectivity without fear or favor, regardless of money, power or politics. In her hands she holds scales that weigh decisions based on evidence.

How are those scales measuring justice today?

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turns out not to apply to every government program, the effects of special-interest pleading and bureaucratic torpidity remain powerful. Despite the efforts of some state lawmakers and activists, North Carolina has yet to make much headway on occupational licensing, which artificially constricts labor markets and entrepreneurship, and the certificate-of-need law, which artificially constricts consumer choice and competition in medical services.

I hope that state lawmakers return to these two specific regulatory matters, at least, during the 2019 session of the General Assembly. But they should also consider building on the periodic-review-and-sunset system they created in 2013 with more broad-based reforms to North Carolina's regulatory process.

My John Locke Foundation colleague Jon Sanders has some suggestions along these lines. For example, he recommends North Carolina add a "regulatory throttle" — a requirement that if the estimated costs of proposed state regulations exceed a certain threshold, executive agencies can't issue them on their own. A vote of the General Assembly would be required.

Sanders also points out that North Carolina is one of only six states lacking formal protections of small business in regulatory proceedings. Agencies should be encouraged to "make common-sense adjustments to small businesses' regulatory burdens, such as compliance and reporting requirements," he writes, so small firms aren't disadvantaged in competition with large companies that can afford teams of specialized compliance officers and attorneys.

State regulations certainly can be necessary to protect public health and safety. When households or businesses act in ways that damage the lives,

liberty, and property of others, lawsuits by the affected parties are not always a feasible or sufficient remedy. Provided the health or safety benefits exceed the cost of the rule, government should respond with properly designed regulations.

But as Friedman observed long ago, and everyday experience confirms, those who administer government programs tend to act in ways to ensure the continued existence of those programs. That doesn't make them villains. It makes them human. Inertia, familiar-

ity, and self-interest influence their behavior, just as they affect us all.

That's why we need procedural and constitution safeguards against imprudent expenditures, excessive public debts, and perpetual regulations. These policies serve the public interest by maximizing the public's freedom.

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Scare tactics used to sell labor posters

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RALEIGH—Every year the N.C. Department of Labor receives complaints of poster companies that use scare tactics to sell labor law posters.

NCDOL says threats of being fined are bogus and should be ignored.

"Poster companies have been known to charge more than \$150 for the posters," Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. "I want the business community to know that the labor law posters are available from NCDOL free of charge."

Recently, NCDOL obtained letters from poster companies, which include false information that employers will be fined as much as \$17,000 by NCDOL for displaying out-of-date posters.

The N.C. Department of Labor will not fine businesses that have the old posters displayed. NCDOL inspectors carry the newest posters in their vehicles and will offer them free to employers

who have out-of-date posters.

"We would never fine an employer unless the employer just blatantly refused to put the posters up," Commissioner Berry said. "I don't know of any employer who has refused to take a free set of posters from one of our inspectors."

The labor law posters are required under North Carolina law. The posters carry information on the state's Wage and Hour Act and what are commonly referred to as "OSHA" regulations, or the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

In 2017, labor law posters provided by the N.C. Department of Labor were updated to include the required information pertaining to the N.C. Employee Fair Classification Act, which took effect Dec. 31, 2017.

Businesses that need to order new posters can visit NCDOL's website at www.labor.nc.gov or call 1-800-NC-LABOR (1-800-625-2267).



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thanks to the shutdown, which has been driven by the political impasse between President Trump and Congress over funding a wall along the U.S. and Mexico border.

Requiring a new location for Floorazzo Tile when his current landlord chose not to renew Sich's lease, the local business owner found another existing building in Siler City which, after some modifications, will suit the needs of Floorazzo Tile, which employs 10 people.

In October, Sich began the process of applying for a loan through the U.S. Small Business Administration to help make the move, estimating he spent close to 100 hours completing the paperwork.

His loan application, first approved by a bank, was next headed to the SBA for approval when the government shutdown occurred in December, putting his plans in limbo.

Sich faces a closing date at the end of January to purchase the new

property, but as the federal government's shutdown continues, Sich's loan from the SBA – and his plans for his business – remain on hold.

"It's not good," Sich said. "They're acting like children in Washington. But that's the situation I'm in."

Sich said he remains optimistic that the shutdown won't drag on too much longer.

"I'll probably be OK," Sich said. "But it's not pleasant. Here in our little town, what's happening in Washington is having an impact."

It remains unknown how long the shutdown will continue, but the longer it continues, the more likely other small businesses in Chatham County could face similar problems, said Alyssa Byrd, interim president of the Chatham County Economic Development Commission.

"The SBA is not operating, which means people trying to work with this resource aren't able

to," said Byrd. "I think people should be aware of the broader affect this shutdown is having. It's substantial for a small, home-grown business looking to use this resource. Now, it's really a matter of 'wait and see.'"

Visitors to the SBA's website find a "special announcement" on the site which notes that "due to the lapse in federal funding, this website will not be actively managed."

And it's not only the Small Business Administration.

Those trying to reach the Farm Service Agency's Pittsboro office by telephone encounter a similar message, a recording telling callers the agency, which among other programs administers loans to farmers, isn't open "due to a lapse in federal funding."

Chatham County's Department of Social Services has observed few impacts so far from the shutdown, said Jennie Kristiansen, the agency's director.

"They're acting like children in Washington. But that's the situation I'm in."

— JOHN SICH, owner of Floorazzo Tile

"The Department of Health and Human Services was not impacted and at this time, we believe that Food and Nutrition Services is the only DSS program that will be affected," Kristiansen said.

Because of the federal shutdown, the U.S. Department of Agriculture instructed states to issue February's Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits by Sunday, Jan. 20. Benefits would normally be available to families from Feb. 3 to 21.

"We are working closely with county departments of social services and our federal partners

to ensure participants and retailers have little to no interruption of FNS services due to the shutdown," said Tara Myers, N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary for Human Services.

FNS is a federal food assistance program that provides low-income families with funds to purchase food.

Once February's FNS funds are distributed, they will be available for use.

However, participants should be aware, state officials said, that since there will be no FNS benefits issued in the month of February, they should plan accordingly.

Despite the federal shutdown, DHHS anticipates having sufficient funds through February, not only for FNS, but also for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC).

If the federal shutdown continues, however, the funding for these services

could run out after February, state officials said.

Many government programs, however, continue to operate despite the shutdown, including Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and the U.S. Postal Service, which is funded through sales and services instead of taxes.

Likewise, operations at Jordan Lake, which is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, have continued uninterrupted by the shutdown, said Dana Matics, Jordan Lake's assistant operations manager.

Though previous shutdowns of the federal government have affected Army Corps personnel at the lake, the Corps of Engineers was fully funded under the Dept. of Defense for the fiscal year, Matics said.

"We're really very fortunate," she said.

Though some recreational areas may be closed at the lake, it's due to high water levels or seasonal closures, not the shutdown.

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adults of any ethnicity struggling with mental health: stigma.

"At home, we are taught that the laundry is washed at home," Ramos says. "You don't want your problems or anything going out of the house. At home, our parents don't like to talk about mental health and people are afraid to be labeled 'locos,' or 'crazy.'"

There's added pressure, Cesia Lopez says, due to perceived stereotypes of the Latinx population.

"People are waiting for us to slip up, and when we do, they want to label all Latinx students as lazy, drug dealers, or just in general, 'They don't want to do anything,'" she says. "There's a few people who do that, but not everyone is like that."

Because of that, Latinx teenagers are almost compelled as a societal expectation to keep their problems internal – which any mental health professional will say is unhealthy. Ramos recognizes that, saying Latinx youth often don't get help because parents don't want any bad appearances.

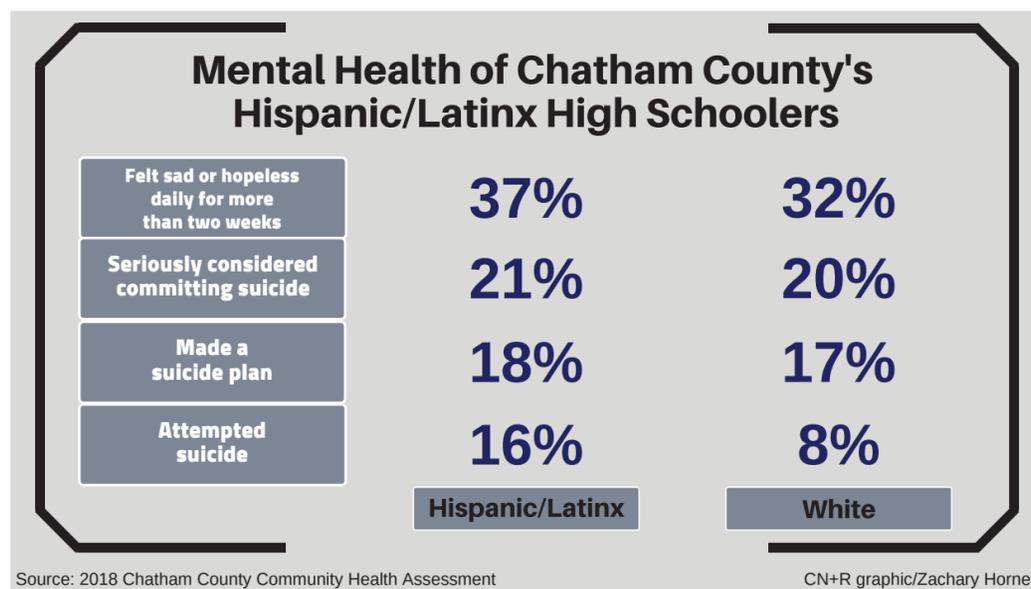
"Therefore they're alone and they become more isolated," she says, "and thus the numbers go up."

Mora, Cesia Lopez and Ramos said each of their parents, when hearing or seeing their daughters' mental or emotional struggles, would often say something to the effect of, "You've got so many good things. Why are you struggling?"

"Everybody told me that I needed a therapist," Cesia Lopez says, "and then my parents were over here saying, 'No, no, you don't need that. All you need to do is focus in school. You shouldn't be sad. You have a house and a family.'"

In a conversation with the News + Record last week, the others nodded along as she spoke. Mora says she was diagnosed with obsessive compulsive disorder, wanting to repeat things to make sure everything was right. She says she started to become "really sad" because she was confused. She went to therapy, and her parents were supportive during that time. But when they left, it was a different story.

"My parents are very



religious," she says. "They were like, 'It's because you don't pray enough. You're not grateful. You have a good home.' They told me they never heard of anyone having anxiety back where they lived, and they never heard of people having depression back where they lived."

That's reflective of the Latinx experience in general, Selina Lopez says. She was born in Mexico and moved to the U.S. as a child, coming with her mother to meet her father, a legal resident in Warren County. Because of the intensity of their parents' move to the U.S. — "they had to cross a desert, swim across a river," she says — any trauma was internalized.

A Constant Burden

These teenagers, even as they express frustration with their parents' initial reactions to their mental health issues, make it clear that they love their parents, and it's seen most when the word "immigration" comes up. Selina Lopez says some of the youngsters in her group have seen their parents deported. She points specifically to recent raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel in the county. That adds a whole other level of stress.

"If you have undocumented parents, that fear is always in your head of, 'Will my parents be home when I come home? Will they make it to work fine?'" she says. "All those things are in your mind since you're

small because of that fear. It runs generationally."

Cesia Lopez, Mora and Ramos are U.S. citizens because they were born in Siler City, but they each say they've felt that fear since they were children.

"It's scary, but it's gotten to the point where we've learned how to live with the fear," Ramos says. "It's become so normal in our routine."

Mora adds, "When we get home and see our parents there, it is such a relief because they're there and you have them."

Ramos' parents have already been deported to Mexico. So when the news comes on and there's talk of immigration policies and deportations, it's added pressure.

"When you've been away from your parents for multiple years, it's hard to listen to the news, it's hard to read the news," she says. "It's hard to have a messed up government that doesn't have enough empathy to care about people's lives and how they're affecting them. When you get home from school and you don't see your parents and you think, 'Why are they not here?' I was born here, and they came here and worked for 12 years and got no benefits out of it. They paid taxes, and yet they have no rights, and yet they take my right to be away from my parents."

"It's not fair when I look at my white classmates. You don't get pulled over because you're a person of color. You don't get stared

at. You live with your parents. You have your family here. When you have to grow up alone, the affect that that has on your mental health — it creates a huge disadvantage for you when you already have a huge disadvantage because you're a person of color.

"It's unfair and it's depressing to think, 'How many more years will I have to wait until I see my parents again?'" she continued. "They're not criminals. The only thing they did wrong was cross that border illegally because immigration policies are ridiculous because you have to be a rich person in Mexico or have tons of land, have a super stable job, so that they know you're actually going to go back and not stay here. But if your parents are fleeing, if they're poor people, they're trying to work somewhere else where they can have a much better financial situation and a much better way of life. Of course they wanted a better life, and they gave me that for 11 years. Now they're not here. The pressure is up. I have to deal with that. I have a supportive community, but it's still on me."

Handling the Pressure

Even though Chatham County and Siler City have a significant Hispanic population, Selina Lopez's group says they still feel some racism and discrimination, particularly after the 2016 presidential election.

"That was hurtful for me to hear, that in schools they were receiving these kinds of phrases," Selina Lopez says. "After the

election like, 'Oh, so now you have to go back to your country' or wearing the hat, 'Make America Great Again' and teachers and adults not stopping that behavior. Feeling that hatred and that attack of, 'Why doesn't the U.S. accept me?' Especially if they grew up in this country and they consider this country home. This is the only home they've ever had. For them, it's feeling that isolation."

Cesia Lopez, Ramos and Mora admit that they haven't always dealt with the pressure and their mental health issues in the best way. They say their parents are now more understanding of their struggles, and they're grateful for Selina Lopez being a part of their lives.

"Selina answers right away," Cesia Lopez says. "She'll be like, 'I'm here for you, boo. What's up?'" Ramos says.

Cesia gives possibly the highest compliment any teenager can give an adult these days — "She's the real one."

The Hispanic population can also access El Futuro, a mental health clinic serving Latinx families with offices in Durham and Siler City. Chatham County has supported the clinic since 2010, with \$158,250 given to the organization over the last 10 county budgets.

Debra Henzey, chair of the mental health subcommittee of the Chatham Health Alliance, says the group has had more and more demand for its services in recent years.

"Many times it's

"If you have undocumented parents, that fear is always in your head of, 'Will my parents be home when I come home? Will they make it to work fine?' All those things are in your mind since you're small because of that fear. It runs generationally."

— SELINA LOPEZ, 'Orgullo Latinx Pride' leader

hearing people talk about their fears about being seized, removed from their homes, separated from their families," Henzey said.

Public Health Director Layton Long adds that there's "a much more brazen attitude about stating things that shouldn't be stated against certain populations."

"I witnessed it myself at the grocery store," Henzey said. "I was terrified people were talking like that."

In the meantime, Cesia Lopez, Ramos and Mora are focusing on how to get a good job and get enough money to bring their families to America for good.

"My parents have been my motivation since I was little," Cesia Lopez says.

Lenore adds, "If I want to be stable at some point in my 30s, when I can finally bring my parents back, I will be able to do that. I will be able to say, 'Yes, these are my documents. I am rich enough to bring my family here with me legally.'"

Mora chimes in and says the fear of being a Latinx youth in America, with the threat of parental deportation and having to buck stereotypes, drives her "to be a better person." She wants her parents to feel as comfortable and safe in the U.S. as she does.

"All I can hope for is that one day," she says, "we won't be scared."

Dr. T. Eston 'Bud' Marchant

This week, we speak with Dr. T. Eston "Bud" Marchant, the president of Central Carolina Community College. Dr. Marchant has announced his retirement as President of Central Carolina Community College, effective April 1; the college's board of trustees was scheduled to meet this week to discuss naming his successor. Check the News + Record's website for updates.

Dr. Marchant became President of Central Carolina Community College in August 2008,

bringing a strong background in both academics and economic development. Prior to coming to Central Carolina, he served as Vice President for Educational Affairs at Piedmont Technical College, South Carolina; Vice President of Educational Programs at South Piedmont Community College; Dean of Union Technical Education Center at Anson and Stanly community colleges, North Carolina; and Director of Continuing Education at the College of Charleston, S.C.

Julian Philpott, chairman of CCCC's board of trustees, has said of Dr. Marchant: "Under Dr. Marchant's presidency, Central Carolina Community College has flourished to become North Carolina's largest non-urban community college with many nationally recognized programs. He has had great vision for CCCC ... Under Dr. Marchant's leadership, CCCC has truly become one of the 'crown jewels' in the North Carolina Community College System."



CENTRAL CAROLINA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On the verge of retirement, CCCC's President reflects on his tenure and casts an eye toward the future

Chatham County Promise will begin for the current class of seniors. What makes this program so special?

The program gives qualifying graduating high school students two years of free tuition at CCCC. This can be applied to a specific degree or a transfer program. This is one of few such programs in the state. People can learn more about the program at www.cccc.edu/promise. For questions about the Promise program, please contact (919) 718-7300.

With CCCC campuses in Pittsboro and Siler City, the college is working on a new Health Sciences Center in northern Chatham County. Can you share your thoughts about the importance of this newest CCCC facility? And when will it be completed?

The new CCCC Chatham Health Sciences Center will be located at Ballentrae Court in Pittsboro. Construction for the center, which is located in the Briar Chapel area of northern Chatham County, began in August



Dr. Bud Marchant, president of the CCCC system, will retire on April 1 after devoting a decade of service to the role. (CCCC photo)

2018. The 40,000-square-foot facility will hopefully be completed by Spring 2020. There is a medical corridor developing between Pittsboro and Chapel Hill. Students training at this new state-of-the-art facility will be ready to enter employment in this growing market.

As you look back on your career at CCCC, what's the most significant take-away, in terms of a single memory, that you'll leave with as you retire?

Being president of Central Carolina Community College has been the highlight of my professional career. The students will be my great-

est memory. I'll remember students such as the Caterpillar apprenticeship students eager to begin a rewarding career as well as the grandmother surrounded by her family as she receives her high school equivalency diploma.

It's standard fare to ask a retiring executive about lists of major ac-

complishments, so let's tackle that in this way: when someone asks you later this year what you "used to do" before retirement, and probes you for details about how things went as your last job, what will you say?

It has been my honor and pleasure working with the talented and dedicated faculty and staff of CCCC. I have never seen such a team dedicated to improving the lives of the students they serve. Also, with our building program in all three of our service counties, CCCC is ready for the next 20 years.

How would you assess the insight that people in Chatham, Lee and Harnett counties have for the contributions CCCC make to our region? Do you think, in general, people have a real sense of what CCCC means to the well-being of the three counties? And for those who may not know, how can you sum that up?

I think, in general, people do know about how CCCC improves the lives of the citizens of the three counties. I can't go any-

where that people don't stop me and tell me about how CCCC improved their lives or the lives of someone they know. I think that this is evident through our universal support by the elected officials of the three counties.

Certainly your tenure has been characterized by new construction on all three campuses. Did you anticipate that when you took the job all those years ago?

I knew there were both renovation and new construction needs. The public support of these projects has been tremendous.

So what's next for you? How will you fill your life and your time in the coming months and years?

In retirement, I will be returning to my native South Carolina. I have a lot to do to get back settled in my home in South Carolina. There are a lot of volunteer opportunities I would like to take advantage of. And, I will be no stranger to this area. I plan to visit often. In particular, I plan on attending the yearly scholarship banquet.

It's back! Chicken Festival returns to its Siler City roost

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY – After an absence of nearly two decades, Siler City's Spring Chicken Festival will return to downtown May 4 with the help of Mountaire.

Last year, the Siler City Board of Commissioners asked Siler City Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Keel to work to bring back the festival, which was a salute to the poultry industry and its importance in the county's economy.

"[This event] represents the economic impact that the poultry industry will have on Siler City and the surrounding area," Siler City Mayor John Grimes told the News + Record. "Not too many years ago the poultry industry was a very important economic engine that helped drive the economic well-being for the citizens of Siler City and many citizens in the surrounding areas."

The first of what officials hope will become an annual Spring Chicken Festival will return to its roost downtown for a daylong event on the first Saturday in May.

The Chicken Festival will feature food trucks, a classic car show and inflatable attractions. There will be space for vendors varying from arts and crafts, gift items, informational booths, as well as a beer garden of great craft and domestic beverages.

Keel said that Siler City's historic downtown would be the best location to host this "marquee annual event" and plans for the event to stretch across the entire downtown area.

Keel hopes the spring Chicken Festival will create a positive economic and social impact, increase tourism in the historic district of Downtown Siler City, promote diverse Parks and Recreation programming

all while enjoying delicious chicken.

"A large congratulations needs to be given to the Town's Board of Commissioners and our

"Mountaire Farms believes that our company should be a good corporate citizen through our support and involvement in activities that are beneficial to the

department, is expected to cover the costs of the Spring Chicken Festival in its entirety, according to Keel.

Though the event is

There will be live music beginning with the act Sandband, which was featured at the 2018 Carolina Beach Music Awards in North Myrtle Beach. Following their

The beer garden will be located at the Oasis Open Air Market.

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking vendors for the first Annual Spring Chicken Festival. Interested vendors, which could include non-profits, church groups, civic groups, business, associations and clubs, should reach out to the Siler City Parks and Recreation Department at (919) 742-2699 or by emailing recreation@silercity.org. Beer Garden Vendors must contact Oasis Open Air Market at 919-395-2080 to complete their registration.

Vendor application deadline is March 29.



Mountaire's Employee & Community Relations Manager Mark Reif presents a \$15,000 check to Siler City for sponsorship of the Spring Chicken Festival to be held on May 4. Shown (from left) are Siler City Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Keel, Siler City Mayor John Grimes, Reif, Siler City Town Manager Bryan Thompson. (Staff photo by Michael Frank)

city manager for working with Mountaire and welcoming Mountaire to our city," Grimes said.

Mountaire, which has spent the better part of two years reconstructing a poultry processing facility in Siler City, is the sole sponsor of the event. Mountaire's Employee & Community Relations Manager Mark Reif presented the town with a check for \$15,000 last week to fund it.

"I don't think the bank will take this check, Mark," Keel joked as Reif carted in the oversized check for the ceremony.

communities in which we conduct our operations," Reif said.

"I am very happy and pleased that Mountaire is taking an active role in the festival and also making a substantial financial commitment," Grimes said. "A large congratulations needs to be given to the Town's Board of Commissioners and our city manager for working with Mountaire and welcoming Mountaire to our city."

That funding, in conjunction with the work of staff at the Siler City Parks and Recreation

returning to Siler City, Keel is quick to note that this is a new take on the old festival.

"The Chicken Festival that Siler City and surrounding communities once knew, that began in the late 1980s, is being re-designed and brought back to downtown with new and exciting twists for everyone to enjoy," he said.

"The Siler City Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to introduce a Ferris wheel and 28-foot rock wall to the attractions as well," Keel said.

performance, Siler City's own Nu-Blu will take the stage to close out the event.

To accommodate the event, its attractions, and vendors, many streets in downtown will be closed while the festival is underway. This includes Chatham Avenue from Third Street to Beaver Street. East and West Second Street will also be closed for the Ferris wheel, inflatable houses, and kids' attractions.

A portion of Raleigh Street will also be closed to facilitate the car show and the music stage.



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Monday, January 21

Breakfast: NO SCHOOL

Lunch: MLK, JR. Holiday

Tuesday, January 22

Breakfast: NO SCHOOL

Lunch: Teacher Workday

Wednesday, January 23

Breakfast: Mini Waffles, Peaches (**Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit, Mini Waffles w/Cheese Stick, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Gold Rush 100% Juice Box, Chilled Peaches

(**Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit w/Eggs, Fr Tst Stx w/Egg & Sausage, Ham & Cheese Combo, Chicken Caesar Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Gold Rush 100% Juice Box, Chilled Peaches, Fruit Choice)

Thursday, January 24

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce, Hashbrowns (**Breakfast Pizza, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: Oven-Fried Chicken Drumsticks w/Roll, Turkey Corn Dog Nuggets, Chicken Tender Chef Salad, Baked Beans, Tossed w/Dressing, Fresh Fruit (**Oven Fried Chicken Drumsticks w/Roll, Turkey Corn Dog Nuggets, Deli Club Wrap Combo, Chicken Tender Chef Salad, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit)

Friday, January 25

Breakfast: Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: Cheeseburger on Bun, Fruit & Yogurt Combo, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Seasoned Broccoli, Fresh Apple (**Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Zesty Garlic French Bread, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Seasoned Broccoli, Fresh Apple, Chilled Peaches, Lettuce & Tomato)

Breakfast: Offered Daily at Breakfast - Choice of Cereal w/Grahams, Yogurt Smoothie w/Muffin, 100% Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Lunch: Offered Daily at Lunch - Choice of 1% or Skim Milk



Antonio Harold Mason and Annie Maria Jordan

Mason, Jordan plan wedding

The engagement of Annie Maria Jordan to Antonio Harold Mason is announced by the bride's parents: mother, Sandy Hunt, father, Jimmie Jordan, and step-father, Virgil Hunt.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mason. The ceremony will be held at Corinth AME Zion Church, Siler City on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Congratulations and we love you both.



Church News

THE COUNCIL of CHURCHES

The Council of Churches of Siler City and Vicinity will be having their 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Program on Monday, January 21, at 7 p.m. at Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Greg K. Hargrave, President of the Western NC District of the United Holy Church of America. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Missionary Baptist Church, Siler City, will celebrate its 74th Usher's Anniversary on Sunday, January 20, at 3 p.m. Rev Tavaris Johnson will be the speaker. He will be accompanied by his choir, ushers and congregation, all from Red Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Cameron.

The annual MLK Youth Breakfast will be held Monday, January 21 at 9 a.m. The morning speaker will be Rev. John Gullett,

Pastor of Bread of Life World Christian Center in Asheboro.

Both celebrations are open to the public.

FIRECHOSEN MINISTRIES

You are invited to join our "Friday Night Fire" worship event on Friday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Firehosen Ministries. The guest preacher will be Pastor Phyllis Carter of New Beginning Ministries.

The address is 190 Sanford Road, Pittsboro.

CENTENNIAL AME ZION CHURCH

On Sunday, January 20 at 3 p.m., the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. observance will be held at Centennial AME Zion Church. Rev. Charles Matthews, pastor of Terrell's Chapel AME Zion Church will be the messenger. He will be joined by his choir and congregation.

The church is located at 67 Milton Marsh Road in Bear Creek.

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The Council of Churches of Siler City & Vicinity
- PRESENTS -
The Annual Birthday Celebration of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7pm
at Jordan Matthews High School Auditorium,
910 East Cardinal Street, Siler City, NC 27344
Speaker: Bishop Greg K. Hargrave
Bishop Greg K. Hargrave has been married to Minister Kim Carson Hargrave, the love of his life for over 30 years. To this union they are blessed with 3 beautiful daughters, and 3 grandchildren; Karson, Karmen and Haylen. He is the 7th of seven children born to the late Clarence and the late Irene Hargrave His early ministry began in Lexington NC at the Florida United Holy Church; under the leadership of Elder Fred T. Jones Sr. This is where he preached his initial sermon at the age of 18.
At the age of 23 he was ordained an Elder in the United Holy Church of America. In May 1985 he was appointed pastor of Gospel Tabernacle United Holy Church in Burlington NC. Initially this was to have been a 3 month supply; however Bishop Hargrave has remained at this one and only pastorate for over 32 years. In May 2008 he was consecrated a Bishop in the United Holy Church of America's Quadrennial Convocation. Bishop Hargrave attended the public schools in Lexington NC, and is a 1980 graduate of Lexington Senior High School, graduating as Senior Class President.
His compassion for people and love of medicine created a career as a Paramedic, and he was employed with the Davidson County Emergency Services for twelve years.

Siler City leaf collection program ending season

CN+R Staff Report

SILER CITY – The Town of Siler City's loose-leaf collection program is drawing to a close.

Residents desiring loose-leaf collection

should place them at the street side no later than Friday, Feb. 1.

After this deadline, leaves must be bagged for removal by the Town. Call 919-742-4732 for more information.

Stubbs chosen Chamber Ambassador of Quarter

CN+R Staff Report

Ronda Stubbs is the Chatham Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Ambassador of the Quarter.

"She was born to serve and does an amazing job at it, always wearing a pleasant smile and making all feel comfortable and welcome," said Cindy Poindexter, Chamber president and CEO.

"She continually offers to help in any capacity needed, asking for nothing in return," Poindexter said.

Stubbs has volunteered many hours towards the work of the Chamber and is not only a huge promoter of the Chatham



RONDA STUBBS

Chamber but of her fellow ambassadors as well, Poindexter noted.

Stubbs is the Marketing Director for Silver Thread Communities in Pittsboro, i.e. Cambridge Hills Assisted Living, The Nook at Cambridge Hills and Twin Rivers Independent Senior Community.

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Chatham Charter School

Chatham Charter School is now accepting applications for openings in kindergarten and limited openings in first through twelfth grade for the 2019-2020 school year. Kindergarten applicants must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2019. The application period ends on January 25, 2019. Applications may be obtained online (www.chathamcharter.org) under the "Admissions" link, at the school (2200 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City) or by calling (919) 742-4550.

Chatham Charter School is a nonprofit, nondenominational public school providing quality education for children of all races, creeds, handicaps, and national origins.

La Escuela de Chatham Charter

La Escuela de Chatham Charter ahora está tomando aplicaciones para espacios del primer grado hasta el grado doce para el año escolar 2019-2020. Los niños que asistan al kinder deben tener cinco años de edad antes del 31 de agosto, 2019. El periodo de aplicación termina el 31 de enero, 2019. Puede obtener una aplicación al Internet (www.chathamcharter.org) al enlace admissions, a la escuela (2200 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City) o por una llamada (919.742.4550).

La Escuela de Chatham Charter es una escuela pública, multidenominacional, y no lucrative que provee una educación de la calidad para los niños de todos las razas, los credos, una condición de discapacidad, y los orígenes nacionales.

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CRIME REPORTS

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tony Eugene Davis, 51, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 7 with carrying a concealed weapon, disorderly conduct and three counts of communicating threats. He was held under a \$20,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County Superior Court on Feb. 4.

Derrick Eugene McLean, 43, of Fayetteville, was charged Jan. 7 with assault on a female and interfering with emergency communication. He was held under no bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Jan. 22.

Cletus Wayne Dark, 59, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 8 with assault on a female. He is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Feb. 19.

NORTH CAROLINA HWY PATROL

On January 8, Gerald Felinczak of Pittsboro, Lynda Dowdy of Moncure and Keenan Hall of Chapel Hill were driving north on U.S. Highway 15. Hall stopped due to traffic ahead. Felinczak failed to reduce speed to avoid colliding with Dowdy. As a result, Dowdy's vehicle hit Hall's. Felinczak moved to the shoulder of the road, while the others came to rest in the road. Felinczak was cited to failure to reduce speed.

On January 8, Shelton O'Neal of Fayetteville was stopped at the stop light at U.S. 64 and N.C. 751, and an unknown vehicle was driving west on U.S. 64. The unknown driver failed to reduce speed and struck the vehicle, then left the scene. O'Neal moved to the next intersection to report the crash.

On January 8, Kaden Robinson of Siler City was driving south on Siler City Snow Camp Road and ran off the roadway to the right. Robinson overcorrected, ran off the roadway to the left and into the private property of 2110 Siler City Snow Camp Road. The vehicle struck a parked vehicle that was pushed into an outbuilding on the same property. Robinson's car continued south off the roadway and onto the property of 2068 Siler City Snow Camp Road, where it struck a chain link fence and a tree and stopped. Robinson was cited for reckless driving and exceeding the posted speed limit.

On January 9, Mark Fischer of Siler City was driving east on Silk Hope Gum Springs Road and struck a deer in the road. The vehicle came to rest near the area of impact.

On January 9, Kouassi Ngoran of Apex was driving south on N.C. Highway 751. Ngoran ran off the road to the right colliding with a ditch, then a utility pole. The vehicle came to rest at the area of impact. Ngoran was cited for failure to maintain lane control.

On January 10, David Stecher of Siler City was driving west in the right lane of U.S. 64, and Rachel Brookshire of Siler City was driving in the left lane. Stecher merged into the left lane before making sure it was safe to do so, causing a collision. Both vehicles came to rest in the roadway after impact. Stecher was cited for improper lane change.

On January 10, Eric Andrews of Pittsboro was driving south on Mt. Olive Church Road and ran off the right side of the roadway, crossed the centerline and ran off the left side of the roadway out of control. The vehicle then struck a tree followed by a small floodlight. The vehicle came to rest on the left side of the roadway.

On January 11, Grace Carter of Siler City and an unknown driver were driving north on Alston Bridge

Road. Carter began slowing down in preparation for turning right onto Pony Farm Road, but the unknown driver crossed the center line and sideswiped Carter's vehicle while passing. The unknown driver continued north, fleeing the scene, while Carter drove to a controlled stop.

On January 11, Robert Perry of Siler City was driving west on Silk Hope Liberty Road and crossed the centerline. He traveled off the roadway to the left, striking a ditch and coming to rest there.

On January 11, Michael Anderson of Ramseur was driving south on Moons Chapel Road in Siler City and struck a deer that ran into the roadway. The vehicle was driven to a controlled stop on the right shoulder of the road.

On January 12, Jason Brown of Bear Creek was driving south on Chatham Avenue. A deer travelled across the road and collided with the vehicle, which came to rest on the shoulder of the road.

On January 13, Nnamdi Onyekachi of Raleigh was driving southeast on Grandale Road. The driver traveled off the roadway to the right and lost control, striking a ditch. The vehicle came to rest in the ditch after impact. Onyekachi was cited for failure to maintain lane control.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dwight Hedgepeth, 57, of 4276 Alston Bridge Road, Siler City was charged Jan. 9 with assault inflicting serious bodily injury and jailed under no bond. He is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on February 4.

Jennifer Langston, 42, of 618 N. Second Ave., Siler City, was charged Jan. 9 with failure to appear/child support and jailed under a \$1,000 secured bond.

Kathryn Andrews, 38, of 97 Creekwood, Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 9 with breaking and entering and released under a written promise. She is scheduled to appear in Wake County District Court on Jan. 28.

Tracy White, 52, of 8108 Siler City Glendon Road, Siler City was charged Jan. 9 with failure to appear and jailed under a \$1,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court on Feb. 5.

William Riddle, 24, of 354 Crimson Way, Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 10 with assault on a female and communicating threats and was jailed under a \$500 secured bond. He was scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Wednesday.

Jason Garner, 38, of 20 Davidson Drive, Asheville, was charged Jan. 10 with failure to appear and jailed under a \$200 bond. He will be given a court date.

Michael Snipes, 20, of 635 E. Fifth St., Siler City, was charged Jan. 11 with possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and felony possession of marijuana and was jailed under a \$15,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Feb. 4.

Ernesto Asher, 22, of 683 S. Fayetteville St., Liberty, was charged Jan. 11 with possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and felony possession of marijuana and was jailed under a \$15,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Feb. 4.

Joshua Hearn, 37, of 494 Moncure School Road, Moncure, was charged Jan. 11 with failure to appear/child support and was released under a \$2,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Jan. 25.

Kimberly Hopkins, 23, of 266 Fayetteville Road, Goldston, was charged Jan. 11 with failure to appear and released under a \$300 bond. She is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Feb. 5.

Sharon Wagner, 54, of 284 Guthrie Road, Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 11 with failure to appear and jailed under a \$100 bond. She is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Feb. 5.

Matthew Gordon, 29, of 1637 Bill Lambert Road, Bear Creek, was charged Jan. 12 with assault inflicting serious injury and jailed under a \$2,500 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Jan. 29.

Tamia Edwards, 22, of 245 Pinecrest Drive, Bear Creek, was charged Jan. 13 for failure to comply with monies owed and jailed under a \$260 bond. She is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court on Feb. 11.

Herman Johnson, 47, of 245 Pinecrest Drive, Bear Creek, was charged Jan. 13 with failure to appear and jailed under a \$1,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Lee County District Court on Feb. 11.

Amanda Davis, 37, of Bear Creek, was charged Jan. 13 for assault and battery, possession of methamphetamine and possession Drug paraphernalia and jailed under a \$10,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court on Feb. 4.

Genita Sprouse, 46, of 1920 Alston Chapel Rd, Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 13 with failure to appear and released under a \$32,000 bond. She is to appear in Chatham County District Court on Jan. 17.

NEW SELF-PACED PROGRAM

Free online course with CCCC aimed at those opening business

From Central Carolina Community College

SANFORD — Anyone thinking about starting a small business can decide if it's the right move for them — and even get a leg up on the competition — with a free online course now being offered by the Central Carolina Community College Small Business Center.

Business Start-Up Foundations provides essential insight needed for success in the competitive environment. The new, self-paced course begins by asking if starting a business is right for you before moving onto other practical topics, including business structures, taxes, hiring employees, planning, marketing and much more.

Terri Brown, coordinator for the CCCC Small Business Center in Lee County, created the course

entirely in-house to meet local needs.

"This is based on feedback from the community that I was hearing over and over again," she said. "People were finding it challenging to get information about how to start and grow a business, maybe because they were working full time in another job or had a family and couldn't step away for hours at a time."

Much of Business Start-Up Foundations is drawn from an existing small-business course, but broken into short video segments that can be viewed online at any time. "If 2 a.m. is the only

time people have," Brown says, "now there's an opportunity for them."

Anyone who completes the course receives a certificate of completion from the college, but the assistance doesn't end there. Brown says the center continues to help small business owners with a portfolio of services, including seminars and one-on-one counseling.

Business Start-Up Foundations is free and available now online. To register for access, contact the Lee County Small Business Center at 919-718-7558 or tbrown@cccc.edu.

County seeks input on parks master plan

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Chatham County Parks & Recreation is in the final phase of a long-term Comprehensive Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, Greenways

and Blueways (waterways) and the department is asking all residents to weigh in on five proposed vision statements for the master plan no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25.

The final draft presentation to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has been delayed until Feb. 18, to allow additional feedback from the community.

A very brief form has been created to provide feedback on the five vision statements addressing five key elements of the proposed plan, available online at <https://goo.gl/>

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Hugging (continued from page A1)

There's even National Hugging Day, introduced in the United States in 1986 and observed annually since. It's happening again on Jan. 21.

Carolyn Miller, Chatham County's human resources director, wasn't previously aware of National Hugging Day, but when she learned of it she immediately noticed the event shares its date with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

"It's well-placed timing," she said, "happening on a day honoring someone who promoted non-violent actions."

Miller said she'll be traveling that day, visiting family outside of North Carolina; but now mindful of National Hugging Day, she said she'll probably give her loved ones an extra-long hug at the airport.

While not a "huggy person" by nature, Miller said she understands the "therapeutic value of a comforting touch."

But, she admitted, the subject of hugging "does tend to make HR people nervous."

"The most important thing is consent," Miller said. "That simply involves asking and saying 'Is it OK if I give you a hug?' And it's OK if the answer is 'no.' Some people just aren't comfortable with it, and that's okay."

Miller said it's important to consider "what hugging represents" and, sometimes in lieu of an actual hug, a "virtual hug" – a compliment, a kind word, some other type of positive reinforcement – can produce the same effect, particularly in a professional setting.

But once consent is established, a good, old-fashioned hug can be more than the sum of its parts.

"Physiologically, when you hug someone there is a chemical release that occurs," said Dr. Daniel Skulavik, who owns and operates Resolve Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation in Siler City.

"Your body releases chemicals such as Oxytocin and serotonin," he said, "both of which are responsible for improving a person's happiness and mood."

While Dr. Skulavik's practice doesn't actually incorporate hugging, he understands the value of a hug.

"As we all know there are many positive effects that exercise can produce within the human body," he said. "Are there any similarities, though, between exercising and hugging? Although these are two very different entities, there are definitely several parallels between the two."

"One of the main results that both produce are improved feelings of confidence and self-esteem. And according to a study done at the University of North Carolina, they concluded that hugging can help lower your blood pressure. Having a low blood pressure is highly correlated with having a lower risk of heart disease."

Other research shows that a firm, 20-second hug can help boost one's immunity, he noted.

"When someone feels that they have a better support system around them, their body is more likely to protect them from conflict related stress, which in turn can lead to one getting sick," Dr. Skulavik said.

But those aren't benefits most people are conscious of when during a hug. Often a hug is more spontaneous, like when one of Dr. Skulavik's recent patients, grateful for the relief she received from chronic back pain through therapy, gave him a hug.

"She was so excited that she started crying and gave me a huge hug," he said. "I knew that she got relief and was feeling better, but the appreciation given was so much more heartfelt and personal because of that hug."

While there's no age limit on hugging, some area seniors are getting extra hugs this year.

Visiting Angels, an in-home senior care provider with an office in Carboro serving the north Chatham County area, tied in a special week of hugs with National Hugging Day.

The senior care agency began sending "designated huggers" to visit clients this week.

"We're taking the time to deliver hugs for a week this January because studies show a heartfelt hug is a great stress buster, it can help lower blood pressure, and even mitigate cold symptoms," said Visiting Angels CEO Larry Meigs.

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that users who tax the town's water and wastewater infrastructure are paying enough to support the upgrades and maintenance required to supply the water needs of those large users while remaining competitive to large industries that may consider locating to the area.

Until about four years ago, the town had only one rate for water use. This meant that residential, industrial, and bulk users each paid the same rate. When the town expanded to two reservoirs to support industry, the water and wastewater utility funds were stretched to a point that the state threatened to take over the town's water services.

To stave off the state, the town undertook what it described at the time as an aggressive approach to redevelop a plant in town coupled with the needs of a potential end-user that could locate to the Chatham Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site, the town engaged McGill Associates to determine how best to support the growing needs of industry in the town without taxing the local residents further.

When Mountaire, the poultry processing company based in Delaware, announced its intention to redevelop a plant in town coupled with the needs of a potential end-user that could locate to the Chatham Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site, the town engaged McGill Associates to determine how best to support the growing needs of industry in the town without taxing the local residents further.

According to Siler City town manager Bryan Thompson, the new rate structure would need to accomplish two goals. The first would be to be competitive to "enhance the town's economic development edge." At the same time, the town wanted to ensure fiscal responsibility and sustainability.

As Mountaire was anticipated as being the first bulk rate user, the town involved representatives of the company in its discussions as well.

Dale Schepers, McGill Associates management services analyst, explained the process by which the new rates were developed. The process is guided by the American Water Works, an industry standard in the U.S. and abroad.

The first step is to determine the revenue required to serve existing customers and the new bulk rate customer, according to Schepers. Mountaire will more the double the amount of water and wastewater currently treated at Siler City's

facilities. "We don't want to over collect, nor we want to under collect," Schepers said. The second step is to determine how much revenue is required to update and maintain components that will be needed to service the increased use based on the bulk user's needs.

And finally, the process looks at how both these things relate to the customer's needs. Typically, municipal utilities will use a declining block rate which means that the more water a company uses, the less the cost is per unit.

Industrial bulk users are defined as users with above 500,000 gallons per day of water and sewer usage. A user consuming more than this amount will use the rate structure and if the user falls below that for six months, they would revert to using the town's commercial rate.

The industrial bulk rate per unit is less than both the town's residential and commercial rates. Schepers noted that prevents an industry from using water as negotiating leverage.

"This approach protects the town," Schepers said. "If we're going to build to a capacity based on volume, we don't want to reduce the revenue stream."

Mountaire has a permit with Siler City's water and wastewater treatment plants for up to 1.25 million gallons of water per day. Based on the new bulk rate, Schepers believes the town will recover 77 percent of its investment in the facilities when the plant is operating at half that amount.

If Mountaire uses the minimum amount required to qualify for the bulk rates, 500,000 gallons per day, the company would pay a base rate of \$83,000 per month for water and \$125,000 per month for sewer. That would result in about \$2,496,000 of annual revenue for the town.

As that usage increases, the rate per 1,000 gallons reduces, but the bulk rate remains the same. If Mountaire builds to and reaches the full capacity of its permit, the town would likely see about \$3,392,436 in annual water revenue.

Usage fees for Mountaire alone would increase the estimated revenue for the town's water and wastewater facilities by about 60 percent, which now averages about \$5 million in a fiscal year.



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SPORTS

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Unification was name of the game at Northwood



Northwood's Kayla Moreno prepares for a shot in the Unified basketball game with Jordan-Matthews. (Staff photo by Michael Frank)

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

There were no multi-millionaire athletes on the court at Northwood on Thursday morning in Pittsboro.

But there were some bona fide stars. Northwood and Jordan-Matthews competed in a Unified basketball game that transcended athletics, and represented everything that is right in Chatham County.

Students with intellectual disabilities from the two county schools went at it for seven quarters in front a raucous student body cheering for both sides, and an atmosphere completed by the Northwood band and cheerleaders. Unified Sports is an initiative of the Special Olympics.

After the event opened with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, Northwood student Ben Cohen read the Special Olympics Oath.

From there the action was non-stop on both ends of the side courts as the teams went at it with the benches swapping out at the end of each quarter.

Students from the PEPI (Physical Ed-

ucation Pupil Instructor) curriculum also took to the court to help with the flow of the game.

When the final buzzer sounded, Northwood was awarded the win.

"The host team is always awarded the trophy," said Northwood Co-Athletic Director Jason Amy, who headed up the event along with Jordan-Matthews' Andrew Pook. "We also have football, kickball, soccer, and track and field games during the school year. Andrew called me on the way from Siler City saying he hated to give it up. There is a lot of good spirited fun between our schools."

Pook agreed with some good old fashioned ribbing.

"I'm not sure about the scorekeeping," laughed Pook in jest. "We rolled them 84-14 in football so I guess we will let Jason and Northwood keep it."

All joking aside, Amy, a military veteran and former wrestling coach, and Pook, the architect of some of the top defensive lines ever to play at Jordan-Mat-

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Northwood's Jason Amy (left) and Jordan-Matthews' Andrew Pook show off the Unified trophy the two county schools share during athletic events during the season for students with intellectual disabilities. (Staff photo by Michael Frank)



Chatham Charter's Mackenzie Brooks (left) is cut off at the basket by Chatham Central's Taylor Hughes (right) on Friday night in Siler City. The visiting Bears rolled to an easy 63-43 triumph over the host Knights. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

Lady Bears maul Knights in CTH affair

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

Alexis Baldwin's layup 19 seconds into the game gave Chatham Charter its only lead before Chatham Central closed out the first quarter with a 23-0 run as the Lady Bears placed all 11 players in the scoring column in cruising to a 63-43 Central Tar Heel 1A Conference win over the mistake-prone Lady Knights Friday night in Julia-Brent Milholen Gymnasium.

Improving to 10-0 in their all-time series with Chatham Charter, the winners climbed to 4-0 in the league standings and 9-2 overall, whereas the Lady Knights fell to 1-2 in the conference and 6-12 for the season.

Maddy Elkins led Chatham Central with 15 points while Taylor Hughes and Mary Grace Murchison chipped in eight points apiece. The Lady Bears connected on 42% (26-of-62) of their field goal attempts while turning the ball over 18 times.

Baldwin finished with 17 points and Morgan Lineberry added 16 for Chatham Charter, which shot 41% (15-of-37) from the floor and held a 32-20 rebounding advantage but suffered 39 turnovers.

With Elkins and Cami Hughes combining for 14 points in the initial period, Chatham

Central capitalized on 17 first-quarter turnovers by the Lady Knights as the outcome was never in doubt. The Lady Bears sank nine-of-19 attempts from the floor in the opening stanza while Chatham Charter only managed two field goal attempts the entire frame.

With Chatham Central turning to its bench at the start of the second period, the two teams battled on even terms throughout the quarter before Lauren Oldham's jumper from the right wing with 5.8 seconds showing on the clock allowed the Lady Bears to carry a 33-10 advantage into halftime.

Chatham Central continued to slowly expand its lead over the course of the third stanza, which concluded with the Lady Bears on top 50-20.

Behind a pair of Lineberry layups, the Lady Knights began the fourth period with an 8-0 burst that sliced their deficit to 22 with 6:25 to go in the contest.

After Chatham Central increased its advantage to 56-29 on Olivia Hudson's turnaround bucket in the lane with 3:55 left, Lineberry and Baldwin combined for all but one of Chatham Charter's points down the stretch as the Lady Knights out-

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Chatham Charter holds off Central in key league contest

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News & Record Staff

Connor Murphy and Jordan Hamilton combined for 40 points as once-beaten Chatham Charter never trailed while managing to hold off Central Tar Heel 1A Conference rival Chatham Central 51-44 before a huge crowd Friday evening

in Julia-Brent Milholen Gymnasium.

With the hard-fought victory, the Knights improved to 16-1 for the year, including an 11-0 record at home, while the Bears slipped to 4-6 overall.

The outcome left both teams at 3-1 in the league standings, and despite the loss Chatham Central still holds a 7-4 ad-

vantage in the all-time series between the county foes.

Murphy tallied a game-high 21 points and Hamilton contributed 19 as Chatham Charter shot 20-of-49 (41%) from the floor while only committing eight turnovers.

Michael Moore topped the Bears with 19 points and Jamieon Degraffenreaid

totalled 13 as Chatham Central connected on 16-of-47 (34%) of its field goal attempts and commanded a 36-27 advantage on the glass while turning the ball over 17 times.

The Knights fashioned a 10-4 lead midway through the opening stanza following a Murphy layup and the junior forward capped off a 12-point

first-quarter performance with a jumper off the left baseline at the horn to give Chatham Charter an 18-9 advantage after one period.

The Bears battled back to edge within 22-21 on a Lucas Skertich three-pointer from the right wing with 3:07 remain-

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Northwood's Piotr Malinowski (back left), Kayla Moreno (front left) and Anya Smith-Edmonds (right) celebrate capturing the Unified trophy. (Staff photo by Michael Frank)



Northwood's Adam Jackson-Poole fires up a shot over Jordan-Matthews' Josh Dark as J-M's Victor Cervantes (31) looks on. (Staff photo by Michael Frank)

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thews, both went on to explain how important these events are for their respective schools.

"We have around 20 kids in what we call our Basic Life Skills (BSL) program at Jordan-Matthews, and Jason and Northwood have around 68," said Poock. "Gone are the days where these kids are secluded in a room somewhere with little interaction with the student body. These kids are in art, construction, agricultural science, and our AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students come down to play games and do projects with them, and probably 25 teachers a day here at J-M come in and spend time with them."

Poock says the games between the two schools has only enhanced the feeling of belonging for his students with intellectual disabilities.

"Jason does a tremendous job with Special Olympics over there at Northwood in the spring," Poock said. "Since we adults compete on the golf course, we figured it'd be fun to compete and have a little fun in other sports besides the Special Olympics just one time a year. We had a kickball game, then softball and the turnout was amazing with teachers bringing out students, and the administration, community members, and county

office personnel coming to witness the events."

Amy added that the BLS students are now well-known and accepted in the school, thanks in part to the competitions.

"They are now celebrities when they walk around the school and are not viewed as students with disabilities," added Amy. "The bond our students have created working together to achieve goals has brought inclusion to its highest levels, which can be seen in the halls, in the cafeteria where nobody talked to these BSL students before, but now sit with them and are real friends."

Poock continues on the change in the perception of the BLS students due to the popularity fostered by these competitions.

"The students at J-M have embraced our guys and it's nice to see the interaction on a daily basis. We walk up and down the halls and you can hear the kids not only shout their names, but also slap high fives which makes them just light up!"

Of course these games come with a lot of hard work as Amy and Poock have now incorporated the bands, cheerleaders, smoke machines, the choirs for the National Anthem, and more to create a memorable atmosphere.

"Every time I see our kids smile it makes all the hard work and effort



Jordan-Matthews' Jordan Stanley (center) prepares to launch a shot in the Unified basketball game with Northwood on Thursday morning in Pittsboro. (Staff photo by Michael Frank)

priceless," emphasized Amy, whose daughter Kayla helped win a \$2,500 grant for the Unified sports in Chatham County. "By guiding our younger generation to learn the joys of teaching and the effects it has on students to become physically and emotionally better people is why we do this."

Poock says sometimes the joy created by these

events for his students is almost overwhelming.

"They are constantly asking what sport will we be focusing on next and when can we practice together. I can't really describe what it does for kids emotionally because I think you have to experience it yourself. I know it makes me extremely proud to watch the kids from both schools find

success when they make a play or shot, and sometimes its so tearjerkng and I just have to walk away because I can't believe how blessed I am to work with such a great group of kids."

The relationship between the two schools goes past Unified Sports as the programs now also have cookouts, lunches, dances, and go bowling on

a monthly basis.

"It continues to grow annually and that's such an exciting thing," closed Amy, who took a contingent from Northwood to the Global Unified Youth Exchange Conference in Beijing, China, in December of 2017. "We have softball, and track and field left for this school year. And we are expecting more great things."

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scored the visitors from Bear Creek 14-7 in the time remaining to make the final margin more respectable.

CC 23 10 17 13 - 63
CCH 2 8 10 23 - 43
Chatham Central (9-2, 4-0) - MElkins 6 3-3 15 THughes 4 0-1 8

AElkins 1 2-2 4 CHughes 2 2-2 6 Murchison 3 1-2 8 Phillips 1 1-1 3 Fields 1 0-0 2 Oldham 2 0-1 4 Hudson 2 1-2 5 Collins 3 0-0 6 Nava 1 0-0 2. **Totals** 26 10-14 63. **Chatham Charter**

(6-9, 1-2) - Baldwin 5 7-11 17 McGaughnea 2 1-2 5 Lineberry 7 2-5 16 Brewer 0 0-0 0 Clark 1 2-4 4 Kreiss 0 1-2 1 Brooks 0 0-0 0. **Totals** 15 13-24 43. **Halftime-Chatham**

Central, 33-10. **Three-point goals-Chatham** Central 1-9 (Murchison 1-4, CHughes 0-1, Nava 0-1, Collins 0-3); Chatham Charter 0-5 (Lineberry 0-1, Brooks 0-4). **Fouled out-None. Re-**

bounds-Chatham Central 26 (AElkins 6); Chatham Charter 32 (Baldwin 9). **Turnovers-Chatham** Central 18; Chatham Charter 14.

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ing in the second frame before neither team could add to its total the rest of the half as the Knights took a one-point lead into intermission.

Following Murphy's backcourt steal and layup with 4:17 left in the third quarter that boosted Chatham Charter's advantage to 29-24, Chatham Central rallied to pull even at 30-all on Moore's jumper in the lane with 1:38 to go in the stanza prior to Murphy giving his team a two-point lead on a lane jumper with 43.8 seconds left in the period.

After the Bears' Nik Wilson canned a jumper in the lane to forge the night's final tie at 34-all with 6:24 remaining to free, a pair of Ryan White free throws 10 seconds later gave the Knights the advantage for good before they extended their lead to 42-34 on Murphy's underhand layup with 4:48 left

in the contest.

Chatham Central trimmed the gap to 47-44 on Degraffenreaidt's trey from the right wing with 1:25 to go but could get no closer as Chatham Charter proceeded to seal its triumph by converting four-of-eight charity tosses over the last 53.1 seconds.

CC 9 12 9 14 - 44
CCH 18 4 10 19 - 51
Chatham Central (4-6, 3-1) - Dodson 1 0-0 2 Moore 7 5-9 19 Cheek 0 0-0 0 Degraffenreaidt 4 4-5 13 Skertich 1 0-0 3 Wilson 3 1-2 7 Nall 0 0-2 0 Lagenor 0 0-0 0. **Totals** 16 10-18 44.

Chatham Charter (16-1, 3-1) - Alston 1 0-0 3 Murphy 10 1-5 21 Hamilton 7 5-9 19 Milholen 0 1-4 1 Rodriguez 1 1-2 3 Golden 0 0-0 0 White 0 2-2 2 Dettmer 1 0-0 2 Beaver 0 0-0 0. **Totals** 20 10-22 51.

Halftime-Chatham Charter, 22-21. **Three-**

point goals-Chatham Central 2-16 (Skertich 1-4, Degraffenreaidt 1-5, Cheek 0-1, Lagenor 0-1, Nall 0-2, Dodson 0-3); Chatham Charter 1-5 (Alston 1-3, Milholen 0-1, Beaver 0-1). **Fouled out-Degraffenreaidt. Rebounds-Chatham** Central 36 (Degraffenreaidt 12); Chatham Charter 27 (Hamilton 12). **Turnovers-Chatham** Central 17; Chatham Charter 8. **Total fouls-Chatham** Central 20; Chatham Charter 19.

Chatham Central's Michael Moore (center) splits the Chatham Charter defense of A.J. Alston (left) and Connor Murphy on Friday night in Siler City. Moore had 19 points for the Bears but it wasn't enough as the Knights captured the 51-44 Central Tar Heel Conference victory. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)



Area Sports Calendar | Week of Jan. 16-22

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Monday Tuesday

Jan. 16

Wrestling
East Chapel Hill at Northwood- 6 p.m.
Chatham Central Tri-Meet- 6 p.m.

Jan. 17

Swimming
Northwood at Durham Hillside-4:30 p.m.

Jan. 18

Basketball
NW at ECHill- Girls, 6, Boys 7:30
River Mill at CCharter Girls-6, Boys 7:30
J-M at Wheatmore Girls 6, Boys 7:30
Clover Garden at CC Girls 6, Boys 7:30
Wrestling
NW at Campbell 4
Wheatmore at J-M 6

Jan. 19

Wrestling
Northwood at Campbell University- 9 a.m.
Jordan-Matthews Invitational- 9 a.m.
Chatham Central at Cummings- 9:00 a.m.
Basketball
Northern Guilford at Northwood Girls 2:30 p.m. Boys 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 21

Basketball
Apex Friendship at Northwood Girls 6pm Boys 7:30 p.m.
Jordan-Matthews at Cummings Girls 6pm Boys 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 22

Basketball
Hillside at Northwood- Girls 6:30-Boys-7:30 p.m.
Jordan-Matthews at Providence Grove Girls, 6:30- Boys-7:30 p.m.
Chatham Charter at Cornerstone- Girls 6:30 Boys-7:30 p.m.

Late rally falls short as Eagles nip Lady Jets

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

After Western Harnett squandered every bit of a 16-point third-quarter advantage, Taija Pruitt sank one-of-two free throws with 4.7 seconds remaining to lift the Lady Eagles to a 50-49 triumph over Jordan-Matthews Thursday evening in non-conference hoops action on John Phillips Court.

The narrow win raised Western Harnett to 7-6 for the season, while the Lady Jets fell to 5-11 overall.

Pruitt finished with 13 points – all coming in the second half – and Lahaina Bell added 11 for the Lady Eagles, who shot 48% (21-of-44) from the floor while turning the ball over 18 times.

Jocelyn Mitchell came off the bench to tally a game-high 15 points, Ellia Wright chipped in 13 and Jasmine Scotton notched a double-double with 12 points and a dozen rebounds for J-M,

which connected on 32% (18-of-56) of its field goal attempts and outbounced the visitors from Lillington 29-18 while committing 19 turnovers.

Wright's lane jumper with 6:14 to go in the initial stanza gave Jordan-Matthews an early 6-0 lead before Western Harnett battled back to seize the advantage at 13-12 on Bell's three-pointer from the left corner with 23.5 seconds remaining in the first period.

Making just one-of-11 attempts from the field in the second quarter, the Lady Jets were limited to three points in the frame while the Lady Eagles used seven points from Kayling Matson en route to opening up a 26-15 lead at halftime.

Pruitt's fast break layup with 4:30 left in the third period extended Western Harnett's advantage to 34-18 prior to J-M closing out the stanza with an 8-4 spurt, climaxed by Wright's three-pointer from the left wing, to

trim the difference to 12 entering the final eight minutes.

Following Bell's lane jumper that put the winners ahead 42-28 with six-and-a-half minutes to play, Mitchell's put-back off the right baseline just over three minutes later capped an impressive 10-0 Lady Jets' run that cut the margin to four.

After the Lady Eagles rebuilt their lead to 49-43 on two Bell foul shots with 1:17 to go in the contest, Jordan-Matthews stormed back once again to forge a 49-all stalemate on Scotton's layup with 20.0 seconds remaining.

But the outcome was eventually decided when Pruitt canned the first of two charity tosses in the closing seconds, and although Mitchell grabbed the rebound on the missed second attempt, J-M was unable to advance the ball past midcourt in the time remaining.

WH 13 13 12 12 – 50
J-M 12 3 11 23 – 49
Western Harnett (7-6) – Bell 4 2-4 11 McDougald 1 0-0 2 Mackey 1 1-2 3 Farrington 4 0-0 8 Pruitt 5 3-6 13 McLean 2 0-2 4 Matson 4 1-2 9 Bailey 0 0-0 0 Barber 0 0-0 0. Totals 21 7-16 50.

Jordan-Matthews (5-11) – Glover 0 0-0 0 Ray 1 2-2 4 Scotton 5 2-4 12 Headen 2 0-0 5 Wright 4 3-6 13 Brooks 0 0-0 0 Mitchell 6 2-4 15 Artis 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 9-16 49.
Halftime-Western Harnett, 26-15. Three-point goals-Western Harnett 1-4 (Bell 1-4); Jordan-Matthews 4-14 (Wright 2-7, Mitchell 1-2, Headen 1-4, Brooks 0-1). Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Western Harnett 27 (Mackey 15); Jordan-Matthews 38 (Scotton 12). Turnovers-Western Harnett 18; Jordan-Matthews 19. Total fouls-Western Harnett 16; Jordan-Matthews 15.

Western cruises past J-M

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

Western Harnett jumped out to a quick advantage at the outset and never trailed while placing four players in double figures as the Eagles soared to an 85-74 non-conference victory over Jordan-Matthews Thursday night in Frank N. Justice Gymnasium.

Becoming the first team to register 85 points against J-M since Asheboro handed the Jets an 85-53 setback on December 30, 2014, Western Harnett climbed to 4-9 for the year while Jordan-Matthews lost its sixth straight outing in dropping to 4-12 overall.

Tobias Dillard came off the bench to lead the winners with 19 points, while Tre' Richardson collected 18 in addition to Wesley Lassiter and Tyrese Jones chipping in 11 points each. The Eagles connected on 30-of-51 (59%) of their field goal attempts while committing 15 turnovers.

Camden Fuquay poured in a game-high 24 points, Caleel Waden tallied 17

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Northwood's Chandler Adams (right) powers in a shot over Jordan-Matthews Jasmine Scotton in area high school basketball action in Siler City on Saturday evening. Adams led the Lady Chargers in scoring with 12 points. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

Intensity lacking in Lady Chargers' loss to Panthers

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

Iceez Barnett pumped in 22 points here in Pittsboro on Friday night to ignite Orange to a 52-37 victory over Northwood in 3A Big Eight Conference girls' basketball action.

Northwood fell to 1-3 in the league and to 7-5 overall with the loss, while Orange improved to 3-2 in the Big Eight and to 10-4 overall.

The home loss was disappointing, especially for a Lady Chargers team that prides itself on defense.

"This is the third straight game that something is just missing especially on the defensive end," said NW coach Cameron Vernon. "I told the girls in the locker room after the game that it's not their fault. I have to do a better job as their coach to get a fire in them and get them to play with more passion and intensity."

Vernon concluded that Orange just wanted it more on Friday evening.

"We are not playing hard consistently for an entire game and our opponents are," he said. "Give credit to Orange they seemed to play harder, get loose balls, and did a nice job on the boards and that's all reflective of having effort. We need to get those 50/50 balls and we need to do a better job of limiting second chance points. This is the third straight game where I thought the other team just wanted it more than us."

The contest was tight in the opening half as neither team could build more than a four-point cushion.

Orange grabbed a 12-11 advantage after one period of play behind six points from Barnett while Myla Marve countered with five points for Northwood, including a trey, McKenna Snively a three-pointer, and Rae McClarty three points.

In the second, Mary Moss-Hurt and Aaliyah Harris each canned four points for the Panthers, and Lauren Cates drilled a trey to send the visitors from Hillsborough up 25-

22 at the break. Chandler Adams caught fire in the 2nd for the Lady Chargers, pumping in all 11 points for the locals.

Orange would begin pulling away in the third, using an 8-2 spurt to open things up before taking a 42-33 lead into the fourth.

Barnett had eight points, including a trey, in the third while Hurt added five points, and another three-pointer.

McClarty had a three-pointer in the third for the Chargers.

Orange closed out the 52-37 victory behind six points from Barnett in the

fourth, and a trey from Moss-Hurt.

Moss-Hurt added 12 points for the Panthers in the win.

Northwood was led by 11 points from Adams while McClarty chipped in six.

"Gotta give credit to the coaches and kids on those teams because they are obviously doing something we are not to play with that level of intensity," said Vernon in closing. "We still have half the season left and we will get it turned around because we have some really good girls who are very coachable."



Jordan-Matthews' Mackayla Glover (30) battles for a loose ball in the Lady Jets 50-49 loss to Western Harnett on Thursday night in Siler City. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

Western Regionals return to Hickory

The NCHSAA announced a return to Hickory of the NCHSAA's Western Regional Basketball Finals for 2019.

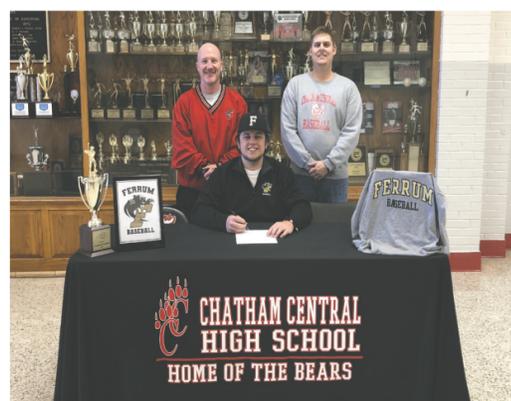
Lenoir-Rhyne University's Shuford Memorial Gymnasium and at Catawba Valley Community College's Tarlton Complex will serve as the host sites of the eight-game, single-day event that features four games in each facility.

"We are so pleased to be returning to Hickory for the Western Regional Finals and are excited about our partnership with Hickory Metro Sports Commission for this event," said NCHSAA Commissioner Que Tucker. "With our long history of hosting the Regional Tournaments in

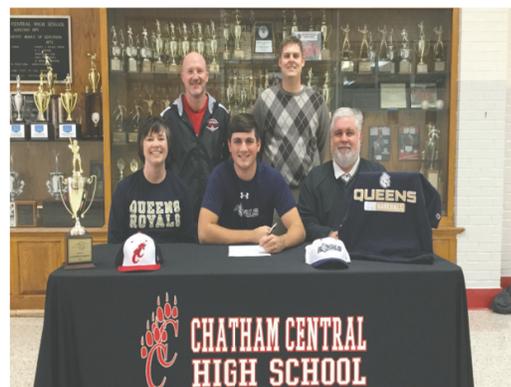
Hickory, it truly feels like coming home. We know that Tarlton Complex and Shuford Memorial Gymnasium will serve as exceptional hosts."

The Western Regional Finals will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 with four games at each of the two sites in Hickory.

The Eastern Regional Finals will be held on the same day, remaining at East Carolina University's Minges Coliseum in Greenville and at Capel Arena on the campus of Fayetteville State University. Play is scheduled to begin at 12 noon at each site; however, the schedule for each site, including classifications and matchups, along with ticket information will be announced at a later date.



Chatham Central's Tyson Measamer signed a letter of intent to continue his baseball career at Ferrum College. Pictured are CC Assistant Coach Joe Little (left), Measamer (center) and CC Head Coach Brett Walden.



Chatham Central's Caleb Staley signed a letter of intent to continue his baseball career at Queens University. Pictured are on the front row (L-R) are Dennis Staley, Caleb Staley, and Eddie Staley. Pictured on the back row (L-R) are CC Assistant Coach Joe Little and CC Head Coach Brett Walden.

Lady Chargers begin title defense with win

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

Chapel Hill broke at 38-all stalemate at the end of three quarters with a 22-16 run in the fourth here on Tuesday night in Chapel Hill to lift the Tigers to a 60-54 3A Big Eight Conference over Northwood in area girl's high school basketball action.

It was a tough loss to swallow for the Lady Chargers which fell to 1-2 in league play and to 7-4 overall.

Chapel Hill improved to 2-1 in the Big Eight Conference and to 6-6 overall.

Northwood coach Cameron Vernon was impressed with what he saw from this year's Chapel Hill club.

"Chapel Hill is a much improved team from last year and we knew that going in to the game," said Vernon. "Coach French is doing a great job and they have some freshman that have really added to their team."

Vernon continued by saying that his Chargers didn't perform well on the defensive end, and that was the difference in the contest.

"One of the things that hurt us was our defensive intensity," continued Vernon. "Right now we are not defending as we should. We aren't moving our feet well and are allowing our opponent to get to the basket. Offensively we played very well, but we just didn't make enough plays on defense tonight to win this game and Chapel Hill made the plays offensively."

Morgan Korfas was a thorn in the side of the Chargers the entire night as the sophomore guard pumped in a game-high 24 points, including seven in the opening quarter to spark the Ti-

gers to an 18-13 advantage after one period of play. Korfas drained a trey in the first quarter while Ceala Calhoun chipped in five points, including a three-pointer, and Laney Beale four more for the visitors.

Myla Marve was on fire for the Chargers in the opening quarter, sinking a trey on the way to collecting 10 of the 13 points for Northwood.

Chandler Adams took over for the Chargers in the second, toasting the Tigers defense for 11 points to ignite a 15-13 run by the locals to close the deficit to 31-28 at the break.

Riley Cocoran had five points and Korfas three more for Chapel Hill in the second.

The scoring slowed down in the third as the Northwood defense held Chapel Hill to just seven points, with five of those,

including a trey, coming from Korfas.

The Chargers struggled offensively as well, and managed only 10 points to tie the game at 38-all after three. McKenna Snively drained a long range trey for Northwood in the third to provide the marginal difference.

Korfas would collect nine points, Calhoun six, and Corcoran a three-pointer in the fourth, however, as the Tigers would pull away with a 22-16 surge to take the 60-54 victory.

Adams had eight points in the fourth for the Lady Chargers while Jy Smith added four, including a trey.

Northwood was paced offensively with 22 points in the loss while Marve chipped in 12, and Smith seven.

Calhoun added 14 for Chapel Hill while Corcoran contributed eight.



Kayla Amy of Pittsboro was awarded the Farnely Family Junior/Amateur Hunter Division Champion and Reserve Champion for the Children's/Adult Division on Saturday in Pinehurst by the North Carolina Hunter Jumper Association. At top photo, Amy clears a hurdle with her horse H.J. Honored at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh while in the bottom photo Amy (left) poses with all her hardware with trainer Mary Jones (center) and NCHJA President Kathy Dow. (Submitted photos)



Cruises (Continued from page B3)

and Huston Causey added 13 for J-M, which shot 24-of-52 (46%) from the floor and held a 29-18 advantage on the glass while turning

the ball over 20 times. Lassiter's three-pointer from the left wing less than two minutes into the contest gave Western Harnett an early 7-0 lead

before the Jets rallied behind treys by Fuquay and Causey to trim the gap to 16-15 with 15.8 seconds to go in the opening period.

Following Tay Davis' lane jumper with 1.7 seconds left in the initial stanza that put the Eagles up by three, Jordan-Matthews managed to draw even at 23-all on Seth Moore's three-pointer from the right corner with 5:45 remaining in the first half.

But Dillard's thunderous two-handed dunk and subsequent free throw 43 seconds later triggered a 19-8 quarter-ending run that thrust Western Harnett into a 42-31 advantage at the break.

After the Eagles increased their lead to 52-39 on Steven Lassiter's layup with 5:11 to go in the

third period, back-to-back Fuquay layups got J-M within nine a minute later prior to Western Harnett's Anthony Brewington firing in eight points to fuel a 13-6 run that allowed the victors to close out the frame with a 65-49 advantage.

The Eagles' lead then varied between 10-16 points throughout the fourth quarter except on two brief occasions when the Jets crept within nine but could get no closer.

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tals 30 18-25 85. Jordan-Matthews (4-12) - Fuquay 9 5-7 24 Woods 2 2-4 6 T Moore 0 6-6 6 Causey 3 4-4 13 Waden 7 2-4 17 S Moore 2 1-3 6 Campbell 1 0-0 2 Matthews 0 0-0 0 Teague 0 0-0 0. Totals 24 20-28 74. Halftime-Western Harnett 42-31. Three-point goals-Western Harnett 7-16 (W Lassiter 3-5, Brewington 2-2, Jones 1-1, L Smith 1-1, McLean 0-1, Richardson 0-6); Jordan-Matthews 6-15 (Causey 3-4, Fuquay 1-2, Waden 1-3, S Moore 1-4, Campbell 0-1, Woods 0-1). Fouled out-Davis, S Moore. Rebounds-Western Harnett 18 (Dillard 4); Jordan-Matthews 29 (Fuquay 9). Turnovers-Western Harnett 15; Jordan-Matthews 20. Total fouls-Western Harnett 26; Jordan-Matthews 21.



Chatham Central's Cole Armstrong top has control of his opponent on Saturday morning down in Bear Creek in area high school wrestling action. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

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CN+R FILM REVIEW

Seamy crime film 'Destroyer' is too bleak for its own good

In general, I'd rather watch a good sad ending than a good happy one. It's a minority opinion and somewhat cheeky one to boot, but the essential basis is that dour denouements tend to involve more complexity and nuance than their crowd-pleasing counterparts. But there are extremes to every position, and "Destroyer" is a film too bleak for its own good. It boasts a director with a decorated indie pedigree, an ambitious plot, and a capable cast, including an Oscar-winning actress going for more gold. Yet, the film's single-minded focus on fashioning a seamy cop drama actually undermines its narrative and leaves the audience feeling down and dirty.

The film opens with a murder scene at a Los Angeles aqueduct that bedraggled LAPD detective Erin Bell (Nicole Kidman) may or may not know something about. Early on, it's clear that Erin has a checkered reputation that her contemporaries don't respect, and she clearly doesn't much care if they do. Back at the police station, she receives a package containing a \$100 bill splashed with a dye pack stain, the product of a bank robbery committed years ago by a gang that Erin and her former partner Chris (Sebastian Stan) infiltrated as undercover agents. Erin deduces that Silas (Toby Kebbell), the gang's psychopathic leader, is out of hiding and sending her a warning, so Erin decides to find Silas before he finds her.

Erin's search comprises ferreting out Silas's old gang members, each providing info — via various forms of stimuli — that leads to the next. Her odyssey is interspersed with flashbacks that serve as an ad hoc introduction to



Nicole Kidman stars as a Los Angeles Police Department detective in the film 'Destroyer.'

each character before Erin tracks them down in the present day. We also gradually learn more about Erin and Chris's relationship and their role in the previous bank robbery.

Yet, the original sin at the heart Erin and Chris's



BY NEIL MORRIS

relationship comes out of nowhere and feels like a forced plot fulcrum. Indeed, while "Destroyer" aspires to be a sweeping character study, its format inhibits any true character development. Erin revisits no fewer than four folks from her past, all introduced via flashback. We're left with snapshots of each person's past and present, but little time to

chronicle their respective paths in between.

Kidman is barely recognizable; as she goes full "Monster" is search of another Oscar nomination. While Kidman is convincing as a walking ghost haunted by unseen

Destroyer
Grade: B -
Director: Karyn Kusama
Starring: Nicole Kidman, Sebastian Stan, Toby Kebbell, Tatiana Maslany, Bradley Whitford, Jade Pettyjohn and Scoot McNairy
MPAA Rating: R
Running Time: 2 hr. 3 min.

demons, director Karyn Kusama never establishes how Erin's dramatic physical deterioration occurred in the years between her undercover stint and the present day manhunt; we can only presume serious substance abuse, but it's never shown. The film spends a lot of time wallowing in Erin's broken relationship with her teenage daughter (Jade

Pettyjohn) and her lurching attempts at reconciliation, but it never fully explains how they became so estranged or even why Erin became such a bad mother. Erin's partner Antonio literally pops up from time to time just to chastise Erin's headstrong insubordination.

Kusama assembles a few effective vignettes along the way. When Erin unexpectedly has to foil a new bank robbery, it becomes a crackerjack shootout scene almost worth the price of admission. Bradley Whitford is at his smarmiest (his newfound stock character trait since "Get Out," one that suits him well) as a mob lawyer and money launderer who gets the best of Erin before getting his comeuppance. Otherwise, "Destroyer" slogs its way to a climax that's too convenient and a coda that's seems avoidable. Having exorcised her demons, Erin closes the film wearing a look of weary contentment, pleased that her journey is done. Unfortunately, we know just how she feels.

Chatham EDC passes new bylaws

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

After years of debate and turmoil, the Chatham Economic Development Corporation has passed new bylaws, the rules that governs how the organization works — making its board smaller and more independent.

Lack of clarity about officer terms, nomination and the appointment process were major points of the dispute which necessitated a re-write of the bylaws.

After the Chatham County Board of Commissioners increased the size of the EDC's board after several contentious meetings in 2017, the need to complete the rewrite of the bylaws gained new urgency.

For a year, the EDC's board met, debated, and argued about how the organization should function. Should it be an independent agency or part of the county government? What kind of identity should the organization have in order to maximize its efficacy?

EDC Board Chairman Doug Emmons joined the board in 2013, becoming its chairman in 2017.

"The EDC Board had been trying to modify its bylaws for years, as early as 2014 as I recall," Emmons said. "When I became board chair in June 2017, we identified several goals, one of which was to complete updating the EDC's bylaws."

"Accomplishing this goal took 19 months, much longer than I had envisioned," he said. "One of the key challenges was retaining our independence as a non-profit board and operating as a public-private partnership."

The EDC receives funding from multiple sources, both public (county and

municipalities) and private (businesses and individuals).

The county benefits from having a separate non-profit organization responsible for economic development because the organization can conduct activities not permitted of governments, such as seeking grant moneys for infrastructure.

"Initially a small team of board members met to outline the desired key changes," Emmons said. "Our goals were to simplify the document, eliminate ambiguities, and establish a productive operating model."

The EDC board also brought in outside attorney Ernie Pearson to share his perspectives with the board. Pearson has ex-

On Jan. 8, the EDC Board unanimously approved the updated bylaws, which include significant changes which will ensure its independence.

The EDC board will be reduced in size from 15 to nine board members through attrition and will be down to 10 by April this year. For future appointments, the EDC board will appoint six board members; Chatham commissioners will appoint three board members with board members serving staggered four-year terms.

"We believe this set of bylaws will allow the EDC to optimally serve both the public and private sectors," Emmons said. "The operating model will benefit the county by lessening the financial burden and enabling greater economic development activities than if the function were to reside under the county's direct organization."

With the bylaws finally complete, Emmons is grateful to all those that participated to make it happen including the board of commissioners, the former and interim county managers, the former and interim EDC presidents, and the EDC board members.

He is now focused on moving the EDC forward. The next steps include communicating this update to public and private sector stakeholders and securing a permanent EDC president.

The Chatham EDC will launch its next five-year strategic action plan and capital campaign and also conduct its annual Opportunity Chatham event in February.

Emmons want to "ensure site consultants and businesses know Chatham County and the EDC are open for business."



"This also enables providing a voice to local businesses regarding improving conditions for doing business in the County," Emmons said.

Under the previous bylaws, all appointments to the EDC board were made by the County board of commissioners. Those appointments were often approvals of recommendations made by the EDC after their selection process.

When the commissioners expanded the EDC board and rebuffed the EDC's recommendations on appointments, that brought the organization's independence into question.

Soon after, Emmons became chairman of the EDC and turned the board's focus to updating the bylaws.

tensive experience with economic development organizations and helping create optimal operating models.

"During his presentation, he shared four possible models, two of which were most likely — to continue to operate as a non-profit with EDC gaining control of its board to maximize a public-private partnership, or fold the EDC under the County government as another department and fund the EDC entirely from the County," Emmons said.

Members of the EDC board and the commissioners met on Sept. 20 to determine which model would be accepted by the commissioners. As a result of that meeting, the EDC drafted bylaws to reflect that agreement.

CHATHAM BRIEFS

'Sing and Play' competition returns to Jordan-Matthews High School in February

CN+R Staff Report

SILER CITY — "Sing and Play," the second-annual musical competition for students from elementary through high school, will be held next month at Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City.

Instrumental and vocal acts will compete for a \$50 prize awarded for the best performance in each of three age categories: elementary, middle school and high school. Acts may be individuals or groups up to four people, with all performers being full-time students in a North Carolina public, private or home school.

Auditions will be held at Jordan-Matthews beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 5, when a panel of judges will select four to six acts in each age category to perform in the competition.

Each act selected during auditions must pay a \$10 registration fee to enter the competition.

Individuals and groups interested in auditioning must register online by January 29.

The "Sing and Play" showcase competition concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 in the Jordan-Matthews Auditorium. Immediately after the performances, winners will be selected by audience vote. General admission is \$5 per person and includes one vote in each category.

An overview of the competition — including rules and a link to the registration form — is available online at jmarts.org/s/SingAndPlay19Rules.pdf.

"Sing and Play" is a fundraiser for JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, a nonprofit created to provide what student artists need to excel.

Farm Credit Associations of N.C. Donate through Pull for Youth

CN+R Staff Report

STATESVILLE — More than \$200,000 has been donated directly to NC 4-H and FFA over the past two years through the Pull for Youth Charity Sporting Clays event sponsored by AgCarolina Farm Credit, Cape Fear Farm Credit, and Carolina Farm Credit.

This year, a donation of \$105,000 will be split evenly between North Carolina 4-H and FFA from the Farm Credit Associations of North Carolina.

Funds were raised in conjunction with the three Pull for Youth sporting clays events held across North Carolina with 250 shooting participants and 150 volunteers.

More than 125 businesses and organizations contributed to the pool of funds, including statewide \$5,000 sponsors — American Forest Management, and the three Farm Credit Associations of North Carolina.

"The Pull for Youth sporting clays shoots across our state have been an overwhelming success," said the three Association CEOs in a joint statement. "The response by those who have participated, volunteered, and donated to the cause over the last two years are a clear indicator that agriculture will remain the leading industry in our state."

"By providing funds to NC 4-H and FFA, the Farm Credit Associations of North Carolina and our Pull for Youth sponsors are working together to make sure tomorrow's leaders in agriculture have a bright future. We are thankful for all of those who played a part in the success of Pull for Youth and we look forward to another great year in 2019."

North Carolina Receives \$4.5-million Early Childhood Grant, Gov. Cooper's office announces

CN+R Staff Report

RALEIGH — North Carolina has been awarded a \$4.5-million preschool development grant, Governor Roy Cooper announced Tuesday.

The grant will help North Carolina improve the health, safety, and developmental and academic readiness of young children across the state.

"Every young child in our state deserves a strong start in a safe and nurturing family and early learning opportunities," said Governor Cooper. "Winning this grant represents our continued commitment to that goal and a step forward in improving opportunities for North Carolina's children."

The grant will fund a comprehensive statewide needs assessment and planning process for the state's early learning system, support family outreach and engagement efforts, and provide infant-toddler teachers with training and resources.

The grant comes from the U.S. Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Care. Funding for the grant is included in the current U.S. Health and Human Services budget and is therefore not impacted by the ongoing federal government shutdown.

The grant will help North Carolina make progress with its Early Childhood Action Plan. In August 2018, Governor Cooper issued an Executive Order directing the NC Department of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC), to lead the development of an Early Childhood Action Plan. DHHS worked extensively with over 350 stakeholders from across the state to develop the draft Early Childhood Action Plan, released on Nov. 1, 2018.

The final plan will present a vision for North Carolina's children from birth through age 8, and set measurable goals for improving children's health, safety and well-being, and developmental and academic readiness.

The grant will be administered by the Division of Child Development and Early Education, which promotes positive child outcomes by helping families access high quality early care and education. Research shows that children's early experiences impact their brain development and provide the foundation for all future learning and health.

N.C. officials react to Trump's speech on immigration

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

President Donald Trump's prime-time speech Tuesday night on border security generated responses from several officials representing Chatham County on the federal level.

During the address, Trump said the United States is "out of space" to hold "illegal immigrants" and that "all Americans are hurt by uncontrolled, illegal migration" that "strains public resources and drives down jobs and wages."

"Tonight, I am speaking to you because there is a growing humanitarian and security crisis at our southern border," Trump said. "This is a humanitarian crisis — a crisis of the heart and a crisis of the soul."

The speech came in the midst of a government shutdown during which Trump has blamed Democrats for the lack of a deal and Democratic leaders have stood firm on not allowing a 1,000-mile wall on the US-Mexico border, a key campaign promise from Trump's 2016 run for the presidency.

Both U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., and U.S. Rep. Mark Walker, R-N.C. released statements following the speech.

Tillis said the government shutdown has sent the message that compromise can "never" be reached between the two major political parties.

"President Trump has made clear that he will not sign a funding bill that contains inadequate border security funding," said Tillis. "He's called on both parties to work together in good faith and that's what I'm committed to doing. We must be willing to compromise to end the gridlock and produce a positive outcome for the country. If both sides cast aside the most extreme voices on the far-left and far-right, I believe a solution is well within reach to re-open our government, secure our borders, and make badly-needed reforms to our nation's broken immigration system."

Walker is a longtime

proponent of a border wall and increased border security, which he has been lobbying for on his social media pages in recent weeks. Walker pointed to numbers to express his desire for Trump's proposal.

"The debate on securing our border cannot be measured in partisan jabs," he said. "It has to be measured in the human toll caused by our porous borders — one in three migrant women are sexually assaulted, seven in ten migrants are victims of violence, and 20,000 migrant children were illegally smuggled just last month. America is exceptional enough to stop this humanitarian crisis, protect our border and be a beacon of hope for the world."

Walker's office returned a Chatham News + Record requested for sources for the statistics. The nonprofit Doctors Without Borders reported in 2017 that 68 percent of migrants treated by Doctors Without Borders personnel "reported being victims of violence during their transit through Mexico" and 31 percent of women surveyed by the group "had been sexually assaulted during the journey."

Trump referenced the 20,000 number in his speech Tuesday night, but multiple media outlets fact-checking the speech have expressed doubt over that figure.

According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 25,172 family units, which are defined as individuals under 18 with a family member or legal guardian, were apprehended at the southwest border during November; statistics for December were not available. Fact-checkers at The Washington Post said there is no government statistic for children smuggled in by "bad actors."

Jack Minor, Walker's communication director, said the 20,000 number was presented to House members on Tuesday in a briefing on border security from Kirstjen Nielsen, the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

From Chatham Schools

BENNETT — In a span of eight weeks, 3,959 Chatham County Schools students in kindergarten to fifth grade read 19,646 books, a collective engagement of 683,220 minutes of reading. It was a READvolution, a partnership with the Carolina Hurricanes that got kids reading even when they weren't at school.

The program chal-

lenged students to read 100 percent buy-in was no issue, Bennett reading specialist Jessica Peterson said.

"It was easy!" Peterson insisted. "Our students are intrinsically motivated to read. Our teachers consistently emphasize the importance of reading and integrate literacy into all subject areas. Student choice is offered for books read at home so students are invested in



Pittsboro Elementary School media specialist Karen Jeremiah checks out a book for kindergarten Prince Raines. Jeremiah is using a tool that allows her to move around the media center while checking out books for students.

lenged students to read 20 minutes a day from Sept. 24 to Nov. 16. When it wrapped up, Bennett School's students averaged 637 total minutes of reading. They went through 1,997 books for 57,291 minutes and have been invited — along with students from Durham and Wake counties — to take in a Hurricanes practice Feb. 25 at PNC Arena in Raleigh.

Bennett has the smallest student population in the district at 179. Yet students from other schools in the district couldn't match the reading pace of the Panthers. Bennett has 90 elementary school students, and every single one of them participated in READvolution. Getting

the content of the good-fit books they choose. The incentives at stake — school field trip, tickets to a game — during the READvolution program encouraged our students to stay accountable by logging their minutes read outside of school. I can't even imagine what the numbers would have been like had we included all the reading done in school, as well."

Peterson said she and Bennett Principal Dr. Carla Neal kept students' interest stoked with updates over the loudspeakers and classroom check-ins.

"We also kept the line of communication open with our families at home," Peterson said.

Gas prices continue downward trend into new year

CN+R Staff Report

FAYETTEVILLE — Gasoline prices in North Carolina have fallen 1.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.07/g on Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 6,092 stations in North Carolina.

This compares with the national average that has increased 0.5 cents per gallon versus last week to \$2.24/g, according to GasBuddy.

Including the change locally during the past week, prices on Sunday were 30.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and

are 17.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has dropped 14.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 28.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Areas nearby and their current gas price climate:

Fayetteville: \$1.97/g, down 1.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.98/g.

Charlotte: \$2.00/g, up 1.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.99/g.

Greensboro: \$2.07/g, down 0.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.08/g.

Did 'Aunt Bee' really leave \$100K for the Siler City police? Well, yes.

BY JOSH SHAFFER
Raleigh News & Observer

SILER CITY — In her flowered dress and apron, Aunt Bee delighted the Mayberry townfolk with her fried chicken and pecan pies, floating cheerfully through a world of church picnics and county fairs.

And in real life, the actress who played her on "The Andy Griffith Show" chose the same small-town austerity in old age, fleeing Hollywood for Siler City, population roughly 4,000 at the time, where she lived alone with 14 cats.

Frances "Aunt Bee" Bavier owns a mixed legacy as Chatham County's famous retiree. By some accounts, she answered all her fan mail and avidly promoted Easterseals and other charities. By others, she could be a bit of a crab: reclusive and fussy.

So Rebekah Radisch of Durham asked CuriousNC to confirm what she'd read in a Facebook group entitled "You Know You Grew Up in Forsyth County When ...": that upon her death in 1989 at age 86, Bavier left money to support the police department in Siler City, her adopted hometown. "I know Bavier willed a good deal of her estate to UNC-TV," wrote Radisch,

"but I'd heard she wasn't particularly pleasant or entrenched in Siler City society, so such a munificent gesture seemed surprising."

The answer, happily, is yes, she did.

When Aunt Bee died, she started a \$100,000 trust fund for Siler City's finest. The principal is kept at that amount, said Finance Director Roy Lynch, and the interest is divided between staff of roughly 20 every year around Dec. 15 — a Christmas bonus from Mayberry.

Bavier's largesse is even more impressive considering how she lived her final years.

According to her obituary from the Associated Press, which appeared thousands of miles away in the Los Angeles Times, she almost never left her house. The Studebaker in her garage had four flat tires. The obituary also said her cats used a downstairs shower stall as a litter box, but Vickie Russell, who lives with her husband in Bavier's former house, says that's just not true. The Russells bought the house six months after Bavier died and Vickie Russell said there was never any sign that the shower was used as a litter box — or that the cats were anything but well cared for. The hard-

wood floors in the house, she adds, were not stained in the least.

Shortly after taking up residence in Chatham County in 1972, Bavier did charity work for both Christmas and Easterseals, wrote Chip Womick of the (Asheboro) Courier-Tribune in the early 1980s. But she soon dropped out of sight, declining interviews, keeping fan mail in a pair of trunks.

"She wasn't the woman you saw on TV," said Floyd Bowers, who worked at an Exxon station near Bavier's grave and spoke to The N&O about her in 2004. "She liked her privacy, and she was hard to please. My wife worked at the hospital, and she was what the nurses call a hard patient."

In 1990, Gladys Farmer, a next-door neighbor, filed suit arguing that the actress had promised she would leave her \$25,000 in cash, all of her household furnishings and her car, the Associated Press reported at the time.

The will specified parts of her \$700,000-plus estate would go, in addition to Siler City police, to the Actors Fund of America and several residents of Connecticut and New York, her home state. The rest of it went to UNC public television, which auctioned off her

was awesome."

Clever is a tool that offers a central location where school districts can provide a dashboard for easy access to digital learning resources for students.

Pittsboro Elementary Principal Kendra Fisher launched #ReadWithMissFisher videos on Twitter, where students could follow along while she read aloud. She wanted to make sure students at her school had the opportunity to work through at least two books for READvolution.

Students who met their goals earned tickets to a Hurricanes game.

The district also teamed



Bennett School reading coach Jessica Peterson works with students on literacy skills.

too, for clarification on how to log minutes read at home on the Hurricanes' READvolution website. We were able to promote and increase parent awareness around our school district's Clever portal and Clever badges as a way for our younger students to access the READvolution site, which

with the Hurricanes for the Power Play Program, which challenged students in middle school to exercise 60 minutes a day over six weeks. Each student meeting the goal of 20 total hours of exercise earned two tickets to Hurricanes game. Bennett's students led the way with that, too.



Siler City offers downtown grant

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

The Siler City Development Organization (SCDO) is offering a facade grant program for downtown properties with funding from the Siler City Board of Commissioners.

SCDO is the administrator of the grant and will select grantees, according to Jack Meadows, Siler City planning director and member of the SCDO Board.

The grant is available for property owners in a designated area of downtown which runs roughly from Birch Avenue to Third Avenue and from Third Street to Chestnut Street.

Property owners may apply for the grant in order to improve the front, side, or rear facade of the building as long as it is seen from a street.

"The purpose of the grant is to make visual improvements to downtown Siler City," Meadows said.

Potential improvements include replacing doors or windows, replacing or

adding awnings, painting the facade, re-pointing bricks, and landscaping.

The grant is a 50/50 matching grant which means that the property owner would need to invest an equal amount to receive the grant. In addition, all work must be completed within four months of the grant approval.

Each grant application needs to include a detailed written explanation and description of the project. The application should also include the total cost, a projected completion date of the project, design plans or drawings, and paint samples.

Applicants should also send color photographs of the proposed project and two detailed, itemized quotes of the project costs.

The grant application period runs through January 31. As funding is limited, property owners are urged to apply as soon as possible to ensure their application gets consideration.

For more information, contact Jack Meadows at 919-742-2323.

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27, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 27th day of December, 2018. Egerton Law, P.A., P.O. Box 1920, Greensboro, NC 27402 D27,J3,J10,J17,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 627

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of JAMES H. HOLLAND aka JAMES H. HOLLAND JR. of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 27, 2019 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 27th day of December, 2018. Frances K. Holland, Executrix 527 Vickers Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27517 D27,J3,J10,J17,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 660

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of OLGA B. THUER of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before April 3, 2019 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 3rd day of January, 2019. Diane R. Winans, Executrix 405 Parkview Crescent Chapel Hill, NC 27516 J3,J10,J17,J24,4tp

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION State of North Carolina Chatham County GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE - DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 17 JT 3

IN THE MATTER OF: CURTIS HOOTEN, a minor juvenile, TO: CHARLES E. HOOTEN, respondent.

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is as follows:

Petitioner, Christine Maness seeks to Terminate your Parental Rights to the minor child Curtis Hooten who was born August 17, 2012 in Lee County, North Carolina.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from January 3, 2019 exclusive of that date. You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your rights. You are entitled to appointed counsel if you cannot afford to hire one, provided you contact the Clerk immediately to request counsel. Upon your failure to so answer, the Petitioner will apply to the court for the relief requested.

This is the December 28, 2018 Alexander French, Attorney for the Petitioner, Averett Family Law, 50101 Governors Dr. Suite 150 Chapel Hill NC 27517 J3,J10,J17,3tp

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 16-CVD-479

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. CAROLYN WRIGHT and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of CAROLYN WRIGHT and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 16-CVD-479, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Matthews Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located in the center of SR #1006, in Robert J. Murray's new corner and being located South 19 degrees 32' East 305.83 feet from a point in the center of said road in the southern line of H. H. Elder's Estate and being Point No. 12 as per Plat hereafter referenced; and running thence with the center of SR #1006, South 19 degrees 32' East 200 feet to a point located in Murray's new corner; thence following Murray's new line, the following courses and distances: South 70 degrees 28' West 200 feet to an iron stake; thence North 19 degrees 32' West 205.12 feet to an iron stake; thence North 71 degrees 53' East 200.06 feet to a point located in the center of SR #1006 and being the point and place of BEGINNING, and containing 0.930 acres, and having located thereon a store building.

The above description was taken from a Plat entitled "PORTION OF ROBERT J. MURRAY LAND", dated July 5, 1979, by James D. Hunter, and recorded in Plat Book 26, Page 4, Chatham County Registry, to which plat is hereby made for greater certainty of description.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0014007

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. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 10-CVD-934

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. The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVISEES of SWANIE N. CRISTLE a/k/a SWAINE N. CRYSTAL and spouse, if any, which may include CONNIE C. BUTTERFIELD and spouse, if any, BRONAN C. CHEEK-SMITH a/k/a BRONA C. TYSON and spouse, if any, The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEVISEES of RALPH E. CHEEK and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 10-CVD-934, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Bear Creek Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land in Bear Creek Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: Adjoining the lands of John Hall, Highway 421, and others, and BEGINNING at the center of the Southern Railroad, John Hall's corner; and running thence East with John Hall's line 183 feet to the West margin of Highway Number 421; thence North with Highway Number 421 a distance of 515 feet to Vestal's line; thence southwest with Vestal's line 310 feet to the center of said Railroad; thence South with the center of said Railroad 275 feet to the BEGINNING corner, containing approximately 1-1/2 acres, more or less.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record.

Parcel Identification Number: 0005046 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. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 17-CVD-729

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. MICKLE WOFFORD and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of MICKLE WOFFORD and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 17-CVD-729, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Hickory mountain Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin the Southerly line of Cora Guthrie 7 1/2 acre tract also a common line of Florence Peoples, said beginning iron pin being located North 81 degrees East 100 feet from the Southwest corner of Cora Guthrie lands, runs thence from the said point of beginning, North 81 degrees East 100 feet to an iron pin; thence North 19 degrees West 372 feet to a point in the center of a public road; thence with the center of said road, South 29 degrees 30 minutes West 100 feet; thence South 14 degrees 30 minutes East 287 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing .61 acres, more or less. This being a portion of the 7 1/2 acre tract of land conveyed to Cora Guthrie by Easter Headen by Deed recorded in Deed Book J-E, Page 265, Chatham County Registry. For chain of title see Deed Book 569, Page 514, Chatham County Registry.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0061095

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.

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. CHARLES R. PALMER and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of CHARLES R. PALMER and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 16-CVD-46, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Oakland Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in Oakland Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, lying on the north side of SR #2154, and BEGINNING at a point in or near the center line of said road, said beginning point being South 79 deg. 24' 42" West from Winfred Taylor's southwest corner, and running from said beginning point North 05 deg. 27' 19" West, a distance of 210 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 79 deg. 24' 42" West 420.00 feet to another iron pipe, near the power line; thence South 05 deg. 27' 19" East 210 feet to a point in or near the center line of said SR #2154; thence North 79 deg. 24' 42" East 420 feet to the Beginning and containing 2 acres. Reference is hereby made to a deed recorded in Book J-Z at page 598, Chatham County Registry.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0060230

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 17-CVD-313

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. EVANDER WOMBLE and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of EVANDER WOMBLE and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 17-CVD-313, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Gulf Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

BEING ALL OF LOT 9, containing 3.686 acres, more or less, as shown on a Plat entitled "Final Plat for owners Theodis Womble et ux Rosa Womble Heirs", prepared by Rufus L. Johnson, PLS, dated May 22, 2009 and recorded in Plat Slide 2009-118, Chatham County Registry, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more complete description.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record.

Parcel Identification Number: 0087860

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. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 16-CVD-645

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. FRANCISCO ALBERTO HERRERA and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of FRANCISCO ALBERTO HERRERA and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 16-CVD-645, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Albright Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land located in Albright Township, Chatham County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as being all of Lot Number 4 of Harvest End Subdivision as shown on plat recorded in Plat Slide 96-11, Chatham County Registry.

Subject to the Road Maintenance Agreement recorded in Deed Book 718, Page 378, Chatham County Registry.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record.

Parcel Identification Number: 0072184

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. The sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 16-CVD-46

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. CHARLES R. PALMER and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of CHARLES R. PALMER and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 16-CVD-46, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Oakland Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in Oakland Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, lying on the north side of SR #2154, and BEGINNING at a point in or near the center line of said road, said beginning point being South 79 deg. 24' 42" West from Winfred Taylor's southwest corner, and running from said beginning point North 05 deg. 27' 19" West, a distance of 210 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 79 deg. 24' 42" West 420.00 feet to another iron pipe, near the power line; thence South 05 deg. 27' 19" East 210 feet to a point in or near the center line of said SR #2154; thence North 79 deg. 24' 42" East 420 feet to the Beginning and containing 2 acres. Reference is hereby made to a deed recorded in Book J-Z at page 598, Chatham County Registry.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0060230

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 17-CVD-589

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. THOMAS W. BALDWIN and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of THOMAS W. BALDWIN and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 17-CVD-589, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Williams Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a found iron pipe, the southeast corner of Parcel "A" and the southwest corner of Parcel "B" according to the plat hereinafter referred to, said pipe being located South 11 degrees 10 minutes 09 seconds East 210.03 feet from a found axle in the southern right of way line of SR 1733, and running thence from said Beginning point South 70 degrees 00 minutes 01 seconds West 189.91 feet to a set iron pipe; thence South 57 degrees 30 minutes 47 seconds East 528.52 feet to a set iron pipe; thence South 57 degrees 30 minutes 47 seconds East 46.85 feet to a set iron pipe in the line of Lot 2; thence North 16 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds East 15.63 feet to a set iron; thence North 16 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds East 132.63 feet to a set iron in the line of Norman Davis et ux; thence along the line of Davis, North 46 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 411.85 feet to a set iron, the southeast corner of Private Access Easement B; thence North 46 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 51.64 feet to an existing iron rod; thence South 11 degrees 20 minutes 31 seconds East 23.73 feet to a set iron pipe; thence South 55 degrees 29 minutes 51 seconds West 212.83 feet to the point or place of Beginning, containing 2.139 gross acres, more or less, according to a plat entitled, "Boundary Survey and Subdivision/Recombination of the Henderson Barbee Lands for Henderson Barbee Heirs", prepared by Absolute Land Surveying and Mapping, P.C., dated September 7, 1999, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

SAVE AND EXCEPT 30' Private Access Easement along the western boundary and depicted upon aforesaid plat. There is also granted herewith the perpetual non-exclusive access easements denominated

as Private Access Easements A & B on the plat herein above referred to. LESS AND EXCEPT: So much of the above described parcel conveyed to Ervin Monroe Hunter and wife, Mary A. Hunter in Deed Book 447, Page 245, that overlaps our parcel. Chatham County Register of Deeds. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0084012

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. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 17-CVD-723

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. NICHOLAS E. MURRAY and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of NICHOLAS E. MURRAY and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 17-CVD-723, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an existing iron pipe in the Western right-of-way line of North dogwood Avenue (SR 1180), said existing iron pipe being 90 feet from the Southern right-of-way of West Third Street (SR 1107) and 264.12 feet from the Northern right-of-way line of West Second Street, and being the Southeast corner of S. Clay Garvin (Deed Book L-Q, page 445); thence from said beginning point along the Western right-of-way line of North Dogwood Avenue, South 16 degrees 38' 59" East 84.12 feet to an existing iron pipe, the Northeast corner of Jimmy Cranford (Deed Book 347, Page 491); thence with the Cranford line, South 73 degrees 00' 51" West 195.12 feet to an existing iron pipe, the Northwest corner of Cranford and the Northeast corner of W. Ernest Brown (Deed Book 278, Page 133); thence with Brown, South 73 degrees 07' 03" West 11.27 feet to an existing iron pipe, the Southeast corner of Swannie Cockman (Deed Book 756, Page 61), in Browns line; thence with the Eastern line of Cockman, North 16 degrees 31' 21" West 87.00 feet to a new iron pipe, said new iron pipe, said new iron pipe being South 16 degrees 31' 21" East 3.17 feet from an existing iron pipe which is the Southeast corner of Christy C. Meeks

(Deed Book 373, Page 156); thence from said new iron pipe, North 73 degrees 49' 15" East along the lines of Jack

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. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 14-CVD-399

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. SAUL RAFAEL AGUILA CARRILLO and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of SAUL RAFAEL AGUILA CARRILLO and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 14-CVD-399, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Matthews Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT ONE: Being Lot No. 2 and beginning at a stake on the northeast corner of Lot 1 on Boling Avenue (now West Third Street) and running thence South with the line of Lot No. 1 about 132.5 feet to the corner of Lot No. 7; thence Eastward with the line of Lot No. 7 about 68.5 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot No. 7; thence North and parallel with the first line 125 feet to West Third Street; thence West with West Third Street 68.5 feet to the beginning, and being Lot No. 2 in Block C as shown by a map of West Siler City, North Carolina.

TRACT TWO: Beginning at a stake on the South side of West Third Street (formerly Boling Avenue) and running thence about South with Crofts line 235 feet to Old Stage Road; thence about East with said road about 70 feet to the Justice corner; thence about North, parallel with the first line 235 feet to a stake on the South side of West Third Street; thence about West with the line of West Third Street 70 feet to the beginning. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0061419

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. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

Parcel Identification Number: 0014951 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. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

Parcel Identification Number: 0014951 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. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

Parcel Identification Number: 0061419 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. Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner P.O. Box 25 Trenton, NC 28585 J10,J17,2tc

NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 17-CVD-97

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. PHILLIP GRIFFITH and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of PHILLIP GRIFFITH and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 17-CVD-97, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 23rd day of January, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Chatham County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Being all of Lot 17, containing 1.966 acres, more or less, and Lot 17A, and all improvements thereon, as shown on plat of survey entitled "Seminole Point," as surveyed by Van R. Finch Land Surveys, PA and dated February 17, 2001 and recorded in Plat Book 2001-206, Chatham County Registry, which plat reference is herein incorporated.

Subject to Road Maintenance Agreement recorded in Book 876, Page 1014, Chatham County Registry.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0078338

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

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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.
Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
P.O. Box 25
Trenton, NC 28585
J10,J17,2tc

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION CHATHAM COUNTY 18SP116

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY TONITA SHERELLE FEARRINGTON-CHEEK AND MICHAEL CHEEK DATED MAY 23, 2007 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1337 AT PAGE 613 AND MODIFIED BY AGREEMENT RECORDED OCTOBER 15, 2009 IN BOOK 1484 PAGE 357 AND FURTHER MODIFIED BY AGREEMENT RECORDED MAY 16, 2014 IN BOOK 1742 PAGE 1148 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 the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse on **January 25, 2019** the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Chatham County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the center of S.R. 1563, in the line of Wilbur, Carl and Harvey Bryant, and running thence about East 387 feet to an iron stake in the line of Elvis Scurlock; thence along the line of Scurlock South 2 degrees West 184 feet to an iron stake in the line of Luther Fearrington; thence along the line of Fearrington North 84 degrees West 401 feet to a point in the center of S.R. 1563; thence along said road about North 176 feet to the point or place of Beginning.

And Being more commonly known as: **211 Kinston Scurlock Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312**

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Tonita Sherelle Fearrington and Michael Cheek.

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 Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to 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 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. Following the expiration of the statutory 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASEHOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in 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 written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no 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 notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The date of this Notice is November 1, 2018.
Grady I. Ingle or
Elizabeth B. Ells,
Substitute Trustee
10130 Perimeter Parkway,
Suite 400
Charlotte, NC 28216
(704) 333-8107
http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/15-070939

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on **Tuesday, January 22, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The hearing will be held in the **courtroom of the Historic Courthouse** in

Pittsboro, North Carolina at 9 Hillsboro Street.
Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www.chathamnc.org 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:

Legislative Request:
1. A Legislative public hearing for general use rezoning request by Roy Brooks to rezone a portion (3.4 acres out of 19.9 acre tract) of Parcel No. 76558, from R-1 Residential to IL Light Industrial, located at 6814 Beaver Creek Road, Cape Fear Township.

2. A Legislative public hearing for a general use rezoning request by Michael and Amanda Gress to rezone Parcel No. 5537 being 30.41 acres, from R-1 Residential to IL Light Industrial, located off Old US 1 and US 1, Cape Fear Township.

Testimony is required to be given under oath during the evidentiary hearing for the following item:

Quasi-Judicial Request:
A Quasi-Judicial public hearing request by Richard Veno on behalf of Robert Kapp and Brian Maginnis dba American Self Storage for a conditional use permit revision to add additional storage units, located on Parcel No. 17454, 30 Mt. Gilead Church Rd., New Hope 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.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MARY LOU LITTLETON, Deceased**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 10th day of April, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

JOHN ALEX DURIZCH, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LOU LITTLETON
Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC
501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
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TOWN of SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a **public hearing on Jan. 22, 2019 at 7 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave.** Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests:

Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §136 Definitions (temporary emergency, construction, or repair residence), §139 Permissible Uses and Specific Exclusions (travel trailer), §147 Table of Permissible Uses (temporary emergency, construction, or repair residence), & §150 Temporary Emergency, Construction, or Repair Residence (density, design, dimensional, location, and minimum housing standards) of the UDO.

The proposed items are available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the application are invited to attend the public hearings and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on Jan. 14 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board.

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 Nancy Hannah at 919-742-4731, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request.

— Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al [919-742-4731](tel:919-742-4731) o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.
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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as

Administrator of the Estate of **ANNABEL TEAGUE POWERS** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before April 10, 2019 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 10th day of January, 2019.
Elaine Powers Partin,
Administrator
9836 Archdale Rd
Trinity, NC 27370
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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Special Proceedings: No. 18 SP 168
Substitute Trustee:
Philip A. Glass

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Date of Sale: January 30, 2019
Time of Sale: 2:00 p.m.
Place of Sale: Chatham County Courthouse
Description of Property:
See Attached Description
Record Owners: Sandra L. McLeod

Address of Property: 513 White Smith Road, 515 White Smith Road, 579 White Smith Road Pittsboro, NC 27312
Deed of Trust:
Book: 1811 Page: 1052
Dated: July 31, 2015
Grantors: Sandra L. McLeod
Original Beneficiary: State Employees' Credit Union

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

This sale is made subject to all unpaid taxes and superior liens or encumbrances of record and assessments, if any, against the said property, and any recorded leases. This sale is also subject to any applicable county land transfer tax, and the successful third party bidder shall be required to make payment for any such county land transfer tax.

A cash deposit of 5% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30 (d) and (e). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

Residential real property with less than 15 rental units, including single-family residential real property: an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.
Dated: 1/2/19

Philip A. Glass
Substitute Trustee
Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P.

EXHIBIT A

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT AN OLD IRON STAKE AT A CORNER WITH LEROY GOINS AND EPPS CLARK, BEING CORNER NO. 1 OF THE SURVEY MADE BY JAMES D. HUNTER ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1975, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE NORTH 77 DEGREES 39 MINUTES EAST 2050.46 FEET, WITH THE LINES OF EPPS CLARK AND H.E. LINDLEY ESTATE, TO AN IRON STAKE AT POINT 32 OF SAID HUNTER SURVEY, AND AT A CORNER WITH THE SAID H.E. LINDLEY ESTATE AND E.C. PERRY AND MARY FRANCES LINDLEY; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 03 MINUTES WEST 819.37 FEET WITH THE LINE OF SAID E.C. PERRY AND MARY FRANCES LINDLEY TO AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHERN MARGIN OF A RIGHT OF WAY FOR STATE ROAD NO. 1506, BEING POINT 31 ON SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 03 MINUTES WEST 42.02 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY BEING POINT 28 ON SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE SOUTH 48 DEGREES 38 MINUTES WEST 37.10 FEET WITH SAID CENTER LINE, TO POINT 27 ON SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE SOUTH 44 DEGREES 18 MINUTES WEST 100 FEET WITH SAID CENTER LINE TO POINT 26 ON SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 58 MINUTES WEST 100 FEET WITH SAID CENTER LINE TO POINT 25 ON SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE SOUTH 35 DEGREES 37 MINUTES WEST 100 FEET WITH SAID CENTER LINE TO POINT 23 ON SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 17 MINUTES WEST 40.71 FEET

WITH SAID CENTER LINE TO POINT 22 ON SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES 22 MINUTES WEST 26.06 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE IN THE MARGIN OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY, BEING POINT 33 ON SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES 22 MINUTES WEST 296.18 FEET TO POINT 34 ON SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 29 MINUTES WEST 1,583.58 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE IN THE LINE OF LEROY GOINS, BEING POINT 2 OF SAID HUNTER SURVEY; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 18 MINUTES EAST 633.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 40.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SANDRA L. MCLEOD, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, DATED 04/08/2010 AND RECORDED ON 04/08/2010 IN BOOK 1507, PAGE 0834, IN THE CHATHAM COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE.

PIN: 9704-00-40-9467
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
513 White Smith Rd. Pittsboro, NC 27312
515 White Smith Rd. Pittsboro, NC 27312
579 White Smith Rd. Pittsboro, NC 27312
J17,J24,2tc

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Special Proceedings: No. 18 SP 157
Substitute Trustee:
Philip A. Glass

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Date of Sale: January 30, 2019
Time of Sale: 2:00 p.m.
Place of Sale: Chatham County Courthouse
Description of Property:
See Attached Description
Record Owners:
Jonathan Barbee Burke
Address of Property:
1203 S. Second Avenue Siler City, NC 27344
Deed of Trust:
Book: 1716 Page: 654
Dated: October 31, 2013
Grantors: Jonathan Barbee Burke (Unmarried)
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: 1/2/19

Philip A. Glass
Substitute Trustee
Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P.

EXHIBIT A

BEGINNING at a stake on E. Side of Old Sanford Road, corner of Lot #6 and running thence S. 12 deg. 47 min. E. 100 feet to a stake, corner of Lot #8, thence N. 77 deg. 13 min. E. 400 feet to a stake on West side of Street, thence N. 12 deg. 47 min. West 100 feet to a stake, corner of Lot #13, thence S. 77 deg. 13 min. West 400 feet to the BEGINNING. Being all of Lots #7 and 12 of Dr. J.D. Edwards farm as surveyed by J.G. Hanner Surveyor Sept. 1926, a Plat of which is registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Chatham County in Plat Book 1, at Page 11.
PIN: 8761-15-64-8344
Property Address:
1203 S. Second Ave.
Siler City, NC 27344
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 17

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **RETHA K. SEAGROVES** of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before April 17, 2019 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 17

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JAMES L. WILSON** aka **JAMES L. WILSON** of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against his estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of April,

the undersigned.
This the 17th day of January, 2019.
James Lester Seagroves,
Executor
395 Kentview Dr
Pittsboro, NC 27312
J17,J24,J31,F7,4tp

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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **BILLY G. ESTES**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 12482 Highway 25 Business, Ware Shoals, South Carolina, 29692, on or before the 17th day of April, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 10th day of January, 2019.
George Harold Estes
12482 Highway 25 Business
Ware Shoals,
South Carolina 29692
GUNN & MESSICK, LLP
P. O. Box 880
North Carolina 27312-0880
J17,J24,J31,F7,4tc

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 15-CVD-592

COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs
The HEIRS, ASSIGNS, and DEWISEES of EVELYN BURNETT, et al
Defendants

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS by PUBLICATION

TO: The HEIRS, ASSIGNS, and DEWISEES of EVELYN BURNETT and spouse, if any, and any other person or entity claiming thereunder

A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on January 17, 2019.

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after January 17, 2019, or by February 26, 2019, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought.

This the 11th day of January, 2019.
MARK D. BARDILL
Attorney for Plaintiff
310 W. Jones St.
P. O. Box 25
Trenton, North Carolina 28585
(252) 448-4541
J17,J24,J31,3tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **JAMES LYNWOOD WILSON** aka **JAMES L. WILSON** of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against his estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of April,

2019, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to his estate please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of January, 2019.

Sue Fesmire Wilson
267 Pine Forest Drive
Siler City, NC 27344

Andrew M. Brower
Wilson, Carlson & Brower, PLLC
605 N. Asheboro St.
Liberty, NC 27298
Telephone: (336)-622-2267
J17,J24,J31,F7,4tc

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO

The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing on **Monday, January 28th, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock in the Town Council Chambers of the Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina**, to consider the following item:

1. Special Use Permit Application, Matthew McClory, SUP-2018-05 Special Use Permit request to operate a Liquefied Petroleum Gas Refueling Station at 193 Lowes Dr, in the C-2 zoning district. The proposed station will use a 500-gallon tank for refueling.

The purpose of the public hearing is to determine, by the presentation of factual evidence, whether the specified use will be allowed at the above referenced property. All interested parties in attendance will be heard. The complete records are on file at the office of the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection during regular business hours or by appointment. Substantial changes in the proposed plan may be made following the public hearing.
J17,J24,2tc

Habitat seeks helpers for MLK Day of Service

CN+R Staff Report

To celebrate Martin Luther King LK Jr. and his dedication to service, volunteers will help build a Chatham Habitat for Humanity home for a family in need.

No experience is required; volunteers will be taught everything they need to know. Every task a volunteer does will help create an affordable, decent, and energy-efficient home for a family in need.

All volunteers must be at least 16 years old to participate. An on-site lunch will be provided by Chapel in the Pines volunteers.

To sign up, visit chathamhabitat.volunteerhub.com.

Foundation offers trees to new members

CN+R Staff Report

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering 10 free flowering trees for those who join the Foundation any time during January 2019.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive 10 free flowering trees or five crape myrtles. The flowering trees include: two Sargent crabapples, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns and three white flowering dogwoods.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution by January 31, 2019 to: Ten Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410.