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RECREATIONAL INVESTMENT

Pittsboro, Chatham push on with parks plans

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

Not long ago, Ashley Lux watched as her daughter Haley, 7, held onto her sister Grace, 2, as they went down a slide at Northwest District Park in Siler City.

The two children then ran off to the pretend “store” — where currency was mulch and the products, well, you couldn’t see them, but they were there — on the park’s playground.

Ashley watched as she talked about how much her family used the parks, when it was warm, at least. It was a chilly winter afternoon as she spoke about the state of parks in Chatham County.

“We don’t have a lot,” she said. “We definitely would love to have more walking trails. We really enjoy those, especially when it’s warm.”

Maybe she knew, and maybe she didn’t, but both the Town of Pittsboro and Chatham County governmental entities are already ahead of Lux’s desires for parks services where her children are growing up.

TOWN OF PITTSBORO

Pittsboro, where Lux and her family live, is in the “wrap-up” stages of its parks master plan, according to Parks Planner Paul Horne.

“Having such a plan adopted is simply good governance, at it provides a solid framework for prioritizing finite resources to best meet our community’s goals,” Horne said. “Such planning assumes greater importance in light

“Not everyone can safely do CrossFit or downhill ski, but seniors, moms with strollers, young children, and everyone in-between can walk or navigate a wheelchair along a paved greenway.”

— PAUL HORNE,
Pittsboro Parks Planner

of Pittsboro’s anticipated growth.”

The draft stage of the plan shows a comprehensive improvement of parks, what the document calls “necessary infrastructure” and “crucial components of economically vibrant, healthy, resilient and more equitable communities.”

The town held a parks forum in April 2017 to receive community feedback, with one of the major elements desired being walking and biking trails. The draft plan says that desire is in line with national trends, something Horne echoes. He said that greenways and walking trails add health, transportation and economic benefits to the surrounding area.

“These facilities are popular because they’re accessible to the largest number of people irrespective of age or ability level,” he said. “Not everyone can safely do CrossFit or downhill ski, but seniors, moms with strollers, young

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Grace Lux, 2, of Pittsboro smiles at the camera before she and her sister Haley, 7, go down the slide at Northwest District Park in Siler City. Mother Ashley looks on. (Staff photo by Zachary Horner)



Celebrating MLK Day

The West Chatham NAACP held its annual MLK Celebration at Siler City’s Holy Trinity Church on Saturday. The event’s keynote speaker, Dr. Ronda Taylor Bull-ock, a Chatham Central graduate, is the co-founder and director of We Are. For more on MLK events in the county, see pages B4 and B5. (West Chatham NAACP photo)

Eagles gas station approved, despite silent, social resentment

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO - After several adjustments to the original plans, a new Eagles gas station site plan has been approved for downtown Pittsboro.

The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Jan. 14 to let a group develop a gas station, restaurant and car wash over a 1.74-acre lot at 165 East St., which had previously housed a car dealership and a fruit stand.

The discussion got off to a tense start as Commissioner John Bonitz asked whether the plans in the commissioners’ packet were “factually incor-

rect,” saying there was a recycled water system still on the plan for the car wash, although the applicant stated publicly that there wouldn’t be one.

Town Planning Director Jeff Jones responded that there was no tank shown. Bonitz expressed displeasure with the change, citing the town and the Chatham County area’s commitment to reuse and conservation.

“It was encouraging that it was on the original plan,” Bonitz said. “It’s discouraging to me that it has been removed.”

Jones responded that there was no requirement “for anyone” to use recycled water, that it was “outside” of the town’s

ordinances.

Commissioner Michael Fiocco then asked if the plans could be changed to allow for less use of the town’s sewer, dropping from 3,200 gallons per day to 1,200 gallons per day. That was approved and agreed upon by the gas station’s owner and contractor, with the group given the right to add the water recycling facility back if deemed necessary.

The vote brought an end to a long wait for the owners of the Eagles. The previous plan was last reviewed by the Town Board in April 2018. According to a memo from Town Planner

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Chatham begins budget process by hearing funding needs at retreat

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO - The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has started work on bud-

getting for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioners held the first two of three planned full-day sessions last week, hearing presentations about funding

needs for each of the county’s departments.

Department heads submitted to commissioners what are termed

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SILER CITY’S CAROLINA STOCKYARD

Restaurant wins ‘Beef Backer’ award

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY – The Carolina Stockyard Restaurant sells between 500 and 600 pounds of beef a week – a pretty remarkable feat considering the restaurant is only open three days a week, according to the

restaurant’s co-owner, Sherry Duncan.

That distinction helped the restaurant earn the prestigious Beef Backer award, given to only one restaurant in North Carolina each year, from the N.C. Cattlemen’s Beef Council.

The N.C. Cattlemen’s Beef

Council is charged with the promotion of beef and is led by a board of cattle farmers from across the state. The award is given to a restaurant which goes the extra mile in serving and marketing beef.

“We want to recognize the foodservice establishments who do a tremendous job serv-

ing beef to their patrons,” Ashley Herring, a representative of the N.C. Cattlemen’s Beef Council said. “The amount of beef sold at the Carolina Stockyard Restaurant is commendable as well as the tastiness of their dishes. We want to put a feather in their cap and say ‘Great job!’”

“I was very surprised,” Carolina Stockyard Restaurant co-owner Robert Crabb said. “There are a lot of really nice white tablecloth restaurants across the state.”

The restaurant, at 260 Stockyard Road, rests on the same

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

• 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.

THURSDAY

• Thursday, Jan. 24 9 a.m. Genealogy Assistance. Volunteer genealogists are available at Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro to assist with family history research, whether your ancestors lived in Chatham County, the 50 states, or overseas. A genealogist is on site in the library most Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and other days and times by appointment. Call 919-545-8086 to make an appointment. Sessions take place in the Local History & Genealogy area of Chatham Community Library. Please bring as much written documentation as you have about the topic you are researching, as well as a flash drive for saving documents and/or

SATURDAY

• 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.

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• Saturday, Jan. 26, from 3:30-5 p.m., the Spanish Book club (Club de la Lectura) will meet at Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro. The book club reads titles originally written in Spanish. The majority of members are originally English native speakers, with the added benefit of a few native Spanish speakers from different countries in Latin America. Sessions are a bi-monthly 1-1/2 hour immersion into both the Spanish language and its cultures. For more information, call the library's Circulation Desk at 919-545-8084.

• Birds of the Lower Haw - Come out 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

SUNDAY

• 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 tsrichey@gmail.com. - Another walk scheduled for Jan. 30 meeting at 8 a.m. at same location. Contact Norm Budnitz at nbudnitz@gmail.com.

MONDAY

• Pittsboro Toastmasters Open House is Jan. 28 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. : Toastmasters will teach you how to improve your speaking skills in a supportive group with the same goals as you. The event will be at Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro. Free and open to the public. Visit toastmastersclubs.org for more information.

ALSO HAPPENING

• The Spring for Literacy Luncheon to benefit Chatham Literacy will be held April 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Governors Club. Best-selling author Frances Mayes to keynote. She will share about her adventures in Italy and new book. Registration starts Feb. 1. Tickets are \$100; available at chathamliteracy.org or 919-542-6424.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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., Asheboro 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.

• Chatham Community Library and the Career and Employment Training program at Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) are partnering to offer free employment assistance beginning February 1. Timir Cox, a Career and Employment Training instructor at CCCC, will be available to assist with employment skills and related questions from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. each Friday through March 29. Job seekers can meet one-on-one with Timir to learn how to search for jobs, research employers, accurately complete applications, create resumes and cover letters, and practice interview strategies. Assistance is free to those who are unemployed, underemployed, working & eligible for the federal earned income tax credit, or those who have received notice of a layoff. No appointment is necessary. Participants will be asked to complete brief registration paperwork on their first visit. Sessions take place in the computer lab at Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro, on the campus of Central Carolina Community College.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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 Center, 224 South 10th Ave., Siler City (919-663-4401) to schedule an appointment.

• 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.

• The Guardian ad Litem program is looking for volunteers to be the voice of an abused or neglected child in our community. Training begins March 9. Chatham County is in need of volunteers to be an advocate for children who are currently in foster care. For more information, contact Nickie Siler, GAL Program Supervisor, District 15B North Carolina Judicial Branch, at: nickie.siler@nccourts.org or 919-545-3650 or visit at: www.VolunteerforGAL.org.

Area Obituaries

SARA MIMS PANNELL

Sara Mims Pannell, 64, of Pleasant Garden, NC passed away on January 15, 2019 surrounded by her family.

A lifelong native of Guilford County, she worked 38 years as a dental assistant in Greensboro, serving alongside Dr. William Sessoms, Dr. Gladstone Harrell, Jr., and later in the dental clinics of the Guilford County Detention Centers.

She attended Grimsley High School, graduated from Southeast Guilford High School, and later studied at Elon University and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

A woman of deep faith, she was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Greensboro, where she met and married her husband, baptized and raised their daughter, served as a pre-school Sunday School teacher, and grew in grace alongside her friends in Christ.

She belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star, loved to watch baseball with her husband, and cherished every chance to hear her daughter preach.

She will be forever remembered as a devoted wife, a loving mother, a faithful daughter, and a caring friend.

She is survived by her husband, Charles, and their daughter, Sara Beth; her mother, Anne Mims Morrison; two brothers, Robert Mims and wife Mona, and Charles Mims and wife Elaine; and her dearly loved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Mims, Sr. and her step-father, Harry Morrison.

Memorial service was held Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Pittsboro United Methodist Church, with visitation following.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Pittsboro United Methodist Church, PO Box 716, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or First Baptist Church of Greensboro, 1000 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

Arrangements by Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation in Pittsboro, NC.

DAVID CHARLES "NIP" COLQUITT

David Charles "Nip" Colquitt, 83, of Raleigh died Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree Valley.



Mr. Colquitt was born in Lee County on November 23, 1935, the son of William Roy and Nina (Davis) Colquitt. He was a Veteran of the US Army, a graduate of NC State University, and a member of North Raleigh United Methodist Church. He retired from Eurpac Special Markets where he served as president.

Nip was a devoted family man and enjoyed his grandchildren. He was a lifetime member of the Wolfpack Club and enjoyed attending NC State football and basketball games. He also enjoyed working in his yard and volunteering at Duke Raleigh Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jane Hackney Colquitt and his parents.

He is survived by one daughter, Beth C. Dowell and husband, Gary of Marietta, GA; two sons, David C. Colquitt, Jr. and wife, Sheri of Raleigh, NC, and Joe Colquitt and wife, Lynn of Spartanburg, SC; grandchildren, Caroline Colquitt Boyd and husband, Martin, Chrissy Colquitt Jenkins and husband, Todd, Austin Colquitt and wife, Camille, and Adam and Cate Dowell.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1101 West Raleigh Street, Siler City. The funeral will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Carl Belcher officiating. Burial will be in Chatham Memorial Park, Siler City with military honors by the Randolph County Honor Guard.

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

KENNETH HYDE WARREN

It is with tremendous sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Kenneth Hyde Warren. Ken left us for his next adventure on January 17, 2019, after a year-long battle with cancer. Ken died peacefully at home, with his wife by his side, in Pittsboro, North Carolina.



Ken was born on February 22, 1945 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Over the next 73 years, Ken squeezed every drop he could out of life. With a heavy dose of youthful exuberance and curiosity, Ken spent his youth exploring the New Jersey shore, multiple sports, the many treasures of Philadelphia and far too many high schools. With his sister, Ellen, as his partner in crime, Ken developed a love for adventure, a wonderful and sometimes mischievous sense of humor and a deep affinity for the sea.

As a student, at Park College in Kansas City, Missouri, Ken met his true love and life partner, Janis Chesnut. After college, Ken felt a strong compulsion to create his own success. Before anyone in the world knew what an entrepreneur was, Ken became one. He built a printing business in Wilmington, Delaware that would have a successful run of over 30 years. Throughout his career, he built many meaningful relationships with his clients and considered his employees his family.

But work was merely a means to an end. Ken had much more to do and give than just running a successful business. He played tennis. He played volleyball. He was an accomplished gardener. He loved to ski. He loved to scuba dive. And he traveled the world with a deep thirst for understanding different cultures. His travels took him to 49 states (sorry Alaska), all seven continents and over 35 countries. With each stop, Ken often took the path less traveled so he could see and understand the people, culture and food that was authentic to each country. Ken always loved to try the spiciest and most interesting foods and taste the most fascinating beer this world had to offer.

Ken is survived by his deeply devoted and loving wife of 52 years, Janis Chesnut Warren. He is also survived by his daughter, Kimberly Holly Warren; his son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Lauren Warren; his grandchildren, Macy, Meredith and Campbell Warren; his sister and brother-in-law, Dr. Charles and Ellen Leone; his brother and sister-in-law, Craig and Catherine Warren; his pooches, Madi and Pepper and countless nieces, nephews and friends.

Ken is now resting with his parents, Tarbet and Evelyn Warren and his parents-in-law, James and Evelyn Chesnut. He is also joined by the many dogs that he loved, walked and threw infinite tennis balls for.

A service celebrating his incredible life, will be held at Donaldson Funeral Home in Pittsboro, NC, on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Ken had two charities that were near and dear to him. If inclined, in lieu of flowers, please make any donation to: Chatham OutReach Alliance, PO Box 1326, Pittsboro, NC 27312, or Carolina Tiger Rescue, 1940 Hanks Chapel Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

GLORIA MARIE BLUE JANUARY 8, 1930 ~ JANUARY 14, 2019

Gloria M. Blue of Moncure, NC passed on Monday, January 14, 2019 at age 89.

Gloria spent many years as a school clerk and court reporter.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband of 47 years, Fred; her brother, Richard Holland; her devoted sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Robert Nevels; her in-laws, Donald Blue (Debbie), Ernestine Blue, Roby Watson and a host of caring nieces, nephews and four honorary grandchildren and friends.

In her memory, donations can be made to the Chatham County Council on Aging, PO Box 715, Pittsboro, NC 27312.



HAROLD "BOOTS" ATKINS

Harold "Boots" Atkins, 87, of Gulf died Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Sanford Health & Rehabilitation, Sanford.

Harold was born on May 1, 1931, in Columbus County and was the son of Gipsie and Elsie Roberts Atkins. He served in the US Army. Boots began his lifelong driving career for General Creosote Company and for Pomona Pipe Products, and then became owner and operator of H. Atkins Trucking. He enjoyed building dirt track race cars and making his own BBQ sauce, fishing and helping with community fund-raising benefits.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 51 years, Bobbie Jean Phillips Atkins; and a sister, Harriet A. Dietz; and two brothers, Ashley Atkins and Daley Atkins.

He is survived by daughters, Karen Atkins of Pittsboro, Kathy Atkins Johnson and husband Randall of Silk Hope; and son, Mike Atkins and wife Helen of Moncure; grandchildren, Kaylee and Michael; sister-in-law, Ann Wamack and brother-in-law, Charles "Bucky" Phillips and wife Frances, all of Sanford; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery, 503 Alton King Road, Gulf, with the Rev. Leslie Puryear officiating.

Please consider making a memorial donation to the Goldston Fire Department, P O Box 432, Goldston, NC 27252 or to Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

On line condolences may be made at www.pughfuneralhome.com.

GENEVA HILLIARD BECK

Geneva Hilliard Beck, 87, of Siler City died Monday, (January 14, 2019) at Siler City Center.

The funeral was held Friday, (01-18-2019) at 2 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Darrell Garner officiating. Burial followed in Hickory Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Beck was born in Chatham County on July 15, 1931, the daughter of Robert Worth and Sallie (Phillips) Hilliard. Geneva was a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church and retired from Robbins-Ghant as a window. Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil E. Beck; daughter, Penny Spencer; her par-

ents; brothers, Robert Hilliard, Roy Hilliard, Harold Hilliard, Archie Hilliard; and granddaughter, Teresa Brown.

She is survived by two daughters, Helen Emery of Harmony, Shirley Jordan of Bear Creek; son, Johnny E. Beck of Carthage; sisters, Ezzie Lee Smith of Bear Creek, Lenora Lucas of Siler City, Juanita Lucas of Myrtle Beach, SC; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Thursday, (01-14-2019) from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home.

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

JUDY ELLEN McINNIS COLLIER

Judy Ellen McInnis Collier, age 77, of Sanford, passed away Saturday, (01-12-2019) at her home.

A memorial service was held Saturday, (01-19-2019) at 3 p.m. at Pocket Presbyterian Church with Chaplain Joel Cameron and Rev. Terry Dean McInnis presiding.

She was born in Lee County on March 14, 1941 to the late Hubert A. and Mattie Hart McInnis. She retired from the Lee County School System where she drove a bus, worked in the cafeteria and did custodial work at West Lee Middle School.

In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her husband, John A. Collier; a daughter, Sandra L. Huber and brother, C. Edward McInnis.

Judy is survived by her stepmother, Mabel McInnis Somers; daughters, Demel Hudson of Sanford, Donna Lucas of Whitsett; brothers, James McInnis of Sanford, Rev. Terry Dean McInnis of Beaufort; sisters, Betsy Johnson and Gladys McInnis, both of Sanford; seven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

DOROTHY P. MOORE

Dorothy P. Moore, 93, of Sanford, passed on Saturday, (01-19-2019).

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

LINDA FAYE BULLARD BOGGS

Linda Faye Bullard Boggs, age 66, of Sanford, died Tuesday, (01-15-2019) at her home.

The funeral was held at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Burial followed in Buffalo Cemetery.

She was born in Lee County on March 11, 1952 to the late Calvin Monroe Bullard and Nellie Mae Heath Bullard. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Edward Boggs and a brother, Billy Ray Bullard. Linda worked for many years at Roberts Company.

She is survived by her son, Nelson Ray Honeycutt of Sanford; brother, Eddie Monroe Bullard of Sanford; sisters, Velma Grace Castro of Sanford, Mary Coleen Shipman of Reidsville, Debbie Lynn Smithey of Reidsville; and two grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

SARAH LAVERNE CHRISCOE

Sarah Laverne Chriscoe, 80, of Robbins, passed away Wednesday, (01-16-2019) at her home.

The graveside service was held on Monday, (01-21-2019) at 2 p.m. at Trinity Wesleyan Church with Rev. Aaron Cox officiating.

Laverne was born on August 31, 1938 to Wesley Caviness and Maddie Brady. She was a former employee of Klopman Mills and Ithaca Industries. In addition to her parents, Laverne was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Vernon Chriscoe, daughter, Tammy C. Hancock and brother, Charles Caviness.

She is survived by a daughter, Debra Molina; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Condolences may be offered online at www.joycebradychapel.com.

MATTIE LEE (HILL) PEARSON

Mattie Lee Pearson, 94, of Broadway passed on Friday, (01-11-2019) at FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care of West End.

Funeral services were held Friday (01-18-2019)

at 11 a.m. at Cameron Grove AME Zion Church with burial in the church cemetery.

MARY (OCHELTREE) BERNARD

Mary Deberry (Ocheltree) Bernard, 60, of Sanford passed on Monday, (01-14-2019) at her home.

A funeral service was held Friday (01-18-2019) at 3 p.m. at Christian Faith Ministries.

MARY DENNY KERRIGAN

Mary Denny Kerrigan, 90, of Pittsboro passed on Thursday, (01-17-2019)

Arrangements by: The Cremation Society of the Carolinas in Raleigh. www.CremationSocietyNC.com.

ODELL FARRIS, JR.

Mr. Odell Farris, Jr., 61, of Siler City passed on Monday (01-14-2019) at Chatham Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son funeral Home.

DAVID J. McIVER

Mr. David J. McIver, 76, Formerly of Sanford passed on Monday, (01-14-2019) at Mobile Infirmary Hospital, Mobile, Alabama.

PEGGY JEAN (PULLEY) BRINKLEY

Peggy Jean Pulley Brinkley, 82, of Sanford passed on Thursday (01-17-2019) at Central Carolina Hospital.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

JAMELLE CORNEILUS BROWN

Jamelle Corneilus Brown, 30, of Cameron, passed on Wednesday (01-16-2019).

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

ANNIE DYLINDA (WORTHY) BROOKS

Annie Dylinda Brooks, 47, of Sanford, passed on Sunday, (01-20-2019) at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

MATTIE HARRINGTON

Mattie Harrington, 85, of Cameron passed on Sunday, (01-20-2019) at Liberty Commons Fursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements by Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

BLOOD DRIVE FEB. 1

Red Cross honors Silk Hope Ruritans for local support

CN+R Staff Report

SILK HOPE – The Silk Hope Ruritan Club has been recognized by the American Red Cross as one of its Premier Blood Partners for 2018 for its support of the community and national blood supply.

Last year, the Ruritans helped the Red Cross collect 58 blood donations as part of its commitment to help save lives in the community.

"The Silk Hope Ruritan Club is proud to be a part of the Red Cross mission that helps ensure lifesaving blood is available for hospital patients in need," said Neill Lindley, Silk Hope Ruritan president.

"Our organization shares that same humanitarian value to help our neighbor and we are grateful for the opportunity to host blood drives that will do just that here in our community," Lindley said.

Every day, volunteer blood and platelet donors across the country are needed to help save lives, the Red Cross said.

The Silk Hope Ruritan will host a Red Cross blood drive on Feb. 1 from 2:30 to 7 p.m. at the Silk Hope Community Center, 4221 Silk Hope Road.

"We encourage the community to join us Feb. 1 to give the gift of life," Lindley said. "The donation process takes about an hour and can make an enormous difference for a patient battling illness or injury."

To schedule an appointment to donate blood at the Silk Hope Ruritan Drive, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RedCross or 919-742-5891.



Viewpoints

THE CN+R EDITORIAL

Chapman is a solid choice to lead CCCC

By reaching into its past to help chart its future, it appears that the leadership of Central Carolina Community College will remain quite strong indeed.

CCCC's board of trustees last week picked Dr. Lisa M. Chapman as the college's sixth president. She'll succeed Dr. T. Eston 'Bud' Marchant, who has admirably and effectively led the college to spectacular heights over the last decade. And when Marchant steps down on April 1, Chapman should slide into the president's chair and find a comfortable and familiar fit: she spent nearly 14 years at CCCC beginning in 2000 as an academic dean.

Chapman returns with an even greater breadth of knowledge and experience, thanks to what she's learned in her most recent position: she left CCCC in the summer of 2014 to become chief academic officer of the N.C. Community College System, providing leadership, assistance, and consultation to the state's 58 community colleges in areas including curriculum, adult education and student support.

For CCCC and its students, faculty, staff and network of campuses in Chatham, Harnett and Lee counties, Chapman's hiring has all the earmarks of an ideal scenario: the college gets a leader who has proven herself on a statewide level -- and having received nearly five years' worth of perspective on what the best community colleges in the state have been doing to succeed -- as well as someone who knows her way around CCCC.

Of course, CCCC has certainly changed even in the relatively short time Chapman has been away -- and that's thanks to the vision of its board of trustees, the work of its faculty and the tenacity and foresight that made Marchant such an incredible leader.

It has been under Marchant's presidency that CCCC has become the state's largest non-urban community college. His strong engagement in the three-county area has raised CCCC's visibility and support, and his skill at working with those in elected office and those in business and industry. CCCC is, and has been, a crown jewel of the N.C. Community College System for decades, but Marchant's work and vision has raised the bar even higher. His, and the college's, list of accomplishments includes:

- Steady enrollment growth
- National visibility for the college through CCCC's Vet Tech program in Lee County, the Laser and Photonics program in Harnett County, and the Sustainable Agriculture Program in Chatham County
- The implementation of Central Carolina Community College's Central Carolina Works Program, the Caterpillar Apprentice Program, and the upcoming K-14 Program, which have resulted in CCCC's recognition as an innovative community college in industrial and manufacturing curricula, as well as college transfer courses

- Unprecedented growth, with new facilities in each of CCCC's three counties -- including a new Health Sciences Center, a new Veterinary Medical Technology facility, expansion of the Emergency Services Training Center, and new construction and renovation at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center, all at the Sanford campus

- And on top of all that, two of Marchant's hires for vice president roles became community college presidents themselves.

CCCC bills itself as world-class, and that's not an overstatement. Nor is it too ambitious to say that there's no reason to expect anything differently under Marchant's successor.

How can we address our transportation?

By Dr. Mike Walden

My wife retired a dozen years ago after working three decades as an elementary school teacher. Her daily routine now involves a trip to the nearest wellness facility for exercise as well as conversation -- hopefully not at the same time! One thing she chronically complains about is the increased traffic in Raleigh compared to her working days. She says Raleigh has too many people and too few roads!

Increased travel time and traffic congestion are common gripes today for those living in North Carolina's large metropolitan areas. Yet this doesn't mean rural residents are satisfied with their roads.

Often, they too want more and better maintained roads just as their city cousins. However, the rural requests are for a different reason. They want more roads to bring more people and businesses to their communities.

These two concerns about our transportation system, as well as others, were discussed at a recent state transportation summit. The purpose of the conference was to assess both today's and tomorrow's transportation issues in North Carolina and to consider plans for addressing them.

I was honored to participate in the meeting and

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Making the narrative fit

I couldn't help seeing, numerous times on social media over the past weekend, the provocative image of a teenage boy -- a red MAGA hat atop his head -- engaged in a wordless face-off with an older Native American man at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The moment, filmed last Friday, went viral soon after.

It was sometime during the afternoon on Sunday when I finally watched the video. I'd been tempted to skip it altogether, but since the story -- framed in simple terms as youth in MAGA hat versus older Native American man -- wasn't going away, and liking to be informed, I watched it.

I admit I was prepared -- based on the still image from the video that I had seen -- to be upset with the teenager. Not because of the MAGA hat or any perceptions that could be related to it, but because of what looked, in the picture I'd seen so many times already, like a smirk on the young man's face.

I think I'm right in saying nobody likes a smirking teenager. And I was prepared to get my dander up over it, if I needed to.

But the surprising thing was, I didn't need to.

Finally watching the video, I wasn't entirely sure what was happening in it, but it was not the footage I expected.

To me, the young man in the red hat not only wasn't smirking, he appeared -- to my eyes, anyway -- to be uncomfortable in the situation.

His "smirk," or smile, seemed nervous and uncertain, not confrontational, and his eyes, involuntarily blinking with each thump of the drum near his face, further demonstrated his discomfort.

As additional video of the situation emerged, The New York Times ran a story on Sunday titled "Fuller Picture Emerges of Viral Video of Native American Man and

Catholic Students."

On Monday morning, as I listened to the television as I prepared for the day, it was still a major story on the national news.

From The New York Times' reporting on the matter, and from many other news outlets covering the story, we've learned there was, indeed, more to the story than the provocative image promised.

To the credit of the media, the "more to the story" aspect appears to have been thoroughly followed up and all of it reveals, from my view, that much ado was made over very little.

At any given moment in the Washington, D.C., area, there are any number of protests or demonstrations, most of them -- and the one captured on someone's phone at the Lincoln Memorial wasn't an exception -- peaceful.

The last time I was in D.C., on a cold day last

spring, I couldn't count how many demonstrations were occurring within line of sight of the White House, and how many causes, even some unusual ones, were being represented by those demonstrators.

And though I observed no moments of notable drama on my last visit to our nation's capital, there was no lack of passion among the hundreds of demonstrators I observed, and no lack of noise supporting them.

To be sure, there are divisions along many lines -- political, racial -- in present-day United States, and if this wasn't already established, a couple of minutes browsing Facebook would clarify.

The weekend's viral video appeared, at first look, to be a dramatic example of our tensions.

But on closer inspection, the clip isn't evidence of much other than the omnipresence of smartphones and our seeming need to make the narratives we support fit whatever evidence we have.

Randall Reflects

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE



If you believe in something don't hide it in darkness

The recent uproar about Silent Sam, the statue in memory of UNC students who fought for the Confederacy in the War Between the States and which until last August stood on the grounds of the campus, continues to make headlines.

It had been there since 1913 until a group of protestors, mainly students, pulled it down the night of August 20. Since that day, there have been rallies for and against the monument, including questions about where to put it back, if at all. Among the ideas was construction of a multi-million-dollar museum at another place on campus, a plan vetoed by the school's leadership.

The right or wrong of everything about the statue depends on your point of view, obviously. What a majority of people of every point of view seem to not remember, forget or just not care about is that it's an inanimate object that references some particular part of our nation's history. If I were a betting man, I'd bet that most people in Chapel Hill or passing by on the campus paid little or no attention to it. I know I fell into that category during the seven years I spent at UNC.

I think I've got as strong a case to love the "Old South" as much as anyone living today. My great-grandfather was in that conflict, serving in Company D, 35th N.C. Infantry, known as "the Haw River Boys" since it was made up of men

from north of Bynum to south of Moncure. He was in battles across North Carolina and Virginia. He was on the field at Antietam, site of the bloodiest day in American military history. He was 18 years old that day when his unit was involved in what historians say involved "some of the most violent and bloodiest hand-to-hand combat." He walked home from Appomattox. I have visited his grave.

Yet, despite all this, while I admire his courage and bravery, I don't worship it or cling to it. I never thought about it while I was a student at UNC; instead, I was busy going to class, trying to learn something and graduate. I looked at the past as past, lived in the present and tried to learn from both how to go into the future.

Now before anyone accuses me of being uninformed, uneducated, a relic of the past myself or just plain out of it, let me hasten to add that I understand not everyone in the world looks through the same glasses as I do.

So, here's the point: It's not so much the statue is gone; it's how it was done.

How many people in the world today say to folks of other persuasions or just the world in general, "Let's have a thought-

ful, substantive discussion about (whatever)" and then they all go off screaming at each other and hearing nothing?

The student protestors obviously had enough free time to organize and carry out their actions. The Board of Governors and the chancellor had spent hours in discussion. So, the issue became that to the protestors their "demands" weren't being met on their preferred timetable, so they took things into their own hands.

There is still debate today about whether Chancellor Carol Folt had the authority to remove the base, all that was left after the statue was gone, or not. A 2015 N.C. law prevents relocation or alteration of "objects of remembrance." Yet early in the morning of January 15, Folt felt she had the authority. Her supporters maintain she was acting in the interest of safety, something she says she had the authority to do.

So, here's where I'm having trouble. She broke the law. Does that mean members of society have the right to break laws with which they don't agree? I remember being taught in UNC Journalism School and at home that "liberty is not license." In other words, as the Bible and countless other places and people in society tell us, we have freedoms, but

they have responsibilities. I'm free to drive 100 miles an hour down the main street of Goldston but my freedom ends where someone else's freedom to pull into traffic starts.

Some will say the student demonstrators were merely exercising their First Amendment rights of free speech. I'm no expert in Constitutional law but I'm pretty sure the framers of the Constitution didn't equate free speech and vandalism as being the same thing.

So what sort of future actions can be expected from this precedent? If you don't like the name of a campus building, can you burn it down? If you don't like the color of the uniforms the football team wears, can you break into the field house and spray paint them pink? Is that freedom of speech or is it, as someone has said, merely an act of "civil disobedience"? Somehow, to me, pulling down a statue doesn't rise to the level of Rosa Parks saying she ought to be able to sit where she wants to on a city bus. And, ironically, we've just noted the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. who, I think, never pulled down a statue but instead engaged in serious discussions.

It all boils down to human nature. If the protestors really wanted to tear down the statue, why did they hide what they were doing behind tall banners?

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Charlotte to Raleigh in just 22 minutes?

Imagine travelling from Raleigh to Charlotte in about 22 minutes; not by train, plane or car, but instead in a pod, transported through an almost friction-free tunnel.

This concept is under experimentation right now, as nearly 1,000 learned last week at the NC Transportation Summit.

Sponsored by the NC Department of Transportation and NC Go!, this day and a half event presented some innovative concepts for future travel, including the aforementioned tunnel and pod, as well as other options being tested, like self-driving or autonomous vehicles, drones and even personal scooters.

But woven throughout the presentations and discussions was the ever-present challenge of how to fund transportation.

Approximately 25 percent of North Carolina's transportation funding comes from the federal government, largely through the Federal Highway Trust Fund.

The bulk of that money comes from the federal gasoline tax, currently at 18.4 cents per gallon, a rate hasn't been changed in 23 years.

In 1993, the year the rate was established, tuition at NC State University was \$1,500 per year. Last year it was \$9,000. You know what has happened with costs in 23 years.

Additionally, these revenues are static to declining. And while we hope it is only temporary, the federal government shutdown has halted transportation funds going to states.

A growing number

have already pulled road construction projects. Fortunately, North Carolina is not in that condition...yet.

Our state also depends heavily on a state gas tax for funding, also facing revenue declines.



My Spin
By Tom Campbell

Today's vehicles are more fuel efficient and use less gas, there are growing numbers using electric or solar fuel that help little in offsetting costs of construction or maintenance, and the price of gas is dropping, meaning fewer total dollars are being collected.

Meanwhile, the addition of 100,000 new residents each year adds to the strain on our roads and traffic congestion. You, like the audience at the Transportation Summit, are probably getting a picture of a transportation system soon to be in crisis.

Gas taxes will likely always be a funding source, however supplemental funds are needed. Among the options are tolls, the mere mention of which raises the dander of most Tar Heels.

No elected official who wishes to remain in office is willing to either raise the gas tax to levels needed to build and maintain our roads or to accept tolls. But tolls are coming, likely through public-private partnerships that build optional "hot" lanes

on multilane freeways.

Motorists can choose to escape congestion by paying a toll.

Many favor a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) funding mechanism, but there are privacy issues for folks not wanting "big brother" to know where and how often they drive. Besides, nobody has perfected how to record each motorist's annual usage or, more significantly, how to bill and collect the taxes from millions of resident motorists, much less visitors using our roads.

Then there are dedicated sales taxes, yet another option that generally presents opposition.

North Carolina has 80,000 miles of state-maintained roads, the second largest network in the country.

For the safety of our people, the future economic development of our state and the need to efficiently transport people and goods from one place to another, we must find ways to maintain and expand this system.

To do so requires adequate funding to help us travel to this future, regardless of which mode we choose.

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If Carol Folt believed the base should be gone, why did she do it at 2 a.m.? If you're going to take a position on something, why hide it?

A Bible verse says people love the darkness because it hides their deeds. We're seeing that play out in society today

when things are done under the cover of darkness. That's starting to become the norm.

When the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Benjamin Franklin, a delegate from Pennsylvania, commented to a woman

standing in the crowd, "Here's your republic, madam. Good luck keeping it."

Deeds done under the cover of darkness are a lesson that if our republic falls it will be from within.

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make a presentation. Here I'll give you a summary of what I said.

Although we might not think about it, transportation is key to two goals our society has: individual freedom and economic development. Transportation gives each of us freedom to consider more options for living, working and enjoying ourselves. For example, in the early 20th century most people - including my grandparents - had to live very close to where they worked because the range of horse travel and early autos was very limited. And my grandparents didn't even consider vacationing to some exotic location.

Over the sweep of history, a strong link can be seen between advancements in transportation and improvements in the economy. Faster, more reliable, versatile and less expensive (per mile traveled) methods of moving both people and products are keys to an expanding economy and higher standard of living. Better transportation creates more opportunities for businesses to sell and individuals to work.

While transportation is important to every person and place in North Carolina, the key issues are not the same. In the big urban areas, the top concerns are congestion, high land costs for new road projects, the roles of mass transit and the new transit modes like rides-on-demand, bikes and scooters

In the suburbs and small towns economically

linked to nearby big urban centers, the greatest need is fast transit links from homes to jobs in the cities. These suburb-to-city commuters can easily spend two to three hours each working day in travel first to work in the morning and then to home at night.

Then there are the scores of rural counties in our state that are trying to remake their economies. Many of these have actually lost population in recent years and have prospects of continuing to lose residents in the decades ahead.

For these localities, improved transportation is a lifeline to a better economic future. More and better roads that improve access to locations in the counties increase the likelihood that both businesses and households will choose those counties as home.

An easy conclusion is that we need more transportation investment in almost all of our counties. Some futurists think the kinds of transportation we think we need now will not be the kinds of transportation we'll actually need in the future though. The reason is there's a high chance technology will change both the type and amount of transportation we'll actually want in the future.

Consider these potential "game changing" technologies affecting transportation: autonomous vehicles, expanded ride-sharing, virtualization, drone delivery, remote service (such as medical care) delivery and univer-

sal low-cost high-speed internet. Some futurists think these technologies could reduce vehicle ownership, reduce commuting, increase remote working, improve the availability of services in rural counties and reverse the trend toward urbanization in the state.

Even if these technologies develop, they are likely years - if not decades - away. In the meantime, the issues I outlined above for the various parts of our state - congestion, connection and economic development - will remain being the key issues in transportation.

However, the longer run look of transportation is less certain. This future depends on how fast the game-changing technologies evolve, and how our living, working and commuting patterns will change.

Although some think it is a cliché, I do believe we live in interesting and exciting times, and this includes transportation. As new technologies become available, and as our lives - as a result - change, all of us will collectively decide our new transportation needs.

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Straight answers needed on pipeline

BY JOHN HOOD

RALEIGH — Consider this scenario. A couple of years before a politician is elected to his current job, he signs a lease agreement worth as much as \$1 million with a large private company. Later, the CEO of the company gives the politician a large campaign contribution.

After taking office, the politician is confronted with a thorny regulatory issue in which the private company expresses a strong interest. The CEO of the company asks the politician to intervene, to take his side over that of another large business. The politician appears to do so. When subsequently pressed by reporters, the CEO denies asking the politician to intervene, and representatives for the politician deny linking the CEO's request to the thorny regulatory issue. Both denials conflict with written evidence to the contrary.

Would this scenario concern you? If I told you that the politician in question was North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, the "thorny regulatory issue" was a water-quality permit for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP), and the company in question as Strata Solar, one of the state's largest renewable-energy firms, would that heighten or lessen your concern?

The answer to the first question should be yes. This story should concern all North Carolinians. While it may be impossible to wall off fully the exercise of a governor's power from attempted influence by affected parties who may be either political supporters or opponents, the executive branch should at the very

least be transparent and forthright.

But when WBTV reporter Nick Ochsner asked Gov. Cooper whether his administration's action on the pipeline project was tied in any way to Strata Solar's dispute with one of the utilities constructing the pipeline, Duke Energy, Cooper said that they were "completely separate issues."

Really? Ochsner pointed out a text that Cooper's senior advisor, Ken Eudy, sent to the governor's general counsel, Will McKinney, on the morning of January 2, 2018. That was the day Cooper was originally scheduled to sign a memorandum of understanding with Duke Energy regarding the pipeline permit.

"Not sure we should sign the ACP agreement unless solar deal works," Eudy texted. "OK," McKinney replied. "Don't disagree." The "solar deal" in question was a demand by Strata and other solar companies that Duke purchase more power from them, even if it required costly new transformers to handle the load.

The Cooper administration is now claiming the Eudy-McKinney exchange was just a discussion about the messaging of the announcements, not evidence of a connection between the two "separate issues." This claim becomes implausible in light of a memo drafted a few weeks earlier by Cooper's Department of Environmental Quality. It lists as one of the options for "ACP mitigation" that Duke Energy would "revisit the use of higher-capacity transformers to allow for more renewable-energy projects to access

the grid." That's precisely the concession the solar industry wanted — and precisely the issue on which Strata CEO Markus Wilhelm, a Cooper donor in 2016, had personally asked the governor to intervene in personal meetings and an email, according to Ochsner's reporting.

To put this in its larger context, recall two stories previously broken by my colleagues at Carolina Journal. First, the aforementioned "memorandum of understanding" between Cooper and Duke Energy included a \$58 million "mitigation fund" that would have been distributed to renewable-energy or economic-development projects selected by the Cooper administration, rather than being received as state revenue and appropriated by the North Carolina General Assembly as required by the state constitution.

The second fact is that two years before his election as governor, Roy Cooper struck a deal with Wilhelm's Strata Solar to lease property Cooper and his brother Pell owned in Nash County. Based on market data, Strata's lease payments over 20 years would likely range between \$400,000 and \$1.12 million.

Now, let me restate my second question from earlier in the column. If you are a Democrat who supports Cooper, can you honestly say these events wouldn't trouble you if the governor in question were a Republican?

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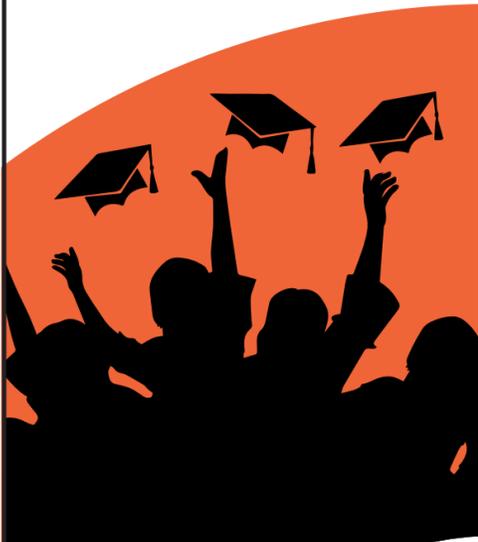
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CHATHAM BRIEFS

Class size change would have required 5 new teachers

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO - At last week's Chatham County Board of Education retreat, district officials revealed that, if class size restrictions in kindergarten through third grade going into place next year were instituted this year, the district would be five teachers short.

Janice Frazier, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources, was speaking on the topic to the board during its mid-year retreat at the Chatham Park Conference Center. Frazier said the changes, enacted by the N.C. General Assembly in 2017 and revised in 2018, are going to affect the district's staffing, allotment and space in classrooms and schools.

"We are absolutely working to stay on top of the impact that the new requirements will have," Frazier said.

The state legislature initially set the standard for average K-3 class sizes to drop from 20 students to around 17 students starting in July 2018. But after outcry from citizens and school officials — many of whom said they wouldn't be able to afford the new teachers and arts, music and physical education teachers — the legislature passed a bill in 2018 to phase-in the requirements and pledged to add funding for those enhancement positions.

Chatham County Schools Superintendent Derrick Jordan said that "few, if any, educators" would be opposed to smaller class sizes, but recognized the challenges that came with the change. He praised the General Assembly's pledge for additional funding for the arts, music and PE teachers.

"We're looking forward to seeing what that will ultimately generate and identify any potential challenges that may subsequently emerge," Jordan said. "I still think there's greater opportunities to improve some of this work. I believe the General Assembly is listening with a more open ear than was previously the case."

Study: Chatham near the top in N.C. in average tax refund, amount owed

A new study shows that Chatham County is near the pinnacle in North Carolina when it comes to the size of the average tax refund.

SmartAsset, a financial technology company, ranked Chatham fourth of North Carolina's 100 counties in average amount of taxes refunded with \$3,126 to 23,060 taxpayers that received refunds.

According to a release, the study divided the total amount of money refunded by the Internal Revenue Service to each county by the number of refunds given out in each county. Hoke County topped the list with \$3,240 per taxpayer, followed by Mecklenburg (\$3,197) and Moore (\$3,144) counties. Robeson, Orange, Harnett, Union, Scotland and Wayne counties rounded out the top five.

Chatham also ranked near the top in average tax owed, finishing fifth with \$6,037. Orange County was tops in that list with \$6,566, followed by Sampson, Union and Hyde counties, according to SmartAsset.

Walker chosen for three U.S. House committees

U.S. Rep. Mark Walker, R-N.C., has been chosen to serve on the Committees on Education & Labor, Homeland Security and House Administration during the 116th Congress, his office announced Jan. 16.

Walker rejoins the Homeland Security and House Administration committees and makes

his debut in the Education and Labor committee.

"I am thrilled for the opportunity to serve on these committees and what it means for our ability to represent the people of North Carolina with diligence and principle," Walker said. "The security, education and workforce of Americans are all issues intimately linked to our nation's future. I look forward to working in these committees to make a lasting difference, promoting and expanding the hope and prosperity of the American dream."

Walker will serve alongside Reps. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., and Alma Adams, D-N.C., on the Education & Labor committee. Foxx is the committee's ranking member, the title given to the highest ranked minority party member.

Town of Pittsboro annual audit comes back clean

PITTSBORO - The Town of Pittsboro received a clean audit report last week on its finances for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Jay Sharpe, an auditor with Rives & Associates, said the town had "no significant deficiencies this year and no material weaknesses."

"This is the best possible opinion that the town can receive on its financial reports," Sharpe said. "This is back-to-back years that we did not have any findings on the reports."

Sharpe's report indicated that the town has seen significant increases in revenue and fund balance over the last 10 years, including a \$2 million jump in fund balance, the town's "piggy bank." He said that if the town stopped generating revenue, it could still operate for 383 days, and the town could continue water and sewer operations through its fund for 514 days.

"It shows you have a very healthy cash balance at hand," Sharpe said. "You're actually a lot healthier than most in your reserves."

The audit cost the town \$20,000. Each municipality in North Carolina is audited every year by law.

Property appraisers beginning visits for 2021 revaluation

Over the next year to 18 months, property owners in Chatham County will be getting visits from appraisers as part of the county's next revaluation.

Tax Administrator Jenny Williams announced the initiative in a press release last week, saying the reappraisal is a "key phase" of the revaluation. The process is designed to give property owners the "fair market value," according to the release, of their property for tax purposes.

"We want people to know that the appraisers will be out and about in the county," Williams said. "They will be onsite to inspect, take measurements and photograph improvements."

The county is utilizing Vincent Valuation Appraisers in the process. All appraisers will have a county ID badge, and vehicles will have the county logo as decals. If residents are unsure that someone visiting them is a county-affiliated appraiser, they can call the Tax Appraisal office at 919-542-8211 or dial 919-545-8476 to verify the appraiser's identity.

Chatham schools evaluating impact of statewide grading issue

Chatham County Schools is in the midst of dealing with a statewide issue with the software school districts across the state use to calculate grades.

The district sent out a release Friday afternoon indicating that the state Department of

Public Instructions had told districts about "an issue in PowerTeacher Pro that can lead to an incorrect calculation of grades." PowerTeacher Pro is used by all public and charter schools to record grades.

The specific issue, according to the release, is with the rounding function, leading to possibilities of a student's grade being slightly higher or lower than the actual grade earned. NCDPI staff, according to the release, told school administrators that nearly all of the state's public school districts and 59 charter schools could be impacted.

"While this is clearly a statewide issue, one that was beyond our control, it's imperative that we work collaboratively with state officials to troubleshoot and determine the necessary course of action for any impacted students," Chatham County Schools Superintendent Derrick Jordan said.

The release stated that the district will work under the state's guidance for next steps, which could include delaying the issuance of report cards. No indication was given as to the complete impact of the software issue.

Awareness event to focus on addition, opioid crisis

The Chatham Community Library is kicking off a series of Community Awareness Events on February 16 with a free forum on addiction and the opioid crisis.

The event, titled "It Started with a Script: Prescription Drug Misuse, Addiction, and the Opioid Crisis," starts at 1 p.m. in the Holmes Meeting Room at the library. Members of the panel include Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson, Chatham County Health Policy Analyst Casey Hilliard, Chatham County resident and documentary filmmaker Zoe Willard and Chatham County resident and addiction expert Dr. Joe Mancini.

According to a release from the county, the program will include an in-depth look at the local impact of "prescription drug misuse, the science of addiction and treatment and recovery." The documentary "Kids" will be screened and followed with a discussion on the Good Samaritan law, which gives legal protection to people who report overdoses to emergency response personnel.

For more information, contact Rita Van Duinen at 919-545-8083 or rita.vanduin@chathamlibraries.org.

Vaughn crowned as Homecoming Queen at Chatham Charter

Senior Amber Vaughn was named Friday as the 2019 homecoming queen at Chatham Charter School during halftime of a varsity basketball game.

Vaughn edged 13 other contenders to receive the crown, given to her by 2018 queen Farrah Ritter. Vaughn represented the school's DECA club, an organization of students learning about marketing and business. She is a vice president for the state DECA organization.

The other members of the Homecoming Court included Jasia Palmer (House Tucker), Natalie Robinson (House Nobles), Rylie Jones (House Milholen), Holly Coble (House Joyce), Olivia Bennett (Beta Club), Grace O'Hara (FCA), Hailey Jones (International Club), Taylor Brewer (Freshman Class), Lina Sibum and Merle Kreiss (Sophomore Class), Alizah Simpson and Maddy Wilson (Junior Class) and Ella Randall and Rachel Smith (Senior Class).

— Compiled by CN+R staff

Budget (continued from page A1)

"heads-up" documents outlining anticipated funding needs and challenges.

"The heads-up information provided at the budget retreat is an opportunity for departments to make county management, budget staff, and the BOC aware of potential issues that may affect the next budget year," interim County Manager Dan LaMontagne said.

LaMontagne emphasized that the documents are not a recommended budget and haven't yet been analyzed by budget staff or the manager.

"We do feel that it is important at the midpoint of the current fiscal year to be mindful of potential issues that may affect the upcoming budget," he said.

"This is the opportunity before we dive into the sausage making of building a budget," Chatham County Board of Commissioners Chairman Mike Dasher said. "I find it incredibly helpful. It's one of the unique things we do in Chatham."

Dasher calls the process, which will likely take five or six months, a good way to come up with a budget as the board and staff work collaboratively to develop the document that will fund the local government's next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

The presentations also include circumstances that may affect the department for the upcoming year. Different departments have different needs with different root causes for the change. This could mean changes in funding, growth, or changes in priorities.

"A lot of what we spend is to make up for cuts elsewhere," Dasher said. "Every time the state or federal government cuts taxes, it impacts us at the local level. We have to find ways to maintain services"

An example of this is an increased need from the Council for Aging. Recently, the organization learned that the NCDOT changed the way it administers a grant for senior transportation.

The program, which supported COA's program which transports seniors to doctor's appointments, changed from a county allotment to that of districts or regions. That has significantly reduced the funding the organization will receive.

Funding for education intersects two of what may be the most common causes for funding increases in the county—outside funding losses and growth. Education, as a department, is the largest portion of the budget, according to Dasher.

"Growth and cuts over the year tend to impact the county budget because we have to kick in more," Dasher said.

According to Chatham County Budget Analyst Lisa West, the county receives about \$500,000 per year from the state's lottery funds with some additional funding earmarked from sales tax for school construction — a fraction of the cost of a new school.

In addition, the county invests funds for teacher pay as do many of the surrounding counties. Dasher said the county invests in order to remain competitive.

The second greatest department expenses are in public safety, which includes the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, Department of Social Services, and the Health Department, according to Dasher. These departments are also dealing with current and anticipated growth in the county.

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— DAN LAMONTAGNE,
interim county manager

Anticipated growth is causing increased requests from any department that deals with real estate in the county. This includes Planning, the Tax Department, and the Registrar of Deeds.

For example, the county's planning, permitting, and inspections departments are responsible for monitoring development in the county. The county also manages those services for Goldston since the town does not have its own planning department.

The county and the town of Pittsboro share many of those duties. Pittsboro offers many permits for building, but the county performs those inspections. In addition, the county issues all environmental and erosion control permits for Pittsboro.

Added to that, since Siler City is without a full-time inspector after a retirement last year, the county is now taking on the additional inspection responsibilities for Siler City.

"It's kind of a tough spot from a budget perspective," Dasher said, "because we have to plan for the growth even though we are not yet collecting the revenue."

Dasher notes that the board did not seem to be surprised by any of the departments' documents.

"It's a testament to the staff that they do a really good job of keeping us informed," Dasher said.

Following the board's final retreat day scheduled for Thursday, the process will continue to move forward.

"We want to be as prudent and as smart as we can be with tax payers' money—of which we are—it's our money too," Dasher said.

The staff and the county's budget consultant will work together to determine different options based on estimated tax revenue, needs, and what type of spending and debt will be required without jeopardizing the county's triple-A bond rating.

These calculations are balanced by the budget goals determined by the board of commissioners. Those recommendations are then coalesced into a draft budget provided to the board for final review in May.

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Paul Kehle, Pittsboro Toastmasters

This week, we speak with Pittsboro Toastmasters President Paul Kehle. Kehle, who grew up in South Florida, moved to North Carolina in 1992 to study computer engineering at N.C. State University. He joined the Toastmasters in 2017 in

order to increase his managerial skills for the development team he leads at N.C. State. After serving as club secretary in 2018, he was named president for the 2018-19 year. Within the Toastmasters, he is working on Dynamic Leadership, Level 4,

and hopes to complete this path by June 2019. Kehle works as Lead Development Architect Security Applications & Technologies Department at NCSU. He and his wife Lara live in Pittsboro.



Pittsboro Toastmasters empowers members to improve skills, communication and more

What is Toastmasters, and what's the history of the Pittsboro club?

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that was founded in 1924 by Ralph C. Smedley, who filled a need to help young men learn how to speak, conduct meetings, plan programs and work on committees. Today, Toastmasters is an international organization that empowers anyone to improve those same skills, including how to communicate with others. Pittsboro Toastmasters was founded in 2016 and chartered on February 27, 2017, to serve Pittsboro, Siler City, and all of Chatham County. Until recently, our club has met at the Chatham Habitat for Humanity, an arrangement between two nonprofits to support our local community. In 2019, our club has arranged meeting space on the Central Carolina Community College Pittsboro Campus, a natural progression to align educational goals with an educational institution.

Toastmasters focuses on building better communication and leadership skills. Let's talk first about communication – how will club membership help someone develop better communication skills? And what about leadership?

When you hear “public speaking,” what is the first thing that comes mind? For me, the image was a speaker up on stage, in a grey suit, red tie and white shirt, holding a microphone, finishing a speech that was the most important thing he had to say. The response from the audience was a terrifying silence, except of course the crickets. For public speaking, it's easy to tell ourselves “I

hate public speaking.” “I could never be a public speaker,” or “I'll never need that, so why bother trying?” But like any

but to also support others as they walk their own path. A member's first official speech is the “Ice

the territory. Members are encouraged to become club officers, to guide the club differently from year to year. Past officers

takes a village to be successful. But as in a village, we expect members to be civil and respectful of each other.

A key part to a successful club is to have a strong mentorship program. The VP Education works with experienced members to mentor new members to be their go-to person in the club. Maybe a member doesn't quite like or understand the feedback given on a particular speech. Or the member hasn't given a speech for months. The mentor helps to guide the member through any challenges they might be facing. And the costs are minimal – semi-annual dues are just \$45.

The “Pathways” learning experience is a part of your education program. Can you talk about the learning paths and competencies members can take advantage of?

Each of the paths are geared to focus on any number of five different core competencies: Public Speaking, Interpersonal Communication, Strategic Leadership, Management and Confidence. Say you own a business, and your employees are struggling to feel empowered in their job. Knowing skills to help with the motivation might be helpful. Managers enrolled in the “Motivational Strategies” path might find tools to help motivate the employees, but also how to communicate more effectively with the employees, so that the company's growth plan “comes across” more appropriately. Or say in my case, I joined our club in November of 2017 in order to be a better manager for my employees. I wanted to be more concise in my discussions with the employees, and my supervisor. I chose “Dynamic

Leadership” to be a better manager to support my employees, to resolve conflicts that might arise, and to present challenges to my department's director in a clear and concise manner. Please see our website for full descriptions of each path.

The club has an open house Jan. 28. Talk about what will happen at this event...

The open house is intended to be an example of how a meeting is run, and to engage people interested in the club. We will give a rundown on how club meetings are structured, and encourage those in attendance to participate with what we call Table Topics speeches – short off-the-cuff speeches to answer fun and interesting questions. The membership will be around to answer questions from those interested in the club, to share their stories, and how the club has helped them in different aspects of their life. (Not to mention, free food!)

Please come on out and check us out. There is no charge to come out as a guest, and you can be a guest until you're ready to take the plunge. Once you do, you'll never look back!



For more information: <https://www.toastmasters.org/about/all-about-toastmasters> <https://www.toastmasters.org/pathways-overview>



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE



Pittsboro Toastmasters President Paul Kehle (left) poses club vice president of education Sharon Anita Hill, member Ken Taylor and vice president of public relations Jean McDonald at a club event. (Submitted photo)

other skill, public speaking requires practice, the chance to fail in a supportive environment, and feedback to help improve for the next time.

This is what Toastmasters is all about. When you first walk in the door to our club, you will find a group of people who come out each week with a single focus -- to improve their lives, and the lives of people around them. We are a welcoming group of folks, here to work on our own goals,

Breaker” speech, a very open-ended speech to officially introduce themselves to the club, to officially take your first step on the path. The club works to support members on each step of their path by giving constructive feedback. All prepared speeches are evaluated, and since words have power, evaluations have a positive focus, pointing out areas for improvement, not what was “wrong” with a speech. Leadership comes with

are often available to help new officers in their new offices. If not, Area, Division and District Directors are there to support members in building successful clubs.

What's expected of club members? And what are the other dividends that come with membership?

Members are expected to be engaged. Each meeting has supporting roles to ensure that the meetings run successfully, since it

Eagles (Continued from Page A1)

The vote brought an end to a long wait for the owners of the Eagles. The previous plan was last reviewed by the Town Board in April 2018. According to a memo from Town Planner Victoria Bailiff, town staff and planning board approved the plan submitted. “Staff noted that aside from the adjustments to parking and the addition of a new hydrant and water storage tank, any other differences (from the last plan) were minor and had been at the request of staff,” Bailiff said. “The board found the plans to be satisfactory and recommended approval in a vote of 6-0.”

A story in the Durham Herald-Sun newspaper — in which Bonitz was quoted as saying the location of the station was “bad urban planning” — was posted on the town's

official Facebook page last Wednesday. Several citizens commented on the post and expressed discontent with the placement of the station, saying it would add further traffic to the downtown area, while one citizen added that it would be “a blight on the town.”

Commissioner Bett Wilson Foley, who approved the plan, said on

the Facebook post that the Eagles “slipped in” to the town before the passage of an ordinance “designed to protect the character of downtown Pittsboro.”

The ordinance, among other things, prohibits the placement of convenience stores with gas pumps, automated carwashes and automobile service stations in the Downtown Overlay District.

Writing program hosts open mic

CN+R Staff Report
PITTSBORO - The Central Carolina Community College Creative Writing program invites the public to join writers of prose and po-

etry for its winter open mic night.

The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Mary Hayes Holmes Meeting Room at the Chatham Community Library, 197 N.C. Highway 87, Pittsboro.

Writers who plan to read are asked to sign in on arrival; read in the order signed in (those who wish to read later in the evening should sign at the bottom of the page); plan on a total of six minutes, including introductions, background information, and closing remarks.

For more information on the CCCC Creative Writing program, visit www.cccc.edu/creativewriting.

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Living in Chatham



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Menus

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For
Lunch?

Served at Elementary and K-8 Schools only

** Middle and High School Menus
Monday, January 28

Breakfast: Mini Pancakes, Pears (**Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, PB&J w/Smoothie Combo, Seasoned Corn, Seasoned Green Beans, Chilled Applesauce (**Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, January 29

Breakfast: French Toast Stick w/Sausage, Applesauce, Hashbrowns (**Cinnamon Bun, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: Chicken & Waffles, Meatballs w/Gravy, Rice & Roll, Chicken Caesar Salad, Seasoned Peas, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Fresh Fruit (**Chicken & Waffles, Meatballs w/Gravy, Rice & Roll, Ham & Cheese Combo, Chicken Caesar Salad, Seasoned Peas, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Fruit)

Wednesday, January 30

Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: Orange Chicken w/Rice, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Ham & Cheese Combo, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Sweet Potato Fries, Chilled Pineapples (**Orange Chicken w/Rice, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Chicken Tender Wrap Combo, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Sweet Potato Fries, Chilled Pineapples, Fresh Fruit)

Thursday, January 31

Breakfast: Cinnamon Bun, Pineapples, Hashbrowns (**French Toast Sticks w/Sausage, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: TexMex Beef w/Chips & Cheese, Chicken Alfredo w/Breadstick, Chicken Tender Chef Salad, Fiesta Black Beans, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Fruit (**TexMex Beef w/Chips & Cheese, Chicken Alfredo w/Breadstick, Deli Club Wrap Combo, Chicken Tender Chef Salad, Fiesta Black Beans, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit)

Friday, February 1

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

Lunch: Hot Dog in Bun, Fish Filet in Bun, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Baked Beans, Marinated Tomatoes, Fruit Explosion) (**Bacon Cheeseburger on Bun, Fish Filet in Bun, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Baked Beans, Marinated Tomatoes, Fruit Explosion, Fresh Fruit, 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

SUCCEEDS MARCHANT IN POST

Chapman excited to return home as CCCC's president

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

SANFORD – Since Lisa Chapman left Central Carolina Community College in 2014, she's kept an eye on her former employer.

Twenty-seven years of working in one place will do that to you.

As she's worked as the Chief Academic Officer for the North Carolina Community College System for the last few years, Chapman has had a hand in some of the initiatives that have filtered down to the state's 58 community colleges. And while she has served all of them equally, she's always had a soft spot for CCCC.

So when the opportunity to become that college's sixth president came about, Chapman jumped.

"I absolutely love Central Carolina Community College," she said. "What better place to be than the college that taught you how important community colleges are to their communities?"

Chapman was named CCCC's new leader on Jan. 15, replacing the retiring Dr. T. Eston Marchant, with her appointment confirmed by the state board of community colleges on Jan. 18. Marchant officially steps down April 1.

It's a bit of a homecoming for Chapman, who was a professor and later administrator at CCCC starting in August 1987, when it was called "Central Carolina Technical Institute." Nearly 32 years later, she returns to a college that has three campuses — one each in Chatham, Harnett and Lee counties — and is growing in stature.

Chapman's undergraduate and masters' degrees are in life sciences and began her professional career as a biologist in Research Triangle Park. She and her husband, who was stationed at Fort



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Bragg, settled in Sanford. But when children came into the picture, Chapman said, she realized commuting was not best, so she got a job as a teacher at what was then CCTI.

Having no prior experience in the community college atmosphere, Chapman began to learn.

"As soon as I began teaching, I realized how much I enjoyed being with our students, teaching our students and learning from our students," she said. "I was younger than many of our students and they were very kind to help me understand the value of what our colleges brought to each of our communities."

As the college's only full-time biology instructor, she would sometimes teach in all three counties in the same day. During those 27 years, she said she learned why community colleges are what she calls the "best-kept secret in North Carolina."

"One of the things that I think a lot of folks don't really realize is all of the opportunities provided through our community colleges and the varied needs that our community college meet," Chapman said. "You get to meet

the diversity of your local community and learn from them in ways that would never happen at the traditional four-year institution. You get to do that and still have the opportunities along with the quality instruction."

It was that knowledge of community colleges and experiences within the system that led to her hiring, according to Julian Philpott, chair of CCCC's Board of Trustees.

"She had teaching experience at the college, she was a dean, she was our vice president of curriculum and instruction, she taught in all three of the counties in our service area," Philpott said. "But she also has that recent experience in her job at the state community college system office that gave her a little bit different perspective. I think the board looked at that as a real plus, from a knowledge base of some of the good things that are going on at the community colleges, some things that needed to be avoided."

One of the key contributions of community colleges, Chapman said, is workforce development. The state has touted its workforce potential in re-

cent pitches to companies like Toyota, Apple and Amazon, with CCCC's campuses hovering around potential locations for those businesses. The college has also formed apprenticeship programs and partnerships with secondary educational institutions and economic development organizations in recent years.

Keeping community colleges a vital tool for economic development, Chapman said, is crucial.

"If we don't have a vehicle for economic mobility in North Carolina, eventually North Carolina is going to struggle," she said. "That vehicle is the community college."

Marchant is retiring the same day Chapman begins. On her first full day, she said, she wants to begin planning and focusing on what she says is the main thing: putting students and learning first.

"When I get into the office that first day, I am hoping that I will begin to sketch how I am going to reconnect and connect with the college family and the community as quickly and effectively as possible," she said. "I'll be listening, learning. I don't imagine I'll be in my office a whole lot early on."

As the college grows and evolves, Philpott said, Chapman will bring some fresh perspective but also carry on what's been working well for CCCC in recent years.

"People are excited about having her come home," Philpott said. "She brings a lot of energy, she brings a lot of new ideas. Dr. Marchant has established a legacy of excellence. With that culture, the board did not feel that that culture would change in any way, other than Dr. Chapman would bring some new ideas that would build on what Dr. Marchant and his team have done up to this point."



Church News

HARRIS GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST

The Dowdy Boys of Pittsboro will host a musical concert at Harris Grove Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, January 27 at 4 p.m.

Guest groups expected to participate include Unity PowerHouse, New Beginnings, the Mighty Sanfordaires and others. All are invited.

NEW SALEM CHURCH

A Gospel Sing will be held at New Salem Church

Sunday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The gospel quartet "Redeemed Harmony" will sing, and a gospel band will perform.

All are welcome to join us. The Church is located at 5030 Old Graham Road, Pittsboro.

CARD of THANKS!

There are not enough words to express our deepest appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to our family at the unexpected death of our dear Pick! Thank you for the cards, flowers, food, visits and prayers during this difficult time for us.

Thank you to so many of his friends and life-time friends and family members that have been there for us since his accident 13 years ago.

Thank you to all of the Nurses and CNA's with ComfortCare and I Am Unique that worked in our home around the clock and became like family. Thank you also to Dr. Davis and his staff for always being there for us.

2 Timothy 4:7 - I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

Thanks again,
The Lewis "Pick"
Dowdy Family

CN+R Staff Report

CHARLOTTE – With both North Carolina under an extreme cold front, AAA Carolinas warns of the potential for danger when it comes to space heaters and portable heaters.

"We are looking at several days where the temperature is going to stay very low," said Jim McCafferty, president of AAA Carolinas Insurance. "Understandably, people are going to be using space heaters to keep their homes warm, we just want them to do so with caution as these devices can be deadly if mishandled."

An estimated 25,000

portable heater fires in residential buildings are reported in the U.S. each year causing 300 deaths and 6,000 burn injuries, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

For residents planning to bring out their space heaters this winter, AAA Carolinas, in conjunction with FEMA, reminds:

Always turn space heaters off when you go to sleep or leave the house.

Keep anything flammable at least three feet away (blankets, sheets, clothing, rugs, etc.) – as this is the leading cause of house fires ignited by heaters.

Be wary of broken or

loose cords or damaged outlets. Never plug a heater into an extension cord but rather directly into the wall.

Invest with a portable heater that automatically shuts off if it were to overturn.

Always have a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home. Check them regularly to ensure the battery works.

Place space heaters on a level, flat surface. Never on cabinets, tables or other furniture.

Only shop for and buy space heaters that have a laboratory tested stamp of approval for safety on them.

"We hope that all Carolinians are staying warm this winter – but please do so responsibly," added McCafferty.

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SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oscar Sanchez, 17, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 17 with possession of weapons on campus/educational property. Sanchez is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 6.

Cierra Alston, 16, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 17 with simple assault. Alston is scheduled to appear in district court in Siler City on Feb. 12.

Kalef Marin, 16, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 17 with simple assault. Marin is scheduled to appear in district court in Siler City on Feb. 12.

Lavern Rogers, 41, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 17 with simple assault. Rogers was held under a \$500 bond and is scheduled to appear in district court in Siler City on Feb. 12.

Michael Ray Allen, 53, of Snow Camp, was charged Jan. 17 with misdemeanor larceny, felony possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Allen was held under a \$7,500 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 4.

John Watson Jr., 32, of Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 21 on an existing warrant. Watson was held under a \$500 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 6.

NORTH CAROLINA HWY PATROL

On Jan. 15, Carolyn Rimmer of Bennett was driving south on Edwards Hill Church Road and struck a cow in the roadway. The vehicle came to rest in the roadway, disabled, after impact.

On Jan. 15, Morgan Roberts of Chapel Hill and Jena Vaughn of Chapel Hill were driving northeast on U.S. Highway 15 in Pittsboro with Roberts behind Vaughn. Vaughn slowed into the roadway for traffic, and Roberts failed to reduce speed and struck the rear of Vaughn's vehicle. Both vehicles then moved out of the roadway to the median. Roberts was cited for failure to reduce speed.

On Jan. 16, James Lavandowski of Pittsboro and William Martinez-Guardo were traveling north on U.S. Highway 421. Lavandowski failed to reduce speed and collided in to the rear of Martinez-Guardo. Lavandowski traveled off the road to the right, striking a ditch and a fence. Martinez-Guardo traveled off the road to the right, striking a ditch. Lavandowski came to rest against the fence, while Martinez-Guardo came to rest on the shoulder of U.S. 421.

On Jan. 16, William Bowers of Lexington turned around on Bowers Store Road in Siler City by using a private driveway. Bowers failed to make a proper turn, causing the rear tandems of the trailer to fall into a ditch, overturning the vehicle. The vehicle came to rest on its right side.

On Jan. 17, Paige Allen of Robbins was traveling east on Bonlee Bennett Road in Siler City when a deer entered the roadway and struck the vehicle on the right front quarter on the right passenger side. The vehicle was moved to destination after impact.

On Jan. 17, Chloe Eaton of Hendersonville was traveling east on Hortons Pond Road in Pittsboro. Eaton crossed the centerline, traveling off the roadway, striking a ditch and overturning into a tree line. The vehicle came to rest in the tree line facing west. Eaton was cited for driving left of center.

On Jan. 17, Alexander Mesa of Cary was driving south on Grandale Drive when he traveled off the roadway to the right and struck a ditch, coming to rest in the ditch. Mesa was cited for failure to maintain his lane.

On Jan. 18, Jose Ixba of Greensboro was traveling west on Staley Snow Camp Road in Siler City. Ixba crossed the centerline and ran off the roadway to the left, where he struck a tree and overturned. The vehicle came to rest on the passenger's side off the roadway. Ixba was cited for driving while intoxicated.

On Jan. 18, James Locklear of Siler City was traveling north on Silk Hope Road when a deer ran directly into the travel path of the vehicle, which struck the deer in the roadway. The vehicle was pulled to the shoulder of the roadway to report the crash.

On Jan. 18, Deborah Butler of Liberty was traveling east and Cassandra Graves of Burlington was traveling west on U.S. Highway 64 in Siler City. Butler approached the intersection to merge onto U.S. Highway 421 and failed to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic, making a left with a flashing yellow light in front of Graves. As a result, Graves struck Butler in the intersection. Both vehicles came to rest in the intersection after impact. Butler was cited for failing to yield on a left turn.

On Jan. 19, Kaitlyn Dark of Bear Creek was traveling north on Alex Cockman Road in Pittsboro. Dark failed to maintain lane control. As a result, the vehicle ran off the road to the right and struck a ditch, crossed

a private drive, struck another ditch, overcorrected, crossed the centerline, ran off the side of the road to the left and struck a ditch. The vehicle came to rest outside the road. Dark was cited for failure to maintain lane control.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Burkett Phillips, 26, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 15 with breaking and entering a motor vehicle, breaking and entering, injury to personal property and larceny of a motor vehicle. Phillips was released under a \$12,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 4.

Justin Alford, 24, of Bear Creek, was charged Jan. 15 with felony probation violation, second-degree kidnapping, common law robbery, discharging a weapon in an occupied property, possession of firearm by a felon and simple assault. He was held under a \$50,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 4.

Jay Emmer, 76, of Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 16 with sexual exploitation of a minor. He was released under a \$10,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 4.

Stacey Milowsky, 42, of Greensboro, was charged Jan. 16 with simple assault. She was released under a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Jan. 29.

Nicky Owens, 30, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 16 with assault on a female. He was jailed under no bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Jan. 30.

Cameron Scott, 18, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 16 with failure to comply with a court order. He was jailed under a \$200 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 20.

Victor Herrera, 34, of Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 17 with failure to appear. He was jailed under a \$300 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 13.

Carl Blanton of Apex was charged Jan. 17 with failure to appear. He was released under a \$300 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 20.

Brandolyn Horton, 35, of Pittsboro, was charged for resisting a public officer and failure to appear. She was jailed under a \$3,350 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 13.

Tristan Brinkman, 32, of Pittsboro, was charged with failure to appear. He was jailed under a \$500 bond and is scheduled to appear in Swain County District Court in Bryson City on Feb. 11.

Jacob Phillips, 28, of Bear Creek, was charged Jan. 17 with failure to appear/child support. He was jailed under a \$1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Jan. 25.

Gregory Craft, 39, of Pittsboro was charged Jan. 17 with failure to appear/child support. He was jailed under a \$25,851 bond and is scheduled to appear in New Hanover District Court in Wilmington on Jan. 29.

Douglas Siler, 64, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 18 with second-degree kidnapping, common law robbery and simple assault. He was jailed under a \$21,500 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 4.

Sarah Hart, 48, of Gulf, was charged Jan. 18 with larceny and possession of stolen property. She was jailed under a \$1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 6.

Jamie Holt, 23, of Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 18 with failure to appear. She was jailed under a \$1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 8.

Joseph Beal, 38, of Goldston, was charged Jan. 19 with violating a domestic violence protective order. He was jailed under no bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Siler City on Feb. 12.

Demetris Goins, 22, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 19 with assault on a female. He was jailed under no bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Siler City on Feb. 12.

Garron Sparks, 25, of Dunn, was charged Jan. 20 with simple assault and resisting a public officer. He was jailed under a \$5,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Jan. 30.

Crystal Trotter, 40, of Siler City, was charged Jan. 20 with failure to comply. She was jailed under a \$240 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Siler City on Feb. 12.

David Hicks, 38, of Bear Creek, was charged Jan. 20 with failure to appear. He was jailed under a \$3,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Iredell County District Court in Statesville on Feb. 12.

Michael Sheeley, 29, of Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 20 with simple assault. He was released under a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 6.

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Ashley Holt, 20, of Pittsboro, was charged Jan. 19 with possession of marijuana. Holt is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Jan. 30.

FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

Firearm detection dog procedures headed toward approval for Chatham

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

Chatham County Schools' middle and high school students may soon be seeing gun-sniffing dogs at their schools.

At a mid-year retreat Monday, the Chatham County Board of Education tentatively gave district staff the go-ahead to further develop an official policy on procedures for firearm detection canines on school grounds for public events and during the day-to-day operations of schools.

"The goal of the K-9 exercise is to promote student and public safety and an orderly school environment," the draft policy says, "by deterring possession of, as well as identifying and confiscating, firearms in schools and on school property."

The policy allows for schools to be randomly chosen, but not more than twice a month, for the K-9 exercise.

During the exercise, students will be directed upon arrival to a single entrance. The detection dog will be located just inside that entrance approximately 3-5 feet from the students.

If the dog alerts its handler — a trained law enforcement officer typically from the Chatham County Sheriff's Department — the student may be approached by school administrators for further inquiry, possibly a search.

During that same day, while students are in class, school administrators would randomly select hallways of lockers and rows of cars to be

scanned by the detection dog. Students will be kept in the classroom during those scans.

During exercises at public events, such as sports games, the detection dogs will be stationed 3-5 feet from the admission line to the event. If the dog is alerted to a specific individual, an inquiry and possible search will be conducted by a school administrator.

In both the normal school day and public event exercises, dogs will not be allowed to approach students or other individuals.

Chatham Schools Superintendent Derrick Jordan said the program would be implemented at no cost to the district and is part of the system's efforts to "continue ensuring that our schools are as safe as they can be."

Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson said a former deputy who now trains gun-sniffing dogs for schools across the country came to the sheriff's office with the idea. He said the dogs are alerted by the smell of gunpowder and oils and chemicals used to clean firearms.

"They are passive alert, which means when they smell it, they sit down," Roberson said. "I think it's a way that we can make people feel better about the security of what's going on. It's just another tool we have in our tool belt."

The district and the department would jointly determine the date and location of the exercises. School board members

roundly approved the idea of using the scans in the schools. Board member David Hamm encouraged including elementary schools in the exercises.

"Yes, a kindergartner can bring a loaded firearm in," he said.

Jordan said district administration would continue having conversations with the sheriff's department about the policy, but noted authorization has already been given for the dogs at events.

He added that attorneys had assured the district that there were no federal violations in the policy.

"We believe that these proposed regulations get to the heart of helping us to navigate those waters,"

Jordan said. "Because this is a new initiative, it is a pilot, and we were unsure whether we wanted to stick to public events or expand it to during the day, we thought it important to bring these, allow conversation that needed to be had, and get some consensus around whether we should make this applicable to only one category or both categories."

There was no timetable given on when the dogs would begin appearing at public events or when a final vote would be taken on the policy. Roberson said the dog is ready to go, and if the pilot program shows that it works, the canine would join the force full-time.

IN U.S. 1 WRECK

Moncure man dies on commute home

CNR Staff Report

A Moncure man was the innocent victim of a high speed chasing, ending his life last week.

On the Wednesday evening rush hour, Scott Durso of Moncure was traveling home from work at the LORD Corporation in Cary when he was struck by Timothy Cox.

Authorities allege Cox was involved in a high speed chase in excess of 100 mph. At the time, Cox was being pursued by off-duty Wake County Deputy Major Jimmy Byrd.

Reports note that Byrd

spotted two vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed on U.S. 1, weaving through traffic. Byrd notes that when he began pursuit, one driver exited the highway while Cox allegedly kept going.

Last week, Cox was arrested for speeding and driving carelessly and recklessly and could face further charges.

Over the weekend, Facebook posts from Chatham residents shared the news of Durso succumbing to his injuries. Durso was married and had two children.

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children, and everyone in-between can walk or navigate a wheelchair along a paved greenway.”

Horne added that homes in Apex located along a greenway “are selling for about \$3,000 more than homes not on a greenway.”

The current plan is available on the town’s website, with the final plan to be presented to the town board of commissioners sometime this year.

CHATHAM COUNTY

Chatham County is farther along in its Comprehensive Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, Greenways and Blueways, having asking residents to weigh in on the five proposed vision statements for its master plan by Jan. 25.

The statements include creating a “strategy for parkland to better serve the diversified needs of a rapidly growing region,” “prioritiz(ing) the planning and construction of parks, greenways and amenities to enhance countywide health equity outcomes” and developing a network of greenways and “multi-use paths” to “preserve natural resources, provide recreation opportunities, bolster economic development and connect people and places.”

Based on an August 2018 survey of 312 county residents, 43 percent of county households have used county parks in the last 12 months. Forty-six percent said they’d use a walking/jogging track, and among the most

important additions, 38 percent listed natural trails and 25 percent supported the construction of greenway trails.

Tracy Burnett, director of parks and recreation for Chatham County, said the comprehensive plan is required for some state and federal grants and “will guide improvements to parks, programs and internal operations for the next ten years.”

Seventy percent of Chatham County residents surveyed indicated they “want” to use greenways anywhere from “at least a few times a year” to “daily,” but the county needs 68.7 more miles of trails to meet the 2018 Level of Service, which Burnett said is “developed through a combination of national standards, best practices and community input.”

“It is used to help anticipate and plan for future needs based on population projections,” she said.

The plan is in the final stage of editing, Burnett added, and will be presented to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for adoption on Feb. 18.

GREEN SUPPORT

Both county and town residents indicated in very certain terms they’d support new parks.

According to a county survey, 72 percent of residents are somewhat willing, willing or very willing to pay entrance fees or user fees to use the parks, while 64 percent are willing to pay increased taxes to support



The trail at Town Lake Park in Pittsboro is just one of its several features, which include soccer fields and a lake for fishing. (Staff photo by Zachary Horner)

development of new recreation facilities in the county.

“These results are typical of communities who support the parks system and believe quality parks contribute to a greater quality of life,” Burnett said.

A similar survey in Pittsboro led to similar results. Ninety-eight percent of those polled said they’d be willing to pay an additional \$1-3 dollars in taxes per month to support new parks, while 57 percent said they’d pay \$8-9 a month more.

“There’s a huge demand for more recreational offerings, conservation land, greenways, and more walkable communities in general,” Horne said. “We’re playing catch

up with the rest of the Triangle and certainly the most viable and successful cities in the nation have invested heavily in their qualities of life as expressed through their parks, recreation, and cultural amenities.”

Both Horne and Burnett said their respective municipalities will likely need to acquire more land for parks based on projected population growth, mainly due to the Chatham Park development.

Chatham Park itself had the location for its first park approved at the Jan. 14 meeting of the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners. Vineyard Park, a 10-acre neighborhood park that will be part of Pittsboro’s system, will include multiple play

spaces, a splash pad, dog park, multi-purpose play field and a 0.3-mile walking trail.

Horne said he’s encouraged that public surveys have shown support for park expansion because such expansion leads to better quality of life. He said parks contribute to the “triple bottom line” — the social, environmental and financial performance of a community — pointing specifically to the social aspect.

“Connections between fellow community members is not only important socially but builds stronger community cohesion,” he said.

As both the county and the town push toward more places for residents to walk, play and connect,

he said, he’s excited about the ramifications.

“While we are playing catch up in many respects, it is encouraging that the public surveys clearly support more investments in parks in recreation because they feel that parks contribute to their quality of life in tangible, relatable ways,” Horne said. “I think that trend will continue as new residents move in with higher expectations. The statistically-valid survey results simply confirm what most resident intuitively know. People live in Pittsboro for a high quality of life, conserving our best land via park, and offering more recreational opportunities just takes that quality of life to a new and better level.”



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SPORTS

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Culberson shines in Eagles' loss to Tar Heels in Dean Dome

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

CHAPEL HILL – There was a lot of Chatham County feel in the air at the Dean Dome on a recent Tuesday night in Chapel Hill.

Cade Culberson of Siler City was suited up for the Wake Tech men's basketball team, a top-5 ranked squad in the Junior College ranks, while Rahman Mateen, also of Siler City, is part of the UNC jayvee men's basketball team.

In the end, it was the UNC jayvees taking an 80-64 victory Jan. 15 over Wake Tech at the Dean E. Smith Center, which was missing four starters, and had a fifth playing with a severe shoulder injury.

That, coupled with its fourth game in six days, proved too much for the Eagles to overcome.

It also allowed Culberson, who went to Wake Tech on a baseball scholarship, ample playing time.

The freshman, who was discovered by Wake Tech coach Adam Wainwright while playing in a scrimmage against the Eagles women's team, played 24 minutes and collected six points, three rebounds and a pair of steals.

Culberson, a graduate of Chatham Charter, came in six minutes into the contest and quickly swished a left-handed three-pointer from the left wing right in front of UNC jayvee coach Hubert Davis.

Three minutes later, Culberson faked a three-point attempt, beat his Tar Heel defender down the left baseline and slammed home a two-handed dunk to delight the UNC crowd filing in for the varsity game against Notre



Rahman Mateen of Siler City is redshirting for the UNC men's jayvee basketball team this winter and will have two more seasons to play for the Tar Heels. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

Dame later in the evening.

Culberson would go 1-for-2 later in the opening half to complete his scoring.

It was an exciting experience for the local product and lifelong Duke fan despite the tough loss.

"It's amazing to play in a place which has had some many great players and great teams out here on the same court," Culberson said. "The experience was awesome, you grow up seeing the Dean Dome on television, so to actually play here was special."

Culberson knows his team must get back to full strength as the second half of the season begins.

"We were missing a lot of players tonight, hopefully we will be back at full strength soon," he said. "I think we can make a run in the (JUCO) playoffs."

Culberson will step out onto

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Cade Culberson (32) launches a three-point attempt for Wake Tech in the Dean Dome on Tuesday night in Chapel Hill in the Eagles game with the UNC jayvee team. Culberson, of Siler City, netted the trey with Tar Heel assistant coach and former NBA player Hubert Davis watching from the bench in the background. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

Northwood boys continue hot streak in rout of Northern Guilford

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO - Northwood raced out to a 17-7 advantage after one period and was never seriously threatened while outscoring Northern Guilford as the Chargers trampled their cold-shooting visitors from Greensboro 58-35 in a first-ever meeting Saturday afternoon in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

The winners improved to 11-4 for the year with the easy victory, while the Nighthawks dropped to 6-9 overall.

Deuce Powell topped Northwood with 16 points and Adam Omar pumped in 15 as the Chargers shot 23-of-46 (50%) from the floor and held a 28-24 advantage on the boards while only turning the ball over nine times.

Northern Guilford was led by Adonijah Whitley's 10 points as the Nighthawks connected on just 12-of-43 (28%) of their shots from the floor while committing 11 turnovers.

Jackson Helms' three-pointer from the left wing less than a minute-and-a-half into the contest gave Northern Guilford its only lead at 3-1 before



Northwood's Jalen McAfee-Marion (23) rises above a Northern Guilford defender in high school basketball action in Pittsboro. McAfee-Marion scored on the play in the Chargers 58-35 rout of the Nighthawks. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

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Nighthawks ladies soar in fourth to down Chargers

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO - Northern Guilford used a 14-0 run at the start of the final period to overcome a seven-point deficit and succeeded in holding off Northwood's late comeback attempt to gain a 52-46 non-conference triumph in its first-ever encounter Saturday afternoon in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

The victory elevated the Lady Nighthawks to 10-5 for the season, while the Lady Chargers dropped to 8-6 overall.

Janelle Henderson poured in 12 of her game-high 19 points in the decisive fourth quarter, including eight-for-eight accuracy at the charity stripe, to lead Northern Guilford. Milan Gordon recorded 11 points and Jayla Harris added 10.

The winners connected

on 44% (18-of-41) of their field goal attempts and held a 33-21 rebounding margin over their host while committing 16 turnovers.

Natalie Bell was the lone Northwood player to finish in double figures with 15 points as the Lady Chargers shot 38% (17-of-45) from the floor while turning the ball over 17 times.

After a low-scoring initial quarter which concluded with a 6-all deadlock, the Lady Nighthawks opened up a four-point advantage on three separate occasions in the second stanza, the last time at 20-16 following a Jayla Harris drive off the left baseline with 1:22 remaining in the first half.

Back-to-back Bell three-pointers from the right side over the next minute then put North-

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Results vary in Northwood grapplers' trip to Campbell University

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

BUIES CREEK – It was a loaded field here for Northwood at the DASH Invita-

tional wrestling tournament on the campus of Campbell University in Buies Creek as the Charger grapplers took on wrestlers from 4A clubs around the Triangle area with a mixed

bag of results.

In the 106-pound class it was Zion Verinder dropping a 10-5 decision to Bryce Lisenby of Fuquay Varina in round one before falling to Demetrious

Oxendine of Cape Fear in a Fall at the 2:08 mark.

Joe Sipper showed strong at 120 with an opening round pin win over Ryan Handibode of Heritage in 2:00 before

balling to Brennan McBride of Fishburne Military Academy at 2:19 in a fall in round two.

Sipper would bounce back

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Knights tame Jaguars behind Hamilton's double-double

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY - With Jordan Hamilton tallying 12 of his 23 points - in addition to collecting seven of his 12 rebounds - in the fourth quarter, once-beaten Chatham Charter managed to pull away from tenacious River Mill Academy down the stretch and claim a 66-52 Central Tar Heel 1A Conference win Tuesday night in Julia-Brent Milholen Gymnasium.

Raising their all-time record against the Jaguars to 4-2 with their fourth consecutive triumph in the series, the Knights improved to 17-1 overall and 4-1 in the league standings, while River Mill slipped to 11-8 for the year and 2-3 in the conference.

Connor Murphy tossed in 19 points and Cole Milholen contributed 16 for the winners, who connected on 27-of-54 (50%)

of their field goal attempts and held a slim 31-30 advantage on the glass while committing 18 turnovers.

Hamilton's big fourth-period performance overshadowed an impressive outing by the Jaguars' Chase Mebane, who notched a double-double with 28 points and 15 rebounds in a losing effort. River Mill shot 21-of-52 (40%) from the floor while turning the ball over 17 times.

The opening stanza featured four ties before three-pointers by Ryan White and Milholen sparked an 11-2 quarter-ending run that gave Chatham Charter a 22-13 lead after one period.

Following a pair of Cameron Lutterloh free throws that drew the Jaguars within 31-28 with just over two minutes left in the second frame, Murphy's turn-around basket in the lane and foul shot sandwiched around a Mebane layup put the Knights

up by four at halftime.

Three Mebane layups over the first two minutes of the third quarter allowed River Mill to equal its biggest advantage of the evening at 39-36 prior to the Knights retaking the lead at 45-43 on Murphy's drive off the right baseline with 52 seconds remaining in the period.

After Chatham Charter closed out the third stanza with hoops by Hamilton and Murphy to stretch its advantage to five, four straight Hamilton baskets at the start of the final quarter ignited a 10-2 Knights' spurt that lengthened their lead to 13 and they went on to increase the margin to 66-49 on a pair of Murphy charity tosses with 2:26 to go in the contest to effectively seal the victory.

RMA 13 17 14 8 - 52

CCH 22 12 15 17 - 66

River Mill Academy (11-8, 2-3) - Cannon 2 0-0 4 Lutterloh 3 2-2 9 Mebane 12 3-5 28

Bowden 1 1-2 3 Burgan 1 0-0 3 ChSuffern 0 0-0 0 Whitley 0 0-0 0 Taylor 2 1-2 5, Smith 0 0-0 0. **Totals** 21 7-11 52.

Chatham Charter (17-1, 4-1) - Alston 1 0-0 3 Murphy 8 3-7 19 Hamilton 11 1-3 23 Milholen 5 4-6 16 Rodriguez 0 0-1 0 Dettmer 0 0-0 0 White 1 0-0 3 Golden 1 0-0 2. **Totals** 27 8-17 66.

Halftime-Chatham Charter, 34-30. **Three-point goals**-River Mill Academy 3-18 (Burgan 1-2, Mebane 1-3, Lutterloh 1-4, Smith 0-1, Bowden 0-2, ChSuffern 0-2, Taylor 0-4); Chatham Charter 4-6 (Milholen 2-3, White 1-1, Alston 1-2).

Fouled out-None. **Technical fouls**-Mebane. **Rebounds**-River Mill Academy 30 (Mebane 15); Chatham Charter 31 (Hamilton 12). **Turnovers**-River Mill Academy 17; Chatham Charter 18. **Total fouls**-River Mill Academy 15; Chatham Charter 10.

Boys

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Northwood seized the advantage for good at 6-3 following an Aaron Ross trey from the left side barely a minute later.

With Powell, Omar and Aaron Ross teaming up for 26 first-half points, the Chargers expanded their 10-point lead after one quarter into as much as a 23-point advantage (39-16) following Omar's three-pointer from the left wing with 54.4 seconds to go until intermission.

After settling for a 39-20 spread at halftime, Northwood's third-period advantage ranged between 19 and 21 points, with the winners eventually carrying a 48-27 lead into the final stanza.

The Chargers continued to slowly extend their advantage throughout the fourth quarter and forged their biggest lead of the day at 58-31 following Jack Thompson's lane put-back with 1:43 remaining to play.

NG 7 13 7 8 - 35
NOR 17 22 9 10 - 58

Northern Guilford (6-9)

- Lomax 1 1-2 3 Whitley 3 4-5 10 Yonatis 1 0-0 2 Helms 2 0-0 5 Hodge 0 1-2 1 Pleasant 0 1-2 1 Emerick 1 2-4 4 Vail 2 1-1 5 O'Connor 1 0-0 2 Lewis 0 0-0 0 Efirid 0 0-0 0 Nolet 1 0-0 2. **Totals** 12 10-16 35.

Northwood (11-4) - Powell 6 1-2 16 Thompson 3 0-0 6 McAfee 3 1-3 7 Brower 1 0-0 2 Ross 3 0-0 7 Arnold 1 2-3 4 Omar 6 2-2 15 Mehring 0 0-0 0 Ocariza 0 1-2 1 Raines 0 0-0 0. **Totals** 23 7-12 58.

Halftime-Northwood, 39-20. **Three-point goals**-Northern Guilford 1-13 (Helms 1-4, Lomax 0-1, Efirid 0-1, Hodge 0-2, Vail 0-2, Pleasant 0-3); Northwood 5-11 (Powell 3-4, Ross 1-1, Omar 1-3, Arnold 0-1, Brower 0-2).

Fouled out-Thompson. **Rebounds**-Northern Guilford 24 (Helms 5); Northwood 28 (Thompson 6). **Turnovers**-Northern Guilford 11; Northwood 9. **Total fouls**-Northern Guilford 17; Northwood 17.



Northwood's Caitlyn Bailey (20) makes a nifty pass underneath a Northern Guilford defender on Saturday afternoon in Pittsboro in the Lady Chargers 52-46 loss to the visiting Nighthawks. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

Girls

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wood ahead by two before Gordon's rebound bucket in the paint with 10.4 seconds on the clock sent the teams into intermission tied at 22-apiece.

A Bell trey from the left wing one minute into the third stanza gave the Lady Chargers the lead once again and they kept the advantage throughout the period, eventually closing out the frame up 40-33 following Kaya Hill's put-back off the left baseline as the horn sounded.

But Northwood would struggle to put the ball in the hole over the course of the fourth quarter, converting only two-of-13 tries from the field, while Northern Guilford dominated play on both ends of the court.

The Lady Nighthawks recaptured the lead for good at 41-40 on a pair of Henderson free throws with 5:13 left in the contest and extended their advantage to 47-40 with just over two minutes to go.

The Lady Chargers managed to trim the gap to 47-45 on Bell's layup with 40.6 seconds

remaining but could draw no closer in the final moments.

NG 6 16 11 19 - 52
NOR 6 16 18 6 - 46

Northern Guilford (10-5)

- Gordon 5 1-5 11 Jay Harris 3 4-7 10 Henderson 5 9-10 19 Penn 3 0-2 6 Rule 2 0-0 4 Mag-nussen 0 0-0 0 Bagnoli 0 0-0 0 Mulry 0 1-2 1 Peeden 0 1-2 1. **Totals** 18 16-28 52.

Northwood (8-6) - Bailey 1 0-0 2 Snively 1 1-2 3 Adams 1 1-2 3 Bell 4 4-8 15 Marve 2 0-0 4 Jae Harris 2 0-0 4 McClarty 3 2-2 9 Smith 1 0-0 2 Hill 2 0-1 4. **Totals** 17 8-15 46.

Halftime-Tied, 22-22. **Three-point goals**-Northern Guilford 0-3 (Jay Harris 0-1, Rule 0-2); Northwood 4-10 (Bell 3-4, McClarty 1-2, Snively 0-1, Smith 0-1, Marve 0-1, Bailey 0-1).

Fouled out-Marve, Henderson, Jae Harris. **Rebounds**-Northern Guilford 33 (Jay Harris 10); Northwood 21 (Marve 5). **Turnovers**-Northern Guilford 16; Northwood 17. **Total fouls**-Northern Guilford 15; Northwood 22.

Wrestling

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and capture three straight victories to take third overall in the class. He would start with a tough 9-5 decision over Christopher Campbell of South View before edging Tristen Nixon of Washington 11-8, and pinning Jorge Cruz of Harnett Central at the 2:17 mark of the consolation semi-finals.

At 126, it was Ian Katz taking a 6-5 decision over Trevor Mason of Apex to open the event before falling to Alexas Tackas of Fishburne Military Academy at the 2:55 mark via a fall in round two.

Conan Dhamra of East Wake took a fall victory over Katz in 2:55 in consolation round two action.

Noah Kelly suffered a pair of losses at 132 for Northwood, including via a fall at 2:55 to Alex Chester of Heritage in round one, and in a 14-3 Major Decision to Jose Paz of Cape Fear in the consolation first round.

In the 138-pound class, Northwood's Jamison Davis received a first round

bye before besting Davion Coward of Washington in a pin at 1:17, losing to Noah Williams of Apex by a fall at 1:38, and taking third place with a pin of Jeremiah Smith of Heritage in a pin at 1:00.

Grant Ray fell 10-6 at 145 to John Sawn of Fishburne Military Academy in the opening round for the Chargers before dropping a forfeit to Steven Coraelius in round two.

At 152, Montgomery Allgood was pinned at 1:11 of the opening round by Monroe Payton before taking a fall victory at 1:20 over Ryan Barrus of Harnett Central.

Allgood dropped a fall decision at the 1:56 mark to Luke Jackson of Fuquay Varina.

Hue Jacobs of Northwood dropped an opening round decision to Ryder Keeny of South View via a fall at the :59 mark at 160 before rebounding with a pin of Christian Davis-Garcia at 1:53. Paul Rider of Holly Springs took a fall

triumph over Jacobs at the 2:44 mark of the third round to close the event for the Charger grappler.

At 170, Harrison Lake opened the tourney for Northwood with a pin of Nick Wilcox in 2:34 before falling in an 11-1 major decision to Anthony Woods of Southern Lee in round two.

Lake would receive a bye before being pinned by Kyle Sorensen of Panther Creek in :53 seconds of the consolation third round.

Harrison Knapp dropped a hard fought 5-3 decision to Cutter Tate of Cedar Ridge at 182 after receiving an opening round bye. After two more byes, Knapp fell to Kevin Pate of Cape Fear via a fall at 1:31.

In the 195 class, Nolan Ellis of Northwood followed a first round bye with a pin loss at the 1:54 mark to Austin Hunt of Cape Fear. Ellis received another bye before pinning Jonas Urban of Cedar Ridge in 1:55, and



Chatham Charter's Chandler Steele squares off against a foe on Saturday morning in Siler City enroute to taking first place in the 113-pound division. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

then falling to Chase Ambrose of Washington via a fall in :55 seconds.

Northwood's Matt Briggs opened with a bye at 220 before dropping a 7-5 heartbreaker to Luke Kitrell of East Wake in round two. Briggs would receive another bye before pinning Elijah

Johnson of Fishburne Military Academy in just :24 seconds, and then falling to Logan Nichols of Washington via a fall at 2:43.

Abraham Pena of Northwood would take third place in the 285 class with a win over Zachary Steamer of Heri-

tage following a fall at the 1:30 mark.

Earlier in the tournament, Pena opened with a bye before routing Carter Spittler of Lee County via a pin in just :18 seconds, and then dropping a tough fall loss to Chase Goodwin of Pinecrest at the 4:37 mark.

Culberson

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the baseball diamond this spring as soon as basketball is finished.

The freshman southpaw hurler is young for his age and will possibly redshirt for the Eagles diamond squad.

"Right now it hasn't been decided," Culberson said. "I wouldn't mind redshirting and getting a year older and stronger, but I also would love to play. So it will all work out for the best."

Mateen, meanwhile, transferred from the men's basketball team at Davidson Community College.

The Jordan-Matthews graduate will redshirt this winter while being a part of the UNC jayvee team,

and then will have two years left to play for the Tar Heels.

"I'm getting adjusted to school and the academics now, and will have two years to play," said Mateen. "It's been a great experience so far and I love it."

Mateen did admit it would be the accomplish-

ment of a major goal to make the UNC varsity team before he finishes his career as a Tar Heel.

"That's the ultimate goal and would be a dream come true," added Mateen. "So I'm going to work hard to obtain that goal and see what happens. Regardless, this

is a great experience."

Mateen's twin brother, Rahim, plays football at Averett University, while his older sister, Aquilla, played softball at UNC and is an assistant coach for the Tar Heel softball team. She is married to former Carolina basketball player Joel James.

Area Sports Calendar | Week of Jan. 23-29

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday
Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 28	Jan. 29
Wrestling Hillside at Northwood - 6 p.m.	Swimming Northwood at Big Eight Meet @ Duke University - 6:30 p.m. Wrestling Jordan-Matthews at Providence Grove - 7 p.m.	Basketball Cedar Ridge at Northwood- Girls 6, Boys 7:30 p.m. J-M at HP Andrews Girls 6, Boys 7:30 p.m. Clover Garden at Chatham Charter Girls 6, Boys 7:30 p.m.	Wrestling Northwood at Campbell University - 9 a.m. Jordan-Matthews Invitational - 9 a.m. Chatham Central at Cummings - 9 a.m. Basketball Northern Guilford at Northwood Girls 2:30 p.m., Boys 4:00 p.m.	No events scheduled.	Basketball NW at Southern Durham - Girls 6:30, Boys 7:30 p.m. Eastern Randolph at J-M Girls, 6:30, Boys 7:30 p.m. RTP at CCharter-Girls 6:30, Boys 7:30 p.m. River Mill at CC-Girls 6:30, Boys 7:30 p.m.

Apex Friendship girls pull away for Monday night win over NW

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff
 Apex Friendship used a 15-6 fourth quarter to pull away past Northwood 50-40 on Monday night in Pittsboro in non-conference girl's hoops action.

Indya Nivar pumped in a game-high 28 points for the Lady Patriots in the win including 13 of her club's 15 in the decisive final period. "We didn't have much of an answer for #12 (Nivar)," said NW coach

Cameron Vernon. "I thought we forced some tough shots, but she was able to hit them. She is a big time college prospect with a bright future. We did a great job in the third to tie it with a big 3 point shot by Chandler Adams, but much like Saturday we just fell apart in the fourth quarter and were unable to finish."

Despite the loss, Vernon was pleased with the effort of his Chargers.

"This was a very tough and talented Apex Friendship team," Vernon noted of the 4A Patriots. "I thought our girls played extremely hard and we are just having a hard time making plays when the pressure is on and handling some adversity when things do not go our way. But we just gotta keep going after it and continue to work."

Northwood (8-7) battled Apex Friendship to a 10-all standstill in the opening stanza as Jaela Harris scored four points to counter six from Nivar.

The visitors from Wake County would distance

themselves from Northwood at the break with a 20-13 second quarter advantage which pushed the Patriots ahead 30-23. Cierra Revelle had eight points, including a pair of treys, and Nivar and Ryleigh Hamilton four points apiece.

Chandler Adams canned a three-pointer on the way to five points for the Chargers in the second.

Adams would collect seven points in the third as Northwood came roaring back, including tying the game at 32-all behind another Adams trey.

Nivar would take over in the fourth, however, as Apex Friendship extended its precarious 35-34 advantage entering the frame into a double-digit win.

Adams had 13 points and nine rebounds to pace Northwood in the loss while Jaela Harris and Kaya Hill added six points apiece, and Jy Smith three assists.

Revelle chipped in 10 points in the victory for Apex Friendship which improved to 11-5 overall with the win.



Northwood's Jaela Harris drives to the basket against Northern Guilford. The visiting Night-hawks rallied for a 52-46 victory Saturday. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)



Chatham Charter's Amber Vaughn was chosen as the school's 2019 Homecoming Queen in Siler City on Friday night. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

Lady Jaguars race past Knights 71-48

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff
 River Mill Academy ran off 14 unanswered points at the start of the second quarter to break open a close contest and never let turnover-prone Chatham Charter get closer than 14 after intermission as the Lady Jaguars coasted to a 71-48 Central Tar Heel 1A Conference victory Tuesday night in Julia-Brent Milholen Gymnasium.

Improving to 6-0 in its series with the Lady Knights, River Mill climbed to 16-5 for the season and 2-2 in the league standings, whereas

Chatham Charter lost its fourth straight outing in falling to 6-13 overall and 1-3 in the conference.

Trinity French led the way for the Lady Jaguars with 18 points while Mercedes King and Morgan Mebane chipped in 11 points apiece. River Mill shot 38% (27-of-72) from the floor and held a 43-33 advantage on the boards while committing 25 turnovers.

Alexis Baldwin topped the Lady Knights with 23 points and Morgan Lineberry added 11 as Chatham Charter connected on 43% (20-of-47) of its field goal attempts but was severely hampered by turning the ball over 44 times.

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BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff
 It could be said Chatham Central literally stole a victory Friday night in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium.

With the score knotted at 51-all and Clover Garden looking to take the final shot as the clock was winding down, the Bears' Lucas Skertich intercepted a Grizzlies' pass near midcourt and drove in for a wide-open layup with 19 seconds left to lift Chatham Central to a thrilling 53-51 Central Tar Heel 1A Conference win.

Gaining the triumph in their first-ever matchup with Clover Garden, the Bears boosted their record to 4-1 against conference opponents and 5-6 for the year, while the Grizzlies slumped to 3-2 in the league standings and 11-7 overall.

Michael Moore tossed in 14 points and Jamieon Degraffenreidt totaled 11 for the victors, who shot 21-of-50 (42%) from the floor and commanded a 36-24 advantage on the boards while turning the ball over 14 times.

Heath Worsham paced

straight points as part of a 12-3 quarter-ending run that thrust the Bears in front 18-12.

Following Worsham's layup that trimmed the gap to 20-17 with 3:05 left in the first half, Jarious Cheek's tip-in 24 seconds later ignited an 8-0 Chatham Central burst that put the winners up by double digits prior to Pope's put-back in the paint as the horn sounded to slice the margin to 28-19 at the break.

Worsham's midcourt

steal and layup with exactly four minutes remaining in the third stanza pulled the Grizzlies within 30-26 before the Bears managed to restore a 10-point advantage just over a minute later and led 40-30 when Worsham's three-pointer from the right wing at the horn narrowed the difference to sev-en heading into the fourth quarter.

Fueled by treys from Tickle, Pope and Matt Hall, Clover Garden

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Wake Tech's Cade Culberson(center) guards a UNC jayvee player in the paint on an in-bounds situation on Tuesday night in Chapel Hill. Culberson had a strong showing for the Eagles which were tabbed this week as the No. 2 ranked JUCO team in the nation by former Duke University star and ESPN announcer Jay Bilas. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

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Celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

'We have a duty to stand for justice and righteousness'

- Dr. Ronda Taylor Bullock, keynote speaker at the West Chatham NAACP MLK Breakfast Celebration



Representative Robert Reives II (right) attended the NAACP's MLK breakfast with his wife Cynthia and their son, T.J. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)



Dr. Ronda Taylor Bullock (West Chatham NAACP photo)



Swannie Durant of Siler City shows off her plate of breakfast goodies that were served at the breakfast. Below, guests enjoy a hearty breakfast at the event. (Staff photos by Kim Hawks)

'We need to be about restorative justice.'

- Dr. Ronda Taylor Bullock

The West Chatham NAACP held its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration breakfast Saturday at the Holy Trinity Church in Siler City. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ronda Taylor Bullock, a Chatham Central graduation and the co-founder and director of We Are. **We Are** stands for **w**orking to **e**xtend **a**nti-racist **e**ducation. The non-profit uses summer camps for children, workshops for parents, and professional development for educators to provide the knowledge and skills needed to understand the complexity of racism.



'I am not asking you to change the world...just start here in your community.'

- Dr. Ronda Taylor Bullock



Volunteers such as Mary Harris (from left) of Siler City, Ann Alston of Bear Creek and Vickie Cheek of Siler City helped the event go off without a hitch. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)



People from across the county came for the West Chatham NAACP Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast celebration. Pittsboro residents (from left) Irene Wells, Malcolm Henry, Meredith Dillon and Mike Dillon are all smiles at the event which focused on justice and the complexities of racism. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)



Dr. Ronda Taylor Bullock's husband, Dr. Kelvin Bullock, Ph.D. (left) is seated with former Pittsboro mayor Randy Voller.



West Chatham NAACP President Larry Brooks (right) is joined by Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson (left) and Reverend Reginal Smith. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)

SUPERINTENDENT WANTS REFORMS

N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction vows end over-testing, make other changes after parent, teacher input

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction Mark Johnson announced last week that significant changes will be made to the amount and type of tests public school students across the state will take.

In a press release, Johnson said he wanted to reduce required testing after getting feedback from parents and teachers.

"New, personalized learning technology allows teachers to get the information they need about students' progress without high-stakes testing," Johnson said. "We will be working with local superintendents and state leaders to reform the system of over-testing. That way, we can give the teachers the time to do what they entered the profession to do: teach."

Among the steps, which the release said would start this year, are reducing the number of questions on tests, the time students sit for tests and the number of locally-required tests. Other initiatives include "giving students other ways to show progress if they have a bad test day" and "changing testing policies to reduce the stress at schools around testing time."

According to the press release, more than 42,000 parents responded to a survey on testing, with 78 percent saying their child "takes too many tests." In addition, 76 percent of teachers surveyed indicated they believed North Carolina's public school students were being tested "too much."

Johnson said that these changes were just the start in "reforming testing." "The changes I am announcing today

will be a major step in reducing outdated testing methods to measure students' progress, and the future is bright for North Carolina's public schools," he said.

Chatham County Schools Superintendent Derrick Jordan said in a statement that he was supportive of Johnson's goals.

"The number of assessments has continued to increase over time due in large part to changes to state and federal laws," Jordan said. "As a result, more stress has been created for students, parents and educators. While testing is a necessary part of teaching and learning, there has to be a more reasonable balance."



Martin Luther King Jr. Day



HOMES BEING CONSTRUCTED IN PITTSBORO

Volunteers honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with day of service for Habitat for Humanity



Staff and volunteers stand on the porch of the home they worked on during the day of service event on Saturday. They are joined by Dania Gonzales, (center in the purple top), who will own the home after the build is complete. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)

To celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and his dedication to service, volunteers with Habitat for Humanity helped build a home for a family in need Saturday in Pittsboro. The volunteers were taught everything they needed to know. Every task a volunteer did helped to create an affordable, decent, and energy-efficient home for a family in need. One of Habitat for Humanity's church partners, Chapel in the Pines, brought volunteers and lunch for the other volunteers and staff on site.



Habitat for Humanity Project Manager Jeremy Coerper (left) with Site Supervisor Efraim Cortes (left) have been working on the homes on Toomer Loop for months. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)



Above are two of the three Habitat for Humanity homes under construction on Toomer Loop in Pittsboro. Each of the homes are at various stages of construction. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)



Volunteers were happy to help with the Habitat for Humanity build. Northwood juniors Amber Haley, Peyton Casey, Sarah Fowler and Jillian Hold worked on painting the interior of the home. (Staff photo by Kim Hawks)

Chatham Community Library to host Black History Month with 3-part film series

CNR Staff Report

Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro is celebrating Black History Month with a three-part film series beginning on Feb. 12 and running each Tuesday thereafter throughout the month. The films will air in the Holmes Meeting Room at 6 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Films in the series include:

• 2/12: Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise (2017). As a singer, dancer, activist, and writer, Maya Angelou inspired generations with boundary-pushing, African-American writings. Trace Angelou's

incredible journey as she unwraps untold aspects of her life through rare footage, photographs, and her own words.

• 2/19: Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities (2017). A haven for Black intellectuals, artists and revolutionaries-and path of promise toward the American dream-Black colleges and universities have educated the architects of freedom movements and cultivated leaders in every field. They have been unapologetically Black for 150 years. For the first time ever, their story is told. Directed by Stanley

Nelson, the film won the 2018 Black Reel Award for outstanding independent documentary.

• 2/26: Belle (2013). This film is inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, the illegitimate mixed race daughter of a Royal Navy Captain. Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield and his wife, Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet the color of her skin prevents her from fully participating in the traditions of her social standing. Belle won the 2015 Black Reel Award for outstanding actress in a motion picture.

Sen. Foushee selected as NCATA's Legislator of the Year

CN+R Staff Report

The North Carolina Association of Teacher Assistants (NCATA) has chosen Sen. Valerie Foushee (D-NC 23rd District) as NCATA Legislator of the Year.

Foushee was chosen by the statewide NCATA Legislative Committee based on her service to benefit public education, her active participation in legislation supporting public education, her availability and public presence to the citizens



VALERIE FOUSHEE

of North Carolina, and her support of teacher assistants.

The NCATA promotes the role of teacher assistants in the public schools, provides professional training opportunities, and works to improve salaries and employment security.

Foushee will be presented her award and speak at the NCATA Legislative and PDP Banquet on May 3, during the 37th NCATA Annual Conference to be held at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro.

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Following a pair of early lead changes, the Lady Knights fashioned a 10-4 advantage on Lineberry's fast break layup with 4:07 left in the opening stanza before the Lady Jaguars rallied to go ahead 16-14 on King's third trey of the initial quarter with 48.5 seconds showing on the clock.

After Teia Bui's layup just before the horn extended River Mill's lead to three, Meghan Wilcox and Morgan Mebane combined for eight points during the Lady Jaguar's second-period surge that increased their advantage to 17 with 2:52 remaining in the frame.

A Mebane free throw with 1:43 to go until intermission gave River Mill its biggest lead of the first half at 37-18 before Rebecca McGaughnea's foul shot reduced the margin to 18 at the break.

Chatham Charter managed to narrow the gap to 50-36 following Baldwin's midcourt steal and layup with 1:20 left in the third period prior to the Lady Jaguars going on an 11-1 run to boost their advantage to 61-37 with 5:38 to go before leading by as many as 25 points on two occasions down the stretch.

RMA 19 18 15 19 - 71
CCH 16 3 17 12 - 48
River Mill Academy (16-5, 2-2) - HBradshaw 1 0-0 2
NBradshaw 1 0-0 2 Sellars 0
0-0 0 King 4 0-2 11 Mebane 4
3-6 11 French 8 2-4 18 Loftin
0 0-0 0 Lax 3 0-0 6 Wilcox 3
1-2 7 Meeks 0 0-0 0 Swepson
0 8-19 8 Bui 3 0-2 6. Totals 27
14-35 71.

Chatham Charter (6-13, 1-3) -
Baldwin 10 3-8 23 McGaughnea
3 1-2 7 Lineberry 6 1-1 13
Cheek 0 2-4 2 Griffin 0 0-1 0
Brewer 0 0-0 0 Brooks 1 0-0
3 Clark 0 0-0 0 Kreiss 0 0-0
0 Rickman 0 0-0 0 Simpson
0 0-0 0. Totals 20 7-16 48.
Halftime-River Mill Academy,
37-19. Three-point goals-River
Mill Academy 3-3 (King 3-3);
Chatham Charter 1-6 (Brooks
1-3, Lineberry 0-3). Fouled
out-McGaughnea, Lineberry.
Rebounds-River Mill Academy
43 (Wilcox 12); Chatham
Charter 33 (Baldwin 9). Turn-
overs-River Mill Academy
25; Chatham Charter 44. Total
fouls-River Mill Academy 18;
Chatham Charter 23.



Chatham Charter's Ryan White (left) passes the ball to teammate Riday (right) during a game in Siler City. White and the Knights held off Raleigh Charter 47-41 to improve to 18-1 on the season with the Homecoming victory. (Staff photo by Lee Moody)

Heroics (continued from B3)

launched a rally down the stretch that eventually put the Grizzlies in the lead at 49-47 following Hall's three-pointer from the right wing with 3:46 to play.

After Moore responded with a layup to draw Chatham Central even at the 3:11 mark, Hall and Degraffenreidt exchanged hoops to forge the evening's final tie with 1:50 on the clock and set the stage for Skertich's

game-winning theft.

CG 12 7 14 18 - 51
CC 18 10 12 13 - 53
Clover Garden (7-11, 2-4) -
Hall 2 0-0 5 Pope 4 0-0 10
HWorsham 7 3-4 18 Tickle 4
0-0 11 IWorsham 2 1-2 7 Tate
0 0-0 0 Jones 0 0-0 0 Glasco
0 0-0 0. Totals 19 4-6 51.
Chatham Central (5-6, 4-1) -
Dodson 1 3-3 6 Fuquay 3 0-0
6 Cheek 3 2-4 8 Degraffenreidt
4 3-3 11 Moore 6 2-3
14 Skertich 3 0-2 6 Wilson 0
0-0 0 Lagenor 0 0-0 0 Nall 1

0-0 2 Gaines 0 0-0 0. Totals 21
10-15 53.
Halftime-Chatham Central 28-
19. Three-point goals-Clover
Garden 9-30 (Tickle 3-8, Pope
2-4, IWorsham 2-7, HWorsham
1-2, Hall 1-9); Chatham
Central 1-11 (Dodson 1-3,
Skertich 0-2, Moore 0-2,
Degraffenreidt 0-4). Fouled
out-None. Rebounds-Clover
Garden 24 (HWorsham 10);
Chatham Central 36 (Moore
13). Turnovers-Clover Garden
9; Chatham Central 14. Total
fouls-Clover Garden 13; Cha-
tham Central 9.

Lady Bears fight off Grizzlies 66-59

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

Placing five players in double figures, league-leading Chatham Central led from start to finish and held off every challenge by a resilient Clover Garden team en route to posting a 66-59 Central Tar Heel 1A Conference triumph Friday evening in the first-ever meeting between the two schools in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium.

The victory lifted the Lady Bears to 10-2 overall and 5-0 in the conference, while the Lady Grizzlies fell to 11-7 for the season and 3-2 against league rivals.

Abby Elkins and Mary Grace Murchison registered 14 points each for Chatham Central, while Maddy Elkins and Cami Hughes chipped in 12 apiece and Lauren Oldham added 10. The Lady Bears connected on 48% (28-of-58) of their field goal attempts while outrebounding the visitors from Burlington 36-30.

Jaclyn Faucette fired in five three-pointers and led Clover Garden with 25 points while Makayla Brown collected a double-double with 10 points and 14 boards as the Lady Grizzlies shot 43% (26-of-60) from the floor. Both teams turned the ball over 15 times.

Chatham Central bolted to a 6-0 advantage in the first three minutes of play and behind three Abby Elkins baskets expanded its lead to 16-8 with 1:05 to go in the initial period before Faucette's lane jumper and three-pointer from the right wing over the final 29 seconds of the stanza pulled Clover Garden within three after one quarter.

Following an Abby Elkins jumper off the right baseline with 5:45 remaining in the second frame that allowed the Lady Bears to increase

their advantage to 26-17, Faucette and Brown combined for all but two points in a 14-6 Lady Grizzlies' burst that closed the margin to 32-31 with 1:20 left until halftime.

But a Murchison trey coupled with Maddy Elkins' jumper off the right baseline and Lauren Oldham's layup offset an Erica Burgess turnaround bucket in the lane as Chatham Central eased out to a six-point lead at intermission.

After Clover Garden crept within two twice in the first three minutes of the third period, Murchison's trey from the left wing and fast break layup triggered an 11-4 Lady Bears' run that put them ahead 52-43 with 2:33 to go in the stanza.

But once again Faucette stepped up big with a three-pointer from the left wing and drive from the left side over the last two minutes of the quarter as the Lady Grizzlies cut the difference to four entering the final eight minutes.

Following an exchange of baskets to begin the fourth period, Maddy Elkins and Hughes combined for all the points in an 8-0 Chatham Central spurt that stretched the Lady Bears' advantage to 62-50 with 3:53 to play and Clover Garden couldn't edge any closer than seven in the time remaining.

CG 13 20 15 11 - 59
CC 16 23 13 14 - 66
Clover Garden (11-7, 3-2) - Brown
4 2-2 10 Stroud 0 0-0 0 Roberts 4
0-2 8 Faucette 10 0-0 25 Hackney
4 0-2 8 Hobbs 0 0-0 0 Burgess 4
0-0 8 Harrelson 0 0-0 0. Totals 26
2-6 59.
Chatham Central (10-2, 5-0) -
MElkins 6 0-0 12 THughes 0 0-0
0 AElkins 7 0-0 14 CHughes 5 2-2
12 Murchison 3 6-6 14 Collins 2
0-0 4 Oldham 5 0-0 10 Phillips 0
0-0 0 Hudson 0 0-0 0. Totals 28
8-8 66.
Halftime-Chatham Central, 39-33.
Three-point goals-Clover Garden
5-23 (Faucette 5-16, Stroud 0-2,
Roberts 0-2, Burgess 0-3); Cha-
tham Central 2-4 (Murchison 2-4).
Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Clover
Garden 30 (Brown 14); Chatham
Central 36 (CHughes, MElkins 8).
Turnovers-Clover Garden 15; Cha-
tham Central 15. Total fouls-Clover
Garden 10; Chatham Central 8.

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 Diane R. Winans, Executrix
 405 Parkview Crescent
 Chapel Hill, NC 27516
 J3,J10,J17,J24,4tp

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PART-TIME MAINTENANCE position, 20 hrs a week. Walnut Grove Apartments. Pittsboro, NC. 919-542-2669, J24,31,F7,14,4tc

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18 E 659

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 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
J10, J17, J24, J31, 4tp

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 1: 1811 Page: 1052
Date: 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 PAR-

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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.

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 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 J17,J24,2tc

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 the undersigned. This the 17th day of January, 2019. James Lester Seagroves, Executor 395 Kentview Dr Pittsboro, NC 27312 J17,J24,J31,F7,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 14

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 Pittsboro, 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 DEVISEES of EVELYN BURNETT, et al Defendants **NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS by PUBLICATION**

TO: THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS, and DEVISEES 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

NOTICE to CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY HAVING QUALIFIED as Executrix of the Estate of PHILIP ARMSTRONG NOZNESKY late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and

corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of April, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 17th day of January, 2019. Sheela Ann Noznesky, Executrix, The Estate of Philip Armstrong Noznesky Post Office Box 1806 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOX 1806 PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312 (919) 542-5605 J24,J31,F7,F14,4tc

Library to host film series

CN+R Staff Report

Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro is celebrating Black History Month with a three-part film series beginning on Feb. 12 and running each Tuesday thereafter throughout the month. The films will air in the Holmes Meeting Room at 6 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Films in the series include:

- 2/12: Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise (2017). As a singer, dancer, activist, and writer, Maya Angelou inspired generations with boundary-pushing, African-American writings. Trace Angelou's incredible journey as she unwraps untold aspects of her life through rare footage, photographs, and her own words.

- 2/19: Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities (2017). A haven for Black intellectuals, artists and revolutionaries and path of promise toward the American dream-Black colleges and universities have educated the architects of freedom movements and cultivated leaders in every field. They have been unapologetically Black for 150 years. For the first time ever, their story is told. Directed by Stanley Nelson, the film won the 2018 Black Reel Award for outstanding independent documentary.

- 2/26: Belle (2013). This film is inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, the illegitimate mixed race daughter of a Royal Navy Captain. Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield and his wife, Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet the color of her skin prevents her from fully participating in the traditions of her social standing. Belle won the 2015 Black Reel Award for outstanding actress in a motion picture.

Nominees sought for Wildlife Conservation recognition

CN+R Staff Report

RALEIGH — It's not too late to recognize someone who is a leader in nongame wildlife conservation in North Carolina with a nomination for the Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award.

The nomination period for the award closes Jan. 31. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission presents the award annually to an individual who has a passion for wildlife conservation and who has made outstanding contributions to wildlife diversity in North Carolina. Nominators must submit a completed nomination form and a detailed essay describing the nominee's contributions to nongame wildlife conservation in North Carolina. Submissions that fail to follow length guidelines will be disqualified and returned to the nominator. For more information on the nomination process, contact Melinda Huebner at 919-707-0224.

CARE offering no-cost spay services for pets

Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE) has announced the launch of its "3 for Free!" initiative, providing eligible Chatham County residents with the opportunity for quality, no-cost spay services.

This program is funded by a grant awarded from the Margaret T. Petrie Spaying and Neutering Foundation and managed by CARE's Lillie's Fund. Covered services include the spay surgery, pain medication, core vaccinations, and an optional microchip. This free offer is available to families who reside in Chatham County and qualify for Lillie's Fund, CARE's targeted spay/neuter program. Lillie's Fund subsidizes spay and neuter surgeries

for families with a household income of \$40,000 or less.

Spaying pets not only protects the animal's health, CARE officials say, it also supports improved behavior at home. In addition, spaying also prevents unwanted births, which in turn helps to reduce the number of homeless cats and dogs that arrive at the shelter every day. Millions of unwanted animals end up in shelters or on the streets each year, and only a lucky few are adopted. Having female dogs or cats spayed now before this spring is the best way to reduce cat and dog overpopulation in Chatham County.

To apply, go to chatham-animalrescue.org and

click on any spay/neuter link for an application or call 919-542-5757 and leave a message.

The mission of Chatham Animal Rescue & Education is to promote the health and safety of all dogs and cats in Chatham County. CARE foster caregivers provide loving, stable homes to homeless cats and dogs, helping them become the best possible pets for their future forever families. CARE is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that has served the community since 1975 and relies on individual and corporate donors for support.

For more information, contact Bridget Roy at bridgetroy@chathamanimalrescue.org.

Cougar makes cross-country trip to new home in Pittsboro

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Carolina Tiger Rescue's latest rescue is a young cougar captured in Washington.

The wild cat sanctuary in Pittsboro is gaining its newest resident after the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife put out the call for a home for the wild cat.

The Department was called out on two occasions to a Cle Elum, WA neighborhood when residents reported the four-month-old cougar in their backyards.

The wild-caught cougar has yet to be named.

The Wildcat Sanctuary in Minnesota played an integral part in the cougar's 2,747 mile, three day, coast-to-coast trip, Carolina Tiger Rescue officials said.

Once permits were secured at both ends of the country, the cougar rode in an airplane from Washington to Minnesota. Staff from The Wildcat Sanctuary drove the cat from Minnesota to Indianapolis, where they met a transport vehicle from Carolina Tiger Rescue for the last 10-hour leg of the voyage to the cougar's new home.

In the last three years,

Carolina Tiger has rescued 22 animals, and this will be the first of 2019.

"We are very happy to be able to offer a home to the new cougar," said Kathryn Bertok, Carolina Tiger Rescue's Assistant Director.

"We will spend the next few weeks getting to know the cougar's personality and likes and dislikes," Bertok said. "We want do to everything we can to make his transition to our care as easy as possible."

The cougar, like all new arrivals to the facility in Pittsboro, will go through a 30-day quarantine period.

In that time, he will receive a medical exam and the animal care team will also learn more about him. The team will be able to further assess his needs.

The cost of the rescue, quarantine, and a new habitat will be \$20,500 and donors may assist the nonprofit sanctuary in its work through donations. Those interested may give to the organization through the sanctuary's website or through their Facebook page. Mailed checks must have "Rescue" in the memo line and be sent to 1940 Hanks Chapel Road, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312.

One hundred percent of donations go toward the care of the animals and education.



Carolina Tiger Rescue's latest rescue, not yet named, is a young cougar captured in Washington. (Photo contributed)

Duke Energy a 'Most Admired' company

CN+R Staff Report

CHARLOTTE — Duke Energy has been named to Fortune magazine's 2019 list of the World's Most Admired Companies for the second year in a row.

Duke Energy was ranked 5th among gas and electric utilities.

"Our people are working hard to enhance the cus-

tomers experience, reduce carbon emissions and modernize the grid while keeping power reliable and affordable," said Lynn Good, Duke Energy's chairman, president and CEO. "We're delivering on our commitments to customers, communities, investors and employees."

In determining the industry rankings, approxi-

mately 3,750 executives, directors and industry analysts are independently surveyed and companies are rated on nine attributes: innovation, people management, use of corporate assets, social responsibility, quality of management, financial soundness, long-term investment, quality of products/services and global competitiveness.

State jobless rate steady at 3.6 percent

CN+R Staff Report

RALEIGH — The state's seasonally adjusted December unemployment rate was 3.6 percent, remaining unchanged from November's revised rate, according to N.C. Dept. of Commerce data.

The national rate increased 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.9 percent.

North Carolina's December 2018 unemployment rate decreased 0.9 of a percentage point from a year ago.

The number of people employed increased 4,299 over the month to 4,818,454 and increased 74,190 over the year.

The number of people unemployed increased 1,173 over the month to 178,436 and decreased

43,413 over the year. Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm industry employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 1,200 to 4,536,400 in December.

The major industries with the largest over-the-month increases were Manufacturing at 2,200, followed by Leisure & Hospitality Services, 1,900; Education & Health Services, 900; Government, 500; Construction, 200; and Mining & Logging, 100.

Major industries experiencing decreases were Professional & Business Services, 2,900; Information, 700; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 700; Financial Activities, 200; and Other Services,

100. Since December 2017, Total Nonfarm jobs gained 87,200 with the Total Private sector growing by 82,700 and Government increasing by 4,500. The largest over-the-year increase among major industries was Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 22,800, followed by Professional & Business Services, 14,300; Education & Health Services, 13,200; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 9,900; Financial Activities, 7,500; Manufacturing, 7,500; Construction, 6,400; Government, 4,500; and Information, 2,200. Major industries experiencing decreases were Other Services, 1,000; and Mining & Logging, 100.



Ashley Herring (left) of the N.C. Cattlemen's Beef Council hands the Beef Backer award to Carolina Stockyards Restaurants co-owners, Sherry Duncan and Robert Crabb (N.C. Cattlemen's Beef Council photo)

Stockyard

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feather in their cap and say 'Great job!'"

"I was very surprised," Carolina Stockyard Restaurant co-owner Robert Crabb said. "There are a lot of really nice white tablecloth restaurants across the state."

The restaurant, at 260 Stockyard Road, rests on the same property as the Carolina Stockyards, a livestock auction house, hosting auctions Monday through Friday. Each day, farmers line up to bring in their cattle, goats, and other livestock to sell to the highest bidder.

The restaurant serves Southern farm food including hamburger steak, ribeye sandwiches and classic burgers. Dennis Curtis, a resident of southern Alamance County who eats at the restaurant every Friday morning when he comes for the goat auction, suggests the pork chops and scrambled eggs.

"This is a good place to eat," Curtis said. "They have very good food." Pat Phillips of Siler City is one of 10 ladies

who also come to the restaurant every Friday. The women, many of whom are retired from Siler City, come together to eat, chat, and share stories.

Brian Green, a goat farmer from Carthage, eats breakfast with his family at the restaurant on Fridays.



"I remember coming here since I was their size," Green said, pointing to the school-aged children Hannah and Kaden Scarborough sitting at the table with him. "We've been coming here for years."

"This has always just

been the place to come in Siler City," Duncan said. "The place where everybody grew up. Plus our food is good...that helps."

"I think it's a one stop shop," she said of the restaurant next to the stockyard auction site. "You can sell 'em, you can buy 'em, you can eat 'em."

Laughing, Duncan said that some folks even ask if they can "pick out the steak they want."

"No, we don't do that," she said with a laugh.

While history and legacy play a role in the restaurant's success, Crabb showered praise on his partner Duncan.

"Sherry [Duncan] does 90 percent of the work," Crabb said. "She deserves the credit."

"I'm very proud," Duncan said. "This puts us in a prestigious category."

The Carolina Stockyard Restaurant's hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Fridays.



Above: Goat farmers Julian Stephenson (from left) of Bear Creek, Rodney Morris of Pittsboro, Dennis Curtis of Graham and Norman Morris and Ricky Morris of Pittsboro enjoy breakfast at the Carolina Stockyard Restaurant every Friday in advance of the goat auction at the stockyards next door. Below: Liberty residents (from left) Shelby and Dallas Duncan, Haley Phillips and Megan Jordan enjoy themselves as they await their breakfast at the Carolina Stockyard Restaurant in Siler City. (Staff photos by Kim Hawks)



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