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## REDESIGN

### Welcome to our new look

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Welcome to the “new” Chatham News + Record. With this edition, we’re debuting your newspaper’s new look. The modern design elements you’ll find throughout are the result of months of work and collaboration done in order to deliver you the most attractive news product possible.

Why embark on a redesign?

Since the locally-owned Chatham Media Group acquired The Chatham News and The Chatham Record in November, we have been working continuously to improve operations and content. As local owners of this newspaper, we also sought out the very best design consultants available to help the newspaper give the best reflection possible on our growing county. We ultimately partnered with Creative Circle Media Solutions, a Rhode Island-based firm that has worked with nearly 700 newspapers across the United States – from large metropolitan dailies to small weeklies – to make the newspaper’s new look as accessible as possible for readers.

In addition, we’ve partnered this week with one of North Carolina’s best small daily newspapers – The Wilson Times – to outsource our pagination process. With a creative team of layout artists working there to provide this function, it will allow our newsroom staff in Siler City and Pittsboro to focus more time on reporting about what matters to you in Chatham County.

Along with the paper’s new website – which debuted shortly after our acquisition from the Resch family in November – the goal of all these changes, and our significant investment, is to give our readers and advertisers an attractive, functional and eminently readable news product. We want to deliver a community newspaper that looks and feels up to date, yet still retains an identity which serves our mission to speak to this county’s needs in changing times.

Regular readers have already commented positively about the content changes we’ve implemented – more stories, more in-depth reporting and more information.

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**Left:** This rental home is located on Toomer Loop in Pittsboro. Habitat for Humanity is also building a community on this street. **Center:** City Walk Mobile Home Park in Siler City. **Right:** Bellemont Pointe apartments in Pittsboro is a new income restricted community. The complex is full with an extended waiting list.

## Chatham’s affordable housing crisis

*For too many of our families, there are too few housing options*

BY CASEY MANN  
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**S**haron Gillette worked two jobs, six days a week. She has 30 years of experience in the service industry.

But not being able to find a roommate meant she had to leave Chatham County because living here was too expensive for her. After paying her rent and other bills each month, she would have just \$30 left over.

“I was heartbroken,” she said. “I left Walgreens, where I absolutely loved my co-workers. Then I had to leave Sanda, who I cleaned houses with. I was absolutely heartbroken.”

Gillette, who moved to Bur-gaw, is an example of someone who had to leave Chatham County because of the county’s lack of what’s officially described as “affordable housing” — defined by the federal government as when housing costs, including rent/mortgage and utilities, make up no more than 30 percent of a household’s gross monthly income. As local housing prices rise — by 8 percent in the last year alone, according to the county — supplies of affordable homes and rental units are in short supply, meaning thousands of residents are paying well in excess of the 30 percent threshold just to have a roof over their heads.

### Diving into numbers

Hard numbers on the exact number of residents who have left Chatham because of rising housing costs are difficult to nail down, but a recent report by the Triangle J Council of Governments may give an indication.

Triangle J — an intergovernmental organization made up of officials from seven counties — produced an Affordable Rental Housing Report for Chatham County in 2017. The report states that supplies of affordable homes are in short supply compared to demand, with a good portion of that stock considered to be of poor quality.

That leaves individuals like Gillette who can’t find a roommate or don’t make enough little choice but to leave.

In 2013-2014, Chatham saw more than 5,000 move to the county and about 3,600 people leave. The Triangle J report says households moving into the county have higher adjusted gross incomes than those leaving.

“It’s hard to say why this is the case,” the report states, “but it could be a sign of increased costs of living in Chatham County.”

The report estimates that 41 percent of renter households here are cost burdened, meaning they spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent and utilities. Of all renters, 66 percent make less than 80 percent of the area median income and are, therefore, classified as cost-burdened.

Sharing the costs among roommates might provide help, but that’s not optimal. The Triangle J report stated that 33 percent of renter households are one-person households, yet only 16 percent of rental units are one-bedroom or studios, according to Affordable Rental Housing Report.

To meet the needs, the report estimates, the county needs nearly 2,000 more rental units for households making \$50,000 or less a year.

### What can be done?

Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, a county policy analyst and housing representative, says the numbers are “naturally overwhelming.”

“It’s not going away at a national or at a local level,” she said.

Watkins-Cruz said it boils

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### WAGES & AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CHATHAM COUNTY

MEAN WAGE OF RENTERS **\$8.98/HR.**

AFFORDABLE MONTHLY RENT FOR THOSE EARNING MEAN WAGE **\$467/MO.**

WAGE REQUIRED FOR MODEST 2BR RENTAL **\$19.04/HR.**

SOURCE: 2018 CHATHAM COUNTY OUT OF REACH REPORT



### A housing primer

#### What is Affordable Housing?

Housing is considered affordable when housing costs, including rent or a mortgage and utilities, make up no more than 30 percent of a household’s gross monthly income. The term “affordable housing” is generally used to refer to housing for households who make 80 percent or less of the Area Median Income (AMI), which is defined by Housing & Urban Development for metropolitan statistical areas. Workforce housing is also often discussed, and in the Chatham County context, this term refers to housing that is affordable to households which make between 80 and 120 percent of the AMI.

#### Who does Affordable Housing serve?

Affordable housing serves many different types of people: Seniors who are on fixed-incomes often cannot afford increasing market-rate rents, and people who are dealing with chronic issues, like homelessness, mental

health issues, or others who need the foundation of an affordable home to be able to successfully acquire and maintain employment or find stability in their lives.

Given the income inequality, wage stagnation, and rapidly rising housing costs in our region, many people who would qualify for affordable housing include workers like teachers, social workers, police officers, tradesmen, child care workers, bus drivers, retail clerks, and many more. These are people whose jobs play an essential role in serving Chatham County residents and providing the goods and services that they need.

#### A look at Cost-Burdened Households

A household is considered cost burdened if it spends more than 30 percent of its income on gross rent and utilities. This is particularly true for households with incomes less than 80 percent of

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Staff photo by Kim Hawks

### New life in downtown Siler City

**NC Arts Incubator Executive Director April Weaver is just one of the many people bringing new energy to the historic downtown district.**

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### It’s cookie time!

*Girl Scouts busy now with their big annual fundraiser*

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE  
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO -- There was a hub of activity around a trailer that will be anchored for the next couple of months at Matt Marki’s home in Pittsboro.

On a recent night, Girl Scout troop leaders from across Chatham County were arriving at Marki’s home at half-hour intervals, all on the same mission important to the girls’ leadership development organization.

A weather-resistant banner affixed to the trailer. See **SCOUTS**, page 9A



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

**Brownie Scouts Harley Kremer, left, and Zoey Jenkins, celebrate the arrival of a new batch of Girl Scout cookies to sell.**

## IN THE KNOW

Jeremiah Drive flooding update: NCDOT announce a fix.  
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CH@T: Debra Henzey, Chatham’s Community Relations director.  
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JMArt’s annual ‘Sing and Play’ competition is on the horizon.  
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## THURSDAY

• A trivia night fundraiser event benefiting the mission of **Central Piedmont Community Action (CPCA)** will be held Jan. 31 at Pittsboro Roadhouse, 39 West St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and team trivia begins at 7. Cost is \$5 per player. There will be trivia winner prizes. For more information, contact Amber at 919-742-2277 or cpcanc.org.

## FRIDAY

• 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 toothpaste. 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.

• **Chatham Community Library** and the Career and Employment Training program at **Central Carolina Community College** are partnering to offer free employment assistance beginning Feb. 1. Timir Cox, a Career and Employment Training instructor at CCCC, will be available to assist with employment skills and re-

lated questions from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. each Friday through March 29. Job seekers can meet one-on-one with Cox 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 and 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.

• **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](http://chathamliteracy.org) or 919-542-6424.

## NEXT WEEK

• **Chatham Community Library** is offering a series of free computer classes. Find a full description of each class, including topics covered and prerequisites for attending, by visiting [www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses](http://www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses). Classes take place in the computer lab at the Library, on the campus of CCCC: Microsoft Word Basics, Part 1: Tues., February 5, 3 - 4:30 pm; Microsoft Word Basics, Part

2: Tues., February 12, 3 - 4:30 pm; Genealogy 101: Wednesday, February 20, 3 - 4:30 pm.

• **The Chatham County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**, which meets to discuss county-wide emergency preparedness, has scheduled its 2019 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 a.m. 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.

• **The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter** of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in partnership with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Psi Gamma Omega Chapter Hillsborough is announcing a financial education seminar, "The Ultimate Financial Wellness Playbook." This free event for the community will take place at the Seymour Senior Center (2551 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill) on Feb.9 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Target market: adults with special sessions for teens (High School) on vocational career options and being financially

prepared for college. Topics: Financial Fraud Awareness; Credit Repair; Vocational Career Options; Planning Financially for College; and others. Questions: Contact Erna Jean Smith-King at 919-303-9686, or [ernaplus@bellsouth.net](mailto:ernaplus@bellsouth.net)

• **Writing Toward Resilience**, a weekly opportunity for all those grieving or current caregivers, meets every Monday at noon at SECU JIM and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC. No writing experience necessary. Facilitated by Carol Henderson, a professional writer and workshop leader who has facilitated workshops all over the U.S. and in Europe. No registration needed. The UNC Hospice Home is located at 100 Roundtree Circle, behind Bo-jangles in Pittsboro. For further information contact Ann Ritter, 919-984-2650 or email at [ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu](mailto:ann.ritter@unchealth.unc.edu).

• Come enjoy the winter woods in the **Lower Haw River State Natural Area** on Feb. 11 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The family adventure will begin with a short scavenger hunt searching for hearts that nature created along the Haw. These may be found in leaves, rocks or lichens. After the hike, participants will create land art in the shape of hearts, constructed from materials found in the woods. Only dead material will be used, no live twigs or leaves. Enrollment is limited. To register or for questions contact: [lowerhawevents@gmail.com](mailto:lowerhawevents@gmail.com). (Note: Correction from 01/24 calendar entry.)

• 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@nc-courts.org](mailto:nickie.siler@nc-courts.org) or 919-545-3650 or visit at: [www.VolunteerforGAL.org](http://www.VolunteerforGAL.org).

• CORA invites the public to the **9th Annual Chatham Empty Bowls Fundraiser** on Sunday, Feb. 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](http://www.corafoodpantry.org) for more information.

## ALSO HAPPENING

• **Volunteers Needed - Nonprofit agencies** in Chatham seek teen volunteers to help with many projects. Teens can help at food pantries, in gardens, fundraising projects, office work, care for animals. **Chatham Connecting** website lists many volunteer opportunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community at [www.chathamconnecting.org](http://www.chathamconnecting.org)

## NEWS BRIEFS

# How to get information about Chatham County emergencies

Disaster response in Chatham County is coordinated by the Emergency Management Department. During a widespread emergency or potential emergency, Chatham County will provide information to the public through CodeRED emergency alerts, Twitter, email, and the County's website. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the CodeRED county emergency notification system, follow official government Twitter and Facebook feeds, and monitor local news on television or radio.

Chatham County also updates local information in the ReadyNC application for iPhones and Androids that also provides current state-wide information. Emergency Management can be reached at 919-545-8163 if you have preparedness questions before an emergency.

Where can you get more information about disaster preparedness?

- [ReadyChatham.org](http://ReadyChatham.org) - Chatham County Emergency Management's Disaster Preparedness site.
- [ReadyNC.org](http://ReadyNC.org) - North Carolina Emergency Management's Disaster Preparedness site.
- [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Preparedness site.
- [DHS.gov](http://DHS.gov) - The Department of Homeland Security's site.
- [SalvationArmyUSA.org](http://SalvationArmyUSA.org) - The Salvation Army's site.



- [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org) - The American Red Cross's site.
- <https://www.facebook.com/Chatham911/> "If you aren't following us on Facebook and Twitter, you need to," Chatham County Emergency Management Coordinator Alan Byrd said. "We often share current information about incidents occurring in the county, and provide relevant preparedness information throughout the year, as well as push out critical data regarding pending weather events."

terms for Fort Bragg students), earn a GPA of 3.2 to 3.74, and have no incomplete grades.

## Cost of gas rises 5.6 cents over week

CHARLOTTE — Gasoline prices in North Carolina have risen 5.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.16/g on Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 6,092 stations in North Carolina.

This compares with the national average that is unchanged versus last week to \$2.25/g, according to GasBuddy.

Including the change locally during the past week, prices on Sunday were 29.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 1.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has dropped 2.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 31.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Areas nearby and their current gas price climate: Fayetteville- \$2.06/g, up 7.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.98/g; Charlotte- \$2.08/g, up 5.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.02/g; Greensboro- \$2.17/g, up

5.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.12/g.

"The national average saw limited upward movement in the last week, while the lowest price stations overall were the locations that saw prices tick higher. The percent of gas stations in the U.S. selling under \$2 per gallon fell from 37% to 27% over the last week as oil prices hold above \$53 per barrel. We're also starting to see early refineries begin seasonal maintenance, which may aid prices moving higher in the weeks ahead," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Part of where gas prices go from here and how quickly depends on whether or not politicians can make a long-term budget agreement. Another prolonged shutdown will hurt the economy and likely keep gas prices more muted. In addition, watch for any progress of a broad trade deal with China. Even the sub-zero temperatures upcoming in many areas could play a role in gasoline prices, diesel prices and heating oil: it may keep Americans at home, using more heavy oils to heat their home."

## AAA Applauds New Research from IIHS on Distracted Driving

CHARLOTTE — New research by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) revealed that distracted driving remains on the rise — due to cell phone use and other behaviors.

The study found that manipulating a cellphone was a contributing factor in more than 800 crash deaths on U.S. roads during 2017 amid a marked increase in the percentage of drivers observed interacting with cellphones.

The problem of distracted driving, especially cellphone use, continues to raise concerns. A 2018 national survey by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that 64 percent of respondents considered distracted driving a much bigger problem today than it was three years ago.

Distracted driving is not simply using a cell phone behind the wheel. In fact, the study found that 14 percent of motorists were distracted by a nonphone-related secondary behavior, which exceeds the 3.4

percent observed manipulating a phone.

"We really hope hands-free legislation will be greatly considered in the Carolinas in an effort to help stop the epidemic of distracted driving," said Tiffany Wright, AAA Carolinas spokesperson. "However, it's also important for motorists to realize that cell phones aren't the only distraction that can lead to slow reaction times or poor decision making."

In the 2018 survey, observers noted nearly 12,000 drivers during the morning, afternoon and evening on weekdays. What they found was that 23 percent of motorists were engaged in one or more of the following distracting activities while both moving and stopped at red lights:

- Talking on hand-held cellphone
- Manipulating hand-held cellphone (excludes looking at phone in mount)
- Simply holding hand-held cellphone (i.e. not obviously manipulating or talking)
- Wearing Bluetooth earpiece or headset with mic
- Wearing headphones or earbuds
- Manipulating in-vehicle system (touching radio, climate control, touchscreen display or other controls; excludes operating stalks or buttons on steering wheel)
- Manipulating or holding mobile electronic device other than cellphone
- Talking or singing
- Eating or drinking
- Smoking
- Grooming
- Other (reaching for object, reading print material, adjusting sun visor, putting on glasses, holding another object)

AAA reminds drivers to avoid all distractions, smartphone or other secondary behaviors, while driving. Research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has shown that cognitive distraction exists even with hands-free usage and can persist for as long as 27 seconds after the distracting behavior ends. Drivers engaging in visual-manual interactions with cell phones (e.g., texting) are two to eight times as likely to be involved in a crash and drivers conversing on mobile devices, either hands-free or hand-held, are up to four times as likely to be involved in a crash. It is important to remember that hands-free is not risk free.

— CN+R Staff Report

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# CRISIS: Chatham County renters have trouble affording rent

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down to four simple problems — the lack of supply, quality and affordability of the current supply and education about the need. She also noted that low wages are a contributing factor. Working on those issues, she said, could make a difference.

“If we do these things simultaneously, add more industry variety and give people more options, they can choose to live where they work,” she said.

The Affordable Rental Housing Report identified seven goals to improve affordable housing in Chatham County ranging from increasing the quantity and quality of affordable housing to supporting low-income renters and improving economic mobility.

Some of the strategies are intended for all jurisdictions — Pittsboro, Siler City, Goldston, etc. — to consider, while the report also notes priorities that each jurisdiction should address based on its individual needs.

Watkins-Cruz said development partners from the community could make good partners with municipal governments in this effort.

“Affordable housing costs the same as market value housing,” Watkins-Cruz said. “Funding is for that gap in the rent. We can use local funds or grants but we have to get really creative.”

One recent example of that is the recent sale of the old Henry Siler School in Siler City to Third Wave LLC for the sole purpose of affordable housing. The county provided the land and a low-interest loan to the developers, allowing them the capital needed to build and secure low-income credits from the N.C. Housing Authority.

Watkins-Cruz said the county can also enact land use policies and programs that balance out growing land value with the need for affordable housing.

The Chatham County comprehensive plan’s land use policies are part of that. In that plan, the county zoned high density residential areas, which are typical of affordable housing, in areas around each of the towns. This ensures that affordable housing is not relegated to areas of the county that do not have services or resources such as grocery stores, gas stations and transportation.

## Municipalities get involved

Chatham County, Goldston, Pittsboro and Siler City each, as governmental entities, participated in the Affordable Rental Housing Report’s development. Since its release

in July 2017, the jurisdictions have moved forward with some of the recommendations in the report.

The county, for example, has a dedicated committee to work on affordable housing issues, particularly on creating policy recommendations for the county to implement. Chatham also established a Housing Trust Fund last September with the intent to provide low interest loans to encourage development projects to preserve or create affordable housing in Chatham County.

For-profit corporations, non-profits, public housing agencies and governments can all apply for consideration. At least 20 percent of the development must be considered affordable housing based on Chatham County’s area median income.

Susan Levy is the incoming chairman for the County’s Affordable Housing Committee. A 30-year resident of Chatham County, she retired last year as the executive director of Orange County’s Habitat for Humanity after more than 20 years of service.

“Affordable housing is at a crisis level,” Levy said. “I see that creeping up in the county. Up until now, our focus had been on implementing the ‘tool box.’ I feel like we are starting now to move beyond it.”

At the January Affordable Housing Committee meeting, the group participated in a free form discussion of what issues the group wanted to focus on for the upcoming year.

The Town of Pittsboro created an affordable housing task force to work on the Triangle J report’s recommendations.

“I think the general consensus of the group, though we didn’t vote, was to begin meeting with developers, both for profit and non-profit, to educate them on the policies and incentives that are already in place,” she said.

Levy also believes that it will take significant investment to make a dent in the affordable housing crisis. The Housing Trust Fund created by the county was a good start, but Levy noted that most of the \$200,000 appropriated is already designated for the Henry Siler School project. Levy also noted that Orange County had two successive bond referendums for affordable housing funds, at \$5 million and \$10 million, to fund in improving affordable housing there.

“If we want to move the needle, we’re going to need to invest,” she said.

Jim Nass, the task force’s chairman, presented plans to the town board last November. The group suggested creating a permanent board,



Staff photos by Kim Hawks

This rental home is located on Toomer Loop in Pittsboro. Habitat for Humanity is also building a community on this street.



Belmont Pointe apartments in Pittsboro is a new income restricted community. The complex is full with an extended waiting list.

establishing a non-profit for affordable housing, creating an incentive package for affordable housing and entering into an inter-local agreement with Chatham County about participation in the incentive package program for fee reductions and tax abatement.

The task force is in the midst of establishing the non-profit, and the go-ahead was given to work on creating an interlocal agreement. “I am exceptionally proud of the Town’s Affordable Housing Task Force recommendations and the leadership of Jim Nass,” Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry said. “The recognized the problem, the need and the solution, which will take the cooperation and contribution of the whole community.”

The Town of Siler City approved Triangle J’s recommendations last December. Siler City’s median income is lower than the countywide average, and while the housing stock in Siler City is fairly diverse, more than 20 percent of its stock was rated as “fair” or worse condi-

tion by the tax assessor. “While much effort is devoted to rebuilding a strong economy, where more members of our community have access to well paying jobs, there exists a real need for affordable housing - more especially, quality affordable housing,” Siler City town manager Bryan Thompson said.

The recommendations for Siler City include a “strong regulation” element which would strengthen the minimum housing code and create purposeful enforcement.

The town’s inspections needs are currently being serviced by Chatham County after its long-time inspector retired last year. The town board is planning to discuss what that process will look like during its upcoming budget retreat, while the planning department is determining how to work within state statute to keep things up to code.

“We have been working with the town board, our staff and partners to establish public policy and operational processes

that will enhance the environment to support the access to quality affordable housing for those in our community in need,” Thompson said.

Goldston is a town of fewer than 300 residents. This means the town has a smaller tax base to work with, especially considering Goldston’s recent investments in water and wastewater systems. One of the suggestions for the town in the report was to allow for development for multi-unit structures that can “blend in with the character and feel of established residential neighborhoods or commercial areas.”

According to Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup, the town is in the finishing stages of completing its unified development ordinance which will allow for affordable housing. Cunnup hopes the final document will be ready for public hearings this summer. Since Goldston is a small town with a lack of staff, Goldston has been partnering with Chatham County. The town would be able to request funds from the county’s Housing Trust Fund for a qualifying project.

“It’s obvious that there is a great need throughout the county for affordable housing,” Cunnup said. “We are grateful that

we have been able to partner with Chatham County to help with the overall administrative part of our planning and zoning.”

## Taking steps

Watkins-Cruz said progress so far has been slow, but things are looking up.

“We are super lucky,” she said. “Although we are limited in what we can do, we are in such an interesting position. To have the support of the board and the staff, that energy, I feel like it’s really starting to ramp up.”

Gillette, who now lives in Burgaw, hopes that change comes soon. She wants to return to Chatham County, the only place she said she ever felt “part of a community.”

“I love Pittsboro. I miss it. I miss my friends,” Gillette said. “It would be very comforting to my heart to come back to my community.”

Gillette also hopes that her story helps to open the eyes of those who are in the position to change it.

“If my despair is helpful to someone else, then it’s worth it,” she said. “For people who don’t have transportation and there’s not affordable housing, it leaves a lot of us out here in limbo.”

## PRIMER

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AMI, because they have fewer resources left over to pay for transportation, food, health care, education, and other essentials that improve quality of life and increase opportunity. When looking at Census data for households by income range, this report used \$50,000 or less as a rough equivalent to households making less than 80 percent of AMI.

In Chatham County, 41 percent of all renter households are cost burdened, and of renter households making less than \$50,000, 66 percent (2,223) are cost burdened.

### What’s the impact of lack of Affordable Housing?

Affordable housing has broad impacts on the individual, family, neighborhood, and community. When families cannot afford quality housing, they may end up living in substandard housing and/or spending more than 30 percent of their income on gross rent, thereby having less money to spend on healthcare, education, healthy foods, transportation to work, and other resources that improve quality of life and opportunity.

This impact includes:

- Health: Housing quality can have negative health impacts like asthma, falls and injuries, lead-poisoning, and depression and anxiety. Children and older adults are at a higher risk for these health outcomes.

- Education: Unstable housing or homelessness leads to stress and difficult learning, which leads to disrupted school attendance, resulting in poorer school performance.

- Local Economy: The development of affordable housing can benefit the local economy. Every 100 typical low-income housing tax credit apartment units generate \$7.9 million in local income in the first year, then \$2.4 million annually; 122 local jobs in the first year, 30 jobs a year ongoing; \$827,000 in taxes the first year, then \$441,000 annually. (In this case, taxes equate to local government revenue from all sources: taxes, fees, fines, revenue from government-owned enterprises.)

### Older Adults in Chatham County

By 2034, the population of adults 65 years and older will increase by 94.1 percent, from 15,189 to 29,475. In 2015, 22 percent of Chatham’s population was 65 years and older. By 2034, 32 percent of Chatham’s population will be 65 years and older. The proportion of older adults in Chatham today is almost twice as high as other local counties like Durham, Wake, Johnston, and Orange. There is already a great need for affordable housing for older adults, and it will continue to increase as the population ages and as their housing needs change. As older adults’ homes get older, maintenance needs will become more prevalent. As new housing is built, the needs of this aging population should be taken into account.

Housing could be built near resources to facilitate aging in community and maintaining independence for adults who no longer want to or are able to drive. Compared to the total population, a higher percentage of older adult households are low income, cost burdened, white, live alone, and have a disability.

### Key data regarding Affordable Housing in Chatham County:

- Forty-nine percent of renter households are making less than 30 percent of AMI. About 2,223 (66 percent) of renter households are making less than 80 percent of the AMI and are cost-burdened.

- There are not enough rental units for low-income households, especially extremely low-income households. It is estimated there are 1,404 renter households making 30 percent or less of AMI, but only 335 rental units affordable to households making 30 percent or less of AMI.

- There is an estimated gap of 1,995 affordable rental units in Chatham. The majority of this gap is found in the lack of rental housing for households making between 0 and 30 percent of AMI.

- There is a disparity in the number of bedrooms in rental units and the number of people in renter households. Thirty-nine percent of renter households are one-person households, yet only 16 percent of rental units are one-bedroom or studios. A unit with fewer bedrooms is more affordable, so the inventory does not cater to low-income

smaller households. Conversely, while 46 percent of market-rate units have three or more bedrooms, there are few naturally occurring affordable housing units with at least three bedrooms.

- Chatham County’s demographics pose an equity issue in the affordable housing dialogue. Older adult households have a lower median income than the general population. White households’ median income is more than twice that of black households and of Hispanic or Latino households. This suggests there may need to be different strategies for different populations.

- The H&T Index estimates that the typical household in Chatham County spends 32 percent of their income on housing and 28 percent on transportation, totaling to 60 percent of its income. This is much higher than the recommended threshold of 45 percent.

### Discrepancy in Chatham County’s Supply and Demand

The fact that there is a high percentage of low-income renter households is exacerbated by the fact that rents are high and quality rental housing is sparse.

In Chatham County, there are not enough affordable units given the number of low-income households. It is estimated there are 1,404 renter households making 30 percent or less of AMI, but only 335 rental units affordable to households making 30 percent or less of AMI.

Chatham County has a total population of 67,431 people

and 26,923 households. Renters make up 22 percent of all households. The overall median household income is \$55,642, but the median renter household income is just \$30,742. Eighty percent of the housing stock is single-family homes, and another 15 percent are mobile homes. While this is typical for a rural county, there is still a disparity between number of bedrooms available and household sizes.

### Housing Committee Goals

With these issues in mind, the Housing Committee identified seven goals, listed below. They encompass both a housing focus and a people focus, acknowledging that the availability of quality affordable housing is just one element of addressing the issue; equity, income disparities, and access to resources are important as well.

- Increase the number and diversity of affordable rental options
- Preserve existing legally-binding affordable housing
- Preserve naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH)
- Ensure rental quality
- Support low-income renters
- Foster healthy communities
- Improve economic mobility and equity

Source: 2017 Affordable Rental Housing Report & Strategy Toolbox, produced by the Triangle J Council of Governments; Chatham Housing Committee; CN+R research

# VIEWPOINTS

THE CN+R EDITORIAL

## Affordable housing: the crisis in Chatham County 'not going away'

In Chatham County, the numbers and statistics are almost staggering, and it starts with this: in a county of about 72,000 people, there are about 2,000 fewer affordable, livable housing units than the county's population demands.

In other words, 2,000 Chatham families lack access to affordable housing.

They lack access because of an unfortunate combination of circumstances in the place we live in work: too many households earning too-low wages, and too few homes and rental units available for those whose incomes fall below a defined threshold – that threshold manifesting itself when those living in a household have to spend more than 30 percent of their total income on gross rent

and utilities.

In this week's News + Record, you'll find an in-depth story (along with an informative sidebar story) about Chatham's affordable housing problem.

While not everyone would call it a crisis – the majority of Chathamites live comfortably within a warm, safe house or rental unit that fits within their particular budget – it is extraordinarily troubling.

Consider:

Nearly two-thirds of all renter households in Chatham County are considered "cost-burdened" when it comes to housing expense.

There's a severe shortage of rental units for our lowest-earning households. The inventory of affordable places to live within our county is simply

way too small – this in a time and place that has seen housing prices on a steep rise.

Many of the rental units that fall within the "affordable" range in Chatham County are in poor condition.

The typical household in Chatham County spends 60 percent or more of its income on housing and transportation combined – well above the recommended threshold of 45 percent.

Chatham County's unique demographics pose what experts have described as "an equity issue in the affordable housing dialogue." Older adult households in Chatham, for example, have a lower median income than the general population. And white households' median income here is more

than twice that of black households and of Hispanic or Latino households – which suggests a need for different strategies for different populations.

The problem, clearly, is real. Fortunately, Chatham County is pursuing a solution. The county's Affordable Housing Committee has been created to address the problem, and worked with the Triangle J Council of Governments in 2017 to create a detailed report about it. Among the goals those working within the committee have identified: increase the number and diversity of affordable rental options; preserve naturally occurring affordable housing; preserve existing legally-binding affordable housing; ensure rental quality; support low-income renters;

foster healthy communities; and improve economic mobility and equity.

As you'll see in this week's story, solutions to the problem aren't easy. They'll require changes on many levels, including investment in affordable housing options and education about the problem. But you'll also read that Chatham and its communities are working to address the problem with specific strategies.

To the entities and individuals working to find solutions, we say: thanks. To those who aren't aware of the issue: begin to educate yourselves about the shared plight of some of your neighbors who also call – or want to call – Chatham County "home." Awareness is a good first step to fixing any problem.

## February isn't just about your sweetheart; dote on your own heart, too

February is historically one of the coldest months of the year in these parts, but paradoxically it's also the month we celebrate one of our warmest holidays: Valentine's Day.

Aided by the familiar imagery of Cupid and arrows and hearts and an arsenal of tools such as chocolates, roses and greeting cards, Valentine's Day arrives at just the right time to help prod us out of the winter doldrums.

Not coincidentally, February is also American Heart Month, a "time to show yourself the love," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which reports that cardiovascular disease (CVD) – including heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure – is the primary killer of men and women in the United States.

Many cardiovascular disease deaths could have been prevented through healthier lifestyles, healthier living spaces, and better management of physical conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

So in the hearty spirit of February, here are some tips for better heart health, courtesy of the CDC:

- Work with your health care team. Get a checkup at least once each year, even if you feel healthy. A doctor, nurse or other health care professional can check your risk for CVD, such as high blood pressure and diabetes – conditions that can go unnoticed.
- Monitor your blood pressure. High blood pressure often has no symptoms, so have health professional recommend having it checked regularly. You can check it yourself at home or at a pharmacy.
- Get your cholesterol checked. Your health care team should check your cholesterol levels at least once every five years.
- Eat a healthy diet. Choosing healthy meal and snack options can help us avoid CVD and its complications. Limiting sodium in your diet can lower your blood pressure. Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables – adults should have at least five servings every day. Eat foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, and cholesterol and high in fiber.
- Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese can increase your risk for CVD. To determine whether your weight is in a healthy range, health care professionals often calculate body mass index (BMI). If you know your weight and height, you can calculate your BMI at CDC's Assessing Your Weight web site.
- Exercise regularly. Physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight and lower cholesterol and blood pressure. The Surgeon General recommends adults engage in moderate-intensity activity for at least 150 minutes per week.
- Don't smoke. Cigarette smoking greatly increases one's risk for CVD. If you don't smoke, don't start. If you do smoke, quit as soon as possible.
- Manage your diabetes. If you have diabetes, monitor your blood sugar levels closely, and talk with your health care team about treatment options. Visit the CDC's Diabetes Public Health Resource online for more information on how to protect your heart and live a longer, healthier life.



### RANDALL REFLECTS

Randall Rigsbee



## Good to the last drop fitting for drinks and life

A few days ago, I opened our refrigerator door to see what was hiding in there that I could turn into a snack. Since I've started a cardiac rehab program over the past several weeks, I've tried to pay attention to what foods to eat and what not to devour so sometimes the choices are more limiting than they



### MOVIN' AROUND

Bob Wachs

once were. For instance, I've learned a plate of cold fried fatback is not recommended by my nurses but 64 ounces of water are right on target, as is a bushel basket of fresh lettuce. So, needless to say, some of this has been a learning experience.

That day as I scanned the refrigerator shelves, I noticed a number of items. There was half a jar of salsa, a container of tomato juice (my favorite), some hoop cheese I bought at Farmers Alliance before it closed and which I have kept so long that it's hard as a rock, and half a container of yogurt one of the princesses who call me "Granddaddy" had lost interest in.

There were also some items I couldn't identify. Some were wrapped in seasoned aluminum, foil, meaning the wrinkles outnumbered the flat places. Others were in plastic containers, clear and otherwise; I thought I recognized a couple of them but wasn't sure. Others were in plastic containers which previously had housed ingredients other than what they were then holding – for instance, half an onion was living in the container which earlier had been home to deli sandwich meat.

I can't remember what I had for

a snack but I'm pretty sure I had something. It may have been popcorn, which I know doesn't live in the refrigerator. But it was something else that caught my eye.

Sitting on the shelf next to the tomato juice and the milk was a plastic Coke bottle, the individual size, not the 2-liter. While that's something that happens often at our place, it was the amount in the bottle that caught my eye. There may have been two to three drops of beverage left.

I'm not going to call any names here but it was put into there by someone who lives daily at my place and it wasn't me. Now, that doesn't bother me; that's why we have refrigerators. My better half saves items; my mother somehow seemingly was opposed to that practice since often when we had finished a meal and I had gorged myself, she would come back around with what was left over and put it onto my plate.

"Eat this," she'd say. "I want to wash the dish."

"But Mama," I'd respond, "I'm about to pop."

"Eat it anyway. I don't want to have to save it."

"Isn't that why we have a refrigerator?"

"Be quiet and eat it anyway."

That sort of routine through the years is one thing that helped me develop the physique I have today.

So, seeing the one swallow of Coke in the fridge was no big deal food-wise but it did jog my memory to a childhood ritual. When I was a mere lad, there were few drinks like Gatorade or Propel or whatever around. As a matter of fact, there were none of those. We did have Kool-Aid and we had our share of Cokes or Pepsi but mostly we drank water and we kept it cold in a glass jar Mama sat on the top shelf.

**So, seeing the one swallow of Coke in the fridge was no big deal food-wise but it did jog my memory to a childhood ritual.**

The way it worked with my two brothers and me was that whoever emptied the jar, as in whoever drank the last of the cold water, was required to refill it. And since none of us really wanted to stand at the kitchen sink to fill up the gallon jug, we developed the ability not to empty the jar completely after taking a big pull. Obviously, that meant that someone would often get stuck with about 14 drops of cold water after slaving over a 4-hour yard mowing but it was the principle of the thing.

"Let somebody else fill it up" became our style and when I saw that Coke bottle the other day, my mind went back to that youthful water jar. Now, I know in this day and age we don't refill soft-drink bottles, although sometimes I use them for water but another thought came to mind.

This one was staged from my advancing years and had nothing to do with who fills up the jar. Instead, I thought, it's a lesson in life, namely how often do we do as little as we can just to get by hoping someone else will pick up the slack? Don't empty the jar or bottle and then no one can say you took the last morsel or drop but what does that do to benefit our fellow human?

I think, if memory serves me correctly, I took that last swallow to down my handful of pills that is my lot today. But...I did put two, or maybe it was three, bottles of Coke in the fridge.

Life lesson learned, I hope.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## The attraction of distraction, or The Myth of the Multitasker



**FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK**  
Bill Horner III

I'm not sure what compelled my high school history teacher to say what she did to our entire class nearly four decades ago, but I've never forgotten it.

Now I'm trying to erase it from my mind.

We'd been assigned to write a paper for the class. A day or so after they were turned in and graded, Mrs. Alice King, my small Kansas high school's legendary former instructor, stood in front of us with a frown and proceeded to scold us collectively for the horrible job we did.

The papers were awful, I remember her saying, and because of that the entire class would have to re-do the assignment, to re-write the papers.

All except for me.

To my shock, Mrs. King singled out my paper, saying mine was the very example of what she was looking for when she gave the assignment. She then paused and asked the class: "What do you see Bill doing a lot of the time?"

Stone silence from my classmates. And embarrassment on my part as my heart seized up. I stared down at my desk, pencil in hand, drawing cartoon figures in my notebook.

"Besides doodling," she said.

The apparent secret to my great paper, she said, was how much time I spent reading. Mrs. King spoke about how often she'd see me with my nose in a book. I would be reading and doodling, even during her lectures. I had the ability to pay attention in class, she

reasoned, even when I was drawing in the margin of my notebook, because I read so much. And reading – even during class – had to be the key to the quality of my paper.

It was at this point that Mrs. King declared: "Bill is the only person in this class who has my permission to do more than one thing at a time."

So there you have it: I have a hall pass to multitask. What I didn't realize then was that my reading (usually golf magazines hidden inside textbooks, or a Stephen King novel) and my doodling were boredom relievers, distractions from having to focus on a class lecture. I could do that and still get good grades. For years afterward I thought of myself as a skilled multitasker. I had permission, right? But I've learned as I've grown older that I'm not that talented, but rather just easily distracted. In adulthood, that distractibility makes it natural to try to juggle multiple tasks simultaneously. I've noticed it in others, too. We pat ourselves on the back for being so busy, for doing so many things at once.

But are we more effective?

For the multitasker, apparently, effectiveness is an impossibility.

The average American with a smartphone picks up the device 160 times a day. The dopamine addiction we get from a new email message, a "like" on a Facebook post or a text from a friend is powerful – so powerful that we'll be on the lookout for those things even as we're engaged in another task, or other tasks, including driving, sitting in a meeting or a movie or talking on the phone or to a friend.

I was struck by this powerful lure a few years ago.

I spent a few days in Austin, the capital of Texas, at an international "mobile summit" for newspapers. One of the themes of the conference was the growing use of smartphones as tools for news consumption. Because there were a lot of tekkies and Twitter users at the conference, there was a whole lotta tweetin' going on. It was fascinating for me to observe people watching presentations and tweeting about them at the same time. One speaker even live-tweeted as she presented. Then I realized my people-watching was a symptom of my own distractibility.

Studies have shown the brain can't fully focus on more than one task, so multitaskers are prone to error as the brain continually re-starts and re-focuses. Multitaskers suffer from memory problems, and research reveals that the more likely you are to consider yourself good at multitasking, the worse you are at it. Multitasking lowers your IQ and even changes your personality. A study at the University of Sussex used MRI brain scans to show that density in the area of the brain responsible for empathy and cognitive and emotional control is actually impaired among high multitaskers.

We think we're getting away with it, but clearly we're not.

And contrary to Mrs. King's claims, I'm not the exception.

I've used the "I have Mrs. King's permission to do two things at once" line on my wife Lee Ann so often that she rolls her eyes when the words start coming out of my mouth. She knows me too well, and knows the truth.

My multitasking pass has expired.

## What to expect from the 2019 General Assembly



**NC SPIN**  
Tom Campbell

Lawmakers return to Raleigh next week for the 2019 session of the North Carolina General Assembly. Pledges of harmony and bipartisan cooperation were frequently heard on opening day but are more likely now that Republicans no longer hold veto-proof majorities in both houses. Will we get cooperation and compromise, or the further "Washingtonization" of Raleigh, where polarization, partisan posturing and the unwillingness to compromise result in inaction?

Don't expect the confrontive and expansive agenda that resulted in the constant lawsuits of recent years. Lawmakers and the governor understand the need to work together if the budget or anything else is to get accomplished.

One big test will be the biennial budget. We begin with almost a \$500 million surplus with which to work, owing to not spending all that was appropriated the first six months of the budget year and almost \$200 in revenues that exceeded projections. Governor Cooper wants Medicaid expansion, big teacher pay hikes, more hurricane relief money and increased prison spending. Lawmakers will be reluctant to go on a major spending spree, opting instead for their tradition of conservative growth from this year's \$23.9 billion budget. This promises to test the resolve of all to work together. Cooper holds the veto stamp and has shown he will use it; lawmakers hold the purse strings. It's gonna be interesting!

While there is some softening by Republicans on Medicaid expansion, this issue is far from certain. After more than eight court cases there is growing consensus for an

independent redistricting process, but exactly who are the independent parties we can all agree upon and what guidelines will ensure districts that are fair and result in competitive elections? If 2018 trends continue, Republicans know they could lose their majority in one or both houses. Democrats are tired of gerrymandered districts virtually impossible to win. Whichever party controls the legislature in 2021 will draw new congressional and legislative maps.

Sure to surface will be revisions to the Read to Achieve program, to try to halt the decline in 3rd grade reading test scores. The big push will be to raise teacher pay to the national average, along with increased per pupil expenditures. Lawmakers have been taking steps in those directions but will need a big stride to achieve these goals.

Following clear evidence of absentee voter fraud, expect more election reforms and

possibly further changes to the State Board of Elections. This issue takes on more urgency with Executive Director Kim Strach's term ending soon and a still unresolved 9th Congressional District election.

House Speaker Tim Moore wants to submit a \$1.9 billion school construction bond proposal to voters. Others will want to hang infrastructure ornaments on this package, so we don't expect a statewide referendum until November 2020.

There will be efforts to fund expansion of broadband Internet to rural areas. Look for a big push to privatize liquor sales. Lawmakers might refine laws regarding historical monuments, another black eye for a state that doesn't need one. Prison reform is badly needed, as is the need to pass regulatory reform, most especially professional licensing. Expect a move to legalize marijuana, although it won't likely pass this year. And even though

our legislature has passed laws that allow speeding up transportation funding there will be an effort to find new funding mechanisms for road construction.

Lawmakers might not adjourn by July 4th but are likely continue recent practices of special sessions that last two or three days throughout the year. With March 2020 primary elections ahead, lawmakers won't want to spend much time past Halloween in Raleigh.

We look for an interesting 2019 legislative session.

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## State Budget Battle is Looming



**JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION**  
John Hood

RALEIGH — The single most important issue during every legislative session is the approval or revision of North Carolina's state budget. For the 2019-20 session about to get underway, the political implications of the budget debate are going to

be nearly as important as the policy implications.

For the first time since the administration of Gov. Beverly Perdue, the state capital will feature a Democratic governor tussling over the budget with Republican legislative leaders who do not command a veto-proof majority.

Gov. Roy Cooper's budget proposals in 2017 and 2018 weren't exactly dead-on-arrival, because as a practical matter much of what any General Assembly ends up approving was originally requested by executive agencies. But where the two sides' priorities were in conflict, the GOP legislature generally prevailed.

That's not the scenario we face in 2019. If — or perhaps I should say when — Cooper vetoes the state

spending and revenue plan the General Assembly enacts for the 2019-21 budget biennium, Democratic lawmakers will have enough potential votes to sustain the veto. Republicans will either have to compromise with Cooper or peel off enough Democrats in both chambers to override the veto.

As we saw during the latter Perdue administration, I suspect there will be a partisan standoff over the state budget this summer. But it won't resemble a federal-style government shutdown. Existing law will allow state government to enter its 2018-19 fiscal year on July 1 under spending levels previously enacted for 2017-18.

In other words, while state employees and vendors may grumble, they'll keep working and keep getting paid if no budget is passed by July 1. North Carolinians won't see an interruption of core services or the kind of spectacle we've been watching lately on the national news. While good for governance in the short run, that means there won't be as much public pressure to resolve any budgetary impasse.

Perhaps you are a progressive who thinks North Carolina should increase spending dramatically in

2019 even if it would require a tax hike. Perhaps you are a conservative who thinks, as I do, that the state should maintain spending discipline, eschew higher taxes, and save prudently for a rainy day. Whatever your views, don't expect some last-minute surplus bonanza to resolve the conflict.

Just to put things in context, our state government spends around \$57 billion a year, including state revenue, federal revenue, user charges, and other funds. Some \$24 billion of that amount forms the General Fund budget, the share of total spending that draws the most attention and is funded primarily by state income and sales taxes.

Expenditures on education, health and human services, and public safety combined account for more than 90 percent of the General Fund. What about the other \$33 billion in the total state budget? It includes lots of additional federal money for Medicaid and other social services, as well as spending on transportation, unemployment insurance, and other jointly funded but state-administered programs.

As of the first half of the 2018-19 fiscal year, North Carolina's budget is clearly in a healthy condition. General

Fund revenues are exceeding projections by a bit over \$200 million. If you compare revenue collected with money spent so far, the General Fund is running a cash surplus of nearly \$400 million.

We can't count on a straight-line extrapolation to tell us what will happen during the final six months of the first year, however. State revenues and expenditures are lumpy. As North Carolinians file their income taxes by April 15, for example, state government will receive a disproportionate share of all the income tax revenues for the year. That influx could exceed expectations. It could fall short of them.

And even under a best-case scenario, the resulting surpluses could not possibly finance every spending promise made by every politician running for office last fall. We already know we'll have to spend more on Medicaid and the state employee health plan under existing law, for example. There's a budget battle looming. You can bet on it.

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# OBITUARIES

## VERNON DALLAS BARTH

Vernon Dallas Barth, 96, of Siler City died Friday, January 25, 2019.



Mr. Barth was born in Seneca County, Ohio on September 9, 1922 the son of Walter Benjamine and Geneva Ellen (Bolyard) Barth. Vernon was a retired textile mechanic and attended First Wesleyan Church of Siler City. He was preceded in death by his wife of 79 years, Virginia Cockman Barth; sons, Walter Steve Barth, Roger Barth and Terry Barth; and his parents.

He is survived by daughter: Brenda B. Walters and husband, Ed of Bear Creek; son: Vernon Michael Barth and wife, Beverly Perry Barth of Costa Rica; seventeen grandchildren; forty-five great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 3 p.m. at First Wesleyan Church, 608 N. 3rd Ave., Siler City with Rev. Don Southern officiating. Burial was in Chatham Memorial Park, Siler City.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.pughfuneral-home.com](http://www.pughfuneral-home.com).

## JACOB FRANKLIN "JAKE" SCOTTON

Jacob Franklin "Jake" Scotton, of Staley, died Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in High Point.

Mr. Scotton was born in Chatham County on July 1, 1939 the son of Roy T and Bessie (Gunter) Scotton. Jake was the former Mayor of Staley, a farmer, a truck driver, and he had worked in installation of metal buildings. He enjoyed NASCAR and will be remembered for his sense of humor, his flirtatious spirit and his gift of gab.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents and step-mother, Louise E. Scotton.

He is survived by the light of his life for 54 years, Elsie (Cheek) Scotton; daughters, Aimee Scotton of Greensboro, Karen Scotton and Emily Scotton, both of Staley; one brother, William "Bill" Scotton (Sue) of Staley; niece, Katie Scotton of Staley; nephew, Zach Scotton (Jennifer) of Greensboro; a host of special friends and his boy, Harvey.

The family received friends Friday, January 25, 2019 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. The funeral followed at 3 p.m. at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Roger Carlson officiating. Burial was in the Staley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Staley Baptist Church, PO Box 126, Staley, NC 27355.

Funeral Home, Sanford.

## KENNETH WITHERS

Mr. Kenneth Withers, 54, of Siler City passed on Tuesday, (01-08-2019) at his home.

Services will be held Saturday, (02-02-2019) at the First Baptist Church, Siler City at 12 noon.

The family will receive friends at the home on Friday and Saturday.

Arrangements by Knotts and Son Funeral Home in Siler City.

## MATTIE MAE HARRINGTON

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

The funeral was held Friday, (01-25-2019) at 1 p.m. at Johnsonville AME Zion Church with interment following at Johnsonville Community Cemetery.

## ANNIE DYLINDA (WORTHY) BROOKS

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

A time of remembrance for Mrs. Brooks was held Monday (01/28/2019) at 2 p.m. at Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## WILLIAM F. WHITE

Mr. William F. White, 57, of Snow Camp, passed on Friday (01-25-2019) in Snow Camp at the home of his sister.

Arrangements by Knotts and Son Funeral Home in Siler City.

## BRIAN DAVON MCGEE

Brian Davon McGee, 31, of Sanford passed on Tuesday (01-22-2019) at his home.

Visitation was held Tuesday, (01-29-2019) from 6 to 8 p.m. at Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

## DORA MAE LEE-JACKSON

Mrs. Dora Mae Lee-Jackson, 75, of Siler City passed away Monday, (01-21-2019) at Laurels of Chatham in Pittsboro.

The funeral was held Saturday, (01-26-2019) at 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity United Holy Church with burial following in the cemetery.

Survivors include one son, James "Jimmy" Jackson of Durham; brothers, Billy Lee and Kenny Lee, both of Siler City.

## MARY MARTHA JANE ATKINS HASH

Mary Martha Jane Atkins Hash, 95, of Siler City died Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Siler City Center.

The funeral was held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Siler City Church Of God with Rev. Neal Kight

officiating. Burial was in Loves Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Hash was born in Grayson County, Virginia on December 24, 1923. She was a homemaker and attended the Siler City Church of God. She was preceded in death by sons, Paul Atkins and Robert Atkins, and granddaughter, Kathy Baxter.

She is survived by one grandson, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

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

## ELOUISE CAVINESS BRAY

Elouise Caviness Bray, 94, of Chapel Hill formerly of Ramseur, died Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill.

Funeral services were held at

3 p.m. Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at the First Baptist Church of Ramseur, with Rev. Wayne Dunn officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Knoll Cemetery.

Elouise was a native of Moore County, a former employee of Ramseur Pharmacy and she was cafeteria manager of Ramseur School. A former member of the Ramseur Lions Club, she was a member of the First Baptist Church. Elouise was preceded in death by her husband, G.P. Gray, granddaughter, Dayle Paulus, and her parents, Alfred and Florence Ritter Caviness.

Survivors include daughters, Linda Rimer of Chapel Hill, Betty Campbell of Galesburg, Illinois, Lena Leonard of Bennett; one granddaughter and five great-grandchildren.

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Memorials may be made to

the First Baptist Church of Ramseur, P.O. Box 544, Ramseur, NC 27316.

## LUCILE (DELOATCH) PARKER

Lucille Parker, 92, of Dunn, passed on Saturday, (01-26-2019) at Betsy Johnson Hospital. Arrangements by Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

## COLETTE PETERSON

Colette Peterson, 46, of Spring Lake, passed on Friday (01-25-2019) at her residence.

Arrangements by Knott Funeral Home, Sanford.

## FRANCES EVONE (STEWART) CAMERON

Frances Evone Cameron, 81, of Cameron passed on Thursday, (01-24-2019) at Pinecrest Gardens in Lillington.

Arrangements by: Knotts



News + Record File Photo / Jeff Davis

Jeremiah Drive resident Myja Kricker uses a kayak to get to her car after flooding stranded families.

# Jeremiah Drive, finally, to get flooding relief

BY CASEY MANN  
News + Record Staff

Residents on Jeremiah Drive were informed by email last week that the N.C. Dept. of Transportation, working in coordination with local elected officials, will be funding improvements to raise the road to help alleviate flooding during rain events.

"While we are very pleased to hear that, we want to monitor the benchmarks moving toward that goal," resident of Jeremiah Drive Faye Stanley said.

Residents of Jeremiah Drive, which is located adjacent to Jordan Lake, have experience regular road flooding events since the summer. After two hurricanes and heavier than normal rainfall, those living along the road have repeatedly been forced to use boats and kayaks to leave their homes. Stanley, with the help of her neighbor, Todd Massey, worked to alert officials to the problem.

"We started to seriously begin to advocate for help with this problem in October of 2018," Stanley said. "There had been floods prior to that time, but the frequency had been increasing radically, and the length of time without access had become a danger to everyone in the community, since we had no emergency services, mail, or the simple abili-

ty to get home."

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineering controls the elevation of Jordan Lake and they must consider many factors to determine when to release water," NCDOT Division Engineer Brandon Jones said. "This past fall we have had record rainfalls over a very large area of the watersheds and downstream rivers. This has meant the road has been flooded for a much longer duration than in the past."

"We have residents out here who have serious illnesses - one with Parkinson's disease, and one who requires daily home health care visits," Stanley said. "We are a largely older group of residents, and there are many who are unable to manage the boating and paddling required to get in and out, so they simply have to leave when the flooding happens."

"Some stay with family or friends, but can you imagine having to pay for a hotel for more than 50 days since September 18th, when the first of these last three floods began?" she asked. "Or can you imagine falling up to your waist in water, in the dark with freezing temperatures, trying to access your home? This has been our reality."

The residents brought their concerns to both their legislative leaders and the Chatham County

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FAYE STANLEY, resident of Jeremiah Drive

Board of Commissioners. The local delegation reached out to the NCDOT, specifically Jones, to work together to resolve the problem, according to Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Dist. 54). Jones immediately responded to the request and reached out to his superiors while residents continued to inform the group of the changing situation in real time.

"The local county officials, Senator Valerie Foushee, and Representative Robert Reives have strongly supported a resolution to this issue," Jones said. "NCDOT Secretary Jim Trogdon and Division 8 Board of Transportation Member, Pat Molamphy, fully support helping the residents and have tasked me to make this happen."

"I believe [the project] was largely due to a great deal of work to have all parties - the Jordan Lake Army Corps of Engineers, Chatham County, the Department of Transportation, as well as

Senator Foushee and Representative Reives and the public - knowing about our situation, and understanding the crisis that exists for our neighborhood," Stanley said.

"Both Steve Newton, the Chatham County Director of Emergency Operations, and Mike Roberson, the Chatham County Sheriff, were kind to provide us with very specific information about the impact on their capacity to provide safety and emergency services to Jeremiah residents during these flood events," Stanley said. "Their information of the vastly increased response times, resources and personnel required to respond to the needs of Jeremiah residents was most helpful in helping folks understand the severity of the problem."

The project will raise a portion of Jeremiah Drive six to seven feet. Jones has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers who Jones said have been "extreme-

ly helpful in guiding" them through their processes and their required permitting.

"NCDOT is committed to funding the improvements and constructing this much needed project," Jones said. "Our current timeline for completing this project is July 2019 and we are making every effort to meet or improve upon this timeline."

"This is a great example of how government ought to work," Reives said. "It was a really great process to be a part of because to me, that's how the government should work."

Reives voiced his appreciation for the residents' role in the process. Noting that while the residents were "getting hit" by successive floods, they were patient, understood the process, and participated in finding a resolution.

"We particularly appreciate the attention of our DOT Board representative Pat Molamphy

and Brandon Jones, our Division 8 engineer, who are now communicating directly with us about progress toward raising the road," Stanley said.

Reives also praised Jones for his efforts. "Brandon is a great example of how a government employee or liaison should work for the people," he said.

"I am excited to be a part of this project that will improve the lives of the residents of Jeremiah Drive," Jones said.

"We are hopeful that the end of this extremely difficult period is in sight," Stanley said. "We look forward to a resolution for all of us. We'll watch and wait and track the situation until the work is complete. I am aware that getting out the word through news outlets was an important part of developing the awareness of folks about our situation. We appreciate your work and that of others in accomplishing that."

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# Henzey: local governments have to work harder to get information out

*This week, we speak with Debra Henzey, Chatham County's director of community relations.*

**Talk to us about your background, your previous roles and what brought you to Chatham County.**



Henzey

Born and raised in Alabama, I followed my older sister to North Carolina when I was 27 years old. I first worked for the N.C. Association of County Commissioners for 16 years as the Director of Communications, where I enjoyed working with officials from all 100 counties. I developed a special place in my heart for the rural counties and decided that someday I wanted to work in one. I still remember how much I loved Chatham County the very first trip to North Carolina when we drove right through Pittsboro. I recall a huge old holly tree on West Street in Pittsboro that was a state or national record.

I found that when I was at conferences of county officials, I often ended up spending time with Betty Wilson, Margaret Pollard and Mary Hayes Holmes because they were so much fun. I also got to know former County Manager Charlie Horne during a very intense three-week training at the School of Government at UNC-CH. Years later, I was excited when a position opened up with Chatham County and was able to get started on my work here. Immediately, this felt like home.

One of my first big projects in Chatham involved designing and launching a new county website in 2006. I convened a group of local people to get feedback on what it should look like, how it should be organized and what content was most important.

My role has evolved every year to include a new area of focus, such as helping secure a

stable provider of local mental health services, but I much of each day is devoted to communicating with the public on an array of county issues. I am the webmaster, write and disseminate all news releases, help with public surveys.

**What are the unique challenges of information dissemination in this digital age, particularly in Chatham County?**

We still have a large number of residents without internet access or who have very slow access. The 2018 Chatham Community Assessment conducted by the Chatham Health Alliance found that about 30 percent reported either no internet access or very slow/poor access. Just over 10 percent do not even want internet access. This contributes to many residents lacking information on available services and how issues facing the county or towns impact them personally.

In our Chatham County biennial survey of residents in late 2017, residents said that they mostly still get local news from newspaper articles (67 percent access newspapers regularly), while about 49 percent said that also access the county website regularly for information. However, we have to remember that they may not read the same newspaper or read more than a one or two short items. And, TV news almost never covers any Chatham issues unless they are highly controversial or a disaster of some type.

This means that local governments have to work harder to get information out. We have sometimes put flyers in beauty parlors, tiendas, community centers, Chatham Transit buses, libraries and many other places. During the 2010 Census process, we sent also information to local churches to post. We are always trying to think and use new options. The Code Red system in Emergency Management does give us a way to call impacted residents, but it can only be used for serious situations.



**Let's talk about broadband. We've reported about broadband extensively in the past, and the challenges in bringing it to Chatham. What will county-wide broadband bring to the people of Chatham County, and what are possible timelines?**

The lack of widespread quality broadband in Chatham has been the number one resident complaint for many years. Even some of our more densely populated areas do not have it, but it is by far worse in the western half of the county. We have two major barriers.

First, there's a lack of provider competition to serve areas that are sparsely populated, because it is expensive for them to serve those areas. And second, state legislation passed in the past eight years has greatly restricted what local governments can do to either offer broadband or even partner with private providers. Counties are even more restricted than towns and cities.

Darlene Yudell, our director of Management & Information Systems, has taken this issue on over the past two years. She worked with Keith Medlin in the Chatham County Schools to look at ways the two entities could partner to expand access to broadband. They produced a report presented in August 2018 that outlines opportunities for collaboration on this issue (see attached). Some of the recommendations are already underway, but we continue to fight for changes by the N.C. General Assembly to give us more options to partner with private

providers to expand broadband. We proposed that the N.C. Association of County Commissioners again make this a priority legislative goal for 2019-20 and we're happy to report it is the number one item in the five priority goals. <http://www.ncacc.org/734/2019-2020-Legislative-Goals>

**Chatham County has a very robust e-notifier system. Can you explain what it is and how it's used to provide information to citizens?**

For those who do have broadband or cell service, we have a large menu of items that you can choose to receive via email, such as agendas of upcoming Board of Commissioners meetings, job postings, library events, and RPFs of interest to local businesses. Our most popular categories are news categories: County Government News (all major news releases) and Sheriff Office News (arrest blotters and events). To sign up, visit [www.chathamnc.org/enotify](http://www.chathamnc.org/enotify) It is very easy to unsubscribe by clicking on a link in any of the emails you get from the website.

**Let's talk about the upcoming census, and its importance for Chatham County.**

The 2020 Census will be coming in April 2020. Why is it important to have everyone complete the Census form? Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors. Your community benefits the most when the census counts everyone.

When you respond to the census, you help your community gets its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs. Also, businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and this creates jobs. Developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods. Local governments use the

## About Debra Henzey

*In her position, Henzey's role includes serving as county government's chief information provider. A native of Auburn, Alabama, Henzey graduated Auburn University in 1978 with B.A. in communications and journalism. She worked for Alabama Farm Bureau and the Alabama School Boards Association for four years before moving to North Carolina in 1983. She served as Communications Director for the N.C. Association of County Commissioners for 16 years, then led the Civic Education Consortium for the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill. She came to Chatham County 2005. She and her husband of 27 years, Tom, have two "spoiled rotten" Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.*

census for public safety and emergency preparedness. Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

This is going to be a particularly challenging Census process, because some parts of the Census questionnaire are tied up in court, so we may not even know what the final questionnaire looks like for months and may not know when promotional materials will be finalized. Chatham County had the best response rate in 2010, but that involved a lot of hard work from community members. We had a strong local committee that included representatives of all parts of the county, churches, racial/ethnic groups, school system, towns, etc. We will have to convene another great team for 2020 Census soon. If you are interested or know someone who is, please email me at [debra.henzey@chathamnc.org](mailto:debra.henzey@chathamnc.org) or call 919-542-8258.



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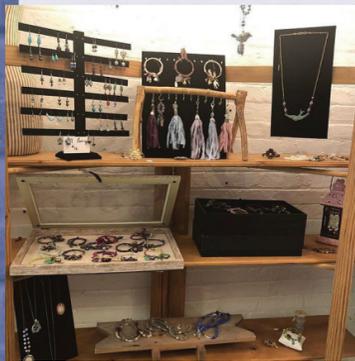


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### CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOL MENUS

Chatham County elementary,  
K-8 and high school menus  
\*\* Middle and High School Menus

**Monday, February 4**

**BREAKFAST:** Cini Minis, Fruit Cocktail (\*\*Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

**LUNCH:** Big Daddy's Buffalo Chix Pizza, Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread, PB&J w/Smoothie Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Seasoned Black Eyed Peas, Chilled Mandarin Oranges (\*\*Fresh Fruit)

**Tuesday, February 5**

**BREAKFAST:** Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Mandarin Oranges, Hashbrowns (\*\*Breakfast Round, Fresh Fruit)

**LUNCH:** Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit, Mini Pancakes w/Cheese Stick, Chicken Caesar Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, SunBelievable 100% Juice Box, Chilled Peaches (\*\*Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit w/Eggs, Fr Tst Stx w/Egg & Sausage, Ham & Cheese Combo, Chicken Ceasar Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Sunbelievable 100% Juice Box, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Fruit)

**Wednesday, February 6**

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

**LUNCH:** Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Chicken Fajita Rice Bowl, Ham & Cheese Combo, Rancho Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Fresh Fruit - Birthday Treat (\*\*Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Chicken Fajita Rice Bowl, Chicken Tender Wrap Combo, Rancho Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit - Birthday Treat)

**Thursday, February 7**

**BREAKFAST:** Pancake Wrap Sausage Bites, Peaches, Hashbrowns (\*\*Pancake Sausage Wrap, Fresh Fruit)

**LUNCH:** Sweet Thai Chili Chicken w/Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, Chicken Tender Chef Salad, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Vegetable Blend, Blueberry Crisp (\*\*Sweet Thai Chili Chicken w/Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, Deli Club Wrap Combo, Chicken Tender Chef Salad, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Vegetable Blend, Blueberry Crisp, Fresh Fruit)

**Friday, February 8**

**BREAKFAST:** Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (\*\*Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

**LUNCH:** Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, Crispy Chicken Sandwich, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Fresh Fruit (\*\*Cheese Dippers w/Marinara, Chicken Nuggets w/Roll, PB&J w/Cheese Stick Combo, Seasoned Broccoli, Marinated Tomatoes, Chilled Applesauce, Fresh Fruit)

### CHURCH NEWS

**LYSTRA BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Take and Wear Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, February 9 from 9 to 10:30. Anyone needing clothes can come and shop - everything is free! The church is located at 686 Lystra Road, off 15-501, past Chatham Downs. For more information, call 919-933-6812.

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The Third Annual Mid-Year Conference begins on Friday, February 8 and February 9. Service will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday with the guest speaker, Rev. Kenneth Swain pastor of Cameron Grove AME Zion Church in Broadway. Workshops

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CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

# District honing in on more 'equitable' grading, homework practices

BY ZACHARY HORNER  
News + Record Staff

Chatham County Schools is nearing the end of a two-year process of re-evaluating its grading practices and is undergoing slight changes to its homework policies.

The emphasis, according to Amanda Hartness, the district's assistant superintendent for academic services and instructional support, is the student.

"(We're) really trying to get people to think about what's the ultimate goal we're trying to get kids to hear," she told the News + Record. "We're trying to be more student-centered and not make everything about the teacher being frustrated that the student isn't doing something. It should be about students learning and having every opportunity to learn what they get to know."

Discussions over changes in grading began, Hartness said, two years ago when the state altered the grade scale from 7-point to 10-point, which

raised questions about "equities in grading practices."

A committee of teachers and administrators began talking about effective practices in evaluation, including reading Canadian education consultant Ken O'Connor's book "15 Fixes for Broken Grades." According to O'Connor's website, he has worked with faculties at schools in 47 states, nine Canadian provinces and 25 countries outside North America.

Hartness said the committee found that some grading practices weren't "necessarily equitable." For example, some teachers would take points away from students at the elementary level if a reading log wasn't signed, or extra credit would be given if a student wore certain types of clothes during a spirit week.

"That has nothing to do with something a student can or can't do," Hartness said. "It has to do with rewarding a behavior, and some things the student may have no control over."

Hartness said the best grading practices reflect what a

student knows and is able to do with content that is taught.

The district has also worked to eliminate the use of zeroes on assignments except as a "last resort." Students have the option to make error corrections to show they know the content or apply for assignment extensions ahead of time if they know they'll struggle to complete the work in time. Zeroes, Hartness said, aren't reflective of real life situations and don't hold students accountable.

"If you don't pay your taxes, the IRS doesn't say, 'You get a zero because you were late,'" she said. "With kids, they don't turn in an assignment and we give a zero, the kid gets away with it and they don't learn."

The district has also instituted a cap on the weight homework should have on a student's final grade in a class at 10 percent.

Hartness said not all teachers have instituted all the changes, and the policy is not fully-formed yet, but there have already been some positive outcomes.

"You'll hear little stories where teachers are having success changing those practices," she said. "It's hard to break them because it's the way school's been done forever."

The Chatham County Board of Education discussed the grading changes briefly at its mid-year retreat on Jan. 14 in relation to a new homework policy.

Hartness said there won't be much change to the actual homework policy, but there is an emphasis on more equitable assigned work. District Superintendent Derrick Jordan said he doesn't think administration and the board should get too involved in specifying a certain amount of homework, but added that homework in and of itself is a good thing.

"Homework has been an issue for as long as I've been in education," Jordan said. "I'm sure anybody who's been to a conference - school board or otherwise - lately, there's been a session on homework. I'm of the opinion that if you are using homework to practice,

then there ought to be no question about whether or not you assign homework.

"It really does need to be tailored to the extent possible to fit the individual students' needs. It becomes part of our responsibility to let kids know how to plan and deal with multiple assignments at one time."

Changes in homework policy and practice, Hartness said, are designed to make things equitable for students, taking the students' limitations and abilities into consideration. She said she's seen more teachers assign homework "depending on the student."

"The goal of (changing homework and grading practices) is to try to be more student-centered," she said. "We want to have practices that help them be successful instead of putting in barriers."

The county's actual homework policy is likely to see slight changes in upcoming months due to changes at the North Carolina School Board Association, but nothing significant, Hartness said.

## SCOUTS: It's time to buy your Thin Mints and Shortbreads

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er's steel siding explains: "It's cookie time!"

That would be Girl Scout Cookies, of course. And now is indeed their time.

January 12th opened the limited window of availability of the popular snacks, so from now through March, Girl Scouts across the county are conducting their largest - and most visible - fundraising activity of the year: working to sell thousands of boxes of cookies.

Inside the trailer - called the "cookie cupboard" - were pallets of neatly-stacked green, yellow and purple boxes containing the iconic sweet treats.

There are Thin Mints, certainly, and Caramel deLites. You'll find Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbreads and Lemonades. And there are also Savannah Smiles, a cookie whose name is a nod to Savannah, Georgia, where Juliette Gordon Lowe founded the girls' scouting organization in 1912.

More than 100 years after it was born, the Girl Scouts organization, with a membership today of 1.8 million girls, is still going strong and making significant differences in the lives of its members.

"It's a very important program," LaDonna Lineberry, leader of Troop 1031 in Silk Hope, said of the Girl Scout program.

Known to many as "the Cookie Lady" because of her years of involvement in the program, Lineberry said that while the well-known cookie program gets a lot of attention, there's a lot more going on with Girl Scouts than Thin Mints.

"There used to be home economics classes in schools," said Lineberry. "Now they don't teach those things. They don't teach manners, discipline, how to handle money. There are a lot of common sense things that aren't taught anymore."

Girl Scouts - much more than just an outlet for tasty cookies a few months of the year - helps fill that educational void, she said.

"The point is to get the girls out and doing things," said Lineberry.

"And our troop does a lot," she said. "We camp and fish. We're in parades. We pack



Emma Green lets customers know cookies are a steal at \$4 per box.

Staff photos by Kim Hawks



A car load of cookies fresh from the 'Cookie Cupboard' in Pittsboro is bound for an upcoming booth sale.

goody bags for veterans and hand them out. We're involved with coat drives and blanket drives and toy drives and recycling. We go caroling at nursing homes."

Each year, Girl Scouts deliver more than 70 million hours of community service.

Lineberry first joined the organization as a scout herself and got involved with scouting again when her daughter, Stephanie, followed in her footsteps. Now 27, Stephanie, like her mother, is still involved, now as a Girl Scout Daisy leader.

The mother and daughter were among the local Scout leaders at Marki's home last week transferring boxes of cookies from the well-stocked cupboard to their cars, to take the boxes back to their home

base to sell.

Lineberry's troop was one of several lined up to sell cookies at Walmart in Siler City over the weekend and throughout the season.

And sell they do. A lot.

Stephanie herself, from the time she joined Girl Scouts in 1st grade until she aged out of the program in her late teens, was only 80 boxes shy of selling a total of 10,000 boxes of cookies.

All proceeds earned from the sale of cookies in Chatham County stays in the county.

"This is our big fundraiser for the year," Lineberry said.

Just a couple of weeks into this year's cookie season, Lineberry said her troop's efforts to move all those colorful boxes are "going really well. We've

sold a lot of them and we're here to get more."

Caramel deLites, she said, are her troop's biggest seller.

"But you've got something for everybody," said Lineberry, noting the wide variety of flavors available to suit a wide variety of tastes.

"We've pretty well got it all covered," she said.

The volume of Girl Scout cookies sold every year is impressive, too.

For this year's season, Chatham County scouts started with a supply of 21,000 boxes, said Marki, who became active with the Girl Scouts more than 30 years ago when his three daughters joined and has stayed with the program - even after his daughters aged out, coordinating cookie sales in Chatham for the last quarter of a century.

The cookie cupboard parked in his driveway supplies Chatham County scouts throughout the selling period. In addition to the 21,000 boxes initially distributed to local scouts for sale, the cupboard held at the start of the season an additional 20,000 boxes to re-supply troops.

By early spring when sales wind down, most of those thousands of boxes will be sold thanks to the efforts of local Girl Scouts, Marki said.

"Behind Oreos, Thin Mints are the single largest-selling cookie in the United States," Marki said.

For each box sold, local scouts keep 50 cents and it's up to the girls to determine how those funds - once the demanding work of selling them has been completed - are spent.

Troops save up for a variety of things, including trips to Washington, D.C., or Savannah, the birthplace of the program.

"If you're willing to go out and work at it, it's doable," said Lineberry.

For those who want to snag their favorite flavors, be on the lookout for booth sales at larger stores in the county, said Kristan Shimpi, Girl Scouts of N.C. Coastal Pines membership director for Chatham, Lee and Moore counties.

Shimpi also urges those interested in purchasing Girl Scout cookies to download the cookie finder app for iOS or Android mobile devices or visit [nccoastalpines.org](http://nccoastalpines.org) and enter a zip code in the Girl Scout Cookie Finder.

## REDESIGN: Up-to-date look and more in-depth local news

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The new design will allow us to do still even more in terms of our presentation of news and information, so be on the lookout for additional content additions and improvements in the weeks and months to come.

If you're a regular reader, the design will allow us to enhance features in the newspaper you've enjoyed for years. For the casual or occasional reader, you'll find a newspaper we believe will compare favorably to the best newspapers of our size in all of North Carolina.

As with the other changes we're implementing, keep in mind that it's a work in progress - particularly as our staff gets used to our new format. The end goal, again,

is to allow us to focus more about what matters most in Siler City, Pittsboro, Goldston, Bonlee, Bear Creek, Bennett, Bynum, Wilsonville, Moncure, Governors Club, Fearington and Briar Chapel - and everywhere in between in Chatham County.

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Help us remain strong by continuing to read and support the News + Record.

We're all about Chatham County. Let's grow together.

# Contention arises over Chatham Park tree plan

CN+R Staff Report

With a couple of Chatham Park's major planning elements down, the Town of Pittsboro will next tackle tree protection.

The discussion began in earnest at a town board meeting on Jan. 14, and it started with Jeff Jones, the town's planning director, expressing audible doubt over Chatham Park's stated goals.

Chatham Park had given the town its plans for existing tree preservation and protection on the more-than-7,000-acre site in 2017. The town told Chatham Park at the time to find a different strategy.

Jones said that the developers' new tree protection element, a set of ordinances, reflected the town's Unified Development Ordinances, which are still in the draft phase. The new plan utilized percentages of tree protection based on tree coverage. Chatham Park's plan, Jones said, most closely resembled that of the City of Durham.

The plan calls for Chatham Park to keep 20 percent of existing trees on residential lots and 10 percent on non-residential lots in most areas. In the Villages areas, the Park would retain 3 percent on residential lots and 10 percent in non-residential lots.

Jones said Durham has zero percent saved for tree protection in urban areas.

"Ten percent is better than zero," Jones said, "but I question whether the applicant [Chatham Park] is truly meaning 10 percent or not."

The comment was not addressed by the board, town staff or members from WithersRavenel, the architectural firm representing Chatham Park at

**"It's not just aesthetic. It cools the town, it reduces our energy bills. It also does help to protect the soil from sudden stormwater events."**

**MICHAEL FIOCCO, Commissioner**

the Jan. 14 meeting.

Commissioners Bett Wilson Foley and John Bonitz, both of whom have raised questions over Chatham Park in the past, expressed concerns over the element.

"Ten percent is such a fraction, and here Chatham Park is such an important watershed," Foley said. "It seems like its numbers need to be higher than 10 and 20 percent."

Commissioner Michael Fiocco said the current element plan would locate tree cover "off-site" and more street trees would be included, particularly in the non-residential areas. Bonitz said he appreciated the desire for flexibility, but argued for the multiple uses for tree cover.

"It's not just aesthetic," he said. "It cools the town, it reduces our energy bills. It also does help to protect the soil from sudden stormwater events. There's a lot here, and there are significant values to protecting tree cover. I'm interested in seeing us present excellence in tree cover be-

cause I think that we have a lot to worry about in regards to more extreme weather events."

The discussion continued at Pittsboro's board meeting this past Monday, during which five residents addressed the board during the public comment session. The speakers expressed concerns that the percentage of tree canopy included in the additional elements for the Chatham Park development were inadequate and unacceptable. Speakers had concerns that replacement trees would not be enough to replace the mature wood and specimen trees that may be removed to allow the project.

The speaker comments sparked a discussion among the board members, particularly Bonitz and Fiocco; but there was no resolution or vote taken regarding the tree requirements. Attached to the agenda, however, as a "for your information" item, were recommendations for a tree protection ordinance. The item was not discussed; but the rec-

ommendations indicate that areas in the downtown Pittsboro region would require 15 percent tree canopy coverage while new mixed-used developments would require 30 percent tree canopy coverage. In addition, the percentage of tree canopy coverage would increase as lot sizes increased starting at 20 percent for lots under 10,000 square feet and moving upward to 60 percent canopy coverage for lots over 80,000 square feet, according to the recommendations.

The board will continue discussions over the next few meetings, with no current timetable for a decision.

## TOWN OF SILER CITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BRAY PARK CONCESSIONS

The Town of Siler City intends to identify and select an individual or group to provide concessions services at the Bray Park Sports Complex during all local league play, tournaments and special events. Concession services require many nights and weekends. Group shall be responsible for all supplies. Servsafe Food Safety training required. For Scope of Work and General Terms and Conditions, please contact Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Keel [jkeel@silercity.org](mailto:jkeel@silercity.org) 919-742-2699 or visit [www.silercity.org](http://www.silercity.org). Proposals should include what should be expected from your concession services and any prior experiences.

**Proposals are due no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019.**



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## Patriots march past Jets

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

Limiting Jordan-Matthews to back-to-back single-digit quarters in the first half, Providence Grove opened up an 11-point advantage at the break, then withstood a third-period rally by the Jets that trimmed the margin to two before building enough of a lead midway through the final stanza to hold off a late J-M comeback attempt and claim a 53-48 PAC 7 2A Conference triumph Tuesday night on the winners' court.

Defeating Jordan-Matthews for the fifth time in their last six meetings, the Patriots improved to 7-9 overall and 2-4 against league rivals, whereas the Jets lost for the seventh time in their last eight outings in dropping

to 5-13 for the season and 1-5 in the conference standings. However, J-M still holds a 13-7 advantage in the all-time series between the two schools.

Providence Grove's Evan Taylor registered a double-double with 14 points and 10 boards while Daylin Locklear collected 13 points, including the 1,000th point of his career on a lane drive with 5:46 to go in the fourth quarter.

Jordan Hodges fired in a pair of three-pointers and totaled a dozen points for the Patriots, who shot 43% (22-of-51) from the floor and outrebounded their visitors from Siler City 31-27 while turning the ball over 10 times.

Camden Fuquay poured in a game-high 22 points, including 16 in the third stanza, and Caleel Waden added 12 points

for Jordan-Matthews, which connected on 43% (20-of-47) of its field goal attempts while committing 14 turnovers.

Following Xavier Woods' rebound basket in the lane and Waden's jumper from the left wing that gave the Jets an early 4-0 lead, Providence Grove used an 11-2 run, capped by Dawson Lee's trey from the left side with seven seconds remaining in the initial frame, to forge a five-point advantage after one period.

J-M narrowed its deficit to two twice in the second stanza, the last time at 17-15 on Fuquay's jump hook in the paint with 4:39 to go until halftime, prior to Locklear's floater off the right baseline that ignited a 9-0 quarter-ending spurt to put the Patriots up

See **BOYS**, page B2

## J-M girls no match for Providence Grove

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

Following an 11-all standoff with Jordan-Matthews at the conclusion of the first period, Makayla McClain, Madison Dark and Malea Gerrison combined for all of Providence Grove's second-quarter points as the Lady Patriots surged to a 24-17 halftime advantage en route to garnering a 51-37 PAC 7 2A Conference victory Tuesday night on their home court.

Snapping a string of four straight losses to the Lady Jets, Providence Grove climbed to 4-2 in the league standings and 7-9 for the year, while J-M fell to 2-4 in the conference and 6-12 overall. Despite the loss, Jordan-Mat-

thews still leads the overall series 16-10.

Dark recorded a game-high 18 points while Gerrison chipped in 11 and McClain finished with nine. The Lady Patriots connected on 21-of-64 (33%) of their field goal attempts while committing 13 turnovers.

Jasmine Scotton led the Lady Jets with 10 points as J-M shot 17-of-51 (33%) from the floor and held a 36-33 advantage in rebounds but turned the ball over 30 times.

Seniah Wiley's layup with 2:40 left in the opening stanza gave Jordan-Matthews its biggest lead of the evening at 9-4 before Providence Grove rallied to seize an 11-9 advan-

See **GIRLS**, page B2

# Northwood's Posse tabbed Big Eight Conference Swimmer of the Year



Northwood's Madeline Posse (left) was named 3A Big Eight Conference Swimmer of the Year while Northwood's Sara Graham was selected as the league's Coach of the Year.



The Northwood girl's 200 Medley Relay and 400 Free Relay teams comprised of (left-right) of Mia Corrado, Suzanne Earnshaw, Madeline Posse, and Julia Earnshaw captured a pair of first place finishes on Thursday evening up at Duke University in the 3A Big Eight Conference meet. The Lady Chargers will head to the 3A Eastern Regionals in Greensboro this Saturday.

Contributed Photos

BY DON BEANE  
New + Record Staff

A great regular season for the Northwood swim team came to a close here on Thursday evening at Duke University Aquatics Center in Durham as the Lady Chargers captured third place overall as a team in the 3A Big Eight Conference, while also taking home some additional hardware.

Madeline Posse of Northwood captured 3A Women's Swimmer of the Year honors for the conference while Sara Graham was selected as Women's Swimming Coach of the Year for the Big Eight Conference.

Graham was extremely proud of her squad and how they grew as the season went on.

"High school sports are not only about winning, and as a coach, my job isn't just to teach them how to swim but to help

foster the development of young adults," said Graham. "Throughout the season, it was my goal to have everyone try something they had never done before, whether it is going off the block, swimming in a relay, or swimming a stroke they weren't previously comfortable with."

Graham relayed this message to her squad before the final Big Eight Conference meet on Thursday evening in Durham.

"I have the confidence that you can do anything that you set your mind to," Graham pointed out. "And many of my swimmers embodied that with their races this season."

The Northwood girls 200 Medley Relay won with a time of 1:54.98, the girls 400 Free Relay won with a time of 3:43.60.

Both of Lady Chargers relay teams are going into regionals as the top seed. Madelina Posse, Julia Earnshaw, Suzanne Earnshaw, and Mia Corrado are

on both relays.

Posse also won the 200 free in a time of 2:03.72, and the 100 free in a time of 55.47.

Suzanne Earnshaw took 1st in the 200 IM in a time of 2:18.58, out touching her younger sister, Julia Earnshaw, who swam it in a time of 2:18.67. Suzanne Earnshaw also took second in the 100 breast, going a time of 1:11.60. Julia Earnshaw took second in the 100 fly, swimming a time of 1:01.57.

Corrado, meanwhile, won the 500 freestyle with a 5:22.24 and got second in the 100 back with a 1:02.43.

Katie Foye took 8th in the 200 IM and Sarena Gisser took 10th. Gwen Hoeg took 8th in both the 50 and 100 freestyles.

In the 200 Freestyle Relay, Sarah Beck, Sarena Gisser, Katie Foye, and Gwen Hoeg took 4th with a time of 1:57.37.

Sean Foye led the Northwood boys by taking 4th in the 50 free with a time of

**"I have the confidence that you can do anything that you set your mind to. And many of my swimmers embodied that with their races this season."**

**SARA GRAHAM,**  
Women's Swimming Coach of the Year for the Big Eight Conference

24.40 while Sam Earnshaw took 7th in the 100 freestyle.

Up next for the Chargers are the 3A Eastern Regionals in Greensboro this Saturday morning beginning at 7:15 a.m. at the Greensboro Aquatic Center.

According to Graham the final psych sheet has not been released, but she anticipates taking approximately 20 swimmers.

# Northwood starts fast in rout of Cedar Ridge

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

Aaron Ross tallied eight of his game-high 16 points in the opening three minutes of play as Northwood raced out to an early 12-2 lead and was never threatened while galloping past overmatched Cedar Ridge 59-27 in Big Eight 3A Conference hoops action Friday night in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

With their sixth straight win over the Fighting Red Wolves, the Chargers now lead the all-time series 13-10 as they improved to 11-4 for the season and 4-2 against league foes.

Losing its eighth outing in a row, Cedar Ridge dropped to 1-14 for the year and 0-7 in the conference.

Deuce Powell and Tommy Ocariza each notched eight points for the victors, who connected on 25-of-51 (49%) of their field goal attempts and commanded a 26-14 advantage in rebounds while turning the ball over 11 times.

Chris Tinnen led the Red Wolves with seven points as Cedar Ridge shot eight-of-30 (27%) from the floor while committing 20 turnovers.

After the visitors from Orange County pulled within 12-11 on Andrew Altieri's three-pointer from the right wing with 3:40 remaining in the first quarter, Northwood responded with Justin Brower's turn-around jumper in the paint and Ocariza's trey from the right side to end

the initial stanza holding a 10-point lead.

With Adam Omar and Ocariza both tossing in three-pointers in the second period, the Chargers continued to expand their advantage, which grew to 29-10 at the break following a rebound bucket in the lane by Ross with 6.7 seconds left until halftime.

The Red Wolves trimmed their deficit to 15 on three occasions in the third quarter, the final time at 36-21 on a pair of K.J. Barnes free throws with 2:20 to go in the frame, but could get no closer as Northwood finished out the stanza with a 7-2 burst to forge a 43-23 lead.

While limiting Cedar Ridge to just four free throws

over the last eight minutes, the Chargers began the fourth period with Jalen McAfee's put-back in the lane and a Ross fast break layup to boost their advantage to 24 and gradually added to their total during the remainder of the contest, with Sebastian Mehninger's pull-up basket from the left wing in the closing seconds accounting for the final spread besides giving Northwood its biggest margin of the evening.

**CR 7 3 13 4 - 27**  
**NW 17 12 14 16 - 59**  
**Cedar Ridge (1-14, 0-7):** Barnes 1 4-6 6 Mergenthal 2 0-0 4 Smith 1 0-0 2 Harper 0 0-1 0 Tinnen 2 3-4 7 ZHolmes 0 1-2 1 Altieri 2 1-1 6 JHolmes 0 0-0 0 Gibbs 0 1-2 1 Crane

0 0-0 0. Totals 8 10-16 27.  
**Northwood (12-4, 4-2):** Powell 4 0-0 8 Thompson 1 2-2 4 McAfee 3 1-3 7 Brower 2 0-0 4 Ross 7 1-1 16 Omar 1 0-0 3 Arnold 1 0-0 3 Ocariza 3 0-0 8 Raines 1 0-0 2 Mehninger 2 0-0 4 Shadoan 0 0-0 0 Morgan 0 0-0 0. Totals 25 4-6 59.

**Halftime:** Northwood, 29-10.  
**Three-point goals:** Cedar Ridge 1-10 (Altieri 1-6, Tinnen 0-1, ZHolmes 0-1, Barnes 0-1, Gibbs 0-1); Northwood 5-18 (Ocariza 2-5, Ross 1-2, Arnold 1-2, Omar 1-4, Powell 0-1, Thompson 0-1, Brower 0-1, McAfee 0-1, Mehninger 0-1). Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Cedar Ridge 14 (Mergenthal, ZHolmes, Smith 3); Northwood 26 (McAfee 11).  
**Turnovers:** Cedar Ridge 20; Northwood 11.  
**Total fouls:** Cedar Ridge 14; Northwood 15.

# Knights slay Grizzlies in CTH affair

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

A stellar season for the Chatham Charter boy's basketball team continued here on Friday night in Siler City.

The Knights rode a 20 points performance by Connor Murphy to improve to 7-1 in 1A Central Tar Heel Conference play and to 20-1 overall with a decisive 68-50 thumping of Clover Garden.

Chatham Charter played about as well as it possibly could in the opening quarter as the locals pumped in 26 points to take a 15-point lead after one.

"Our guys came focused and ready to play on both end tonight and we play very well in the first period," said CC coach Jason Messier. "We slowed down a bit in the second offensively, but defensively we were

still very aggressive and limited Clover Garden to six points."

The stifling defensive effort in the second led to a 36-17 cushion at the half for the Knights who then outscored the Grizzlies 19-14 in the third to go up 55-31 before cruising to the easy 18-point victory.

In addition to his 20 points, Murphy added four rebounds and two steals while Jordan Hamilton chipped in 13 points, eight rebounds and one assist.

Chatham Charter also received 10 points, four rebounds and two assists for Cole Milholen while Tyler Dettmer contributed eight points, and 12 rebounds, and Dustin Cook two points and six rebounds, and Kolby Riddle four boards.

Noah Tickle and Matt Hall led Clover Garden with 15 points while Heath Worsham chipped in 13.



Chatham Central's Eliana Phillips (bottom right) fights for a loose ball on Tuesday evening down in Bear Creek in a 59-35 rout of Research Triangle Park.

Photos / Lee Moody



Chatham Central's Cami Hughes (22) and Addie Fields (14) crash in on a Resarch Triangle Adademy ball handler in local high school basketball action down in Bear Creek on Tuesday night.



Chatham Central's Cade Fields (top) controls an opponent on Wednesday night in Bear Creek in area high school wrestling action.

## GIRLS: J-M falls short in end

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tage on Dark's turnaround bucket in the lane with 37.5 seconds to go in the initial period.

But the Lady Jets would then forge a tie 12 seconds later on Makayla Glover's put-back in the paint.

Gerrison's three-pointer from the right wing nine seconds into the second quarter gave the Lady Patriots the lead for good, and following Glover's rebound basket off the right baseline that drew J-M within 14-13 with exactly five minutes remaining in the first half, Providence Grove closed out the frame with a 10-4 run to carry a seven-point advantage into intermission.

Ellia Wright's three-pointer from the right wing with 20.6 seconds to go in the third stanza cut Jordan-Matthews' deficit to 34-28 prior to Avery Browder's layup with 4.7 seconds showing on the clock that sent the Lady Patriots into the final eight minutes with an eight-point lead.

A 13-5 burst by Providence Grove to begin the fourth quarter allowed the winners to equal their largest advantage of the night at 49-33 with 3:33 left to play

before the Lady Patriots wrapped up their sixth win in their last eight outings after starting the season 1-7

J-M	11	6	11	9-37
PG	11	13	12	15-51

**Jordan-Matthews (6-12, 2-4):** Mitchell 3 0-2 6 Ray 0 1-2 1 Scotton 5 0-1 10 Headen 3 0-1 6 Wright 1 1-2 4 Glover 2 0-0 4 Wiley 2 0-0 4 Brooks 0 0-2 0 Artis 0 0-0 0 Honeycutt 0 0-0 0 Payne 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 2-10 37.

**Providence Grove (7-9, 4-2):** Gerrison 5 0-0 11 Sexton 0 3-3 3 Browder 3 0-0 6 Dark 7 3-4 18 McClain 4 1-2 9 Austin 1 0-2 2 Jackson 0 0-0 0 AMason 0 0-0 0 VTorrain 0 0-0 0 TTorrain 0 0-0 0 MMason 0 0-0 0 Nelson 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 7-11 51.

**Halftime:** Providence Grove, 24-17. Three-point goals-Jordan-Matthews 1-7 (Wright 1-3, Headen 0-1, Mitchell 0-3); Providence Grove 2-14 (Dark 1-2, Gerrison 1-3, Jackson 0-1, McClain 0-1, Austin 0-2, Sexton 0-5).

**Fouled out:** None.

**Rebounds:** Jordan-Matthews 36 (Mitchell 9); Providence Grove 33 (Gerrison 9).

**Turnovers:** Jordan-Matthews 30; Providence Grove 13.

**Total fouls:** Jordan-Matthews 8; Providence Grove 14.

## BOYS: Patriots hold on to win

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26-15 at intermission.

With Fuquay scoring all but two of Jordan-Matthews' third-period points, the Jets fought back to close the gap to 35-33 on his conventional three-point play with 2:31 left in the stanza before Providence Grove finished out the quarter on Hodges' three-pointer from the left corner, Taylor's fast break layup and Locklear's layup following a backcourt steal which stretched the Patriots' lead to nine entering the final eight minutes.

After Locklear's conventional three-point play boosted Providence Grove's advantage to 49-37 with 3:50 remaining in the contest, J-M put together an 11-2 run to pull within 51-48 on Hunter Causey's trey from the left corner with 7.2 seconds to go prior to Taylor managing to seal the win on a pair of charity tosses with 3.9 seconds left.

J-M	6	9	18	15-48
PG	11	15	16	11-53

**Jordan-Matthews (5-13, 1-5):** Fuquay 9 4-4 22 Woods 2 0-0 4 TMOore 1 0-0 2 SMOore 0 0-0 0 Waden 5 2-4 12 Causey 1 0-0 3 Teague 1 0-0 2 Matthews 1 0-0 3 Murchison 0 0-0 2 Campbell 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 6-10 48.

**Providence Grove (7-9, 2-4):** Foust 1 0-0 3 Lee 2 0-0 5 Taylor 6 2-3 14 Locklear 6 1-3 13 Overman 0 2-2 2 Brown 0 0-0 0 Hodges 5 0-0 12 Fee 1 0-0 2 Overton 1 0-0 2 Halthcock 0 0-0 0 Stacey 0 0-0 2. Totals 22 5-10 53.

**Halftime:** Providence Grove, 26-15. **Three-point goals:** Jordan-Matthews 2-11 (Causey 1-2, Matthews 1-3, Fuquay 0-1, Waden 0-2, SMOore 0-3); Providence Grove 4-13 (Hodges 2-3, Lee 1-1, Foust 1-2, Taylor 0-1, Stacey 0-1, Overman 0-2, Locklear 0-3).

**Fouled out:** None.

**Rebounds:** Jordan-Matthews 27 (Woods 8); Providence Grove 31 (Taylor 14).

**Turnovers:** Jordan-Matthews 10; Providence Grove 10.

**Total fouls:** Jordan-Matthews 16; Providence Grove 12.

## Lady Chargers grind past Wolves

BY DUCK DUCKSON  
News + Record Staff

Following a sluggish first half which saw Northwood struggle to put 16 points on the scoreboard, the Lady Chargers finally managed to open up a double-digit advantage over cold-shooting Cedar Ridge at the start of the fourth quarter and went on to hand the Lady Fighting Red Wolves a 39-26 Big Eight 3A Conference setback Friday evening in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

Improving to 20-3 all-time against Cedar Ridge while defeating the Lady Wolves for the tenth time in their last 11 meetings, Northwood raised its record to 9-7 overall and 3-3 in the league standings, whereas the visitors from Hillsborough stumbled to 5-11 for the year and 3-4 in the conference.

Jyrea Smith fired in a trio of three-pointers to lead the Lady Chargers with a game-high 10 points as Northwood shot 40% (12-of-30) from the floor while committing 19 turnovers.

Madison Wardlow topped Cedar Ridge with nine points as the Lady Wolves connected on just 18% (nine-of-51) of their field goal attempts and held a slim 27-25 advantage on the boards while turning the ball over 17 times.

A pair of Wardlow free throws with 4:11 left in the initial period gave Cedar Ridge its only lead at 5-3 before two Rae McClarty foul shots and Caitlyn Bailey's layup put the Lady Chargers ahead 7-5 after one quarter.

Northwood proceeded to extend its advantage to 14-7 on Smith's trey from the left wing with 5:26 remaining in the second stanza prior to the Lady Wolves battling back to close the gap to 16-12 at halftime.

After the Lady Chargers stretched their lead to 23-14 following a Chandler Adams charity toss with 4:32 to go in the third period, Cedar Ridge used free throws by Tori Dalehite and Wardlow plus a Wardlow jumper in the lane to narrow the difference to four before McKenna Snively's three-pointer from the left corner with 50.4 seconds remaining in the frame sent Northwood into the final eight minutes with a 26-19 advantage.

McClarty's jumper from the right wing and two Myla Marve foul shots to begin the fourth quarter quick-

ly elevated the Lady Chargers' lead to 11, and they would go on to manufacture their biggest advantage of the night at 38-24 on a Smith free throw with 2:03 left in the contest.

**CR 5 7 7 7-26**  
**NW 7 9 10 13-39**  
**Cedar Ridge (5-11, 3-4):** Dalehite 3 2-2 8 Oswald 1 1-2 3 Nichols 0 1-4 1 Garay 2 1-2 5 Wardlow 3 3-4 9 Lloyd 0 0-1 0 Walton 0 0-0 0 Needham 0 0-0 0 PSmith 0 0-0 0 Stutzer 0 0-0 0 Carbajal 0 0-0 0. Totals 9 8-15 26.

**Northwood (9-7, 3-3):** Harris 1 0-0 2 Snively 1 0-2 3 Adams 2 3-7 7 Marve 1 2-4 5 JSmith 3 1-2 10 Hill 1 0-3 2 McClarty 1 2-2 4 Forbes 0 0-0 0 Bell 0 1-4 1 Bailey 2 1-2 5 McKnaught 0 0-0 0 Kanapkey 0 0-0 0. Totals 12 10-26 39. Halftime-Northwood, 16-12. Three-point goals-Cedar Ridge 0-8 (Dalehite 0-1, Walton 0-1, Oswald 0-2, Wardlow 0-4); Northwood 5-15 (JSmith 3-5, Snively 1-2, Marve 1-4, Bell 0-2, McClarty 0-2).

**Fouled out:** Garay. **Rebounds:** Cedar Ridge 27 (Garay 7); Northwood 25 (JSmith, Hill 6).

**Turnovers:** Cedar Ridge 17; Northwood 19. **Total fouls:** Cedar Ridge 20; Northwood 13.

**Madison Wardlow topped Cedar Ridge with nine points as the Lady Wolves connected on just 18% (nine-of-51) of their field goal attempts and held a slim 27-25 advantage on the boards while turning the ball over 17 times.**

SPORTS CALENDAR | JAN. 30-FEB. 2

Wednesday January 30	Thursday January 31	Friday February 1	Saturday February 2
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	<b>BASKETBALL</b>	<b>BASKETBALL</b>	<b>SWIMMING</b>
<b>CC at Woods Charter</b> BOYS: 6 p.m.	<b>CCharter at NC Leadership Academy</b> GIRLS: 5 p.m.	<b>JM at Randleman</b> GIRLS: 6 p.m. BOYS: 7:30 p.m.	<b>NW at Greensboro 3A East Regionals</b> BOYS: 7:15 a.m.
<b>NW at Northern Durham</b> GIRLS: 6 p.m. BOYS: 7:30 p.m.		<b>Raleigh Charter at CC</b> GIRLS: 6 p.m. BOYS: 7:30 p.m.	<b>BASKETBALL</b>
		<b>Woods Charter at CCharter</b> BOYS: 6 p.m.	<b>Trinity at JM</b> GIRLS: 6 p.m. BOYS: 7:30 p.m.
		<b>Chapel Hill at NW</b> GIRLS: 6 p.m. BOYS: 7:30 p.m.	<b>CCharter at CC</b> GIRLS: 6 p.m. BOYS: 7:30 p.m.
			<b>NW at Orange</b> GIRLS: 6 p.m. BOYS: 7:30 p.m.



A Chatham Central player signals for timeout in a 1A Central Tar Heel Conference contest against Research Triangle Park last week in Bear Creek.

Photo / Lee Moody

# NCHSAA releases Wells Fargo Cup fall standings

CN+R Staff Reports

CHAPEL HILL – The North Carolina High School Athletic Association in conjunction with Wells Fargo released the fall standings in the 40th annual Wells Fargo Cup competitions for the 2018-19 academic year.

The award recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performance within each of the state's four competitive classifications.

Locally, Northwood stands in third placed with 32 points in the 3A Big Eight Conference while in the 1A Central Tar Heel Conference, Chatham Central is fourth with 16 points,

Woods Charter fifth with 14.5 points, and Chatham Charter seventh with eight points.

In the 2A PAC 7 Conference, Jordan-Matthews is in fifth with 21 points.

After the fall sports season, Green Hope remains on top in 4A after winning three state championships during the fall. Chapel Hill holds the lead in 3A while in the 2A division, First Flight and Lake Norman Charter are tied for first place for the fall sports season.

Finally, Franklin Academy leads Community School of Davidson and East Surry in the 1A race.

Green Hope holds the top spot in the 4A ranks after the fall sports season and an

incredible three state championship victories.

The Falcons hold a lead of 15 points over Cardinal Gibbons. Green Hope took home State Championships for volleyball, women's tennis, and men's soccer. They followed that up with a second-place finish in men's cross country and a third-place finish in women's golf.

Chapel Hill leads the 3A race after the fall season with a 22.5-point lead over Marvin Ridge. The Tigers took home a state championship in men's soccer. They also received second-place finishes in men's and women's cross country. They also reached the regional finals in volleyball, sharing third-place points with West

Henderson in volleyball, and reached the quarterfinals in women's dual team tennis, tying for fifth.

First Flight and Lake Norman Charter are tied for the top spot in the 2A division. First Flight had a second-place finish in men's cross country and tied third-place finishes for men's soccer and women's tennis by reaching the regional finals in both sports.

Meanwhile, Lake Norman Charter came away with a second-place finish in women's golf and a third-place finish in women's cross country and a fifth-place finish in men's cross country. North Lincoln is right on the heels of the two leaders, just 2.5 points back after the fall

that saw a state championship for North Lincoln in men's cross country, a runner-up finish in women's cross country and a third-round appearance in football.

Franklin Academy holds the advantage for first place over Community School of Davidson in the 1A division. The Patriots were 12.5 points ahead of Community School of Davidson after the fall season. The Patriots secured a women's cross country state championship, came in tied for second-place for men's cross country and received a tied fifth-place finishes by reaching the quarterfinal round in men's soccer and women's tennis.

## STANDINGS

### CLASS 1A

- 1 - Franklin Academy - 172.5
- 2 - Community School of Davidson - 160
- 3 - East Surry - 155
- 4 - Polk County - 140
- T5 - Raleigh Charter - 130
- T5 - Gray Stone Day - 130
- T7 - Lejeune - 110
- T7 - Murphy - 110
- 9 - Lincoln Charter - 107.5
- 10 - Bishop McGuinness - 100

### CLASS 2A

- T1 - First Flight - 155
- T1 - Lake Norman Charter - 155
- 3 - North Lincoln - 152.5
- 4 - Hibriten - 135
- T6 - North Carolina School of Science and Math - 132.5
- T6 - Carrboro - 132.5
- 8 - Brevard - 122.5
- 9 - Maiden - 120
- 10 - Croatan - 112.5

### CLASS 3A

- 1 - Chapel Hill - 235
- 2 - Marvin Ridge - 212.5
- 3 - Weddington - 200
- 4 - Mount Tabor - 175
- 5 - Charlotte Catholic - 150
- 6 - Northern Guilford - 135
- 7 - East Chapel Hill - 132.5
- 8 - Cuthbertson - 115
- 9 - Watauga - 110
- 10 - Cox Mill - 100

### CLASS 4A

- 1 - Green Hope - 270
- 2 - Cardinal Gibbons - 255
- 3 - Myers Park - 202.5
- 4 - Panther Creek - 162.5
- 5 - Hough - 152.5
- 6 - Reagan - 147.5
- 7 - Broughton - 135
- 8 - Pinecrest - 117.5
- 9 - Leesville Road - 97.5
- 10 - West Forsyth - 95

**Central Tar Heel 1A Standings:** Raleigh Charter 30.5, Research Triangle 20.5, Cornerstone Charter 20, Chatham Central 16, Woods Charter 14.5, River Mill Academy 13, Chatham Charter 8, Clover Garden 4.5.

**PAC 7 2A Conference Standings:** Wheatmore 35.5, Randleman 33, Providence Grove 26, Eastern Randolph 23, Jordan-Matthews 21, Trinity 19, T.W. Andrews 5.

**Big 8 3A Conference Standings:** Chapel Hill 36.5, East Chapel Hill 36, Northwood 32, Northern Durham 22, Orange 21.5, Cedar Ridge 19, Hillside 13, Southern Durham 7.

# Lady Jets sink Raiders behind Headen trey

BY DON BEANE  
News + Record Staff

Avery Headen swished a clutch trey with just over two minutes remaining on Friday night in High Point to spark visiting Jordan-Matthews to a hard fought 48-44 victory over T.W. Andrews in 2A PAC 7 Conference girl's basketball action.

The Headen trey

capped an 8-0 Lady Jets run that sent the locals to a 42-41 lead before J-M used buckets by Headen, Jocelyn Mitchell, and Ashlyn Ray in the closing minutes to seal the four-point triumph.

Mitchell led all scores on the night, torching the Red Raiders defense for 23 points, including 10 in the opening period. The sharp-shooting senior

spotted up a pair of treys from the left wing in the first quarter, while also collecting three post up baskets down in the paint.

Ellia Wright added another three-pointer in the period to send the Jets up 13-7 after one.

Kiana Baker canned a trey for the Red Raiders in the opening frame.

Jordan-Matthews (3-4, 7-12) would go over five

minutes without scoring spanning into the second quarter.

This allowed Andrews to pull within 13-12 midway through the second behind five points, including a trey, from Stephanie Johnson. Johnson tallied seven points in the period, but Mitchell would counter with five, including a trey, as Jordan-Matthews battled to a 22-16 lead at the intermission.

Baker would take over in the third for the Red Raiders as the Jets started the frame with a slew of turnovers. Those mistakes allowed the hosts to storm back for a 35-34 lead heading into the fourth as Baker collected nine points, including a trey, in the frame, and Brianna Lawson added six.

Jasmine Scotten kept Jordan-Matthews in the game with six of her team's 12 points in the period.

The contest went back and forth in the final stanza before Andrews grabbed a 41-37 lead behind three points from Danille Perry.

Headen would follow a Mitchell basket with the go-ahead trey at the top of the key which gave



Photos / Lee Moody

**Jordan-Matthews' Jasmine Scotten (center) prepares to go back up for a rebound on Friday night in High Point against T.W. Andrews.**

the Lady Jets the boost it needed for the important 48-44 conference victory.

Scotten chipped in 10 points in the win for Jordan-Matthews while Headen closed with seven. Baker led Andrews (4-2,

10-5) with 15 points while Johnson added nine, and Lawson eight.



Jordan-Matthews' Avery Headen spots up for a jumper on Friday night in High Point in the Lady Jets 48-44 victory over Andrews.

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# Siler City businesses revamp downtown



Above, Chatham Loft Apartments; Wren Farrar, below, left, inside a loft; bottom, a bedroom



### Chatham Lofts

Wren Farrar, through the Wren Family Estate LLC, has remodeled the building on Chatham Avenue that used to house an auto parts store and later an office supply store. Wren has redone the bottom floor as store front, currently housing the Turnberry Interior Design Group and a new tenant, Southern Chic Boutique and Consignment. Upstairs, Farrar remodeled the space into six loft apartments, all of which are occupied. During the remodeling, Farrar found an undiscovered Dr Pepper mural under some chipped paint, which he preserved. "Wren Family Estate LLC remains committed to its core mission of sustainably redeveloping Siler City's historic downtown properties in order to continue to make this community a great place to call home and to preserve its small town character for generations to come," Farrar said.



Edwin Argueta

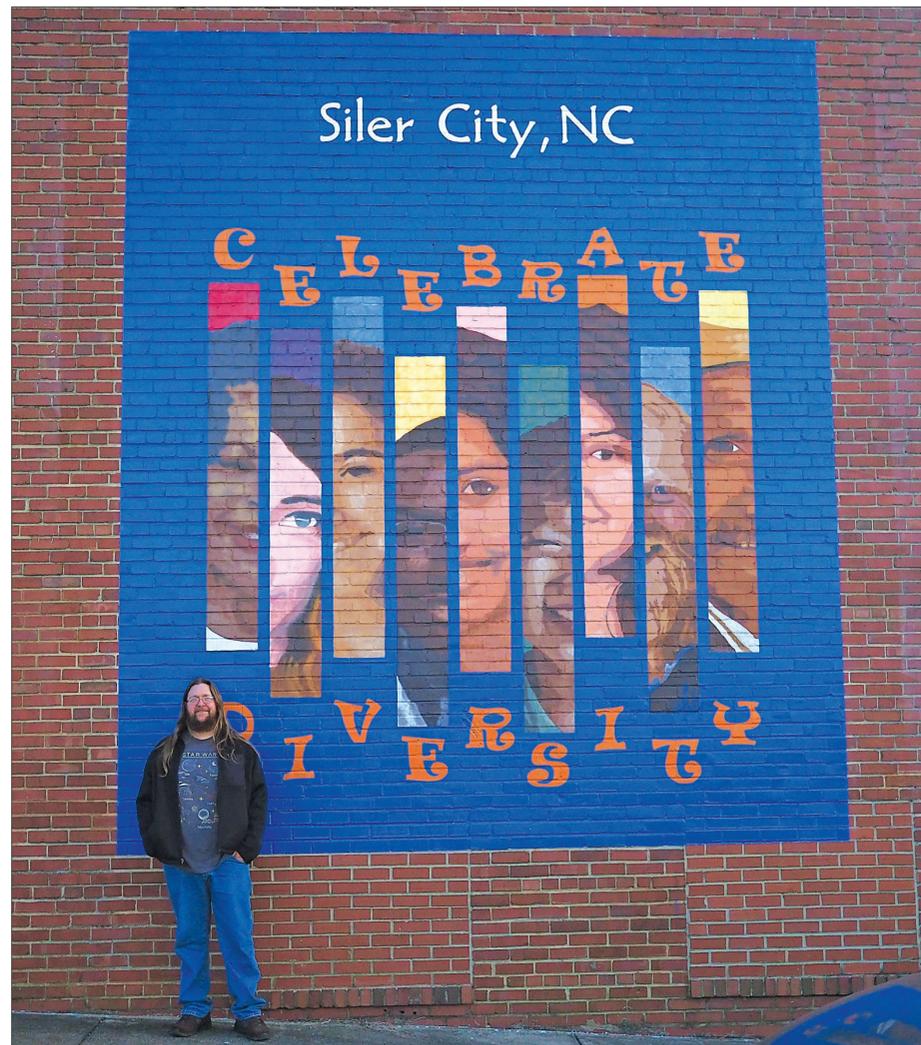
### Winland Group

Edwin and Janelle Argueta, through the Winland Group LLC, are renovating five units on Birch Avenue in downtown Siler City. According to Edwin Argueta, the properties housed many different businesses including a barber shop, a café and a depot. The buildings were basically empty shells when they purchased them and the Arguetas are on a mission to make them like new.

"This town is coming back to life," Argueta said. "Getting stronger by the day, this community's future is bright. From our perspective this means growth, it means a renaissance because where others saw a pile of brick and debris, we saw an opportunity. It means that when someone has vision and passion for something, change and results are inevitable and we are glad we are bringing that excitement and that change and opportunity to our own town."

STORY BY CASEY MANN AND PHOTOS BY KIM HAWKS  
News + Record Staff

Siler City businesses are investing in its historic downtown by working to re-purpose existing buildings into something new. With these investments and re-inventions, the town has a feeling of renewed vibrancy and energy.



NC Arts Incubator artis J.R. Butler with the mural he painted in downtown Siler City.

### NC Arts Incubator

The building that hosts the N.C. Arts Incubator used to be a Chevrolet dealership, according to Incubator Executive Director April Weaver. Recently, the space has had some cosmetic changes and outfitting the front room as a store. The revamp uses fixtures that came from the Old Farmers' Alliance building. The building is in need of a new roof and the Incubator is planning a fundraising effort to help the non-profit replace it.

"I believe our founder, Leon Tongre, looked around and noticed there was a wealth of artists in our area and hatched the idea of an incubator," Weaver said.

Weaver thinks we should keep an eye on the NC Arts Incubator over the next couple of years.

"We plan on bring more changes then just the look of our building," Weaver said.



NC Arts Incubator Sign



Outside at the Oasis Open Air Market

### Oasis

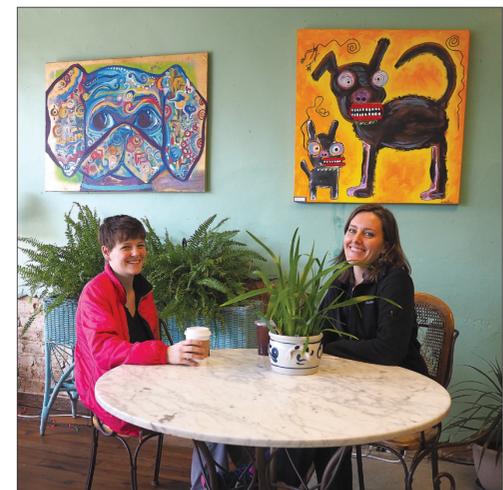
Oasis Open Air Market and Deli owner Jackie Adams is investing in numerous properties in downtown Siler City. The building which holds the deli was constructed in 1897 and was a female-owned business, according to the National Registrar of Historic Places.

"This was a woman-owned business then, and now it has come full circle to be a woman owned business again," Adams said.

Inside, the owners design the space for a growing market and food service establishment with access to the Oasis Open Air Market space while preserving the historic nature of the brick and plaster. Adams hosts numerous events throughout the year and rents space for other vendors to set up shop. More information can be found through the oasisfreshmarket.com website.



(l to r) Oasis patrons Hallie Bane, Isabelle Moore, Hannah Redding all attend Jordan-Matthews



Peppercorn patrons Hannah Fuhr (left) Laura Driggers



Peppercorn houses Courtyard Coffee with barista Basil Hart.

### Peppercorn

The building currently occupied by Courtyard Coffee is another venture by Jackie Adams. The property is in the process of being renovated. Adams is hoping the upgrades will make for retail space for the type of business that fits the consumers downtown. The building had previously been a livery stable and later, a hardware store. Adams has been adding features like wrought iron, while retaining old brick will combine old with new while preserving the historic ascetic. Adams has also created a garden in the rear area of the property.

# POLICE REPORTS

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On January 22, Tina Smith, 30, of 210 Charlie Cooper Rd, Staley was arrested by Deputy David Nixon for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, Larceny. She was jailed under a \$500.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District court in Siler City on February 5.

On January 23, Chad Stovall, 45, of 104 Ingle St, Siler City was arrested by Deputy Olivia Sturdivant for Failure to Appear/Child Support. He was jailed under a \$2000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on January 25.

On January 23, JayQuan Artis, 18, of 4218 Queens Beth Dr, Greensboro was arrested by Deputy Justin Brown for Robbery with Dangerous Weapon, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault and Battery. He was released under a written promise and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on February 4.

On January 24, Maranda Miles, 30, of 510 Bernard Purvis Rd, Bennett, was arrested by Deputy Brandal Harrington for Failure to Appear. She was jailed under a \$2,500.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Montgomery County District Court in Troy on February 19.

On January 24, Martha Wilkins, 37, of 381 Powers Lake Dr, Saint Pauls, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for Violation of Pre Trial Release, Failure to Return Rental Property. She was jailed under an \$80,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on February 4.

On January 25, Tammy Alexander, 48, of 2915 Staley Snow Camp Rd, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Amy Marris for Civil Contempt. She was jailed under a no bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on February 20.

On January 25, Alfred Cregue, 41, of 533 E. 5th St, Siler City, was arrested by Sergeant Feliciano Jimenez for Assault on Female. He was jailed under a no bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on February 12.

On January 27, Chloe Joyce, 30, of 145 CC Routh Rd, Bear Creek, was arrested by Deputy Johnny Griffin for Simple Assault. She was jailed under a \$1,000.00 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on February 13.

## SILER CITY

Glen Allen Johnson was arrested by Patrolman Justin Matthews at 425 East Third St, Siler City, for Larceny and resisting a public officer. Johnson was issued a written promise bond and scheduled to appear in the Siler City courthouse on Feb. 5.

Christopher Paul Burn was arrested by Patrolman Raymond Biehl at 813 West Sixth St, Siler City, for assault on a female. Burn was held on a domestic violence 48 hour hold.

## HIGHWAY PATROL

On Jan. 25, Andrew David Allison of Bennett was driving east on Hwy 64 and struck Cody Allen Brady of Camp LeJeun who was attempting to make a left turn. Allison was cited for a stop light violation.

On Jan. 24, John David Barbour was traveling east on NC 42 when a

deer entered the roadway and collided with his vehicle. Barbour lost control of his vehicle, striking a utility pole.

On Jan. 22, Antoine Tramele Murphy v1 and Marvin Eugene Biggs Jr. were traveling west on US 1. Biggs vehicle hit the back of Murphy's commercial vehicle. Both vehicles stopped on the side of the road. Biggs made conflicting stories about the incident, and Murphy was not aware of the collision. Estimated damage to Bigg's vehicle was \$6,000. No citations were made.

On Jan. 25, Dustin Michael Clayton was travelling south on SR 1010. A deer travelled across the roadway and collided with Clayton's vehicle.

On Jan. 26, Rachel Lynn Daniel was traveling Northeast on SR 2303. Daniel's vehicle hit a deer in the roadway.

On Jan. 24, Mary Ardell Webster and Addie Sue Fields were traveling North on US 421, and exited towards US 64. Fields slowed down while making a right turn, and Webster failed to reduce speed and hit the rear of Fields' car. No citations were issued.

On Jan. 26, Manuel Mota Galindo was traveling North on NC 751 when he ran off the road to the right overcorrected and crossed the centerline. Galindo then ran off the road to the left down a hill and came to rest against a tree. Galindo was charged with having no insurance or license. Estimated damage was \$8,000.

On Jan. 25, Laura Warren Lauffer was in the turn lane on US 15 to turn left onto RP 1721. Christopher Sean Lennard was travelling North, when Lauffer did not yield the right of way and attempted a left turn. She collided with Lennard at this turn lane. Lauffer was charged with a yield violation. Estimated damage to Lauffer's vehicle was \$4,000. Estimated damage to Lennard's vehicle was \$6,000.

On Jan. 23, Virginia Marie Martinez and Larry McCray Neal were travelling West on US 64. At a red light, Neal stopped. Martinez did not reduce speed and hit Neal's car in the rear. Martinez was charged with failure to reduce speed. Damage to Martinez' car was estimated at \$3,500. Damage to Neal's car was estimated at \$2,000.

On Jan. 26, Taylor Leigh Miller was going South on SR 1700 and was hit by a deer in the roadway. Estimated damage to Miller's car was \$1,500.

## Pittsboro man arrested by FBI for exploitation of a minor

A Pittsboro man faces nine felony counts of sexual exploitation of a minor after his arrest by a task force involving the Federal

Bureau of Investigation. Jay Emmer, 76, was taken into custody during a joint search warrant service on Jan. 16 at 648 Spindlewood in Pittsboro. The Chatham County Sheriff's Office assisted the FBI in the search, according to a release from the department.

Emmer was released under a \$10,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 4.

## Three arrested after Jan. 3 robbery

Three men, two from Siler City, face multiple criminal charges after their apprehension following a robbery earlier this month.

Kaelan Dixon, 21, of Siler City, Michael Snipes, 20, of Siler City and Ernesto Asher, 22, of Liberty are all in custody after police were called in to a Jan. 3 robbery, according to a release from the

Chatham County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's deputies were called to a robbery at the intersection of Poe Road and Clyde Davis Road in Siler City. Deputies searched the area and found the suspects' vehicle. When the deputies attempted a traffic stop, the three suspects fled on foot. Snipes and Asher were apprehended, and Dixon was later arrested by the Fayetteville Police Department.

All three men were charged with felony possession of a firearm by a felon, felony possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Dixon was additionally charged with felony possession of a stolen firearm.

Snipes and Asher are currently being held under \$15,000 bonds and are set to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 4. Dixon is being held under a \$170,000 bond, with no court appearance scheduled.

## Two arrested in December assault, shooting

Two Chatham County men are in custody and are facing assault and kidnapping charges, according to a release from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

Justin Alford, 24, of Bear Creek, and Douglas Siler, 63, of Siler City, were

charged with felony second-degree kidnapping, felony common law robbery and simple assault, with Alford facing additional charges of felony discharging a weapon into occupied property and felony possession of a firearm by a felon.

The charges stem from a Dec. 21 incident in Siler City. Deputies responded to an assault and shots fired report at an address on Hyatt Court. The victim was shot at and attacking by two male subjects, with the suspects then taking the victim's cell phone before leaving the scene.

Alford was arrested by sheriff's deputies on Jan. 15 and held under a \$50,000 bond. Siler was arrested three days later and jailed under a \$21,500 bond. Both are scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 4.

## Suspect Breaks Into Residence, Swaps Shoes

A Durham man is scheduled to be in court in Chatham County next week after allegedly stealing a pair of shoes last September.

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office received a report of breaking and entering into a residence off of NC Highway 751, Durham last fall, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office reported.

One item -- a pair of shoes valued at approximately \$150 -- appeared to be missing from the residence following the Sept. 20 break-in. In place of the stolen shoes, the suspect left behind his own used pair, authorities said.

The used shoes were recognized and linked back to their owner, 21-year-old Leon Kentrell Council IV, of 707 Drew Street, Durham. Council is the victim's former roommate.

When he failed to return the shoes, Council was charged with felony breaking and entering and felony larceny after breaking and entering. He was arrested by the Durham Police Department

and jailed under a \$10,000 secured bond. Council is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on February 4.

## Durham man accused of stealing from landscaping trailer

A Durham man is in custody after reportedly stealing items from a landscaping trailer.

Tab Brooks, 23, of Durham, has been charged with larceny in connection with the theft of more than \$1,000 worth of items, including two hedge trimmers and a leaf vacuum, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office said in a release.

The sheriff's office received a report of items stolen from a landscaping trailer in the area of Colvard Farms in Durham on June 22, 2018. Brooks was arrested by the Durham Police Department after a thorough investigation, according to the report.

Brooks was given a \$1,500 bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on Feb. 4.

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Emmer



Siler



Alford



Asher



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Siler City uses both ammonia and chlorine to form chloramines for its disinfection process. Ammonia is added to the water in a carefully regulated dose and reacts chemically with the chlorine to produce chloramines. Chloraminated drinking water is safe for drinking, bathing, cooking and many other daily uses. NCDENR requires all systems using chloramination to suspend the addition of ammonia for a one month period annually.

During the changes in our disinfection process, three groups of people need to take special precautions for higher concentrations of chlorine – kidney dialysis patients, pretreatment owners and aquatic pet owners using City water. Dialysis patients and aquatic pet owners already treat the water they use for chlorine removal. Any customer who pre-treats City water for any process should be aware of their change and consult the manufacturer of any pretreatment equipment for recommendations.

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# Love story ‘Cold War’ is more evocative than expository



**FILM CRITIC**  
Neil Morris

The plot to “Cold War” reads like the advertising tagline for a Harlequin Romance novel: “A lurid love story told against the backdrop of the Iron Curtain.” Yet “Cold War” isn’t a tawdry page-turner, but instead a rapturous, visually arresting portrait of star-crossed love, tangled in the throes of erotic, even irrational desire and socio-political upheaval. It’s not a perfect film, but love and lovers aren’t, either.

Told over a 15-year period, the film begins in post-World War II Poland as Wiktor (Tomasz Kot) and a group of ethnomusicologists traverse the countryside scouting native folk performers for a stage show celebrating Poland’s indigenous history and, hopefully, reviving national identity and pride. During one village tryout, they happen upon Zula (Joanna Kulig), a reasonably talented waif with a checkered past who nevertheless exudes an irresistible energy and spirited ambition. Wiktor becomes taken with the young lass, and so begins an illicit affair that would threaten the entire production except for the fact

that it proves so popular. Both of those facts are leveraged by Lech (Borys Szybczyk), the show’s assigned state official, who demands that Wiktor insert more pro-Communist songs into the playlist. Wiktor the artist recoils from this request, but his dedication to the show and Zula causes him to relent, a charade he tolerates until an opportunity arises for him and Zula to possibly escape governmental oppression and live happily ever after.

What unspools is a roller-coaster romance that thrives amid daunting circumstances yet unravels when free from adversity. Their love endures Communist repression, but it can’t cope with the carefree, heady culture of postwar Paris, a milieu of boozy bars and decadent freedom. For long stretches, one wonders if Zula views Wiktor purely in transactional terms, an expendable means of advancement—indeed, it’s here when “Cold War” feels like 2018’s better remake of “A Star Is Born.” Their elliptical love proves both enduring and self-destructive, something that’s destined and doomed. Even when together, either Wiktor and Zula are always on the run from something, and they never feel at peace, even and especially on native soil. The now-Oscar nominated



Agata Kulesza and Tomasz Kot in a scene from the post-World War II love story ‘Cold War.’

film, shot in black-and-white, renders its epic romance at a (perhaps excessively) whirlwind pace and in a cinematic and thematic style that evokes French New Wave. Writer-director Paweł Pawlikowski (who won an Oscar for 2015’s “Ida”) packs a lot into the tidy 85-minute running time, and that’s actually a fault. As Wiktor and Zula’s relationship spans space, time, and daunting obstacles, its sharp and sudden turns sometimes feel absurd absent any gradual buildup. Pawlikowski deftly establishes key events that occur during the years between the film’s epigrammatic vignettes, only for the characters to behave in ways

## COLD WAR

**GRADE:** B

**DIRECTOR:** Paweł Pawlikowski

**STARRING:** Joanna Kulig, Tomasz Kot and Borys Szybczyk

**MPAA RATING:** R

**RUNNING TIME:** 1 hr. 28 min.

that disregard any intervening circumstances, particularly during the haunting and abrupt denouement.

These nitpicks are patched by two things. First is Pawlikowski’s use of music, a mood-inducing mélange of Polish folk tunes, classical music, communist-propo anthems,

jazz, and the occasional Little Richard ditty. Second is Kulig, an entrancing, haunted blond who looks like she belongs in an Ingmar Bergman drama. “Cold War” is a purposefully jagged remembrance, more evocative than expository. But memories tend to be both fickle and selective.

## THE CN+R Q&A

# JMArts’ ‘Sing and Play’ student musical competition set for Feb. 21

CN+R Staff Reports

After its successful debut last winter, JMArts’ “Sing and Play” student musical competition returns on February 21 with a showcase concert at Jordan-Matthews High School where audience members select the winners.

The News + Record sat down with Sing and Play Director Greg Burriss and JMArts President Rose Pate to learn more about the competition and what everyone can expect at the concert.

### CN+R: What kind of musicians will we see on stage at the showcase concert, and how do you select the performers?

Greg Burriss: There will be talented student musicians from elementary school through high school, both singers and instrumentalists. If the acts are similar to last year, most of them will be vocal soloists, but small groups up to four people can compete, too.

Rose Pate: We already held an open registration for auditions that lasted more than two months and everyone who registered will audition on February 5. Acts for the competition showcase will be selected by a small panel of judges.

Burriss: That’s actually how I got involved, as a judge for auditions last year. It was a great experience.

### CN+R: Can anyone participate?

Burriss: Anyone in first through 12th grade who is attending a public, private or home school in North Carolina. Those are the rules, though most of the musicians this year will be from Chatham. We hope people from neighboring counties will start entering, too. We’ve made sure that schools throughout the area received “Sing and Play” information.

Pate: Since this is our second year, we only have three past winners, but past winners are not eligible unless they’re in a different age competition. What I mean by that is if someone who won our middle-school competition before is now attending high school, she could compete again in the high-school competition. We’re not sure yet if that rule will even come into play this year, but it’s how

the competition works.

### CN+R: Who were the “Sing and Play” winners last year?

Pate: Kaitlyn Evans from Chatham Charter was the elementary winner. Edith Soto from Chatham Middle won the middle school competition and Corrine Collison from Jordan-Matthews was the high school champion.

Burriss: And just like last year, each of the three winning acts will receive a \$50 cash prize, not to mention bragging rights for their school for the year!

Pate: If you missed last year’s “Sing and Play,” you can still hear our high school winner at this year’s showcase. Corrine is not part of the competition, but she’s scheduled to perform toward the end of the concert, while we’re counting the audience votes.

### CN+R: Having the audience select winners seems like an interesting twist. How did you come up with that idea?

Pate: I wish we could take credit, but that idea actually came from Paul Orsett, the drama teacher at Wakefield High School in Raleigh. They’ve run a competition like this for years, and we modeled ours on what was successful there. But it’s true: The audience absolutely loves voting for winners. It gets everyone even more involved and adds an extra dimension to the showcase.

### CN+R: JMArts organizes all kinds of performances, exhibitions and educational activities for JM artists — even a trip to New York City, so JM students can learn from world-class artists. So, how does this musical competition fit into the mix?

Pate: It’s funny you mention the New York Arts Adventure, because that’s actually why we started “Sing and Play.” We were looking for a fun way to raise money and reduce the cost for students traveling to New York City. This was one suggestion that sounded like it would be worth a try.

Burriss: It was a big success last year — and not only in raising money for the trip. “Sing and Play” gives students the chance to perform in public and go through the audition process. That’s important for any aspiring musician, and it’s an experience that can help them

beyond music, whether it’s in the classroom or on the job.

### CN+R: What else should people know about “Sing and Play” with the showcase concert just a few weeks away?

Burriss: The level of talent in our community is really high, and it’s great to see how big a part music plays in the lives of our young people.

Pate: That’s definitely true, and it’s a fun evening of family entertainment! Admission is \$5 and includes the chance to vote in each category.



Contributed Photos  
**Samantha Zarate of Jordan-Matthews performs at last year’s showcase concert.**



**Corrine Collison of Jordan-Matthews High School performs at last year’s “Sing and Play” showcase concert. Collison won the high school competition and is scheduled to perform at this year’s Feb. 21 show as votes are being counted.**

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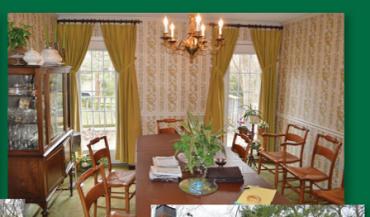
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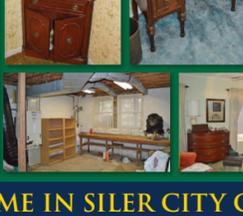
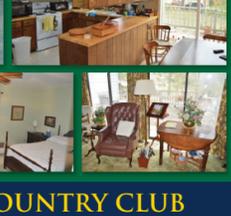
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Elaine Powers Partin, Administrator  
9836 Archdale Rd  
Trinity, NC 27370  
J10,J17,J24,J31,4tp

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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,F7,4tp

**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,F7,4tp

**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**

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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**

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This the 17th day of January, 2019.

Sue Fesmire Wilson  
267 Pine Forest Drive  
Siler City, NC 27344  
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Liberty, NC 27298  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
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signed 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.

Sheila Ann Noznesky, Executrix, The Estate of Philip Armstrong Noznesky  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
All persons having claims against HALLIE McLEAN PARKER of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 28th day of November, 2018, are notified to present them to David M. Parker, Executor of the Estate of Hallie McLean Parker aka Hallie Stewart Parker in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414, Raleigh Road, Suite 320, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before May 9th, 2019. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Hallie McLean Parker aka Hallie Stewart Parker. Those indebted to Hallie McLean Parker aka Hallie Stewart Parker are asked to make prompt payment to

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1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 320  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 23**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY  
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of CLYDE H. MARTIN of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all creditors that they should present their claims to the Co-Executors c/o Kratt Dedmond & Associates, PLLC, 5623-111 Duraaleigh Road, Raleigh, NC 27612 on or before April 24, 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.

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Katherine D. Duncan, Co-Executrix  
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Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
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FILE NO. 18 SP 45**

RONALD P. COLLINS,  
Administrator of the Estate of  
COLENE F. JOHNSON,  
Deceased,  
Petitioner,

vs.  
NANCY F. ALSTON,  
and spouse, if any  
Respondents.

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY  
PROCESS OF PUBLICATION**

TO: NANCY F. ALSTON,  
AND SPOUSE, IF ANY, AND THE  
HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND  
ALL CREDITORS AND LIEN  
HOLDERS REGARDLESS OF  
HOW OR THROUGH  
WHOM THEY CLAIM AND ANY  
AND ALL OTHER PERSONS  
CLAIMING AN INTEREST  
IN THE ESTATE OF COLENE F.  
JOHNSON, DECEASED

Take notice that a Petition has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is a public or private sale of certain real property in Chatham County, North Carolina described in the Petition in order to make assets to pay claims and costs of administration of the Estate of Colene F. Johnson, deceased. You are required to file a response to the Petition not later than the 12th day of March, 2019, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice in order to participate in and receive further notice of the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of any hearing, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 24th day of January, 2019.

/s/ Paul S. Messick, Jr.  
GUNN & MESSICK, LLP, Attorney  
for Petitioner  
P.O. Box 880  
Pittsboro, N.C. 27312  
(919) 542-3253  
J31,F7,F14,3tc

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CDBG-I PROJECT  
Town of Siler City  
Wastewater Collection  
System Improvements  
CDBG-I Project # 16-I-2927**

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Date: January 31, 2019  
Authorized Representative:  
Bryan Thompson,  
Town Manager  
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**ENGINEERING REQUEST FOR  
QUALIFICATIONS ADVERTISE-  
MENT**

**CDBG-ED PROJECT  
Town of Siler City  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Improvements**

The Town of Siler City as part of its submittal for a Community Development Block Grant- Economic Development is soliciting requests for qualifications (RFQ) for professional engineering services to prepare: 1) a preliminary engineering report (PER), 2) an Environmental Assessment, 3) engineering design and bid package services and construction inspection services. The project scope would consist of upgrade to the existing Town of Siler City 4.0MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant, 370 Waste Treatment Plant Road, to meet the proposed new NPDES limits. Primarily the new Total Nitrogen Limit.

A copy of the Draft NPDES Permit is available to this RFQ as a reference for submittals, please pay attention to Part I, Pages 4 through 11 concerning the Nutrient Reopener and the Compliance Schedule for Total Nitrogen Limit on page 9.

Scope of Work: Engineering services shall include, but are not limited to, standard tasks necessary for the implementation of the project in conformance with the NC Commerce Infrastructure Grant Program:

1. Prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) outlining the scope of the project to meet the new NPDES Permit limits.
2. Prepare an Environmental Assessment to the extent required by NCDEQ. Preparing the final Design and Construction bid package in conformance with applicable regulations and requirements;
- 1. Supervising the bid advertising, tabulation, and award process, including preparing the advertisements for bid solicitations, conducting pre-bid meeting, conducting bid opening, and issuing the notice to proceed;
- 2. Conducting the pre-construction conference;
- 3. Surveying, field staking, on-site supervising of construction work, and preparing inspection reports;

- 4. Reviewing and approving all contractor requests for payment, change orders, and submitting approved requests to the governing body;
- 5. Providing reproducible plan drawings to the Town/City/County upon project completion;
- 6. Conducting final inspection and testing;
- 7. Submitting certified "as-built" drawings to appropriate authorities; and
- 8. Preparing an operation and maintenance manual (if applicable).

**Engineering Firms are to submit their qualifications to prepare the Engineering Report and subsequent design and construction services to Nancy Hannah, Grant Administrator, Town of Siler City, 311 N Second St., PO Box 769, Siler City, NC 27344 by 3:00 pm Friday, February 15, 2019.**

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Asheboro, NC 27205  
Thomas Alexander Robinson, Co-Executor  
2090 Loganberry Drive  
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STEVEN M. ANDREW, EXECUTOR  
409 Northwood Drive  
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