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# 'columbinus' DIVING INTO EVIL, FEAR, THE PAST



The character of 'Freak/Eric,' played by Jacquie Anthenian in the play 'Columbinus,' holds a gun on frightened classmates in the high school library at Columbine High School. Behind Anthenian, Ethan Galiger, Jake Dusenberry, Alayna McLandsborough, Hannah Conners and India Nykamp portay students under fire during the massacre. The students rehearsed the play at the Sweet Bee Theatre, where the performance is planned for April 19-20. The actual event occured

### Youth theater tackles play about 1999 shooting

BY ZACHARY HORNER News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Their hands

slam tables. It's supposed to represent

gunshots. On stage, six people represent the students who hid on April 20, 1999, in Columbine High School's library in Colorado as Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris shot and killed several of their classmates. Using words taken from the actual students, the young actors of Pittsboro's Social Justice The-

ater of the Carolinas narrate

the action. The two actors portraying the shooters evoke the gloating nature of Klebold and Harris, speaking with glee about the mayhem they've caused. They slam a table at the back of the

stage to signify shots fired. This is a sneak peek inside rehearsals for "columbinus," a production of nine Chatham County youth ages 13 to 26, director Tammy Matthews and others. The play is a partial re-telling of those events nearly 20 years ago and an examination of what it means to be a teenager and all the insecurities and idiosyncrasies teenag-

It's been quite an experience for its actors.

### 'We need to talk'

The Social Justice Theater of the Carolinas — an offshoot of the Pittsboro Youth Theater is tackling a heady subject for its first play, and that was on purpose.

On Valentine's Day 2018, a lone gunman killed 17 students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. On that day, members of PYT had a rehearsal for a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." But all they could talk about what Parkland.

"Some of the kids came in very upset about the shootings," said Matthews. "After (rehearsal), a couple of kids stayed and talked about how

awful it was.' The next day, Matthews was going through scripts to try to pick the next play and

found "columbinus." Created by the United States Theatre Project, the play premiered in 2005 in Maryland and had an Off-Broadway run in 2006. It has two parts. The first covers a stereotypical set of high school students with names representing their archetype — Freak, Loner, Jock and Prep, for example — and their lives and struggles. The second transforms the characters into witnesses and participants in the Columbine shooting. Freak becomes Harris, Loner becomes Klebold, and the play uses actual reflections from survivors and the shooters' journals to show what

happened. Hannah Conners, who plays Rebel, pushed Matthews to make "columbinus" the next production, pointing to the growing frequency of school shootings in the U.S.

"I think there's not enough awareness out there for events like this," Conners said. "Last year, it happened a lot. It's just come to the point where it needs to stop, we need to talk

about it." The news outlet Education

Week tracked school shootings on K-12 property that resulted in firearm-related injuries or deaths throughout 2018. According to their counter, there were 24 shootings, with 35 people killed and 79 injured. "columbinus," Matthews

came to believe, was a reflection of the times, and a story that needed to be told. She created the Social Justice Theater arm of PYT to tell stories that didn't normally fit with the theater's normal kid-friendly, popular fare.

"We've always been told to sweep it under the rug," she said. "And I've watched it all these years get worse and

### 'The characters...are really real'

Jacqui Anthenien (Freak/ Eric) and Jake Dusenberry (Loner/Dylan) play the lead roles of the shooters, which they say provides a different angle than most acting jobs.

"In other plays, the bad guy is fictional, so you can have

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### Siler City PD works to solve three highly publicized crimes

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Police Department is working to resolve three highly publicized crimes that have occurred within the past month.

Most recently, a woman was assaulted and seriously injured in an attempted armed robbery at the Walmart parking lot early Monday morning.
The victim, Walmart Associ-

ate Charlotte Kopietz, was taking a break from work around 12:45 a.m. when two men, who were unknown to her, followed her to her car, according to Siler City interim Police Chief Jeanne Miller.

The suspects attempted to rob her and, when unsuccessful, stabbed her multiple times, including a cut to her throat. Kopietz was transported to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill for treatment of her injuries.

"My understanding is that she is in stable condition,' Miller said Tuesday.

The Siler City Police Department believes there are two suspects, but has been unable to fully interview the victim because of her condition, Miller said.

Initial descriptions are that one of the men, of unknown race, was 5'7" tall, wore a black hat with a grey hoodie, black pants and black shoes. The other suspect was wearing white running shoes. The department has shared surveillance video of the suspects on the Siler City Police Department's Facebook page, but have been

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### Mosaic work underway after 3 years of planning

BY ZACHARY HORNER News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — While talk in Pittsboro has revolved around Chatham Park and its plans for tree protection, one of the development's first major proj-

ects has gotten underway. Clearing on the first phase of Mosaic, an entertainment and lifestyle center located at the entrance to the park, began last week, with vertical construction expected to begin later this year, according to

developer Kirk Bradley. Bradley said that the latest developments on the site are exciting and come three years after beginning conversations with Chatham Park developers Preston Development, led by co-owners Tim Smith and Julian "Bubba" Rawl.

"We started talking to Tim and Bubba three years ago and made a deal and started working on it," Bradley said. "To see all those ideas and community input come together is always very exciting. We're ready to move and looking forward to creating a great project that will be complementary to Chatham Park, Pittsboro and Chatham County.

(Bradley is a part of the News + Record's ownership group.)

According to the Mosaic website, the total project will encompass 226 acres and cost \$500 million to build. The first phase will consist of 44 acres of restaurants, stores, a gym and a movie theater. Developers estimate that the project will bring around 1,000 jobs to

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### SILER CITY'S PEGGY JOLLY: KARATE'S CLARK KENT

# Legendary master instructor has been shattering glass ceilings for years

BY CHIP PATE

News + Record Correspondent

SILER CITY — It was quite a spectacle when South Eastern Karate Association held its 25th anniversary celebration a dozen years ago. Martial artists, people from all walks of life, came from hundreds of miles away to the modest karate school in downtown Siler City.

All made a pilgrimage for two days of special events and heartfelt tributes honoring a distinguished martial artist and successful business owner who had the audacity to open a karate school in a small Southern town — a school many locals predicted wouldn't last more than a year. But what made the event even more unlike-

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Clara Hallberg is breaking half-inch thick boards just like the adults. After careful instruction by Master Peggy Jolly, shown watching, yellow-belt Hallberg kicked the board in two.

She's only 9 years

old, but student

Staff photo by David Bradley

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ON THE AGENDA

• The Pittsboro Board of **Commissioners** will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on March 11 at the Pittsboro Town Hall located at 635 East Street in Pittsboro.

#### **FRIDAY**

 Chatham Community Library and the Career and Employment Training program at Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) are partnering to offer free employment assistance. Timir Cox, a Career and Employment Training instructor at CCCC, will be available to assist with employment skills and related questions from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. each Friday through March 29. Job seekers can meet one-on-one with 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.

### **SATURDAY**

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

#### · Highfalls 84th annual **Fiddlers Convention** is scheduled for March 9 at North Moore High School Auditorium. Registration from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with show time starting at 6. Admission will be \$7 per person. There will be entertainment and food. Cash prizes will be given in ten categories.

• Birding on the Haw River - Join Ranger McMurray from 9 to 11 a.m. on March 9 on the Old Bynum Bridge for an hour or two of exploring close by. We will try to locate birds in the area, discuss bird identification and songs. Anyone is welcome, from beginner to expert, young to old. Parking available near the bridge and at the lower parking lot at Lower Haw River State Natural Area. For further information, contact Ranger McMurray at steve.mcmurray@ ncparks.gov.

### CORRECTION

Chatham County Sheriff's Deputy Rocky Smith was incorrectly identified as Capt. Chris Cooper in a photographic essay on the Polar Plunge event in the Feb. 28-March 6 edition of the News + Record (page A12). The News + Record regrets the error.

#### · Twice a month join the gathering for the Bluegrass Jam Circle and make music at 950 Bynum Rd. You can join the fun every second and fourth Saturday throughout the year. The circle forms around 10 a.m. until noon. Singers, new pickers (spoons, washboards) and audience members are all welcome. This is an open circle type jam for all skill levels and ages. If you pick, bring your instrument. If you sing, bring your voice. Come to enjoy great music at the historic Bynum General Store. Pickers are asked to bring acoustic instruments only. The Circle Jam is free and open to

### **SUNDAY**

the public.

· Local Tables is back in Briar Chapel for 2019 on a new night, with a new time, and in a new location. All are invited on Sunday nights at 5 p.m. for this gathering led by Pastor Brent Levy. Dinner and childcare provided. Local Tables are small gatherings of friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and people who are about to become your friends. At your Local Table, you'll share a meal, talk, listen, be encouraged, and make friends who become like family No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, Local Tables give you the opportunity to lean in, listen, and know you're not alone. Learn more about what to expect and why we think these matter at http://thelocalchurchpbo. org/tables.

### **MONDAY**

 Writing Toward Resilience, a weekly opportunity for all those grieving or current caregivers, meets at noon every Monday at the SECU Jim and Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC. No writing experience necessary. Facilitated by Carol Henderson, a professional writer and workshop leader. No registration needed. The UNC Hospice Home is at 100 Roundtree Circle, behind Bojangles in Pittsboro. For further information, contact Ann Ritter. 919-984-2650 or email at ann.ritter@unchealth. unc.edu.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS** vendors.

• Randolph Health, free colon cancer screening is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m on March 14 at Randolph Health private dining room. Get checked by registering at the Community Events Desk at 336-633-7788 or by visiting www.randolphhealth.org.

 Chatham County Soil and **Water Conservation District** will meet at 7 p.m. on March 14 in the conference room downstairs in the new Agriculture Building in Pittsboro. This is an open meeting. To confirm the meeting or for additional information, call Brenda at 919-545-8440 or Suzannah at 919-542-8228

 Chatham Community Library will host an author event with Iris Yang on 2 p.m. on March 16 at in the Holmes Meeting Room. Born and raised in China, she has loved writing since a child. She studied science and holds a Ph.D. in molecular biology. Her debut novel, Wings of a Flying Tiger was published in 2018 and its sequel, Will of a Tiger was published in January, 2019. She is now working on a story based on her grandmother, the first Chinese woman to receive a master's degree in Edinburgh in the UK. She is a part time resident of Sedona, AZ and Chapel Hill. The event is free and open to the public.

 Three Rivers Coalition and Northwood High School will present a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) event for middle and high school students from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 16. The event is for middle and high school students as well as parents and community members. It will be held on the campus of Northwood High School in Pittsboro. The event includes free admission, break out sessions, and lunch. Registration is required. Line up of guests includes Travis Millner, NASA, NC State University School of Technology and Engineering, NC A&T State University School of Engineering, NC School of Science and Mathematics; Dr. Stanley Elliott, and various companies and

 Wake Up Wednesday is a networking event that occurs from 8 - 9:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Carolina Brewery, located at 120 Lowes Dr in Pittsboro. In today's media packed world where we're bombarded with as many as 3000 advertising images, and slogans a day, a person may require anywhere from 8-12 exposures to a concept or idea before a connection is made with a potential customer. And as most of us know, in order to influence someone to buy your product, join your cause, they need to know, like and trust you. So please come to Wake-Up Wednesday often, as it is one tool that you can utilize to build relationships in the community.

 Nature Journaling for Kids from 2:15 to 4 p.m. on March 23, is an opportunity for kids ages 7 - 11 to put away their phones, escape from the internet and enjoy the power of nature. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian but a parent may bring more than one child. This free program is offered by Friends of the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. Space is limited, and pre-registration required by contacting lowerhawevents@gmail.com with "Nature Journaling" in the subject line. More information will be provided with registration confirmation. Visit www. lowerhaw.org to learn more about Friends of Lower Haw.

 Introductory iNaturalist Walk on the Haw from 9 to 10 a.m. on March 24, this free walk will focus on use of the iNaturalist smartphone app to photograph nature observations and start identifying the subject. Offered by Friends of Lower Haw, the walk will be led by botanist Jame Amoroso with the NC Natural Heritage Program. After a brief introduction on how to use the iNaturalist app, participants will find plants and animals to photograph. To get the most out of the hike, participants should install iNaturalist on their phone before arriving. The

apps are free and available from Google Play or Apple App Store. The group will explore the US 64 area mostly on the footpaths but could venture off-trail for short distances. There are no restroom facilities at this location. Bring water, wear layers of clothing appropriate for the weather and sturdy shoes for walking on uneven ground. Space is limited, pre-registration required by contacting lowerhawevents@gmail. com with "iNaturalist" in the subject line. Meeting location details will be provided with registration confirmation.

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

The Chatham County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), which meets to discuss county-wide emergency preparedness, has scheduled its 2019 quarterly meetings for May 2, August 1, and Nov. 7. The 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.

### **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. www.chathamconnecting.org

• Chatham County Coun**cil on Aging** presents its VITA program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program). Appointments are being taken for persons/families of low to middle income, planning to file a 1040 Form. To schedule an appointment, call the Council on Aging at 919-542-4512. VITA is a service of the IRS, where their volunteers assist with income tax preparation with no charge to you. Locations at: Eastern Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro and the Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City.

• The Second Bloom of **Chatham Thrift Shop** is open for shopping and donations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 10 Sanford Road in Pittsboro on the Courthouse circle next to the Roadhouse restaurant. This clothing and accessories thrift shop supports the new non-profit Second Bloom of Chatham, supporting domestic violence awareness and services. We are on Facebook where there is a link to volunteer or email us at 2ndBloom-Vols@gmail.com.



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### **CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS**

# System aims to honor outstanding alumni

BY RANDALL **RIGSBEE** 

News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Last June, while 626 Chatham County high school seniors took to local auditoriums and stadiums to accept their diplomas at graduation, a much smaller number of former graduates were also honored.

At Jordan-Matthews High School, Ed Spence, a 1956 graduate, received the school's Distinguished Alumni honor. The night before, Chatham Central High School had bestowed the same honor on one of its own, 2008 graduate Justin Palmer, who since graduating from Central had studied sports medicine at UNC-Greensboro before becoming youth programs director at the county YMCA.

Chatham County Schools launched its Distinguished Alumni Program three years ago to honor the achievements of graduates like Spence and Palmer. The school system aims through the ongoing program to recognize the contributions of alumni to their profession, community, or outstanding sustained support of Chatham County Schools.

Nominations for new honorees from each high school in Chatham County are now being sought, with a March 15 deadline quickly approaching.

John McCann, public relations coordinator for the school system, is encouraging people to make nominations, which he said are slow to trickle in this year.

"This is the third year of the program," McCann said. "In the first year, we distributed rather eye-catching cards containing information encour aging people to nominate candidates. We aired information on WNCA, too. This year, we also put information on WNCA and did a social-media campaign featuring Justin Palmer, who last year represented Chatham Central High School in being honored in the Distinguished Alumni Program.

Despite the program's reasonably high profile, McCann said, "we're still not getting the number of



Justin Palmer (pictured with Chatham Central High School teacher Karen Keilman), a 2008 Central graduate, was honored as a Distinguished Alumni last year. Palmer is a YMCA youth director. **Chatham County Schools is aiming to honor** additional alumni and is asking the community for help in finding nominees.

nominations we expected."

The 2019 program's nomination period kicked offearly last December and continues through noon on March 15. The names of finalists, selected by their schools on March 23, will be submitted to the Board of Education at the board's April meeting. Approved finalists will be contacted following the April meeting to line up the details of their participation in commencement activities as Distinguished Alumni for 2019.

McCann stressed that the award "is not limited to our graduates who have gone on to become household names. I'd encourage people to look at the selection criteria, and I'm sure they'd be able to think of someone who deserves a nomination.'

Each school will have its own selection committee comprised of an administrator, a student, a member of the faculty, and a com-



Ed Spence (right), a 1956 graduate of Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City, was honored as a Distinguished Alumni at the school's 2018 graduation ceremony. Pictured with Spence is J-M principal Tripp Crayton.

munity representative. The committee will review nominations using a scoring rubric and will ultimately identify an honoree.

Honorees are recognized during the commencement ceremony for their respective high school alma mater. A photo of the alumnus or alumna is displayed at the school for the upcoming year, and the names of the recognized alumnus/ alumna are engraved on the Distinguished Alumni plaque featured at each high school.

"Ideally," said McCann, "recognizing what our graduates both have done and are doing will help our students better appreciate the value of a Chatham County Schools education.'

More information on the Distinguished Alumni Program, including forms to complete for the nominations process, is available at Chatham County School's website with the following links: http://bit. ly/JustinDidIt and http:// bit.ly/2EduREE.

### 'COLUMBINUS': Social Justice Theatre troupe starting conversations

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that fictional, 'Oh, they're completely evil," Anthenien said. "But in this one, they were actual human beings that did this. So you need to recognize both the evil thing that they did and that they were human.'

Dusenberry added, "In most of our plays, we kind of play a stereotype. In this play, we play someone that is real and did real stuff and harmed real people. So it takes a heavier toll."

Matthews said the students have dove in to read and learn about what actually happened in Colorado nearly 20 years. They routinely read articles about teen suicide. school shootings and more to help take on the frame of mind of the characters they're playing. But according to Conners, it doesn't take much.

"Some of us are in high school, some of us are about to go into high school," she said. "A lot of the characters, their insecurities and their values are really real to us."

Abilene Dasher, who plays the scholarly A.P., said she watched a TED Talk by Dylan Klebold's "It really helped me

see how real these people and the characters are. Dasher said. Anthenien said she

read some of Eric's writings, but not too much. 'I didn't want to know,"

she said. Matthews said she wanted her actors to "understand their humanity," but not with too much depth. A counselor comes to rehearsals regularly to help students process how they're feeling in light of the material they're working with.

It's intense stuff. Within "columbinus," there's sharp profanity, "gay bashing" and talk of mur-der and death, something that might turn some people off. Multiple cast members said that when they've told their friends about the play, some have raised their eyebrows.

"That's the whole reason for doing it," said India Nykamp, who plays Perfect. "When people hear about it, they're like, 'That is just not OK, because it's such a forbidden topic, which is exactly why we need to.

#### 'People that do stuff that changes the world'

Matthews said she was a teacher in Colorado when the Columbine shootings took place, and through the years since then, she said she's not been able to talk about the shootings and why they happened broadly. This play, she said, is part of starting the conversation. She hopes the Social Justice Theater will tackle more hard topics, like the LGBTQ community and other social justice issues, in the future.

'We're going to continue to do stuff, (be) people that do stuff that changes the world," Matthews said.

For now, the group continues to plug away at "columbinus." The show will premiere on April 19 with a 7 p.m. show at the Sweet Bee Theater in downtown Pittsboro. The next day, the 20th anniversary of the Columbine shootings, will see shows at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Afterward, the hope is that the group will be able to take the show on the road. Matthews and the crew are raising money through an IndieGoGo.com campaign to fund a tour of North and South Carolina starting in the summer to show the play at churches, schools and more.

They want change. They want the shootings to stop. Matthews references a speech in the play by Eric Harris, who says, "You made me, you made

"The whole point is, if we were a kindler, gentler society in general, maybe

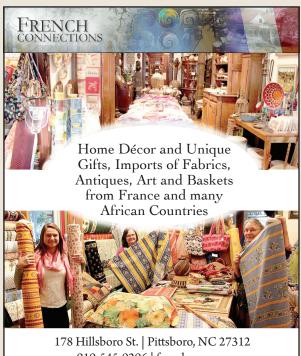
things wouldn't happen like this," she said. For now, however, the

kids in the Social Justice Theater troupe are just trying to start a conversation.

"I feel like people sweep this kind of stuff under the rug way too much and we don't talk about it that much because it's 'too intense' or 'not good for kids,' when it is kids that are affected by it," Dasher said. "I feel like that's one of the main reasons we should talk about it more, and I feel like this play definitely brings up this conversation and will inspire people to talk about it."

The Social Justice Theater of the Carolinas' production of "columbinus" features Dusenberry, Anthenien, Dasher, Conners, Nykamp, Ethan Galiger (as Jock), Porter Humbert (as Prep), Alayna McLandsborough (as (as the understudy and stage manager).

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### **CRIMES:** Vandals stabbing

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unable to isolate a single image from the video to share. They are currently working to determine the suspect vehicle by review-

ing the video.

The department is also investigating a spree of drive-by vandalisms that occurred two weekends ago in which the suspects are believed to have used a pellet gun and rocks to cause damage to several businesses.

The vandalism spree stretched from West Raleigh Street through downtown Siler City to East Third, North Fifth, and South Sixth avenues, with most of the damage sustained downtown. On North Chatham Avenue, the vandals appeared to have fired shots all along storefronts on the western side of the street. Beginning with Turnberry Interior Design Group with two pellet holes all the way to the Old Farmers' Market location with four pellet holes, at least 30 pellets were fired into downtown businesses, leaving the Chatham Rabbit's front windows completely shattered.

According to Miller, the department has identified two suspects, aged14 and 16, in the crime. Because the suspects are juveniles, the process is different than that for adults.

You just can't go out and get an arrest warrant like an adult," Miller said.

The department is in the process of issuing detention paperwork and authorities hope to have it complete this week. Charges for the juveniles will need to be deliberated and determined by a judge's order.

The department has also identified two suspects in an incident that occurred at Siler City's Walmart earlier in February. On Feb. 18, the Siler City Police Department sent out an alert with video screenshots seeking the identity of two men suspected in an attempted shoplift. Neither of the suspects has been charged at press time, but authorities are seeking the men in connection with an incident involving razor blades attached to shopping cart handles.

Miller said a challenge in making an arrest is the lack of identified injuries associated with the razor blade incident. Miller noted that one Walmart associate reported a cut on a finger, but could not recall where or when it happened, making linking it to the razor blades difficult. Another alleged victim reported an injury to an associate, but that victim has not been located. Miller said she hoped that publicity about the case would urge them to come forward.

"Without a victim, it makes it harder," Miller At the same time, the

department is actively exploring misdemeanor charges that it could file against the suspects.

A similar incident occurred Feb. 25 in Smithfield where a woman was cut when a razor blade was taped to the handle of her vehicle when parked at the local courthouse. Miller does not believe the two incidents are related.

Walmart's media relations office did not immediately return calls to the News + Record seeking additional information. Updates to these stories will be posted at www. chathamnewsrecord.com.

# VIEWPOINTS

# Borscht brings back memories and gives comfort on a cold day

Our long-suffering spate of cold and wet and nasty weather



BILL HORNER III From The Publisher's Desk

has gotten me thinking about, and craving for, something my wife occasionally cooks up as a spe-

cial treat: borscht. If you're not famil-

it, borscht is a traditional Eastern European soup made with beets and beef stock and potatoes and cabbage and a variety of other vegetables. The beets give it a distinctive sour taste and deep red color, and when it's good, and served piping hot, and

you put the required dollop of sour cream in it, it's equal parts hearty and heavenly — particularly on a cold, stay-inside day.

There's just nothing else like it, taste-wise.

My first exposure to borscht was back in 1989 when I traveled to Moscow as a part of a two-week citizen diplomat exchange. It was the fall of that year and the Cold War was winding down. The frigid Russian winter was getting ready to wind up, though, and when the soup was served as an appetizer at our very first meal, I was game.

I vaguely remember not being too impressed with its flavor, but since it was a staple of our dining experiences there it grew on me. To commemorate the memory a few years later,

on an anniversary trip to New York City, I took wife Lee Ann to the famous Russian Tea Room for lunch to sample some more. A different environment, to be sure, but it was still good. (Today, a bowl of borscht there for lunch or dinner will set you back a heavy \$24.)

The last three Octobers we've traveled to Ukraine — where borscht is also a staple — on one-week mission trips. Although I was more partial to the Ukrainian classic okroshka — a cold soup with cucumbers, radishes, onions, boiled potatoes, eggs and ham that's deliciously refreshing on a warm day — we did have borscht on a few occasions, and also learned then how difficult the soup is to make.

If you have an Instant Pot,

one of those trendy (for good reason) pressure cookers that make creating meals fast and fun, borscht is still a bit of a chore, particularly if you make your own beef stock. But we've had a blast preparing, and of course eating, our creation when the mood has struck us. The big pots we cook up serve

as both lunch and dinner over two days, and we never tire of it.

And, of course, when Lee Ann makes it, we share the

Ann makes it, we share the requisite photos of the soup through social media with friends in Ukraine and Poland, who respond with plenty of "thumbs up" but also with challenges — try it with garlic, try "green" (sorrel-based) borscht, etc.

Part of what makes the borscht so good is the associ-

ation it brings with our trips overseas. And that gets me thinking about favorite dishes we've had on other travels — fish and chips in Scotland

(served wrapped in newsprint and with a cup of smashed peas), barbecue pork in China, Viennese "apfelstrudel" (apple strudel) in Austria. And other foods we weren't as partial to, including whole grilled frog at a meal in Shanghai and the traditional Scottish haggis, a pudding of stuff I'd rather not think about, boiled in a sheep's stomach, which we enthusiastically boycotted during a week in Glasgow.

The calendar tells me that spring is coming, but more cool, wet weather in our forecast, you can bet I'm feeling the urge for borscht.

# It's the 'little things' that matter, they say



RANDALL RIGSBEE Randall Reflects

They say it's the "little things" that matter most.

We all know who "they" are. And we instinctively know what the "little things" they're referring to are.

And yes, those everyday moments to which they refer do, if we allow them, enhance our lives beyond measure, I suppose.

But for the last week or so, the popular phrase — tailor-made for memes and inspirational posters — has taken on new

meaning for me.

The little thing that's captured far too much of my recent attention, given its tiny dimensions, is a miniscule speck of wood.

Such a little thing normally wouldn't rise to a even a faint ping on my personal radar, but given that this small speck of lumber — aka a splinter — is lodged in the tip of my left middle finger, I've taken notice.

Not immediately, mind you.
For a few days, I didn't know it was there.
I'd been working on a project utilizing reclaimed, splintery wood. But exactly when this small speck penetrated my skin and took residence there, I couldn't say, though I was vaguely aware for a few

days of a slight sensitivity in that particular fingertip.
It was only with incremental awareness that it occurred to me what the source of the nagging soreness was.

Partly, this was because the visible black speck under the skin of my finger was so small. Even with 1.75-power reading glasses (a higher strength I reserve only for the most demanding close-up work), I could barely see it beneath the surface of the tip of the problem digit.

The speck — and the accompanying discomfort — were slight enough, I ignored them.

This isn't my first experience with splinters and such, and I know from experience that they don't just go away. In fact, I've still got a small pencil tip in me from an incident in 3rd grade, so I know such objects don't merely dissolve.

But this one seemed so insignificant, I had no

trouble pretending it wasn't there, at least for a few more days.

After a week of typing and other routine activities that put pressure on my fingertips, the soreness intensified and I realized I needed to, as they say, man-up and actually address the problem.

With a pair of two grown and a coving needle I.

With a pair of tweezers and a sewing needle, I set about to repair myself.

I'll spare you the details, but after a few

minutes of picking and prodding at my increasingly-pained fingertip, I concluded — though I still lacked concrete evidence; i.e. my labors produced no small speck of wood — that the problem had been solved.

But my finger, still mildly throbbing the next

But my finger, still mildly throbbing the next day, alerted the rest of me that I was in denial.

A few more days passed before I fully accepted that the first attempt to diplode the foreign chiest.

that the first attempt to dislodge the foreign object had been unsuccessful and I once more gathered my simple surgical equipment to take another stab.

This time I was determined to be done with it.

This time I was determined to be done with it. Needle and tweezers in my good hand, I dug around the troubled fingertip again, and though once I started digging and doing damage, I still couldn't see the object that was the source of so much trouble, I dug determinedly, eventually concluding that there was no way the splinter could withstand so much tinkering with a needle. It had to be gone.

But just as with my first effort, a day later my

But just as with my first effort, a day later my fingertip was still sensitive to the touch and I could still spy a small dark speck under the skin, revealing that though it appeared I'd made progress, drawing the splinter closer to the surface, it continued to be a sore point.

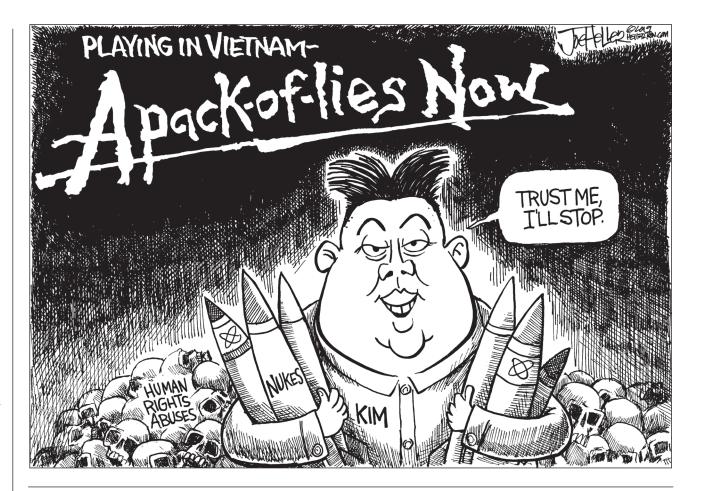
They, who were right about the little things, also say the third time's the charm.

And I believe them, because when I make my third attempt — probably tonight — to remove this problematic little thing from my finger, I won't quit until I know the job is really done and this petite, pointed sliver of wood that has nagged me for the last couple of weeks truly is gone for good.

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# The bounce of the ball turns back pages of time

A few weeks ago, during the height of middle-school basketball



**BOB WACHS** Movin' Around

school basketball
frenzy, I went with
some family members and friends
to take in a game
in which my 7thgrade grandson
was playing.
It was an hour

or more from his school, which brought up all over again one of my pet peeves that in a

day and age when schools allegedly are struggling with finances why do they send teams across the world to play other schools. I know Dorothy told Toto in "The Wizard of Oz" that "we're not in Kansas anymore" but I remember that long ago when dinosaurs roamed the earth and I was in my heyday of riding the bench in junior varsity basketball that it wasn't all that far from Pittsboro to Moncure or even Pittsboro to Bennett.

Those little towns and communities had their identities and personalities and that was what made them unique and special. As it turned out, the school to which we traveled the other day was using the gym of what had been a high school in those dinosaur days — one that we did battle with often — and it had been about 55 years since I last walked into it. Turns out, too, that my better half had also been there in her high school cheerleader days.

For several minutes I stood outside the gym taking a long look at the old two-story school building. The windows have been replaced with plywood; the doors were locked. It could have used a coat of paint. At least it wasn't a pile of bricks; maybe that's because it could be full of asbestos and nobody in the community has the funds or the need to do anything

with the old structure. The good news is that at least the gym is still being used.

As I climbed the old wooden bleachers looking for a seat at the top so I could lean against the wall, several things happened. For one, my knees sent a memo saying, "Stop. Cut it out. You've gone high enough." The brain just ignored it. Also, I provided some entertainment for folks sitting nearby as I assured them as I wobbled that I would do my best not to fall into their laps and they meanwhile didn't quite believe that as they scurried here and there clearing a path for me.

path for me.
Finally reaching my preferred site on the top row, I looked around at the old polished floor with its noticeable dead spots here and there which make a basketball stop flat. I remembered we had some of those at our home floor and I found one the day I stopped my special behind-the-back dribble to shoot at the wrong goal.

While that place wasn't where I went to school it wasn't hard to visualize the folks who did, mainly by rambling through my mind. And I wondered how many times had Bubba made a foul shot to win a game and Mary Sue, his head cheerleader girlfriend, rushed out to give him a big squeeze when the horn sounded. Then there were his friends Stinky and Shorty and Pee-Wee and their girlfriends Brenda and Linda and Sue...and then for me there was Charles and Bill and Steve and Worth and Peggy and Valinda and Cathy and...well, you get the idea.

Turns out our boys lost the game that day, snatching defeat from the jaws of victory, but that's why you play the game on the court or field and not on paper. What I really got out of the day, though, was how

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much a community suffers when it loses its school or church or post office or store. Turns out some of the descendants of those long-ago folks are still around but now their schools are Central This or Western or Eastern That. You'll never convince me bigger is necessarily better.

The ol' boy taking up the \$2 to get into the game the other day agreed with me on all that when I told him it had been half a century since I'd been there. Funny thing, I could tell we were about the same age and he did look a little familiar. I wonder if maybe I fouled him near the end of a game so he could make that free throw and get a hug and a kiss from Mary Sue.

### What's on your mind?

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# VIEWPOINTS

### Will Chatham Park pass clean air, clean water and cool really the test?

TO THE EDITOR:

On the subject of what level of tree protection should be required of new housing developments, I want to emphasize one key point in your editorial ("There's a way for progress and preservation to both be valued," Feb. 21): the line that starts, "If Chatham Park does what it says it will do ... '

As seasoned observers you well know that many of us fail to do what we say we're going to do. Probably every one of us has failed that test more than once. We have to demand better than a promise and a handshake when it comes to anyone making money from a public asset.

In this case thousands of acres of mature forest in Chatham Park provide the public with the irreplaceable assets of

shade. The benefits from the forests now owned by Chatham Park accrue to everyone in Pittsboro and the surrounding area, not just those who might live in the new development.

It is not too much to ask Chatham Park to maintain a 40 percent tree cover — a figure that other North Carolina cities aspire to (Chapel Hill; Charlotte wants 50 percent by 2050) Chatham Park says they want to maintain 10 percent tree cover. That's not enough. Maybe they'll do better than that. But why leave it up to intentions and ideals? Let's put it down in writing and hold all parties to it.

We should hold our government accountable for making sure that the profit motive--not a bad thing-- is balanced with a long view to quality of life, public health, and stewardship of a jointly-enjoyed resource. That's what democracies do, look out

for the public.

**Stephanie Bass** Pittsboro

### **Chatham Park**, Pittsboro: uneven power dynamic

**LETTERS** 

TO THE EDITOR:

Chatham Park and their investors would like us to believe that this development is in cooperative partnership with Town of Pittsboro, and that they are working alongside each other with a shared vision. It would be naïve for the public to accept this narrative, especially as it pertains to elements such a tree coverage and stormwater. Chatham Park's goals must be achieved in a way that maximizes profit for their investors, and that leaves little incentive for environmental protections beyond the minimum that is required of them. It is the role of the Town of Pittsboro to set these requirements and make decisions about the direction of Chatham Park with the best interest of the community in mind.

Currently we have a board of commissioners and staff of a town of 4,000 tasked with making incredibly consequential decisions on a scale that impacts a future town of 60,000 people. The amount of money and time that Chatham Park puts into creating and pressing for approval of each component of this master plan far exceeds the capacity of the town to thoroughly review and objectively assess the impact of such plans.

This puts the town in a vulnerable position, and area residents are concerned about the town board's ability to hold Chatham Park accountable. especially when it comes to environmental protections. Area residents and commissioners should remain vigilant when it comes to Chatham Park's intentions and advocate for the interests of this community. After all, there exists an uneven power dynamic and conflicting goals between Chatham Park and Pittsboro.

**Erin Jobe** 

Editor's note: Chatham Park is working with the Town of Pittsboro on "Additional Elements" development guidelines and performance standards for the park area, 10 of which have been approved by Pittsboro officials. When all of the Additional Elements are applied, Chatham Park officials say tree canopy will be more than 50 percent. The Town of Pittsboro can hold Chatham Park investors accountable for non-performance of the Additional Elements.

# Faulty numbers skewed health debate

RALEIGH - Remember when Democrats and progressive activists warned that ending the Afford-



**JOHN HOOD** John Locke Foundation

able Care Act's individual mandate would "deprive" 13 million Americans of their health coverage? Based on a Congressional Budget Office estimate, this claim helped Democrats defeat a Republican repeal-and-replace bill as recently as 2017.

It was a ridiculous claim from the outset. For the vast majority of those included in the estimate, the mandate was said to be forcing them to buy expensive health plans they didn't want. Ending the mandate would have allowed them to stop buying

such plans. They'd have been liberated, not "deprived." Aside from the faulty description, this widespread claim had a more basic flaw: the number was exaggerated. By mid-2018, the estimate had fallen from 13 million affected people to 8 million.

Now, a new estimate from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services has lowered the number again: 2.5 million Americans will decide to go without federally approved health insurance in the absence of the mandate, which was ultimately repealed as part of federal tax reform.

The notion that the federal government can and should attempt to compel Americans to buy federally approved health plans was both an unnecessary detour on the road to reform and a grotesque assault on our system of limited, constitutional government. It famously led to a lawsuit in which conservatives actually proved their case before the U.S. Supreme - the constitution gives Congress no power to compel the purchase of a private good — only to see Chief Justice John Roberts retroactively and disingenuously rewrite the Affordable Care Act to convert an unconstitutional penalty into a constitutional tax.

Want to understand the underlying rationale of the mandate, and why that rationale was faulty? You need only go back to debates between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama during the 2008 Democratic primaries.

Clinton argued that unless federal health reform included an individual mandate, 15 million Americans would go uncovered. Obama disagreed, arguing that using federal subsidies to help those excluded from coverage by low incomes or preexisting conditions would be sufficient. Clinton's plan "forces everyone to buy insurance, even if you can't afford it, and you pay a penalty if you don't," Obama warned. He flip-flopped later, as we know. But Obama was right

the first time. For most ACA enrollees, the federal subsidies are so generous that they need no mandate to buy plans. As for higher-income individuals who consume little medical care, the mandate was never going to be enough to corral them into overly expensive exchange policies.

If you look close enough, you'll see that most lawmakers and policy analysts across the spectrum already agree on subsidizing poor and sick patients. They differ about the specific means to do so, but most think it inefficient and unfair to foist a disproportionate share of the cost of those subsidies onto the

relatively small number of consumers who make up the individual and small-group markets for health insurance. Sliding-scale tax credits and high-risk pools, subsidized by general revenue, have been common elements of Republican health proposals for decades.

Now that the individual mandate is essentially gone, we should be embracing reforms that work with our traditions of individual freedom and federalism rather than against them. One promising idea is to let individuals and small employers band together as private associations to purchase the plans they want at an affordable price.

Now that Trump administration has removed Washington's regulatory roadblocks, states can proceed with explicit authorization to broaden and deepen private markets for such association health plans. Here in North Carolina, Sen. Dan Bishop (R-Mecklenburg), Sen. Joyce Krawiec (R-Forsyth), and Sen. Chuck Edwards (R-Henderson) are the primary sponsors of the Small Business Healthcare Act (S.B. 86), which would do just that.

Even as leading Democrats now go beyond ObamaCare to talk of eliminating private plans together, conservatives should seize the opportunity to move the health care debate in a more productive direction. They were right to oppose the individual mandate. Now, the right should propose alternatives.

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# Are professional sports players overpaid?

It's March, and for most of my colleagues, neighbors and friends, this



**MIKE WALDEN** You Decide

means only one thing "March Madness" and the NCAA basketball tournament. This is a big deal in the country, but especially so in North Carolina where we have so

But I have to admit something. While I am certainly interested in seeing the elite of college basketball play in March, another sport

many great teams.

gets an equal amount — if not more — of my attention. That sport is major league baseball because March means spring

To understand me, you need to know I was born and raised in Cincinnati. Cincinnati had the first professional baseball team in 1869, which means this year the Cincinnati Reds (originally Red Stockings) are celebrating their 150th birthday. I began following the Reds in the 1950s with Ted "Big Klu" Kluszewski. Frank Robinson and Gus Bell, then continued through the successful "Big Red Machine" years of Pete Rose, Johnny Bench and Tony Perez, and I am still an avid fan today even though the team has recently struggled.

Yet to my wife — who is a "grudging" baseball fan — one question has always perplexed her. Why do baseball players

get paid so much for playing a game? Indeed, I can generalize her question to apply to most pro sports players. My wife's puzzlement is partly stimulated from the fact she worked over thirty years as an elementary school teacher, where the paychecks are significantly

To answer my wife's question - and likely many of you have the same question — let me first discuss some of the basic economics of the labor market.

First, workers are paid for doing a task that others' value. If you like doing something no one else values, or if you're not good doing something that people do value, companies and consumers will be unwilling to pay you.

Second, workers have different skills and talents, so the work each of us performs can be valued differently.

Third, everyone doesn't value particular kinds of work the same. What matters in affecting a worker's earnings is the number of people who value the work and their willingness to spend to support the work.

Now let's apply these three principles to pro sports players. Clearly millions of people in the country, as well as around the world, value professional sports. It's a major source of entertainment. Modern technology is also increasing access to pro games.

Pro sports players have unique and special physical and cognitive skills. Among them are strength, precision, speed, dexterity and the ability to make

quick decisions from rapidly changing and multiple types of information.

Last, millions of people enjoy watching these talents and are willing to pay to do so.

Hence, there are two main reasons why pro sports players are paid so much. First — and in economics lingo, from the "demand" side there are large numbers of fans in the country and world who like prosports and are willing to pay to access it. Second — from the "supply" side there is a relatively small number of individuals who have the talents, skills and capabilities to perform at the levels required by professional

Anytime in economics there is high "demand" and low "supply", the price which here is the average player's earnings — is high.

Many of you may not like the conclusion I've given but understand the explanation. Yet there are some practical suggestions for any worker implied by the reasoning.

Every person has specific skills, talents and interests. Working hard to develop those skills, talents and interests can be both rewardable and

However, it's also important for workers to "stand out" (in a good way) so they will be harder to replace. Pro sports players always try to develop an "edge" so teams and owners will think only certain players are able to

fill a need. For workers today, a foreign language skill or an ability to work with large data sets are skills which can provide this "edge."

Ultimately, however, workers need to recognize what they have to offer in the workplace must match what employers, and ultimately consumers, want. Sellers of labor skills must have buyers for those skills. Dreams are often limited by this reality.

Unless the reality is wrong. There are many examples of pro players who redefined the game and thereby made themselves valuable. In baseball, players have extended their careers by having the versatility to play several positions or by becoming specialists for certain game situations. Something new today is the player who can both pitch well and hit well. Firms will often take a chance on workers who "think outside the box" and perceive a better way of accomplishing results for the

Some may be jealous of the high salaries pro players earn. But can all workers benefit by understanding why those big bucks are paid, and by applying that understanding to their own careers? You decide.

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### One close election in 9th District led to 34 years of column writing

How did a close election in the Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina lead to this col-

umn?

votes. It was so close that I knew I would try

There was one great challenge. The

newly elected congressman would have

One of my supporters knew about

plans for a new newspaper that would

be distributed weekly to every house-

owners needed content and agreed to

publish a column each week if I would

hold in Mecklenburg County. The

a monopoly of news coverage for the

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I am thinking about 34

years ago when I lost a

congressional election in

the Ninth District by 321

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and Dan McCready

that has gained na-

tional attention.



**ONE ON ONE** D.G. Martin

again two years later.

next two years.

write it.

From the first I enjoyed sharing my views each week and, in preparation for the next election, keeping my name before the public.

When the congressman complained about my getting a prominent voice in the paper, the owners told him they would print a column from him, too. For a year and a half he and I faced off every week.

It worked out to be a great help for my campaign. But not quite enough. I lost again by a close margin.

I lost the election but kept writing the column, offering it to other newspapers in addition to a few who had picked it up during the campaign.

In the beginning, before email, my wife and I would address and stamp each envelope, stuff the column copies, and get them in the mail so they would arrive at the papers by Monday morning. Maybe all that hassle explains why there were so few statewide columns back then.

At first, the column often dealt with issues I had studied as a congressional candidate and insights into North Carolina politics. But, from the beginning, I shared

personal experiences, such as a train ride between Charlotte and Durham and taking my daughter to a gemstone and rock exhibition where we met a Jewish survivor from Nazi Germany.

Not long after the end of my congressional campaigning, UNC System President Dick Spangler asked me to serve on his staff. The move to Chapel Hill and the close connection to state politics provided more fodder for columns.

Travel to university campuses also gave me the chance to visit some wonderful country cooking restaurants along the way. A big response to a column I wrote about my favorite country cooking eateries led me to invite readers to share their favorites. I combined their responses into a pamphlet that led to my writing about eateries first for Our State magazine and more recently in my book, "North Carolina's Roadside Eateries" published by UNC Press.

Soon after retiring from the University in 1997 and unsuccessfully running for the United States Senate, UNC-TV asked me to host its North Carolina Bookwatch program. I began to share my thoughts

about new books related to North Carolina that I thought should get attention from a wide audience.

Meanwhile, during the 1990s, the problems of producing and distributing my column diminished. Email delivery made it possible to expand the column's availability to more and more newspapers. No more envelopes to stuff and

These developments also opened the door for other statewide columns like those of John Hood, Tom Campbell, Mike Walden and several others who are much better at the task than I am. But I tell them that I have been at it the longest, writing and distributing my column every week without a break for these 34

All that thanks to a close election loss in the Ninth District in 1984.

D.G. Martin hosts "North Carolina Bookwatch," shown at 11 a.m. Sunday and 5 p.m. Tuesday on UNC-TV. The program also airs on the North Carolina Channel at 8 p.m. Tuesday and other

### **OBITUARIES**

#### MARTHA LOUISE HIBBARD KEY April 30, 1926 - February 16, 2019



Martha Key, nearly 93, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother died peacefully at Brighton Gardens in Winston-Salem. She was the daughter of Herbert Edwin Hibbard and Ethleene Bradley Hibbard of Charlotte. After graduating from Harding High School, she married Robert Nevitt Key in 1946. During her distinguished career as a business woman, she served as President of Pilot International Club of Charlotte. She retired as bookkeeper from Quail Hollow Country Club.

Martha and her husband Bob retired to Banner Elk, where they were active volunteers at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church and Avery County social services. As a team, they received the Governor's Volunteer Award for Avery County. After moving to Winston-Salem, they volunteered for Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center. At Parkwood Presbyterian Church, Martha taught Sunday school and organized volunteer efforts of her Senior Sunday School Class. She co-founded the Chatham Habitat ReStore Sewing Bee in 2013 and was still sewing for the group the week prior to her death.

Martha's true partner-for-life, Bob, died in 2005. She is survived by daughters, Anne Key Epting (Greg) of Winston-Salem, and Sheryl Key Forbis (Dick) of Carrboro; beloved grandchildren, Laura Epting Pallavicini (Chris) of Tobaccoville, Brandon Epting (Charity) of New York City, David Forbis (Claire) of Spicewood, Texas, Holly Forbis (Rob) of Orlando, Florida, and the delight of her life, great-grandson Caleb Pallavicini of Tobaccoville.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to all the staff at Brighton Gardens who welcomed Martha into their care community.

A family celebration and internment service for Martha will be held at Banner Elk Presbyterian Church in the spring Memorials may be made to Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center, 6825 Rolling View Drive, Tobaccoville, NC 27050, or to Chatham Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 883, Pittsboro, NC 27312

#### **LARRY NEAL BALDWIN**

"If you meet Larry Baldwin and forget him you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus Christ and forget him you have lost everything."

Larry Neal Baldwin, 88, of Siler City went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at his residence.

Mr. Baldwin was born March 24, 1930, in Surry County, the son of Claude M. and Elizabeth Lee Baldwin. Larry was an Army Veteran of the Korean war. He was the owner of Brush-O-Matic Car Wash on New Bern Avenue in Raleigh and graduated from NC State with a Bachelor's Degree in Textile Engineering. Larry was a member of Oakley Baptist Church, a Deacon, a Sunday School teacher and a member of Helping Hands Sunday School class. He also did prison ministry through the Gideons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Alfred, Claude Jr., Russell, Donald and Alan; sisters, Muriel and Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline "Polly" Blackburn Baldwin; sons, Michael Baldwin and wife Aisa of Albemarle, Mitchell Baldwin and wife Sandra of Peyton, CO, Mark Baldwin and wife Kathryn of Raleigh and Matt Baldwin and wife Sandra of Wake Forest; honorary son, David Oliver; brother, Kent Baldwin and wife Virtie of Wilmington; grandchildren, Andy, Greg, Meredith, Tyler, Faith, Grace, LeighAnne, Daniel and Matthew; great-grandchildren, Lauren, Connor, Blake and Lexi; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Oakley Baptist Church, 2300 Siler City-Glendon Road, Siler City. The funeral followed at 2 p.m. with Rev. Jeff Johnson and son Matt Baldwin officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with military rites by the Randolph County Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Seeds of Mustard, 900 East Chatham Street, Cary, NC 27511 or to Oakley Baptist Church, Family Life Center.

On line condolences may be made at www.pughfuneral-home.com.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Baldwin Family.

### Michael Pand Howell 50 of V

Michael Rand Howell, 59, of White Smith Road, Siler City died Friday, March 1, 2019 at Duke Raleigh Hospital.

Mr. Howell was born in Wayne County on May 5, 1959, the son of Joseph Hollie and Carolyn (Killette) Howell. Michael had been a truck driver, dispatcher, and trucking business owner and he loved his time spent with his family, especially spoiling his furry companions and his grandpup, TG. He is preceded in death by his father and brother-in-law (Hank Conway). He was an organ donor.

Michael is survived by his wife of 22 years, Brenda (Mc-Clintock) Howell; step-daughter, Crystal Perry Sharp (Greg) of Siler City; step-son, Les Perry of Siler City; mother, Carolyn Torres (Raymond) of Smithfield; sister, Nanci Conway of Raleigh; brother, Neil Howell (Sandy) of Missouri; brother-inlaw, John McClintock (Kathy) of Newport; sister-in-law, Jane Presnell (Kenneth) of Liberty; niece, Elizabeth Massengale (Jason) of Missouri; nephew, David Howell of Missouri; great niece and great nephews, Abigail, Jon Michael, and Isaac of Missouri; other family members, cousins, and special friends.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Sapling Ridge United Methodist Church, 5016 Silk Hope Gum Springs Road, Pittsboro, NC with Rev. Jason Dickerson officiating. The family will receive friends immediately after the service in the fellowship hall.

Should friends desire, memorials may be sent to 3675 White Smith Road, Siler City, NC 27344 or to the American Cancer Society.

### MARY SMALL KENNEDY

Mary Small Kennedy, 94, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, February 25, 2019 at Westfield Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

The funeral service was held Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 3 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church with Rev. Glen Hallead and Rev. Kent Miller officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She was born in Duplin County on January 2, 1925 to the late Millard and Hattie Taylor Small. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Henry Kennedy; brother, Eugene Small; sisters, Ethel Norris, Augusta Brantley, Gertrude Ballard, Reba Jones, Evelyn Hufton and Elizabeth Chessire. Mary retired from Heins Telephone Company, and was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include sons, Henry Kennedy, Jr. and Kenneth Kennedy, both of Sanford; daughters, Patricia Cook of Sanford, Mary Dodson of Hillsborough; one sister, Mildred Basden; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com

### MARY CRISTINA CASTEJON

Mary Cristina Castejon, 63, of Siler City passed away on Thursday, February 21, 2019.

A service of remembrance was held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Donaldson Funeral Home & Cremation in Pittsboro.

Mary was born on January 15, 1956 in Cedros Fco. Morazan Tegucigalpa, Honduras to Jose Ramon Castejon and Susana Rubentina De Castejon. She was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her husband, Adrian Morales Tadeo; siblings, Jose Ramon Castejon, Gladys Castejon,

#### JOAN COULTER ARMSTRONG



Joan Coulter Armstrong, 86, of Greensboro, formerly of Siler City, died Monday, March 4, 2019 at White Stone Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

Mrs. Armstrong was born in Queens, New York on September 15, 1932 the daughter of James Patrick and Margaret (Beilman) Coulter. Joan was a devoted wife and loving mother, a member of St Julia Catholic Parrish and a retired office manager.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter William Armstrong, Sr. and her parents. Joan is survived by two daughters, Margaret "Peggy" Wood and husband, Craig Brooks Wood of Siler City and

Wood and husband, Craig Brooks Wood of Siler City and Catherine Kennelly and husband, Craig of Garden City, NJ; four sons, James G. Armstrong and wife, Lea Ann of Stockholm, NJ, Wally Armstrong and wife, Amy, Tommy Armstrong and Michael Armstrong and wife, Dianne all of Siler City; fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Friday, March 8, 2019 at 12 Noon at Chatham Memorial Park, 13260 Hwy 64 West, Siler City with Father Julio Martinez, OFM, Conv.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association, Western Carolina Chapter, 4600 Park Rd., Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209, www.alz.org/northcarolina. Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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

#### **BILLY BRYANT BUTLER**

Mr. Billy Bryant Butler, 91, passed away peacefully Thursday morning, February 21, 2019 at his home in Pittsboro, NC, surrounded by his loving family. Billy worked for Kaiser Roth Hosiery in Pittsboro for 30 years. He then spent the next seven years working for Tipper Tie in Apex, North Carolina. On October 3, 1953 he married Sylvia Juanita Holt. They raised a son Max Butler and daughter Belle Butler.

Billy's first love was Jesus followed closely by his wife, Sylvia, Max, Belle and his six grandchildren. He was an accomplished self-taught mechanic. He would work on just about anything, especially small engines. He served his country toward the end of WWII having run away from home to join at the age of 18 against his mother's wishes. He was in Germany during the Nuremburg trials. During his time in the army he took photography classes, igniting a passion for photography that endured into his later years.

A Guilford County native, Mr. Butler was born May 6, 1927 to the late Wiley Virce Butler and Martha Angenette Surratt Butler in Greensboro. In addition to his parents, Billy was preceded in death by three sisters and four brothers.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 66 years, Sylvia Holt Butler; his son, Max Wiley Butler (Patricia Lynne) of Denver, Colorado; daughter, Belle Butler Brooks (Randall) of Pittsboro; brother, Morris Butler of Charlotte, NC; and grandchildren, Cody (Tiffany) Brooks, Chesley (Alexandra), Leah Belle Holder (Kyle), Pierce Butler, Holt Butler and Carly Butler.

The funeral was held Sunday, February 24, 2019 at Joy Baptist Church with Rev. Charlie Brown and Rev. Wesley Thomas officiating. Billy was buried with several family members at Emmaus Baptist Church Cemetery.

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Iris Castejon-Wollny; children, Iris P. Lopez Castejon, Raul Delgado Castejon, Cesar Castro Castejon; and three grandchildren.

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### KATHY GAIL BUCKNER

Kathy Gail Buckner, 61, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at Central Carolina Hospital.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 4, 2019 at Solid Rock Community Church with Pastor Brad Marona officiating. Burial followed in Lee Memory Gardens.

Mrs. Buckner was born in Lee County on October 9, 1957 to the late Richard H. Gwyn, Sr. and Lavone Graham Gwyn. Kathy worked at Hardees for many years.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Catfish Buckner; brother, Richard H. Gwyn, Jr.; stepchildren, Angie May and Karen Buckner; and step-grandchildren

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the funeral home to assist the family with funeral expenses, 600 West Main Street, Sanford, NC 27332 or online at www.funeraldonationapp.com.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com.

### ROSELLA PHILLIPS SPIVEY

Rosella Phillips Spivey, 90, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Coventry House in Siler City.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2019 in the fellowship hall of Gulf Presbyterian Church. The funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Spivey was born in Chatham County on May 26, 1928 to the late Herman Bright Phillips and Mary Kate Phillips. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Purvis Spivey; son, Phillip Anthony Spivey; two brothers, Charles Phillips and Wayne Phillips; grandson, Christopher Spivey. Rosella was a member of Gulf Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her son, Herman Spivey of Sanford; daughter, Phyllis Spivey Williams of Moncure; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one step-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the funeral

home to assist the family with funeral expenses, 600 West Main Street, Sanford, NC 27332 or online at www.funeraldonationapp.com or Community Home Care and Hospice, 1836 Doctors Drive, Sanford, NC 27330

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneral-home.com

Arrangements by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home, Inc.

### WAYNE DOUGLAS SMITH

Wayne Douglas Smith, 80, of Mount Gilead, passed away.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Bear Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Duane Partin officiating. This will be followed by Masonic

Rites. A visitation will be held in the fellowship hall following the service.

Mr. Smith was born in Bear Creek, to the late Ormsby and Thelma Smith. He attended Goldston High School and retired from CSX Railroad, as a machinist. Wayne was a member of Blackmer Lodge #127 and a former member of Mt. Vernon Lodge #143. He received his 50-year member award from the Masonic Lodge and was a founding member of the Amran Shrine.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his daughter, Elizabeth Smith.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Emily Billings Smith of the home; daughter, Margaret Peacock of Locust; one grandson; and sister, Peggy Andrews of Bear Creek.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Wayne's name to: Hospice and Pallitive Care of Cabarrus Co. (Tucker House), 5003 Hospice Lane, Kannapolis, NC 28081; Blackmer Lodge #127, 109 S. School St., Mt. Gilead, NC 27306; or Mt. Vernon Lodge #143, 185 Bonlee Rd., Bear Creek, NC 27207.

Make online condolences at: edwardsfuneralhomes.com.

### PATSY ELIZABETH (HEADEN) BANKS

Mrs. Patsy Banks, 80, of Pittsboro passed on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Brian Center Southpoint in Durham.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019 at K9tchel Chapel AME Zion Church.

Survivors include sons, Frank Banks of Baldwin, NY, Nelson Timothy Banks of Lansing, KS, Heath Banks of Durham, Gary Banks and Elliot Banks of Baldwin, NY; 17 grandchildren, and 4 four great-grandchildren.

#### **JOHN E. SINGER**

John E. Singer, 76, of Nashville passed on Friday, February 22, 2019 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Chapel Hill.

### SHERRY JULIET BAKER

Sherry Juliet Baker, 59, of Sanford passed on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at her residence

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Works for Christ Christian Center with interment following at Lee Memory Garden.

### POLLY MARIE BYNUM

Mrs. Polly Marie Bynum, 86, of Siler City passed on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at her residence.

Arrangements by Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

### ETTA WOMBLE

Mrs. Etta Womble, 78, of Siler City passed on Monday, March 4, 2019 in Chapel Hill.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home.

### BETTY SPINKS

Mrs. Betty Spinks, 85, of Siler City passed on Sunday, March 03, 2019 in Greensboro.

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### CHATHAM CHAT | BRIDGET ROY, CAROLINA ANIMAL RESCUE & EDUCATION

### Chatham's CARE focuses on rescue, responsible pet ownership

With more than 30 volunteers working on a daily basis to help care for and support animals, Chatham Animal Rescue & Education is an animal shelter without a physical shelter. This week, we speak with CARE's Executive Director, Bridget Roy, about pet ownership, the uniqueness of CARE and its low-cost spay/neuter program. CARE is a nonprofit animal welfare organization whose mission is to ensure the health and safety of all dogs and cats in Chatham County. CARE promotes responsible pet ownership by educating the community, providing targeted spay/neuter programs, and fostering homeless cats and dogs until they are placed in loving, permanent homes. CARE foster caregivers provide loving, stable homes to homeless cats and dogs, helping them become the best possible pets for their future forever families. Roy is a proud Chatham County resident and lives here with her husband, young son, two dogs and two horses. She holds a Bachelor's of Science from Old Dominion University and has enjoyed a career in non-profit administration and leadership for more than 10 years in both small and large organizations. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family and horseback riding. CARE works with the Chatham County Animal Shelter to save the lives of unwanted cats and dogs, manages feral cat colonies, and serves as an educational resource. CARE's Lillie's Fund is a targeted spay/neuter program, subsidizing sterilization surgeries for pets owned by lower income families in Chatham County. CARE has served the community since 1975 and relies on individual and corporate donors for support.

### What does responsible pet ownership

Above and beyond anything else, responsible pet ownership looks like a healthy relationship. Our pets look to us for companionship and care, not unlike the humans in our lives. Our pets look to us for care, protection and teaching. As family members we should be doing our part to provide a healthy balanced diet, providing medical care when it is required annual vaccines and on-going veterinary care and making sure that our pets are spayed or neutered, to help protect them from unwanted behaviors and costly health issues. In addition to these protections, CARE is a strong advocate of microchipping your pets. Microchipping offers some of the best protection of finding your pet in the event that they get lost. It's quick to do and offers a lifetime of protection. Pets need attention, love, exercise and



**Bridget Roy** 

stimulation; providing for these needs is a critical element of responsible pet ownership. These needs should be individualized for each pet and any questions about how to best support your pets needs should be directed to your vet or other expert, such as a trainer, when appropriate.

#### Part of that is to spay/neuter your pet can you discuss your low-cost program?

CARE is proud to offer "Lillie's Fund," a low-cost option for spay/neuter to the Chatham County community. Now through May we are offering a "Three for Free" campaign, qualifying households are eligible for up to three female pets to be spayed with no outof-pocket expense. In addition to our "Three for Free" campaign, we offer a low cost spay/neuter program on an on-going basis. This program has a \$20 co-pay per pet for qualifying families. We work with several vets in Chatham county and are excited to be bringing SNAP-NC, a mobile low cost spay/neuter vet clinic, back to Chatham County as well. Our low-cost program does not have weight limits on the animals that can be accepted and provides all appropriate medications as prescribed by the veterinarians that we work with. In addition to spay/neuter services, we are able to include several vaccines and microchip as well. For more information, email carolynw@chathamanimalrescue.org



CARE has a no-kill philosophy. Can you speak to that, and how you manage it?

Yes, CARE has a no-kill philosoph; our volunteers are incredibly dedicated to providing for the animals in our care. As an organization we have a close relationship with the Chatham County Animal Shelter, and work to support them with their on-going needs for support. The county shelter is an "open admission" shelter, meaning that if an animal comes in, they need to admit it. CARE is a privately-funded organization; all of our support comes from individual and local business donors. We are not an open-admission facility. Our capacity is restricted by the availability of foster caregiver homes. Given the nature of the county shelter, we primarily reserve the space in our foster homes for those animals at the shelter that are in the most need, including animals such as those with health issues requiring intervention, feral cats, pregnant animals or young puppies or kittens that the shelter is not able to care for.

#### What else makes CARE unique?

CARE is a rescue organization that runs primarily on volunteers, with more than 30 volunteers working on a daily basis to provide care and support to our animals. We do not have a physical shelter but our adoptable animals all live with foster caregivers so they get to know these animals exceptionally well. Given the intimacy of this relationship, our caregivers are able to be diligent in helping families not just adopt any pet, but adopt a pet that is right for their family. Our caregivers give careful consideration

to how much exercise a pet needs, is it a pet that is safe to live in an environment with small children? Our goal is that every pet we place is finding its "fur-ever" home. Sometimes our matching process does take a bit longer than other rescues, but our adopters know that they have lots of support from the foster and resource team, should the need ever arise. All of our adoptable animals are fully vetted, spay/neutered and microchipped before going home!

In addition to supporting the Chatham County shelter, CARE is proud to offer educational programming to local school districts. We believe that responsible pet ownership starts at a young age and we want to help foster that respect. Programming is catered to 4th grade classrooms and is offered to local organizations throughout the county. CARE prioritizes care for all companion animals within the county so we also provide support and supervision for several feral cat communities within the county. The cats are trapped, spay/neutered and vaccinated and then returned to their homes. These efforts allow us to reduce the number of feral cats coming into the shelter while still supporting population control and health of the animals.

#### CARE has a number of special events on the horizon. Can you talk about them?

We are so excited about the "Great American Pawdown" that we're hosting on May 19 at the Chatham Agricultural Center. It will be an afternoon of country western fun, good local BBQ and great music! It's a family friendly event with activities for everyone! Admission is \$20/adult (\$25 at the door) and includes a delicious BBQ lunch. Tickets can be purchased through our website www.chathamanimalrescue.org or our Facebook page and go on sale on March

In addition to the Great American Pawdown, we are bringing back Yappy Hour at Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro again this year. Yappy Hour is held from 5:30-7:30 on the third Monday of March, April, May, June, September, October and November on the patio. Tickets are \$10 at the door and include a Yappy Hour gift and two beverage tickets. This event is weather dependent, so check our Facebook page for any updates.

We have a great year planned and are excited to be adding more events to the calendar this year, we encourage anyone to check our website or Facebook page for all of our latest updates!



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### **CHATHAM** COUNTY **ELEMENTARY** AND K-8 **SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOL MENUS**

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Monday, March 11 **BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Round, Pineapples (\*\*Chicken Biscuit, Fresh

LUNCH: Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza, Macaroni & Cheese w/Roll, PB&J w/Smoothie Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Baked Potato, Chilled Fruit Cocktail (\*\* Add Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, March 12 **BREAKFAST:** Berry Parfait w/Fr. Tst. Sticks,

Fruit Cocktail, Hashbrowns (\*\*Breakfast Griddle Sandwich, Fresh Fruit) LUNCH: Chicken & Waf-

fles, BBQ Pork w/Corn Muffin, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Fries, Broccoli w/Cheese, Fresh Fruit (\*\*Chicken & Waffles, BBQ Pork w/ Corn Muffin, Ham & Cheese Combo, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Fries, Broccoli w/

Cheese, Chilled Applesauce, Fresh Fruit

Wednesday, March 13 **BREAKFAST:** Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (\*\*Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit, Fresh Fruit) LUNCH: Popcorn Chicken w/Roll, Zesty Garlic French Bread, Ham & Cheese Combo, Carrot Souffle, Celery & Cucumbers w/Dip, Rainbow Fruit Dessert Cup (\*\*Popcorn Chicken w/ Roll, Zesty Garlic French Bread, Chicken Tender Wrap Combo, Carrot Souffle, Celery & Cucumbers w/Dip, Rainbow Fruit Dessert Cup, Fresh Fruit)

Thursday, March 14 **BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Griddle Sandwich, Peaches, Hashbrowns (\*\*Berry Parfait w/Fr Tst Sticks, Fresh Fruit)

LUNCH: TexMex Beef w/ Chips & Cheese, Rotini w/ Meatballs & Breadstick, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Pears (\*\* TexMex Beef w/ Chips & Cheese, Rotini w/ Meatballs & Breadstick, Deli Club Wrap Combo, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit)

Friday, March 15 BREAKFAST: No School LUNCH: Teacher Work-

### **CHURCH NEWS**

### **HOUSE OF PRAYER**

The choir at the House of Prayer Fellowship Church will celebrate its anniversary at 6 p.m. on March 9. Guest choirs will join the celebration.

The church is located at. 549 Horton Road, Goldston.

#### **GLOVERS GROVE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

The male choir of Glovers Grove A.M.E. Zion Church will celebrate its seventh anniversary at 2:30 p.m. on March 10. Join us for this event.

The church is located at 951 Glovers Grove Church Road, Siler City.

#### **HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Grove Baptist Church** in the 11 a.m. worship service on March 10. The Dosses, a southern gospel trio from Denton will be featured. The event is free and open to all.

The church is located at 17721 NC Hwy 902 in Bear

#### **HOLLAND CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH**

Our March Madness Celebration will be held during the 10 a.m. morning worship service on March 10 at Holland Chapel AME Zion Church. Members and visitors may dress down, wearing your favorite school paraphernalia.

The public is welcome join us in support of our students. The church is

### Hoe 'n' Hope Garden Club News

The Hoe "n" Hope Garden Club met on February 11. The co-hostesses were Betty McLawhorn and Kathy Bradley.

The meeting was called to order by Sallie Milholen, President. Chaplain Sylvia Reavis had the devotion and club members repeated the Club Collect.

Peggy Hale was recognized as the February "Birthday Lady."

The treasurer's report was given and the minutes of the last meeting

were read and approved. Carolyn Clark, Bird Committee chairman, spoke about cardinals: how they take care of their young, build their nest, the seeds and berries they like to eat, and the fact that they are

vear-round residents. The club voted to make a donation to the Milo Holt festival to be held in downtown Siler City on May 18.

The meeting was adiourned until March 11. Refreshments were served.

### **Pittsboro Elementary School** Road bridge repair project updated

The Town of Pittsboro provided an update and timeline on the project to repair the Pittsboro Elementary School bridge and culvert which was washed out during a flash flood.

Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck obtained an initial assessment from an engineering firm and recently presented the Pittsboro Town Board with two options — to provide a basic repair of the bridge and road surface to allow traffic to resume as soon as possible or rebuild the concrete culvert structure to handle more stormwater

The board voted unanimously in favor of the second option.

Though this will take longer to complete, the town's hope is that the new larger culvert will prevent future flooding damage.

A firm has been selected and the survey work was completed. The design, environmental work are in process. The town expected the construction to be complete in Decem-

### **Chatham Habitat** for Humanity in Washington to advocate for comprehensive affordable housing policies

Representatives of Chatham Habitat for Humanity joined hundreds of other Habitat leaders, homeowners and volunteers in Washington, D.C., last week to encourage lawmakers to support policies that promote broader access to safe, decent and affordable housing to address the affordable housing crisis facing communities across the U.S., including Chatham County.

'With scarce affordable housing options available, many families in Chatham County are forced to decide between spending money on a safe and stable place to live and food to eat," said George Bernhardt, Chatham Habitat's business manager. "No one should have to make to make sure affordable

Bold action is needed costs of housing. Chatham Habitat is calling on federal lawmakers to support comprehensive legislation that addresses the housing affordability crisis across the rental and homeownership spectrum. Recent budget requests submitted by the current administration have proposed eliminating programs that are used by local communities to finance the development of new, affordable

Habitat for Humanity and other affordable housing advocates have worked with Congress to reject those cuts in previ-

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

### March household hazardous waste event planned

Chatham County's first Household Hazardous Waste event in 2019 is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 16 at the Solid Waste & Recycling Main Facility at 28 County Services Road in Pittsboro.

HHW events are a way for residents to dispose of hazardous materials safely. Decals are not required, but residents will need to show their N.C. Driver License with their current address. HHW is only for households; no hazardous waste from businesses will be accepted.

At HHW events, the county accepts such items as paints, solvents, stains, bleach, aerosols, cleaners, pesticides, brake fluid, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, etc. For a complete list, please visit the Household Hazardous Waste webpage or contact the county's Solid Waste & Recycling Division at 919-542-5516.

Latex paint can be safely dried out and put in with your regular trash instead of bringing it to the Household Hazardous Waste collection. When dried and solid, latex paint can be taken to any of the 12 Collection Centers (decal required) or put in with your curbside trash. To dry it out, take off the lid and let it sit outside in a covered area. Add cat litter or sawdust to speed up the drying process. Approximately 60 percent of the material brought to the HHW collection is liquid latex paint. It is the most costly item we collect. To save our budget for handling the more hazardous wastes, we encourage residents to dry it up for disposal.

HHW events are typically held the third Saturday of each month, March through November.

ous years.

Bernhardt and the North Carolina delegation met with staff of a number of members of Congress, emphasizing the need for HOME, SHOP, USDA 502 and National Service funding to advance the development of affordable housing. Chatham Habitat has used SHOP funds to help with purchase and development of land for 60 homes. Federal HOME funds are used by the NC Housing Finance Agency as they partner to fund mortgages for more than 130 Chatham Habitat homes

Dania Rosales Gonzales moved into her Chatham Habitat home a few weeks ago. She and her husband, Hugo, applied after searching for a stable living environment to raise their young son. Dania received the Dick Forbis Scholarship two years in a row and plans to use the money to finish her nursing degree at UNC-Chapel Hill.

To foster more success stories like Dania's, Chatham Habitat is calling on Congress to prioritize budget solutions that will invest more resources, not less, in programs that support efforts to build

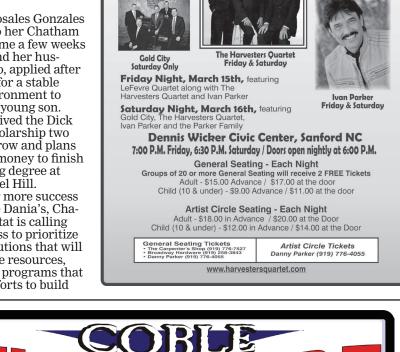
and maintain affordable housing.

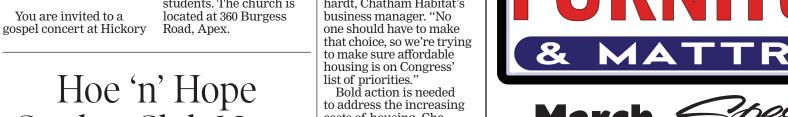
Chatham Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that works in partnership with God and people to create self-help opportunities for families to own affordable homes,

improve their lives, and strengthen their communities. To find out more about Chatham Habitat for Humanity and its other volunteer opportunities, please visit chathamhabitat.org.

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# ECCH renovating former church camp as new foster care space in Chatham

#### **BY RANDALL RIGSBEE**

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Extensive renovations are underway at a former Methodist campground near Siler City, which will soon take on a new purpose as a home for children in foster care.

Founded in North Wilkesboro in 1994, Ebenezer Christian Children's Home acquired the 50acre property off Piney Grove Church Road in 2017 with the goal, said Jean Davis, the non-profit organization's executive director, of turning it into their seventh home for foster children in North Carolina.

It's their first in Chatham County and the organization's first outside Wilkes County.

The organization also operates Ebenezer's Attic, a thrift store with a location in Siler City (218 East 11th St.) that raises funds through its sales to support the organization's work.

There are over 10,000 children in foster care in North Carolina," Davis said. "There's a great need for more foster homes and group homes. Our goal is if children can't be reunited with their families, we can help find loving homes for these children.

Children enter foster care in situations where the Department of Social Services has investigated and determined that allegations of abuse, neglect or dependency are substantiated. When looking at foster care, DSS aims to place children in the least-disruptive situation possible, frequently with family or kin, keeping siblings together, and keeping children in their community and their current school, said Jennie Kristiansen, director of DSS in Chatham County. As of January, 85

children were in foster care in Chatham County, Kristiansen said.

"Our numbers have been picking up over the last couple of years," the DSS director said.

Of Ebenezer's new presence in Chatham, Kristiansen said it's beneficial to have more foster care availability.

"I think having a wide array of options for kids is always a good thing,' she said.

The dormitory-style house on the Piney Grove Church Road property is spacious enough to house nine children in foster care, and four house parents, Davis said.

The residence is surrounded by expansive open grassy areas where children can play, a pond (which will be fenced for safety), an old chicken coup and a covered concrete pavilion.

Work, somewhat delayed by recent heavy rain, is underway on the property.

"Our goal is to be able to remodel and furnish the home so it will be ready to receive children by summer of 2019," said Davis. "The home will provide a safe and beautiful place for children to laugh play and dream."

When renovations are complete, the house will maintain an open floor plan downstairs, with a large kitchen and dining room, a great room, a study and offices.

The second floor will have nine bedrooms, each with a bathroom, for children and two rooms for house parents. The upstairs will also include a living room area for the children to relax and socialize and a laundry room.

Ebenezer has been working closely with Beulah Baptist Church in Bennett, whose congregation has raised money to help Ebenezer complete its home in Chatham County.



Staff Photo by David Bradley

Volunteers and professionals will be busy between now and summertime completing renovations on a former Methodist campground, turning it into **Ebenezer Christian Children's Home's seventh** home offering foster care.

Dr. Neal Jackson, pastor at Beulah Baptist Church, has been helpful with the construction process.

Davis said that while Ebenezer's Christian Children's Home has helped children in foster care from many counties, the Chatham County home is the first the group has built and will operate outside of its normal mountain region.

Davis said the group's first foray outside Wilkes County, and into Chatham County, had its beginnings a couple of years ago.

"It's a God story," Davis

After suffering a stroke two years ago, Davis was out of work, recuperating, and spending a lot of time "reflecting on my life.'

"I thought I was being prepared to leave this world," she said. But God had other

plans and made her aware of them, she said.

"He said 'I'm not done with you yet," she said, saying she was led to look outside Wilkes County to establish another Ebenezer foster home.

"God told me to go east," Davis said. "But I didn't know where to go. I knew nothing about Siler

Soon, however, she and other Ebenezer board members learned about the "beautiful, relaxing piece of property" for sale off Piney Grove Church Road, which Ebenezer began working to acquire.

Two years later, work is well underway and Davis said the new foster home should be open and operating this summer.

When she joined the Ebenezer board, she said she "never planned to go past the first home.'

Now she's about to see the completion of their seventh home.

But before opening the local home, more work remains, Davis said, not only finishing the remodeling in Siler City but also furnishing the new living quarters. Needs include kitchenware, small kitchen appliances, linens, furniture, gravel for the driveway and a van, among other items.

For this, Ebenezer is seeking more community support.

In recent weeks, Davis has been busy meeting folks in Chatham County, and becoming better acquainted with the Siler City she'd barely heard of two years ago.

She's spoken to Rotary and other civic organi-



Staff Photo by David Bradley

An oblong, dormitory-style building on 50 acres near Siler City is being transformed into what **Ebenezer Christian Children's Home officials say** will be a warm, welcoming home providing foster

#### Ebenezer's next foster parent class starts this week

Ebenezer Christian Children's Home is offering foster parent classes starting March 7 at Beulah Baptist Church in Bennett.

Completing the Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) class is the first step towards becoming a licensed foster parent.

"We are looking for families who will take in these children, give them a safe place to call home, and will share the love of Jesus with them," states an Ebenezer brochure on their MAPP classes.

Last October, Ebenezer conducted its most recent MAPP class, with eight families completing the 30 hours of classroom lecture and activities, paperwork and background checks to become licensed foster parents.

Those interested in participating in the classes should call Tracy Jackson, class coordinator, at 850-777-9443 or call Beulah Baptist Church at 336-581-3121.

zations, spreading word about Ebenezer's plans in Chatham County and their ongoing efforts to provide quality foster care.

'I've found a lot of loving, very supportive people in Chatham County," she said.

To find out more about how you can become a foster family or help with Ebenezer's furnishing needs, Davis encourages those interested to visit their website, ebenezerfamily.org, or contact them through Facebook.

# Chatham rises to 'Challenge' to address public health concerns; wins \$25,000 prize

#### **BY RANDALL RIGSBEE**

News + Record Staff

When the Aetna Foundation launched its Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge, Chatham County was one of 50 cities and counties across the United States to accept it and rise up to meet it.

Two years after the foundation created the nationwide initiative aimed at addressing public health concerns, Chatham County emerged as one of 10 finalists.

While Chatham didn't snag the Challenge's top honors (that spot, along with the top cash prize of \$500,000, went to another North Carolina county, Mecklenburg) the Chatham County Public Health Department nevertheless received a check for \$25,000 to continue its mission of integrating public health policy in planning matters to comprehensively address public health issues, pri"In order to solve our most pressing public health issues, we have to start at the local level, acknowledging that the solutions to our problems are as diverse as the communities facing them. These communities are able to get to the heart of their unique challenges and create impactful programs that we hope can be replicated in other communities nationwide."

KAREN S. LYNCH, Executive Vice President, CVS Health and President, Aetna

been identified in a 2018 Community Assessment as the county's top public health concern.

The Chatham County Health Department, partnering with the Chatham Health Alliance, a volunteer group comprised of local professionals and residents whose focus is improving public health, has embedded health into the county's 25-year Comprehensive Plan, outlining a new approach to track community

marily obesity, which had health trends, and promote collaboration and resource-sharing among county offices to achieve a healthier community for the county's 70,928 residents.

For the challenge, participants first identified a problem in their community. In Chatham, the targeted problem: adults over the age of 18 who were consuming fewer than five servings of fruits and vegetables each day and reporting low levels of physical activity.

Next, local leaders narrowed a Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge approach to address the problem, with the county's health department and Chatham Health Alliance working on a multilevel initiative to target obesity. These two entities, along with numerous stakeholders, created a local, unique Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County and includes a "health in all policies" approach to encourage health behaviors in numerous aspects of

life in Chatham County. Jeff Kiser, vice president of sales and marketing for Aetna, was on hand last Friday to present a check for \$25,000 to Chatham County health and planning officials for their work in meeting the

local health challenge. "This is for all the great



Staff photo by Randall Rigsbee

The Chatham County Public Health Department accepts a \$25,000 prize from Aetna for the county's work in addressing public health concerns through Aetna's Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge. Pictured (from left) are Shannon Kincaide Godbout, social research associate with the health department; Dennis Streets, executive director of the Chatham County Council on Aging; Chatham County planning director Jason Sullivan; interim Chatham County Manager Dan LaMontagne; Health Director Layton Long; health board member Marcia Merman-Giddens; Jeff Kiser of Aetna, Cara Russell, county planner; and Michelle Wright, health promotion coordinator.

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work you've done with this project," Kiser said. Chatham County Public

Health Director Layton Long said the \$25,000 will be earmarked to continue work started through the Challenge initiative.

The Challenge was launched by Aetna in partnership with the American Public Health Association and the National Association of Counties, engaging 50 small-to-mid-sized cities and counties nationwide to make measurable, scalable improvements to public health issues in

their local communities. Since its inception, the Challenge has awarded a total of \$1.5 million in grants and prizes to the 50 participating programs

to support their efforts to tackle the most pressing health issues. In addition to two

grand prize winners (Bridgeport, Connecticut, received the second top prize), eight programs, including Chatham County's, were designated as runners-up in recognition of their achievements, each receiving prizes ranging from \$25,000 -\$50,000 to help continue their work.

"In order to solve our most pressing public health issues, we have to start at the local level, acknowledging that the solutions to our problems are as diverse as the communities facing them,' said Karen S. Lvnch. Executive Vice President, CVS Health and President, Aetna. "These communities are able to get to the heart of their unique challenges and create impactful programs that we hope can be replicated in other communities nationwide."

"While every community faces unique health issues, we know a lot can be accomplished when cities and counties join forces," said APHA executive director Georges C. Benjamin. "It is our hope that these two programs, along with the rest of the Challenge participants, will inspire others and serve as models of success and progress for communities around the country who face similar health issues.'

### KARATE: Legitimate seventh-degree black belts are rare

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ly was that the honored guest was Peggy Jolly, a woman who began her martial arts training at a time when the mere idea of an accomplished female master instructor was almost unthinkable. And in case the story didn't already strain believability, Master Jolly spent most of her career almost undercover, teaching young children in preschool during the day and training martial artists at night.

Consider her karate's Clark Kent. Master Jolly holds the rank of 7th Dan in Moo Duk Kwan Tae Kwon Do in colloquial terms, a seventh-degree black belt in a Korean style of martial arts that incorporates a full range of self-defense techniques, but is probably known best for its emphasis on kicks.

Though a few rogue martial artists inflate their credentials, legitimate seventh-degree black belts like Master Jolly are extremely rare. Working up to that lofty rank takes a bare minimum of three decades, but more commonly a lifetime of study and teaching. Just for comparison, the ninth-degree black belt is the highest awarded in her style of martial arts and that's largely an honorary rank for a few of the world's most notable martial artists.

Interestingly enough, one of those ninth-degree black belts is Master Jolly's own teacher, Grandmaster Young Taek Yu, who served as instructor at the Tae Kwon Do Main School in Seoul, South Korea, and earned the title of Korean Welterweight Champion before bringing his art to the United States in 1972 and opening his own school in Greensboro.

Though it's been decades since Master Jolly trained actively under Grandmaster Yu, they developed a close relationship over the years and still maintain contact. While driving to his school one afternoon, Grandmaster Yu took a call to discuss his student and former instructor.

What impressed him most, he said, was how hard Master Jolly worked and how she never missed class, even though she was commuting a good distance from Siler City. "She was a student with me for a long time, more than 10 years, and she was the lead instructor for me at one time and an excellent instructor," he said. "Good with the students and a good guide for young kids. She's the best martial arts

#### Shattering the glass ceiling

Nobody could have predicted such success back in the mid-70s, when a young

Peggy Langley, as she was known then, climbed the stairs to start karate class in a small room above what is now a cafe on a downtown block of West Raleigh Street. Her interest had been sparked a few years earlier, when she saw an instructor on television helping a disabled veteran learn martial arts. But there was no school nearby to try for herself. So, when the late Billy Gray started teaching in Siler City and invited her to train, Peggy immediately took up the challenge.

That first class might have been her last. When Peggy walked into the room, there were no women anywhere — an experience that would define her entire career as a martial artist — so she asked if women could even participate. "Yes," Gray replied. "If they're willing to work hard, I'll teach them." And that openness made an immediate impression. "He could have pushed me away, but he didn't," Master Jolly says looking back. "It was the way he treated me. He treated me with respect and made

it very welcoming."
From the very beginning, she took to martial arts, but faced yet another hurdle when Gray stopped teaching. The only option anywhere to be found was at Young Yu Tae Kwon Do, where Gray had been studying with Grandmaster Yu. It was a long drive and a serious commitment back in the day, but she didn't give it a second thought.

Well, maybe until she entered a class taught by Master Gary Ward, who, let's just say, wasn't as welcoming as her first instructor had been. As she tells the story, Ward was an ex-soldier who ran an intensely physical class and, at that time, didn't see women as legitimate candidates for black belt. So, he did everything he could to run her off.

Master Ward remembers it differently. Well, not all that differently.

"I didn't try to run her off; I really didn't. Well, per se," he said before pausing. "It was much rougher and there weren't many women around in martial arts in those days, very few, and my attitude was still old school because I was still growing myself. But she showed up, kind of shy and bashful. I didn't try to run her off, but I didn't encourage her either.'

What gradually changed Master Ward's mind was what he called Peggy's "gritty determination" during months of training that he never dialed back just because one of his aspiring students was a woman. It was a hard class, occasionally a rough class, but she kept coming back. After the better part of a year, Master Ward was convinced. "I developed a great deal of admiration and

respect for her," he says about someone who was the first woman he ever recommended for black belt and remains a lifelong friend. "You know, the student learns from the instructor, but the instructor learns from the student, too.

'And I learned a lot from Peggy." As Master Jolly described her early encounters with Master Ward — a version that ended up sounding remarkably similar to his — she stopped for a moment and shifted to the relationships she formed over the years with her instructors. Grandmaster Yu. Master Ward. Billy Gray. And Robie Gray, Billy's brother and another accomplished martial artist who once trained in Korea before returning home to teach briefly in Siler City.

All four, she said, have shaped her life as a martial artist and as a person. When you're training and fighting and sweating together over the years, sharing exhilarating successes and embarrassing failures, you tend to grow close. "Those bonds you build, you become like family, because you see each other at your worst. You see each other in the most uncomfortable circumstances you could possibly see each other," Master Jolly says. "Now, they're always on your mind.' Constructing a Lasting Legacy

Becoming a female martial arts instructor has never been an easy path, but when Master Jolly took her first steps, it was almost unthinkable. When she was coming up through the ranks and sparring in tournaments from North Carolina, west to Ohio and north to New York, maybe one out of every 20 contestants was a woman and most of those populated lower belt ranks. Sometimes there weren't even enough to hold a competition.

Thanks to her example, that has not been the case locally. Master Jolly has trained more than 270 black belts over her 37 years associated South Eastern Karate Association and she estimates that about a quarter of them are women.

Wendy Page Taylor, a fifth-degree black belt now living in Carthage, began training with Master Jolly more than three decades ago and is now the highest ranking woman training in Siler City. As is the case for many adult students, Taylor stopped training a couple of times as family demands shifted over the years, but she kept coming back. In fact, it was attending that 25th anniversary celebration in 2007 that lured her onto the training floor this third time.

Taylor says Master Jolly's example has been a real inspiration to women who want to study martial arts, especially when black belts are still portrayed in



Staff Photo by David Bradley

Alex Meredith, left, practices close in one step forms with Dorsey **Chamblee as Master Peggy Jolly** 

the media almost exclusively as aggressive, young men. "To walk into the school and have her be a woman, and own the school, and be the master instructor was pretty mind blowing," Taylor said, remembering her first day in class. "She is a person who has been successful, so you knew you could learn karate and become a master instructor. I guess you felt more like you could do this.

It's not just women who have been inspired. Students assisting with the 25th anniversary celebration kept bringing more and more chairs onto the training floor to handle the surging number of guests coming to honor Master Jolly. By the time the room was full, there were men and women of all ages and all backgrounds who had been influenced by Master Jolly, much in the same way she had been influenced by her own instructors.

It was a fitting tribute to someone who overcame so many obstacles to become an unlikely master instructor and someone who continues to have an impact directing that modest school in Siler City, even affecting people who never walked onto the training floor.

"Honestly, I don't think people realize how much she's done to bring this whole community together," says Taylor, who once lived in Pittsboro and now works in Siler City. "There are all kinds of people training here together and learning to help each other and love each other. She's been a real treasure for this community in her own quiet, dignified way. She's just an amazing person, and anyone who knows her realizes that."

### MOSAIC: First phase to have 'in excess of 50 percent' tree canopy

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the area and \$1 million a year in revenue to the town of Pittsboro.

Bradley said that 63 percent of the initial lots have been leased, mainly to retail and restaurants, but some office as well.

'The next six months will be buttoning that up, he said. "I don't know that we will be, but ideally we'll be fully leased by the time we finish up every building.'

There likely won't be an announcement on what will be taking up the spaces until the summer, but Bradley said there will be restaurants with local operators and "maybe a couple franchises" with various types of foods. Tenants will be able to move into the spaces in the third quarter of 2020, he said, while the movie theater should be completed in 2023. Chatham County currently does not have a movie theater.

Rawl said he feels Mosaic's impact won't be limited just to Chatham Park or even Pittsboro or the county.

"The project they've put together is fabulous, and it's not just going to have Chatham Park appeal, it will have regional appeal," Rawl told the

News + Record. "There will be people coming from miles to enjoy the services and the entertainment that will be available at Mosaic. We're thrilled and we've worked closely with them in what they've tried to develop.

Rawl said Preston was approached by "five, six or seven" developers that wanted to do a "protoypical" center anchored by a grocery store, but the Mosaic proposal was different and unique.

On the topic of tree protection, Bradley has spoken multiple times at town of Pittsboro meetings about his development's efforts to retain tree coverage. He said Mosaic will have "well in excess of 50 percent" tree canopy over the 65 total acres of the first phase, including 21 acres to be purchased for open space and parkland, in addition to the primary 44-acre tract.

"These projects will have a much broader footprint because of those parkland and open space requirements," he said. "The 22 acres that we're actually building buildings and parking lots on, if you were in any other municipality, we could probably build this project on 30-35 acres. Because of the environ-

"To see all those ideas and community input come together is always very exciting. We're ready to move and looking forward to creating a great project that will be complementary to **Chatham Park, Pittsboro and Chatham** County."

KIRK BRADLEY, developer, Mosaic at Chatham Park



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Contractors began work last week on grading Mosaic at Chatham Park. Developer Kirk Bradley said construction on buildings is expected to begin later this year.

mentally-sustainable mandate and agreement between the town of Pittsboro and Chatham Park, we're going to purchase 65 acres. We're not going to develop a big chunk of that 65 acres.

Bradley said he and his Mosaic partners have had a positive relationship with the Chatham Park developers.

We think Chatham Park is going to be a great

thing for Pittsboro, Chatham County, the region and the state," he said. 'We're grateful to be a

part of it.

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# **Knights slay Chargers in** third round thriller

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

ROCKY MOUNT — A horrid start proved too much to overcome for Northwood Saturday night as the Chargers dropped a tough 58-52 decision to Northern Nash in third round action of the NCHSAA 3A State Playoffs.

Northwood, seeded No. 23 in the East, closes the season at 19-10 overall while No 2 seeded Northern Nash advanced into the regional semifinals with a 27-1 mark.

For Northwood coach Matthew Brown, the loss was the end of a special postseason for the Char-

"I am very sad and disappointed that this magical run came to an end today, it was a pretty cool feeling to be a part of something so magical as this and the town of Pittsboro, the parents, the community, the school, all rallied behind these boys," said Brown. "This morning, the parents organized a caravan to follow the bus up to Northern Nash. We even

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Northwood's **Aaron Ross** (O) scores a rebound bucket in recent area high school basketball action. Ross and the Chargers advanced into the third round of the NCAA 3A state playoffs before falling to Northern Nash 58-52 in Rocky Mount on Saturday evening.

Staff photo by Lee Moody

### Daggett headed to NCAA Division II Wrestling National Championships

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

PEMBROKE — Former Chatham Central threetime state champion wrestler Nick Daggett is one of eight UNC-Pembroke wrestlers who punched their tickets to the NCAA Division II National Championships this weekend in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dagget and the 13th-ranked Braves finished runner up at the 2019 NCAA Super Region 2 Tournament on two weeks ago down in Hartsville, S.C.

Daggett (125 pounds) and Rodney Shepard (165) will make the trip to nationals for the second straight year, and will be joined this time around by first-timers in teammates Ronnie Pietro (133), Jonathan Miller (141), Kaleb Warner (149), Tyler Makosy (157), Faris Teia (174) and Brandon Sloop

The performance matches the 2003-04 club for the most national qualifiers in the 55-year history of the program. The Braves registered a 12thplace finish at the 2003-04 Division II National Championships in Mankato, Minn.

Six Braves made appearances in the title bout of their respective tournaments on Friday, with

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# Murchison, Elkins lead thrashing of Vance as Chatham Central girls advance to regionals

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK — Mary Grace Murchison and Maddy Elkins combined for 47 points as Chatham Central seized the early lead before pulling away in the third quarter en route to thrashing Vance Charter School 64-38 in quarterfinal action of the NCHSAA 2019 Women's 1A East basketball state playoffs Saturday night in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium.

Romping to their 12th consecutive victory, the fourth-seed Lady Bears improved to 22-3 for the season and advanced to next Tuesday's East Regional semifinals when they travel to Bayboro to face top-seed Pamlico County (26-2), while the fifth-seed Lady Knights had their 17-game win streak come to a crashing halt as they ended the year 26-3.

Murchison poured in a gamehigh 27 points while Elkins recorded a double-double with 20 points and 11 boards as Chatham Central connected on 29-of-68 (43 percent) of its field goal attempts, including 43 percent accuracy (three-of-seven) from behind the bonus arc.

Nadia Simmons topped Vance Charter with 17 points as the Lady Knights made just 15of-58 (26 percent) of their shots from the floor, including only

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The Chatham Central girls basketball team captured the Sectional Title and was headed to the East Regional semifinals versus Washington County in Plymouth.



Staff photo by Lee Moody

### Spring sports have arrived

Area spring sports began last week despite rainy conditions, with Northwood and Jordan-Matthews squaring off in girls' soccer in Siler City. Northwood's Imagene Cooke (left) and Jordan-Matthews' Diana Mendoza battled for the ball in a contest won 4-1 by the Chargers.

# Road warriors' run comes to halt in third round

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

PLYMOUTH — The road warriors tour by the Chatham Central boys' basketball team came to an abrupt halt here Saturday night as the Bears were dealt a crushing 78-34 defeat at the hands of powerful Washington County in third round action of the NCHSAA 1A State

Chatham Central closed its Cinderella playoff run with a 15-10 mark while Washington County moved on to the East Regional semifinals with a gaudy 27-1 record.

Make no mistake about it, the Panthers were the better team, simple as that.

With that said, it was evident the Bears had little fuel left in the tank after logging more than 1,000 miles in just five days, and the athletic and fresh-legged Panthers took full

Washington County exploded for a 28-6 run in the opening quarter to turn the game into a

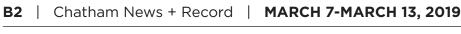
blow-out after eight minutes of action. To say the Panthers were on fire would be

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Chatham Central's Jarious Cheek goes up for an alley-oop in recent action. Cheek and the Bears advanced into the third round of the NCHSAA 1A state playoffs before falling to Washington County Saturday night in

Staff Photo by David Bradley







Staff photo by Lee Moody

### It's a **Bear** attack

**Chatham Central's** Maddy Elkins (left) and Olivia Hudson (right) surround a **Henderson Collegiate** player Thursday night in Bear Creek in the Lady Bears' easy 61-45 second round state playoff win.

### Northwood pulls another upset, advances to third round

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

WENDELL — The magic carpet ride continues for the Northwood

boys' basketball team! For the second time in three days the Chargers knocked off a heavy favorite, this time East Wake on Thursday night in Wendell, by a 37-35

The grind-it-out win for Northwood coach Matthew Brown's club left everyone clad in green and gold all smiles.

"It wasn't pretty, but its 'survive and advance' at this point of the season, and I want to give all of the glory to God," Brown said. "We came out great on defense to start the game, holding East Wake to zero points in the first. But we had trouble finding our rhythm and finding the basket to capitalize off of our defense. We missed a lot of easy baskets around the rim, but give East Wake a lot of the credit for that. They were the best defensive team we have seen all year." Northwood (19-9) held

favored East Wake (20-7) scoreless in the opening quarter, but managed only four points in the

East Wake came out with eight straight points in the second, sparked

by a trey each from Zach Sloan and Dorez Wynn, and a driving hoop by Dav-

eon Vick at the 4:52 mark. An Aaron Ross tip cut the gap to 8-6 moments later before the teams traded buckets with time winding down and the Warriors clinging to a 14-13 advantage.

Just before the half, the

Chargers missed a trey to take the lead and East Wake's Zach Logan corralled the long rebound, spun and launched a shot from 10 feet behind the mid-court stripe. The prayer attempt hit only net and the gym erupted as the hosts took a 17-13 lead into the break.

Undaunted, Northwood used a couple of inside baskets by a driving Ross to tie the game at 17-all at the 5:49 mark of the third before Northwood used an 8-3 spurt highlighted by a rebound basket by Ross, and a long jumper from Deuce Powell to go up 25-23 with :06 seconds left in the period.

East Wake came down and Wynn, a 6'3, 260-pound forward, rattled home a 3-pointer from the left wing at the buzzer to send the Warriors in front 26-25 setting off another wild royal blue and yellow celebration in the stands.

The game remained

tight in the fourth with Powell scoring off a nice feed from Alex Snively and Jalen McAfee driving down the lane from the top of the circle and soaring high for a two-handed jam that sent Northwood up 32-29 with 3:27 left to play.

Sloan evened the score at 32-32 with a trey with 2:52 remaining. Foul shots by McAfee sent the Chargers back in front 37-35 with 11.7 seconds left, forcing East Wake to try a last shot, which was short from the left corner by Sloan to preserve the exciting Northwood win.

"Our boys never gave up and kept on fighting,' said Brown, whose club advanced to take on Northern Nash (26-1) in Rocky Mount on Saturday. "These kids are fighters and want to keep on playing. I am very proud of them and happy for the school, community, Pittsboro, the families, and the boys. So happy to have another chance to play and practice today and tomorrow.

Powell closed with 15 points and four rebounds for Northwood in the win while McAfee added nine points and seven boards, and Ross eight points and five rebounds.

Sloan had 12 points to pace East Wake in the

# Exciting week of high school hoops



**Sports Editor** 

I had planned on writing a column on the Zion Williamson situation this week, but after an action-packed weekend of area high school hoops which saw our local teams do the best they have in years, I changed my mind.

So instead, it will be a column with a little

bit of this, and a little bit of that. The Chatham Central girls got the lead after essentially winning a sectional in the east bracket with three victories in five days. The Bears, seeded 4th, rolled by all three opponents in dominating fashion to move to 22-3 on the season. Of course, last week I questioned Washington County getting the No. 3 seed, and to no surprise, they were beaten on Saturday

night, more than justifying my, and many others', argument.

But enough of that, let's focus on this Lady Bear team, and it is a team in every sense of the word. In my opinion, it's the best "team" since the 2000 squad, which won the state title. Now I'm not saying this year's group would beat those with Becca Bolton, Jessica Curtis and the likes which had the misfortune of running into some of the best teams ever in the 1A ranks in Thomasville and Bishop McGuinness, but overall as a "team, the 2018-2019 Chatham Central girls are

something special.
The 1999 Chatham Central girl's 1A state champion squad garners all the attention in Bear Creek, and for good reason, with Tanesha McClain, Chrissy Marsh, Randi Jo Kivett, Kathryn Caudle and the likes, they simply crushed any and everyone in their way. The following season, it was a total "team" effort by the Lady Bears to win a consecutive state crown in 2000, to the surprise of many. To this day, that Chatham Central girl's squad executed about as well as any I've ever seen.

Fast forward to 2018-2019, and this Chatham Central squad brings back memories of almost two decades ago. No, there is no Kathryn Caudle, who is now an assistant coach for Bears head coach Lynda Burke, or Randi Jo Kivett. Caudle could drop 30 on you on any given night down in the paint while pulling down 20 boards, and Kivett might add a stat line of 22 points, 11 rebounds, seven steals and eight assists. Those two were unquestionably the central figures of that 2000 title

In comparison, this year's CC squad is more guard oriented with Taylor Hughes and Mary Grace Murchison leading the way, while Abby and Maddy Elkins give the Bears some serious scoring and

rebounding inside. Off the bench, Cami Hughes, Lauren Collins, Lauren Oldham and Eliana Phillips lead a cast of Central players that can also produce on any given night.

The group is fun to watch, and really can score every way conceivable, a lot due to quick and unselfish passes that often lead to easy baskets for teammates. And just as important, they play defense, game in and game out.

Now, the long trip to top-seeded Pamlico in the East Regional semifinals will a tough task, but don't bet against this group of Lady Bears in giving the Hurricanes all they want and then some, and even pulling out the win.

Over on the boy's side, what a fun ride it was. Both the Northwood and Chatham Central boys advanced into the 3rd round on Saturday night before falling to Northern Nash and Washington County respectively. Coach Matthew Brown of Northwood and Robert Burke of Chatham Central deserve a lot of credit for getting their teams ready to play at tourney time.

Coach Jason Messier did a great job at Chatham Charter, as well, as his club finished 27-5 overall with a loss way up in the Smoky Mountains to Hayesville.

Now, a lot of people complain about the travel, but for me, I think it's great. These kids were able to travel to places that some may have never been before, with the exception of the opening round game for Northwood, which was at Southern

It sure beats 10 years ago when the playoffs in basketball and football were basically the Yadkin Valley Conference eliminating each other in the opening three rounds.

You can bet for sure that 30 years from now the Chatham Central boys' team will be talking about traveling all the way to Ocracoke High School at the Outer Banks, having to take a ferry to get on and off the island, pulling the huge upset, spending two nights, and heading to Pamlico to pull an even bigger upset win in the second round — all before return-

And Northwood, beating a Southern Durham team that the Chargers had lost to three times already this season, then upsetting East Wake, and almost taking down Northern Nash on Saturday. What an effort by this Northwood bunch.

Chatham Charter, well, Coach Messier, all I will say is that in over three decades of playing or covering high school sports in North Carolina, you quickly learn this one constant in playing teams from Maiden High School westward to the Smoky Mountains: when you step off the bus in basketball, you are 10 points down before the whistle blows, and in football, it rises to two touchdowns. So keep your head up!

# Jackets' sting proves fatal to Knights in second round playoff action

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

HAYESVILLE — A tremendous season for the Chatham Charter boys' basketball program came to a close high up in the North Carolina mountains Tuesday night as the Knights suffered a 68-55 setback to Hayesville in second round action of the NCHSAA 1A State Playoffs.

Chatham Charter closed the season by shattering the school record for wins by nine with a 27-5 mark.

Hayesville, meanwhile, advanced to the third round of the West Bracket and a road match up with North Rowan.

The middle quarters proved to be the difference in the contest as the host Yellow Jackets owned a decisive 37-19 advantage in the span, including a 20-8 spurt in the second which erased an 11-9 deficit for Hayesville while giving the hosts a 29-19 lead at the intermission.

A 17-11 run in the third period all but ended the contest with Chatham Charter staring at a daunting 46-30 deficit entering the final eight minutes of play.

The Knights erupted for 25

points in the final quarter but never could come up with the key stops as the Yellow Jackets collected 22 of their own to never surrender a double-digit lead.

We couldn't buy a basket in the opening three quarters it seemed, some of it due to the Hayesville defense, and some of it due to us missing some good looks," said Chatham Charter head coach Jason Messier. "Some of it may have been the five-hour bus ride, but when we fell behind, it was hard to catch up. It's a tough place to play but our guys battled and didn't give up."

A.J. Alston closed his career with a great game including going 6-of-10 from the floor and scoring a team-high 16 points. The senior guard also hit 4-of-8 from behind the arc while adding an assist.

Connor Murphy and Jordan Hamilton closed great junior campaigns with 14 and 12 points respectively for the Knights. Murphy also added

three boards, an assist and a steal while Hamilton closed with nine rebounds, four assists and two steals.

In addition, Cole Milholen, a junior, chipped in four points, three boards, and nine assists while sophomore Trevor Golden had four points, five rebounds and an assist, and senior Jack Beaver a trev.

Despite the loss, Messier said he couldn't have been prouder of his team, especially his seniors.

"A.J., Baggio (Rodriguez), Kolby (Riddle), Jack (Beaver), Tyler (Dettmer), those guys meant a lot to our program and in the past two seasons we've had 45 wins, which says a lot for a program in its sixth season," said Messier. "They have a lot to be proud of, as do the underclassmen who have a chance to really take it to another level next season. It's all about the hard work and time that they will put in, and there

is no doubt that is what they will

Chatham Charter's A.J. Alston launches a free throw Tuesday night in Siler City in the Knights' wild 55-52 overtime victory over South Stokes in opening round 1A state playoff action.

Staff photo by Lee Moody



### HALT

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an understatement as the hosts drained a plethora of treys, including two by Quymel Chesson, who had 10 points in the stanza, another by De'Andre Downing, who had nine points, and the final by Cedez Norman, who closed with five points.

The second was not much better for the Bears. who were outscored 21-9 to fall behind 49-15 at the intermission. Michael Moore had four points for the locals in the second, but Washington County responded with five more treys, including a pair and 10 points from Omar Harris, two more from Chesson, and a final one by Kevon Burnett.

Carter Fuquay canned a trey in the third for Chatham Central and Jameious Degraffenreaidt added a trey but the locals were outscored 20-11 in the period to fall behind

Downing had eight in the stanza for Washington County while Normand chipped in six, and Chesson four.

Phillip Gaines would collect six points for the Bears in the fourth but the Hurricanes went on to claim the easy 78-34 win.

Chatham Central failed to place a scorer in double figures as Carter Fuguay led the way with eight points while Moore and Gaines added six apiece.

The Washington County scoring attack was led by 20 from Chesson while Downing added 17, Norman 13 and Harris 10.

### THRILLER

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had a police escort leading us to the highway from school. If you ever have watched the movie 'Hoosiers,' that's what it felt like when they made their run. I am from Indiana and grew up dreaming of these moments, and this was as close to a Hoosier feel that you will

Unfortunately, that storybook ending in the movie "Hoosiers' did not translate to the court on Saturday night in Rocky Mount as the Chargers fell behind 18-3 after one period of play and could not complete the comeback despite a valiant rally which saw the locals cut the deficit to one point on three occasions in the third

"I knew we weren't going to give up, and I knew we were going to go on a run and get settled into the game," added Brown, "It seemed

like whenever we had the momentum or made a run and had a chance to either tie the game or go up, Northern Nash would come down and either hit a big shot or get a big steal."

Northern Nash's Darquez Flowers hit a 10-foot jumper at the 7:44 mark of the second to extend the Knights lead to 20-3. Flowers would score all eight points for the hosts in the stanza.

But behind six points from Deuce Powell and four more from Aaron Ross, the Chargers used a 15-8 spurt in the second period to draw within 26-18 at the

Northwood would go on a 9-2 run to start the second half behind four points form Jalen McAfee and a trey from Alex Snively to close the gap to 28-27 with 5:51 remaining in the third.

Tarod Drake would score six points in the third to push the Knights back in front 39-33 at the end of three, and Devante Wiggins would pumped in 12 of

his game-high 20 points in the fourth, including six clutch foul shots in the waning minutes, to clinch the 58-52 victory for Northern Nash, now winners of 27 in a row. Powell led Northwood with

19 points, five rebounds and an assist, while Ross chipped in 14 points, four boards and three assists, McAfee 11 points and 10 rebounds, Snively five points, two rebounds and an assist, and Jack Thompson nine boards.

Northern Nash was led by its four seniors which scored 50 of the teams 58 points, including the 20 by Wiggins. Flowers followed up with 13 points for the Knights while Sam Page added nine, and Brown eight.

'Northern Nash was a great team. They had an awesome environment and a great student section," said Brown. "I think it is big for our guys to be in this type of environment going into next year. We have everyone coming

# Valiant Chargers eliminated by Lady Panthers in opening round of state play

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

GREENSBORO - A young Northwood girls squad put up a valiant effort before falling to Dudley 41-35 Feb. 26 in opening round action of the 3A NCH-

SAA State Tournament. The loss closed the No. 28-seeded Chargers season at 14-13 while the fifth-seeded Panthers improved to 22-4 and were set to take on Fayetteville's Terry Sanford in the second round of the Eastern Bracket.

"We knew going in that Dudley was extremely athletic and wanted to get in transition," said Northwood coach Cameron Vernon. "We had three keys which was limit turnovers, rebound on the defensive end and create high percentage shots. We did two out of the three very well, but we just had too many turnovers. We finished the game with 28 turnovers and you can't win against good teams like that. In the first half 11 of their 17 points were off our turnovers. But we played very hard."

The Chargers turned the ball over with 29 seconds left in the contest, trailing by 36-35 and Marissa Wooten completed a



Dudley's lysis Whitfield and Northwood's Myla Marve and Kaya Hill watch teammate Chandler Adams go for the goal during their matchup with Dudley in the semi-finals at **Dudley High School in Greensboro Tuesday.** 

three-point play on the other end to extend the lead, before a pair of foul shots by Iysis Whitfield clinched the win by the Panthers.

"We gave them a great game and I looked at the clock and we are down one with 30 seconds, said Vernon. "But they forced a turnover that resulted in a 3-point play, and that was hard to swallow.'

The contest was a defensive struggle the entire night as the athleticism of both teams made getting clean looks on the offensive end a challenge.

Chandler Adams sank four points in the opening period for the Chargers and Myla Marve canned a trey, but the Panthers led 9-7 after one behind four points from Quinzia Fulmore.

Adams sparked an 11-8 surge by Northwood in the second period to send the visitors into the locker room with an 18-17 advantage. Wooten countered with three points for Dudley.

Turnovers and cold shooting plagued the Chargers in the third as the locals managed just six points, Adams and Mckeena Snively scoring three apiece. The Panthers answered with 11 points behind four from Symphony Jackson to take a 28-24 lead heading into the fourth and final quarter.

Slowly but surely Northwood pecked away at the deficit in the fourth, with four points from Marve, and three more from Adams, drawing the Chargers to within 36-35.

The final, costly turnover by the locals with the game on the line symbolized the loss, and secured the Dudley

Adams posted a double-double in the loss for the Chargers with a 17 point, 10 rebound effort while Marve added seven points, and Jaela Harris five points and a rebound.

"Chandler Adams was a beast tonight with 17 points and 10 rebounds," added Vernon. 'She was outstanding!

Vernon noted how proud he was of his team, including Harris, the squad's lone senior.

"I am super proud of this group and we do lose one senior, Jaela Harris," Vernon said. "Jalea has been a great asset for our program the past four years and she always has a smile on her face and positive attitude daily. We wish her the best as she moves on."

Wooten led Dudley offensively with 11 points while Jackson chipped in eight.

## **Balanced Bears belt Lady Pride** to advance to sectional finals

BY DUCK DUCKSON

News + Record Staff

 ${\tt BEAR\ CREEK--Cous-}$ ins carried Chatham Central in the first half. The whole team then took the Lady Bears the

rest of the way. Chatham Central cruised to a 61-45 triumph over the Henderson Collegiate Lady Pride Feb. 28 in second-round play of the NCHSAA 2019 Women's 1A East basketball state

playoffs in Bear Creek. Čounsins Maddy and Abby Elkins combined for 20 first-half points, tallying three buckets a piece in the first quarter to help Chatham Central what Lady Bears coach Lynda Burke called a much improved game.

We came out and played much better tonight than in our first-round game in terms of shooting and being more aggressive on defense," Burke said. "Although we committed too many turnovers, we took care of what we had to by breaking their press for a lot of layups, while our press was effective in helping us score a bunch of transition points.

Mary Grace Murchison's trey from the left corner to begin the second period put the Lady Bears up by 14 before three consecutive Aanlya Jackson layups drew Henderson Collegiate within 25-17 with 5:24 remaining in the frame.

But Maddy Elkins' jumper off the right baseline a minute later sparked an 11-2 run that boosted Chatham Central's lead to 36-19, an advantage that improved to 40-22 at halftime.

The Lady Bears' advantage grew to 55-28 following Maddy Elkins' layup with 1:31 to go in the third stanza prior to Antoniya Townes' three-pointer from the right wing and jumper from the left side that sliced the difference to 22 entering the last

eight minutes. Although Chatham Central cleared the bench in the fourth quarter, the closest Henderson Collegiate got in the time remaining came when Parker's layup at the horn accounted for the final margin.

The fourth-seed Lady Bears elevated their overall record to 21-3 and will next host a third-round match-up with fifth-seed Vance Charter School (26-2) Saturday evening, while the 13th-seed Lady Pride finished their season with a mark of 17-9.

Abby Elkins registered a 17-point and 10-rebound double-double for the winners while Maddy Elkins contributed 16 points and Murchison added 10.

Chatham Central shot 25-of-63 (40 percent) from the floor, including threeof-six (50 percent) from three-point range.

Henderson Collegiate connected on only 17-of-63 (27 percent) of its field goal attempts, including just two-of-22 (nine percent) from behind the bonus arc.

Jackson led the Lady Pride with 18 points, Townes collected 13 points and a game-high 19 boards, while Hannah Yarborough chipped in 10 points.

Lady Pride coach Lauren Dennis said that. in spite of holding a 45-39 edge in rebounds, her team struggled to put the ball in the hole against Chatham Central's swarming defenders.

"Their experience on the court showed with their quickness on defense and movement of the ball on offense," said Dennis. "Our three-point attempts just weren't falling this evening, and unfortunately we couldn't figure out another way to score.



Staff photo by Lee Moody

### **Racing for possession**

Northwood's Alex Snively (left) races for a loose ball in recent high school basketball action. Snively and the Chargers won a pair of 3A state playoff games last week before fallling in the third round to Northern Nash.

# Central girls crush Voyager in opening round state playoff action

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BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

BEAR CREEK - Cha-

tham Central won every quarter here on Tuesday night as the Lady Bears

crushed visiting Voyager Academy 54-28 in opening round action of the NCH-SAA 1A State Playoffs.

All told, eight players scored in the win for Central, including Maddy and Abby Elkins collecting 14 and 12 points respectively.

We've been balanced all year," CC coach Lynda Burke said following the win. "That's one of our strengths, we have a lot of girls capable of scoring every game.'

Both teams were a bit tentative as expected at the start, with the state playoff pressure evident.

The Lady Bears clawed their way to a 9-6 advan-

tage after one period of play as Abby Elkins sank a basket and two free throws for four points, Mary Grace Murchison netted a trey, and Cami Hughes a transition

bucket. In the second, a 6-0 spurt highlighted by two baskets from Taylor Hughes sent Central in front 15-6 at the 5:21 mark. Hughes would close with six points in the stanza, and Maddy Elkins added six more as the Bears used a 16-9 advantage in the eight minute span to build a comfortable 25-15 advan-

tage at the intermission. Carlise Nelson had four

points for the Vikings in the second.

"I thought we played well defensively the first half and that was key after we missed some easy shot opportunities," said Burke. "Defensively we played well the entire game, and that was the key. The third quarter we pushed the lead out from 10 at the half and put them away. Voyager came to play and really got after us.

Maddy Elkins and Cami Hughes collected five points apiece in the third, and Taylor Hughes and Lauren Oldham added a basket apiece as Chatham

Central used a 15-5 spurt in the frame to extend the led to 40-20 entering the fourth. Nelson had four points, including a pair of foul shots, for Voyager in the quarter.

Abby Elkins canned four points and Maddy Elkins chipped in three more in the final period as the Bears cruised to the easy 54-28 win.

Cami and Taylor Hughes added nine and eight points respectively to the Chatham Central (20-3) offense on Tuesday evening while Voyager Academy (11-16) was led by a game-high 16 points from Nelson.



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16 percent (four-of-25) from threepoint range.

"Defense and rebounding were huge for us tonight," said Lady Bears' coach Lynda Burke.

"I thought our press gave Vance Charter fits and led to numerous transition buckets," Burke said, "while we boxed out well around the basket at both ends of the

"Mary Grace and Maddy stepped up as leaders on the floor for us this evening and hit some big shots," said Burke. "Our team is a determined group of girls who came out and executed their game in the second half to force a number of turnovers that led to easy points and they never looked back.

Lady Knights' coach Eladio Espinosa noted his squad couldn't match Chatham Central's depth and aggressiveness on defense.

They are a disciplined team that presses extremely well and forces you into making mistakes, and we couldn't overcome 25 turnovers, explained Espinosa. "Not only our shooting was off tonight but we didn't take care of rebounding, which had been a strength for us

Following Alicia Pulley's jumper in the lane and a Simmons trey from the right wing that gave Vance Charter a 5-0 advantage at the outset, Murchison's three-pointer from the right side with 6:06 remaining in the first stanza put the Lady Bears ahead to stay at 7-5 and was part of a 12-0 run that launched the rout

After two Margaret Bobbitt free throws drew the Lady Knights within 13-12 with 1:20 left in the opening frame, Murchison canned a layup and foul shot before the period was over to give Chatham

Central a four-point lead. Murchison's trey from the right wing plus a layup, sandwiched around Elkins' jumper off the right baseline, resulted in a 7-0 Lady Bears' run at the start of the second quarter that increased their advantage to 23-12 before Vance Charter rallied behind eight points from Simmons to trim the gap to 32-24 at halftime.

But behind a collective 14 points from Elkins and Murchison, along with four points each from Cami Hughes and Lauren Oldham, the third stanza belonged to Chatham Central, which outscored the Lady Knights 22-4 in the frame to stretch its lead to 54-28.

Vance Charter was never able to reduce its deficit to less than 24 throughout the remainder of the contest, while the Bears forged their biggest advantage of the evening at 64-33 following an Abby Elkins layup with 1:52 left on the

### Powell charity toss lifts Northwood to openinground shocker over Southern Durham

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

DURHAM — Entering Tuesday night's NCHSAA 3A State Playoff opener, Northwood was very familiar with its opponent.

The Chargers were taking on Southern Durham, a squad Northwood had lost to on three previous occasions in the 2018-2019 season.

None of that mattered on Tuesday night, as it was a new day, a new time, and a new opportunity for a Northwood team playing its best basketball off the season in recent weeks.

Southern Durham found that out the hard way on Tuesday evening as a free throw by Deuce Powell with :04.1 seconds remaining lifted Northwood to a shocking 48-47 victory.

Northwood (18-9) would move on to face East Wake in the second round while Southern Durham closed the season at 20-7.

All the glory to God, I am so excited for these guys. We finally got over the hump of beating a team that had beaten us six straight times over the past two years, with all six games being very close, and we knew that we had it in ourselves to finally get over the mountain," said NW coach Matthew Brown. "The boys were devastated after the loss to Southern in the conference tournament a week ago, but I told them after the loss, that everything happens for a reason, and that we had the making of a special run come the following week, and that nothing is better than making a run in the state playoffs. Lo and

behold we had to play Southern Durham again, and we came out on top, and got to move on to the next round. Southern had a great team this year and had a tremendous season.

The Powell foul shot, a front end of two, came after the shifty junior maneuvered through traffic to the basket. and missed a lay up, but was fouled by a Spartan player.

Powell missed the second free toss, and Southern Durham called timeout to set up a final shot attempt for the win. The Spartans got a nice look, but Jayvis Harvey's shot clanged off the back of the rim to preserve the 48-47 Northwood win.

"We wanted to be sure to have the last shot," Brown noted. "The worst thing that could happen was to go into

overtime."

Northwood started fast and used a 13-9 run in the opening period to garner some early momentum. Powell and Aaron Ross each had four points in the period while Harvey countered with three.

Powell got into early foul trouble in the second period and Southern Durham rallied to take 27-23 advantage at the intermission.

That Spartans lead grew to 36-28 midway through the third only to see the Chargers embark on a 10-2 run to close the quar ter and tie the game at 38-38. Alex Snively had a big three in the Northwood surge and Jalen McAfee added four points.

The teams went back and fourth in the final stanza, with Powell and Ross striking for

back-to-back buckets to give the Chargers a 47-43 advantage with 3:04 left on the clock.

Jalen Person and Ahmad Hamilton would score on driving hoops for the Spartans to tie the game at 47-47 with time winding down, setting Brown calling time out with :32 seconds left, and the Powell heroics in the closing seconds.

Powell closed with 14 points and two rebounds to pace the Chargers while Ross added 13 points, seven boards and an assist. Snively also contributed nine points to the Northwood scoring attack while McAfee chipped in nine points, four rebounds and three assists, and Jack Thompson three points and seven rebounds.

Harvey had 14 points to lead Southern Durham.

## **Chatham Central** strands Ocracoke in state playoffs

BY DON BEANE News + Record Staff

OCRACOKE — A six-hour bus ride across North Carolina, a ferry crossing of the Pamlico Sound and facing a higher seed might have daunted the Chatham Central boys' basketball team.

Nope. The Bears defeated Okracoke High School 58-56 on the road in the first round of the 2019 NCH-SAA 1A State Playoffs, edging the Dolphins on their shores to advance to the second round.

It was a wild affair as neither team could shake the other, especially in a high-scoring opening period where the two clubs played to a 21-21 standstill.

Jameion Degraffenreaidt had half of his game-high 22 points in the stanza for the No. 24 Bears, including a trey, while Moore added

four to the CC cause. Reeze Gaskins had 11 points for the ninth-seeded Dolphins in the first quarter, including a trio of three-pointers, and Cole Gilbert chipped in four more.

The scoring slowed down in the second as the teams turned the heat up defensively with Ocracoke edging in front 34-30 at the half. Colbv Austin had a pair of treys in the period for the Dolphins while Sam Evans added a pair of baskets for four points, and Gaskins another trifecta.

Moore had five points, including a trey, for the Bears in the second.

After the break, Chatham Central made its move, sparked by the stellar play of Degraffenreaidt, who caught fire. The senior guard torched the Ocracoke defense the entire period on the way to 11 points, more than half

of which came on a pair of treys. Moore added another three-pointer on the way to five points and Hayden Nall powered in four more as the Bears used a 20-12 run to take a 50-46 lead into the fourth quarter.

In the final period the defenses again made points hard to come by. Austin hit a trey for the Dolphins and Gaskins added an and-one, but the Bears did just enough behind four points from Moore to hang on for the thrilling 58-56 win.

Moore finished the night with 18 points as the Bears improved to 14-9 on the season and moved on to the second round, where Central was set to travel to Pamlico to face the Hurricanes.

The Dolphins, meanwhile, closed the season at 15-9 overall. Gaskins led Ocracoke with 19 points and Austin added 17.



Staff photo by Lee Moody

### On the move

**Chatham Central's** Taylor Hughes (22) speeds up court in Thursday evening action in Bear Creek in the Lady Bears' 61-45 beat down of Henderson Collegiate in the second round 1A state playoff action.

### WRESTLING

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Daggett and Pietro both tallying wins of the bonus-point variety, while Makosy won an overtime decision. Warner, Shepard and Sloop all fell on the wrong end of decisions decided by three or less points in their championship matches.

Miller suffered a tight 3-2 loss in his semifinal match-up at 141 pounds, but rebounded with a pair of convincing victories in the consolation bracket. Teia dropped his opening match of the day, but won three-straight matchups in the consolation bracket of the 174-pound tournament to capture third place honors.

Marcus Montgomery dropped his

opening match of the day as well, but won two of his three match-ups in the 197-pound wrestleback tournament on the way to finishing fifth.

Unranked Newberry (137.5 points) used a forfeit in the championship match of the 285-pound tournament to finish 3-1/2 points better than the Braves in the final team standings. Limestone finished third with 132.5 points, while King (71.0) and Belmont Abbey (66.5) rounded out the top 5.

The No. 6 seeded Daggett (26-6) will open the NCAA Division II National Championships in Cleveland on Saturday against the winner of Joe Renne (11-9) of Kutztown University and Josiah Seaton (21-15) of CSU Pueblo in the 125-pound weight class.

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### Optimism growing for school calendar flexibility

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

A new bill in the N.C. General Assembly could be representative of a new optimism over allowing school districts to have more control over their school

House Bill 163, filed Feb. 26, would give the school boards of Chatham, Harnett and Lee counties the ability to "align the calendar of schools...with the calendar of a community college serving the city or county in which the unit is located.'

If passed, the bill could allow Chatham County's high schools to start classes at the same time as Central Carolina Community College, which also has campuses in Lee and Harnett counties, which education leaders have said would help dual enrollment students achieve greater success in the classroom.

Bills like this have been filed many times in the past, but according to state Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Chatham), one of the four main sponsors of HB163, there's a difference in this one.

'The shift has been that there's been a change with leadership about their position on it," Reives said. "The rank and file throughout both sides have wanted this flex bill. This has been a non-issue for the majority of Republicans and a majority of Democrats."
HB163 lists state Rep. David Lewis

(R-Harnett) as a main sponsor. Lewis is the chairman of the influential House Rules Committee, and Reives said his involvement was important. CCCC President T. Eston Marchant agreed.

'We applaud Mr. Lewis for his efforts," Marchant said. "It will mean a great deal that he is a sponsor on that

Chatham County leaders have taken action in recent months to support calCounty Board of Education and Board of Commissioners passing resolutions supporting a change. In February, Chatham County Schools Superintendent Derrick Jordan said "this is the year" for calendar flexibility if it was going to happen due to difficulties districts experienced last fall due to Hurricane

"The ideal would be for the General Assembly to provide some relief," Jordan said. "The calendar restrictions create some hurdles that have to be jumped every year.'

Commissioners Chairman Mike Dasher called the resolution "incredibly important" at the board's February meeting, and Commissioner Karen Howard said she hoped "common sense will reign" on this topic.

Based on the groundswell of bills filed and support for those bills — several Democrats and Republicans are co-spon-

endar flexibility, with both the Chatham sors of HB163 — Reives feels like there's a good shot this year for this change for the counties of CCCC.

"We're really hopeful to get some-thing through," he said. "I'm very hope-ful and optimistic that there's a possibility by the end of the session. We're at a point where we need to allow that. We've got a lot of responsible school systems that need that flexibility.'

Marchant, who has less than a month in his tenure at the college, said it's important that all three of the college's counties are unified in this way.

"We would like for all three districts and the community college, while not necessarily mirror, to agree on the broad outlines of a calendar," he said. "That will really increase the ability of our high school students to take advantage of what we have. It allows us the ability to coordinate with them to ensure that (our) programs match up and provide the maximum potential.'

# Siler City parks honored, honors others

BY CASEY MANN

News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Parks and Recreation Department announced on Monday at the Siler City Board of Commissioners meeting that it was featured in Recre8 North Carolina Magazine, a publication of the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association.

The feature, entitled "Siler City: Small Town, Smaller Resources, Evolving to Make a Big Impact," was written by Siler City Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Keel by the request of the magazine.

"With limited resources but big visions, the department has accomplished major renovations to its parks and facilities, doubled participation numbers and enhanced the perception of the Parks and Recreation Department," Keel wrote in the piece.

The piece then outlines all the ways Keel and his team. which include several new staff members, took the opportunity to "look at the challenges with a new perspective" to build the department. This included expanding the t-ball program, bringing the program in-house,

which allowed the department to make clear schedules, ensure background checks for coaches, and training for officials.

This coincided with significant improvements to the Bray Parks Sports Complex at 700 Alston Bridge Road, including improvements to the fields and regular maintenance. The department is now working on securing funding to replace outdated lighting at the park.

In addition to athletic programs, the department focused on making improvements to the parks. This included painting shelters, replacing fencing, installing new equipment, and updating outdated signs. These improvements provided were highly visible and created a "buzz" in town

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment for Keel in his tenure was the completion of the Aquatic Center at Bray Park, a million dollar renovation to the swimming pool originally built in 1953. The project, which struggled some during construction, opened to rave reviews last year. To financially support the project, the town coordinated with a consultant to launch a major campaign to



File photo

The Bray Park Aquatic Facility opened last summer to rave reviews.

raise money.

"We are honored to be the featured Parks and Recreation Department in the N.C. Recreation & Park Association 2018 Winter magazine," Keel said. "We are humbled to be recognized as an outstanding professional Parks and Recreation Department and will continue to strive for exceptional experiences for our citizens and patrons. Our staff is truly knocking it out of the park. After announcing the depart-

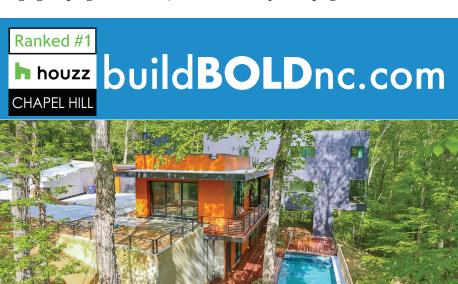
day, Keel presented mock-ups of two plaques that will be placed at the Aquatic Center at Bray Park. The first of which will honor the contributors who pledged more than \$20,000 to rebuild the pool. The Wren Foundation, Brookwood Farms, the Alan D. Resch Family, Chatham Hospital,

ment's honoring with Recre8

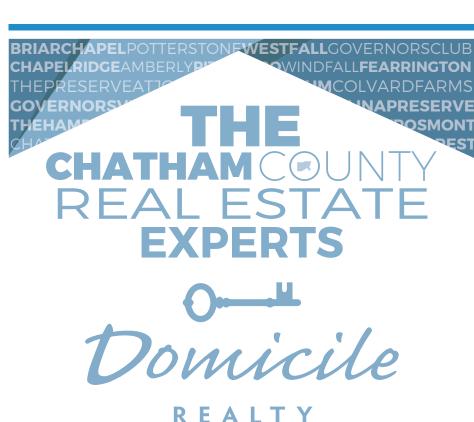
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Christina L. Fisher and the Siler City Rotary Club will all be honored on the plaque which will sit prominently inside the building.

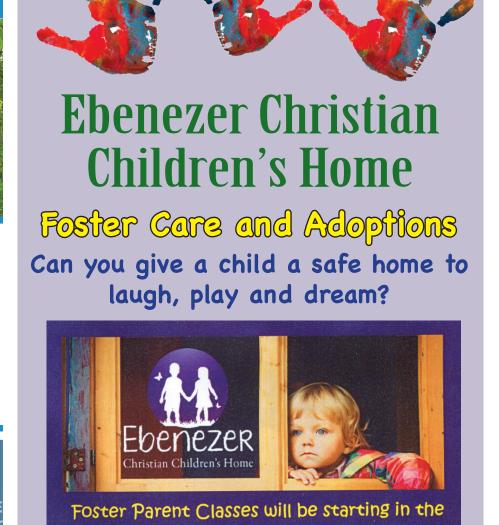
A second plaque honoring the leadership team for the renovation will also be created. That plaque honors the Mayor, the Board of Commissioners, the town staff, the contractors and engineers that worked on the project. That plaque will be placed right beside the original copper plaque on the outside of the building which honored the leadership for the pool's original construction. Both plaques are being made by local business Chatham Monument.













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# POLICE REPORTS

### Siler City man arrested in connection with break-ins

Fingerprints from a crime scene helped the Chatham County Sheriff's Office



**Reaves** 

identify a suspect arrested recently in connection with what was described as a 'rash of break-ins" in the Pittsboro area.

Kenneth Marvell Reaves Jr., 40, of 1304 Southport St., Siler City, was charged with three felony counts of breaking

and entering, attempted breaking and entering, three counts of felony larceny and three counts of damage to personal property, according to a Monday press release from the sheriff's office.

The break-ins occurred in January off of Old Graham Road, Burcybil Drive and N.C. Highway 87 North. The press release stated that "fingerprints lifted from the crime scenes helped identify Reaves as a suspect.'

According to state offender records, Reaves has multiple past felony breaking and entering and larceny convictions from Chatham County. He is currently in custody at the Piedmont Correctional Institution in Salisbury, and is expected to appear April 1 at Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

#### Bennett man charged in **Goldston larceny**

A Bennett man is facing multiple felony charges in connection with a break-

Gary Lee Louk Jr., 30, of 6689 Clipwood Road, Bennett, was charged with felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, felony obtaining property by



false pretense and injury to real property after his Feb. 28 arrest by the Chatham County Sheriff's

Louk is suspected of breaking and entering a property on Campbell Road in Goldston and stealing items. Investigators tracked

"several stolen items" to Louk, who reportedly "attempted to scrap them for cash." Louk is currently being held under a \$3,000 bond with an April 1 court date in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro.

### Siler City man faces felony firearm charge in Randolph Co.

ASHEBORO — A Siler City man was arrested Sunday, March 3, after a traffic stop and search of his vehicle revealed he was in illegal possession of a firearm, the Randolph County Sheriff's Office reported.



Randolph County authorities received consent to search a vehicle in which 38-year-old Slade Daniel Messer, of 683 Willie Duncan Rd., Siler City, was a passenger and found the convicted felon to be in possession of a firearm.

Messer was arrested, transported to Randolph County Detention Center, and charged with felony possession of a firearm by a felon and given a \$5,000 secured bond.

His first court appearance was March 4, 2019, in Randolph County District Court, Asheboro.

— CN+R Staff Reports

### ODDCO opens in Pittsboro, breathing new life into old home

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — ODD-CO, an unconventional art gallery, opened last Saturday on West Street

in Pittsboro, welcoming

about 400 guests. The company's four owners — Cristina Virsida, Tim Lee, David Holt and Justin Ware - opened the gallery in a Lustron-built home, a vestige of the mid-century and the epitome of the early 1950s when it was built. Fewer than 2.500 were built, and the one in Pittsboro is numbered 2,144 and is one of the last ones

left, according to Virsida. The house was purchased by Steve Carr, owner of Pittsboro's Carr Amplifiers, when the original owner was going to demolish it. Carr moved the house to its current location on West Street. Carr and ODDCO's owners worked together to get a foundation built and reclaim the structure. They sanded the metal and enamel walls, added insulation, and built a bar with upcycled wood and resin. The building now hosts a "different kind of gallery."

"It's a mixture of art from around the country," Virsida said. "It's really like outsider art. It doesn't fit well in a standard contemporary gallery. Most would be considered to edgy or too pop-culture."

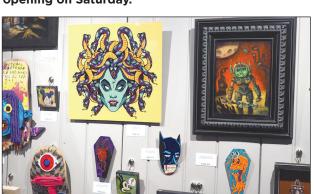
The gallery is funky and unique, boasting a variety of art mediums from sculpture, to jewelry, to fabric art.

'We've been in the art movement for a really



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

About 400 people showed up for ODDCO's grand opening on Saturday.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

ODDCO wants to be an unconventional gallery for outsider art.

an interest in this kind of work," Virsida said. "We've been waiting for someone to open a place like this. A standard gallery doesn't work for this kind of movement. This art is relatable to the every man"

The owners wanted to create the "coolest geek clubhouse," according to Virsida. The group has plans to expand, with an airstream scheduled to be delivered soon behind the house. The airstream will

County Partnership for Children)

They plan to have music and other outdoor events. Partnering with the Phoenix Bakery next door to supply food, and selling beer from North Carolina brewers, the group hopes to create events that will "promote

the community."
ODDCO is open from noon until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays, from noon until 9:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and from noon until 4 p.m.

#### **CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

James Stone, 48, of Cameron, was charged Feb. 25 with failure to pay child support. He was held under a \$40,000 bond with a March 8 court date in Pittsboro.

Nicholas Hollander, 25, of Siler city, was charged Feb. 26 with felony larceny, breaking and entering and injury to personal property. He was released under a written promise with an April 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Hunter Edwards, 19, of Siler City, was charged Feb. 26 with failure to appear. He was held under a \$300 bond with a March 12 court date in Siler City.

Deandra Jones, 33, of Durham, was charged Feb. 26 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$1,000 bond with a March 21 court date in Durham.

Francis Murray Jr.. 44, of Asheboro, was charged Feb. 26 with failure to appear. He was released under a written promise with a March 11 court date in Asheboro.

Gary Louk Jr., 30, of Bennett, was charged Feb. 28 with breaking and entering, larceny and breaking and entering, injury to personal property, obtaining property by false pretense and possession of stolen property. He was held under a \$3,000 bond with an April 1 court date in Pittsboro

Charles Smith, 47, of Moncure, was charged Feb. 28 with probation violation out of county. He was released under a written promise with a March 14 court date in Pittsboro.

Christian Rodriguez, 19, of Pittsboro was charged Feb. 28 with a warrant service for another jurisdiction. He was held under a \$300 bond with a March 20 court date in

Walter Farrish, 46, of Siler City, was charged March 2 with assault on a female, assault with a deadly weapon and communicating threats. He was held under a 48-hour mandatory hold with a March 27 court date in Pittsboro.

Bruce Banks, 44, of Siler City, was charged March 2 with a warrant service for another jurisdiction. He was held under a mandatory 48-hour hold with a March 26 court date in Siler City.

Rico Moses, 43, of Chapel Hill, was charged March 4 with robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon.

He was held under a \$100,000 bond with an April 8 court date in Pittsboro.

William Deshazo, 37, of Durham, was charged March 4 with a true bill of indictment on violation of a domestic violence protective order. He was released under a written promise with an April 8 court date in Chatham County, but remains jailed on other charges.

Stephen Dowdy, 51, of Moncure, was charged March 4 with communicating threats, intoxicated and disruptive behavior, intoxication in a state park and resisting, delaying or obstructing an officer. He was held under a \$1,500 bond with an April 10 court date in Pittsboro.

Erika Davis, 28, of Chapel Hill, was charged March 4 with possession of methamphetamine, simple possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting a public officer and larceny. She was held under a \$7,500 bond with an April 1 court date in Pittsboro.

#### **SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Abner de la O. Vasquez of Siler City was cited Feb. 27 for no operator's license and failure to yield right of way in an intersection.

Samuel Bautista, 21, of Pittsboro, was charged Feb. 27 for carrying a concealed weapon and resisting a public officer. He was held under a \$1,000 bond.

Cristian Rodriguez, 19, of Pittsboro, was charged Feb. 27 with felony possession of a firearm with an altered serial number, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of marijuana between 1/2 and 1 ounce. He was held under a \$20,000 bond.

Jason Puerto-Sierra, 19, of Siler City, was charged Feb. 27 with felony possession of a firearm with an altered serial number, felony possession of a firearm by a felon and carrying a concealed weapon. He was held under a \$20,000

Will Johnson, 29, of Siler City, was charged March 1 with felony possession with the intent to sell or deliver methamphetamine, felony possession of methamphetamine, felony maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Johnson was held under a \$20,000 bond. Johnson was also charged with felony larceny of a motor vehicle, felony larceny and injury to personal

property, and was held under a \$10,000 bond on those charges.

Michael Sparks of Madison was cited March 1 for exceeding a safe speed for weather conditions.

Alexander Meredith of Siler City was cited March 1 for failure to yield right of way in an intersection.

#### **STATE HIGHWAY PATROL**

Trevor Stone of Sanford was cited Feb. 27 for careless and reckless driving/failure to maintain lane control. Stone was driving east on N.C. 42 and ran off the road to the right. After over-correcting, he crossed the centerline and ran off the road to the left, striking a tree.

Breanna Leach of Pittsboro was cited Feb. 25 for unsafe movement. Leach was driving west on Moncure Pittsboro Road in Pittsboro and attempted to make a left turn into a public drive, but failed to yield right away, being struck by another car going east.

Jeffrey Maness of Bear Creek was cited Feb. 26 for failure to maintain his lane. Maness was pulling out of a private driveway on NC 902. He then tried to cross the centerline by turning back left, but lost control of his moped and overturned.

Misty Hammonds of Broadway was cited Feb. 27 for failure to maintain lane control/ failure to notify DMV of address. Hammonds was driving southeast on U.S. 421 and ran off the road to the left, striking a guardrail. She reentered the roadway, then going off the road to the right and striking a bridge face.

Felicia Smith of Siler City was cited Feb. 25 for driving while license revoked/improper child restraint and failure to reduce speed. Smith was driving north on Piney Grove Church Road in Siler City and failed to reduce speed for a vehicle stopped in front





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orally and written, with individuals from varying cultures and backgrounds via phone and through personal contact. Must serve as an after-hours on-call worker in rotation with other workers. Minimum Qualifications: MSW from an ac-credited school of social work and completion of the Child Welfare Collaborative; MSW from an accredited school of social work plus one year directly related experience; BSW from an accredited school of social work and completion of the Child Welfare Collaborative plus one year directly related experience; BSW from an accredited school of social work plus two years directly related experience; four year degree in a human service field plus three years directly related experience; four year college or university degree plus four vears of directly related experience. Must have a valid NC driver's license. For more information, including the website for state application and full job requirements, visit www.chathamnc.org. Salary: \$49,928. Position closes March 22, 2019. EOE, M7,1tc

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#### LEGALS

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of WILLIAM KENDRICK SCHWAB, JR., Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 14th day of May, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 14th day of February, 2019. JANE S. BYSTRZYCKI, EXECU-

TRIX ESTATE OF WILLIAM KENDRICK SCHWAB, JR. Tillman, Whichard & Cagle,

501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130 Chapel Hill, NC 27514 F14,F21,F28,M7,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** North Carolina Chatham County Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of CHASTITY VANHOOK, deceased of Chatham County North Carolina, on the 14th day of February, 2019, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before the 15th day of May 2019, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 14th day of February, 2019. Gail M Solomon, Limited Personal Representative c/o Larry H. Rocamora, Attorney for the Estate McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson, Wilson, & Hinkle, PLLC 3211 Shannon Road, Suite 620

### PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S

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Durham, NC 27707

NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against ERIC D. JOHNSON, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina are notified to present their claims to be below-named Personal Representative on or before May 15, 2019 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of decedent are requested to make immediate payment. This the 14th day of February, 2019.

Margaret M. Johnson, Executor Estate of Eric D. Johnson 204 Serenity Hill Circle Chapel Hill, N.C. 27516 Worth Law, Randy Worth P.O. Box 20825 Raleigh, NC 27619-0825

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#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 18 E 638 NORTH CAROLINA

**CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of JOHN WILLIAM MOFFITT of Chatham County, North Carolina, the under signed 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 May 15, 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 14th day of February, Matthew Ripley-Moffitt,

Executor 799 Old Mill Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27514 F14,F21,F28,M7,4tp

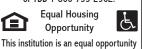
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undersigned. This the 14th day of February,

KIMBERY DAWN HILL, Executrix 20 Clarkland Village St Elizabethtown, NC 28337

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### CREDITOR'S NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified on the 6th day of January, 2019, as Admin-istrator CTA of the Estate of WILLIAM RONALD BROWN, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of May, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 6th day of February, 2019.

W. Woods Doster, Administra-

of the Estate of William Ronald Brown 115 Chatham Street, Suite 302 Sanford, NC 27330 Attorneys: Law Offices of W.

Woods Doster, P.A. 115 Chatham Street, Suite 302 Sanford, NC 27330

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### **CREDITOR'S NOTICE**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified on the 6th day of January, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of JOHNNIE DEAN HALL Dean, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of May, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This the 6th day of February, 2019.

Bunni Hall, Executor of the Estate Johnnie Dean Hall 2450 Everette Dowdy Road Sanford, NC 27330 Attorneys: Law Offices of W. Woods Doster, P.A.

115 Chatham Street, Suite 302

### Sanford, NC 27330 F14,F21,F28,M7,4tc

#### **EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CRED-**ITORS NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY All persons having claims against the estate of DALE VOLBERG REED, of Chatham County, NC, who died on October 19, 2018 are notified to present them on or before May 23, 2019 to John S. Reed, Jr., Executor, c/o Alexander, Miller & Schupp, L.L.P., P.O. Box 3200, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3200, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Camilla C. Schupp Alexander, Miller & Schupp,

1526 E. Franklin Street, Suite

Post Office Box 3200 Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3200 Attorney for the Estate F14,F21,F28,M7,4tc

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA

**CHATHAM COUNTY** All persons having claims against PATRICIA JEFFREY KREISER, aka Patricia J. Keiser, aka Patricia Kreiser, aka Pat Kreiser of Hennepin County, Minnesota, who died on the 28th day of March, 2018, are notified to present them to Frank D. Kreiser, Executor of the Estate of Patricia Jeffrey Kreiser 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 16, 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 Patricia Jeffrey Kreiser. Those indebted to Patricia Jeffrey Kreiser are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate.

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#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of WANNA R. FIELDS aka WANNA R. MOORE 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 May 22, 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 21st day of February,

Donald Moore, Executor 890 Sandy Branch Ch Rd Bear Creek, NC 27207 F21,F28,M7,M14,4tp

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

19 E 35 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM GORDON LYNA 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 May 22, 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 21st day of February,

Pauline R. Lyna, Executor 712 Arbor Brook Drive Cary, NC 27519

F21,F28,M7,M14,4tp

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of ROBERT KYLE MARTIN deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before the 29th day of May, 2019 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All debtors of the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This is the 20th day of February, 2019. Cindy Council Martin, Executrix c/o Lewis & Anderson, PLLC Attorneys at Law

### F28,M7,M14,M21,4tc NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF GILBERT C.

Chapel Hill, NC 27515-1825

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons, firms and corporations having claims against GILBERT C. BROWN, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Gerald Steven Brown as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before May 29th, 2019, c/o Samantha Reichle, Attorney at Law, 205 Providence Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor. This the 25th day of February,

Gerald Steven Brown, Executor c/o Samantha Reichle, Atty. TrustCounsel 205 Providence Road

Chapel Hill, NC 27514 F28,M7,M14,M21,4tc

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

19 E 87 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of FAYE BY-NUM 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 May 29, 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 28th day of February,

Matthew Bynum, Administrator 370 Jordan Grove Rd Siler City, NC 27344 F28,M7,M14,M21,4tp

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

19 E 103 NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of HAROLD ATKINS 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 May 29, 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 28th day of February, Karen Atkins, Executor

361 Windsong Drive Pittsboro, NC 27312 F28,M7,M14,M21,4tp

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

19 E 105 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of FRANK CLEMENTE 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 be-fore May 29, 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 28th day of February, 2019.

Joseph Clemente, Executor 5871 NC Hwy 56E Castalia, NC 27816-9410 F28,M7,M14,M21,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 18 F 265 NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of VERSIE J BRAY 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 May 29, 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 28th day of February,

2019. Jane Crump aka Jane Carroll Hoover

2400 Community Park Rd Matthews, NC 28104 c/o Lewis Fadely, Atty. 119 N Fir Avenue Siler City, NC 27344

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### **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

18 SP 94 Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Joe Siler, Sr. aka Joe Siler aka Joe C. Siler, Sr., (Joe Siler aka Joe Siler, Sr. aka Joe C. Siler, Sr., Deceased) (Heirs of Joe Siler aka Joe Siler, Sr. aka Joe C. Siler, Sr.: Joel Patterson, Tanga Scotton, Regina Siler, Yolanda Scotton, Jay Siler, Tiffany Siler and Unknown Heirs of Joe Siler) (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Joe Siler) to Fidelity National Title Insurance Company of New York, Trustee(s), dated the 22nd day of November, 2004, and re-corded in Book 1143, Page 364, in Chatham County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the un-dersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having di-rected that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 on March 21, 2019 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Cha-

more particularly described as follows: BEING all of Parcel "A", containing 3.00 acres, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Survey for Danny D. Marsh and wife, Cherry S. Marsh", Matthews Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, dated August 17, 1995, prepared by James D. Hunter, RLS and recorded as Plat Slide 95-363. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 138 North Richardson Road,

tham, North Carolina, and being

Siler City, North Carolina. Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided

in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a)(1). The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are dis-claimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releas-Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws.

A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is re quired and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at

the time of the sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and re-instatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trust-ee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further

remedy. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property - An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agree-ment, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE VICES, INC. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE c/o Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street

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Case No: 1237055 (FC.FAY)

#### IN THE GENERAL COURT OF **JUSTICE** BEFORE THE CLERK 18 SP 169

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE by Main Street Trustees, LLC, Substitute Trustee, of a Deed of Trust Executed by Jason E. Nunnery, Manager of Heartridge Builders, LLC, Grantor/Mortgagor, dated June 09, 2016 and recorded on June 09, 2016 in Book No. 1862, Page 195, of the Chatham County

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Jason R. Nunnery, Manager of Heartridge Builders, LLC to Donald D. Sayers, Trustee for Farmers & Merchants Bank, which was dated June 9, 2016, and recorded on June 9, 2016, in Book 1862, Page 195, Chatham County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned Substitute Trustee, and the holder of the note evidencing said default, having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale in

the lobby of the Chatham County Courthouse, adjacent to the Clerk of Court, Pittsboro, North Carolina, or the usual and customary location at the County Courthouse for conducting the sale, on **March 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM**, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the real property together with all buildings, improvements and fixtures of every kind and description erected or placed thereon, attached to or used in connection with the real property which will be sold pursuant to the Deed of Trust at the foreclosure sale, is located in Chatham County, North Carolina, being more particularly described as follows: BEING all of Lot 39, containing 1.03 acres, more or less, as shown on those plats entitled "The Hamptons - Phase 3 Lots 18-40", prepared by Withers & Ravenel, Engineers - Planners Surveyors, dated May 22, 2007, and recorded in Plat Slides 2007-293, 2007-294, & 2007-295, Chatham County Registry, together with all appurtenant rights and privileges in the common areas and roads as shown on the Plats and described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for The Hamptons Subdivision as recorded in Book 1329, Page 1117, Chatham County Registry, as amended. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as: 42 Seneca Court, Pittsboro, NC 27312. A cash deposit or certified funds (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are

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the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupied the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1. 2007, may, after receiving the Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing

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further remedy.
This 26th day of February, 2019.
Main Street Trustees, LLC, **Substitute Trustee** By: Andrew J. Abramson, Manager, PO Box 829, Salisbury, North

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 19 E 102

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MARGIE B. DARK 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 June 7, 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 7th day of March,

Calvin Dark, Executor 201 Pondarosa Road Siler City, NC 27344

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### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

A public hearing will be held by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Monday, March 18, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 9 Hillsboro Street.
Additional information is

available at the Chatham **County Planning Department** office. Speakers are requested

to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also sign up on the county website prior to the meeting at www. chathamnc.org by selecting the heading County Government, then Commissioner Meetings, then Public Input/Hearing Sign Up. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input,

both written and oral, on the issues listed below: Legislative Request: 1. A Legislative public hearing request for a general use rezoning by Jack Sanderford Jr. from R-1 Residential to General Use Light Industrial on property located at 538 Pea Ridge Rd. New Hill, Parcel No. 5295 & 66511, being approx. 3.26 acres. 2. A Legislative public hearing to receive input on revisions to

the Chatham County Conservation Subdivision Guidelines for **Conservation Space Selection** to update the source for gis data layers needed to develop fragmentation maps and technical corrections. Substantial changes may be made following the public

hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions. Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance. please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham **County Planning Department** at 542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312.

### IN THE GENERAL COURT OF

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DISTRICT COURT DIVISION NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** CHRISTY DIXON YENYO Plaintiff

**CHARLES JOSEPH YENYO** NOTICE OF SERVICE OF

**PROCESS BY PUBLICATION** 

TO: CHARLES JOSEPH YENYO ADDRESS UNKNOWN TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of relief being sought is as follows: AN **ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.** You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than the 28th day of March, 2019, and

party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This the 7th day of March,

upon your failure to do so the

CHRISTY DIXON YENYO. Plaintiff

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#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of ANNABELL BROCK BADROW 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 June 7, 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 7th day of March,

Charles Badrow, Co-Executor 26 Plymouth Court Pittsboro, NC 27312 Elizabeth Hopp, Co-Executor 127 Mark Teague Rd Pittsboro, NC 27312

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### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of RONALD L. FOX 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 June 7, 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 7th day of March, 2019. Lynda Fox, Administrator

3140 Mt Vernon-Hickory Mtn Rd Siler City, NC 27344 M7,M14,M21,M28,4tp

#### **TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on March 18, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests:
1. Town of Siler City proposes

text amendments to §136 Definitions (event center limited), §147 Table of Permissible Uses event center limited) of the UDO; and

2. Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §18 Definitions (Completely/Fully Enclosed Structure, Vehicle Storage) of the UDO. The proposed items are available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested

in the outcome of the request are invited to attend the public hearings and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on March 11 @ 6:30 p.m. to consider a recommendation to the Town Board.

The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts. The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such arrangements may include, but are not limited to. providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-726-8625, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity. org o 919-726-8625 o en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

On 3/1/19 Certificate of Need review began for Chatham County Rehabilitation Center J-11656-19 Relo 16 ACH beds. Written comments are due to the Agency by 4/1/19. A public hearing will only be scheduled if requested in writing by 4/1/19 and sent to: DHSR.CON. Comments@dhhs.nc.gov or 2704 Mail Service Ctr, Raleigh, NC 27699-2704.

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS -**Chatham County for the Solid Waste & Recycling Division Collection Center Improve-

The Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling Division is requesting bids from qualified, licensed contractors to perform site improvements at three (3) collection centers. The work will include installing concrete pads, asphalt pavement resurfacing and patching, and miscellaneous site work All trade permits shall be obtained by the Contractor if needed. The Centers for this bid are: Goldston Center; 7285 Pittsboro-Goldston Rd., Bear Creek, NC 27207; Harpers Crossroads Center; 19921 NC Hwy 902, Bear Creek, NC 27207; and Bennett Center, 3142 Bennett-Siler City Rd., Bennett,

NC 27208. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Harpers Crossroads Center on Thursday March 14, at 9:00 AM. Please notify Purchasing if you plan to attend the pre-bid at purchasing@ chathamnc.org.
Vendors must submit one hard

copy with all attachments, including signatory pages, which must be received by Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. EST. If not delivering to the bid open location, the hard copies must be sent to one of the following delivery addresses: Postal Address: Robin James, Chatham County Finance Office, P.O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (all postal delivery); Street Address: Robin James, County Finance Office, Courthouse Annex, 12 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (land delivery only). A public bid open will take place promptly at 3:00 PM EST in the West Wing Conference Room, located in the Finance

Wing of the County Annex Building at 12 East St., Pitts-boro, NC 27312. All inquiries relating to this request should be in writing and addressed to: Robin James, Chatham County Finance Office, P.O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312; by fax to 919-545-2417 or emailed to: purchasing@ chathamnc.org. This solicitation and others

can be located on the Chatham County Current Bids and Proposals web page at: http:// www.chathamnc.org/govern-ment/current-bid-proposal-opportunities. Chatham County is an Equal

Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, creed, national origin, age or disability.

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### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NORTH CAROLINA

CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Brenda Lee Bates Gaines, late of 300 Hoyt Scott Road, Bear Creek, Chatham County, North Carolina 27207, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 4145 Randolph Church Road, Liberty, NC 27298, on or before the 7th day of June, 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 pay ment to the undersigned This is the 4th day of March, 2019. Dusty Dean, Administrator of the

Estate of Brenda Lee Bates Gaines

C/O Pamela E. Whitaker Attorney at Law 4145 Randolph Church Road Liberty, NC 27298 (336) 622-3553

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of THOMAS A. MICHAELS 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 June 7, 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 7th day of March,

Kenneth W. Michaels, Executor 138 Lot B Grayson Bostic Rd Forest City, NC 28043

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### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY** Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MARY DENNY KERRIGAN of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corpora tions having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before June 7, 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 7th day of March, 2019. Mark O. Costley, Executor 1414 Raleigh Rd, Ste 445 Chapel Hill, NC 27515 Clarity Legal Group Exchange West at Meadow-1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 445

PO Box 2207 Chapel Hill, NC 27515 M7,M14,M21,M28,4tp

#### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 18 E 657

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of ANNE L. SCRBAC-IC 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 June 7, 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 7th day of March, 2019.

Lawrence J. Scrbacic, Executor 3625 Glashields Way Apex, NC 27539

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### **CENTRAL CAROLINA BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**

# Kaitlyn Newell named 2019 Youth of the Year

SANFORD — Kaitlyn Newell, a member of the O.T. Sloan Park club, was named the Central Carolina Boys & Girls Clubs' 2019 Youth of the Year

during a ceremony Feb. 28. The annual competition recognizes outstanding members of the clubs at the Wren Family Center in Siler City and the O.T. Sloan Park club in Sanford. The Youth of the Year is bestowed upon an exemplary young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to live a healthy lifestyle. Now in its 72nd year, the Youth of the Year program honors our nation's most awe-inspiring young people on their path to great futures and encourages all kids to lead, succeed and inspire.

Newell won a \$1,000 scholarship will now contend for the North Carolina Youth of the Year title and a \$5,000 college scholarship from Boys & Girls

Clubs of America. 'I am so proud of Kaitlyn and all of our Youth of the Year candidates," said Daniel Simmons, the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina. "They truly represent the best of the Boys & Girls Clubs. They are resilient, intelligent, compassionate, and motivated for success. I'm proud of my staff at the Clubs who have helped shape these wonderful young people into who they are today. This is a true reminder that great futures really do start at the Boys

& Girls Clubs.' Other Youth of the Year candidates were Kimberly Ascencio and Sarah Smith of the O.T. Sloan Park club and Jayden Snipes of the Wren Family Center in Siler City.

Newell has been a member of the club for 10 years. Through the club, Newell said she's learned how to step out of her comfort zone. Staff and volunteers have worked to help motivate her to try new things and to gain confidence. She has participated in talent shows, made new friends and mentored younger club members.



Submitted photo

Skye Roberson, a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, poses with Director of **Operations Brandon Kivett after** being named 2019 Junior Youth of the Year at the club's awards dinner Feb. 28 in Sanford. Roberson is a member of the O. T. Sloan Park club

"The Boys & Girls Club has challenged me in several ways," she said. "I look at challenges as a way of preparing me for more difficult times that wait for me in the future. Challenges aren't supposed to be easy or else they wouldn't be a challenge. Whether it be with school, family, church, friends, or any other activity someone partakes in, I have been motivated by the Boys & Girls Club for 10 years now to step out of my comfort

If Newell wins at the state competition, she will compete for the title of BGCA's Southeast Region Youth of the Year and an additional \$10,000 college scholarship, renewable for four years up to \$40,000. Five regional winners will advance to Washington, D.C., in September to compete for the title of Boys &



Submitted photo

Jayden Snipes, a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina, poses with Director of Operations Brandon Kivett at the club's awards dinner Feb. 28 in Sanford. Jayden is a member of the Wren Family Center club in Siler City.

Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional scholarship of \$25,000, renewable each year up to \$100,000.

The state competition is being hosted by Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tar River Region in Rocky Mount March 22-23.

In addition to Newell's honor, Skye Roberson was named the club's Junior Youth of the Year in a competition among the clubs' 10- to 13-year-old members. Roberson is a member of the O.T. Sloan Park club.

Other contestants for Junior Youth of the Year were Jordan Cheek, Jamir Wright and MariCarmen Landa, members of the Wren Family Center, and Walter "Buddy" Lovelock, Kiamma Whitfield and Aaron Williams, members



Kaitlyn Newell was named 'Youth of the Year' for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina at the club's awards dinner Feb. 28 in Sanford. She's shown with clubs' CEO Daniel Simmons. Newell is a member of the O. T. Sloan Park club in Sanford.

of the O.T. Sloan Park club.

Joshua Lee, the clubs' board chairman, presided at the awards ceremony, held at the Sanford Contractors Inc. facility in Sanford. Daniel Owens provided the keynote address, while club member Kayli Johnson provided entertainment with a tap dance routine.

News + Record Publisher Bill Horner III, who headed the Youth of the Year judging panel, presented the Youth of the Year awards. Other judges included Dr. Derrick Jordan, Superintendent of Chatham County Schools; Jairo McMican, Dean of Student Learning, Central Carolina Community College; Dr. Carrol Chappell, Executive Director of Instruction for Performance, Lee County Schools; and Byron Buckels, Council Member Ward 4, City of Sanford.

# \$10 million worth of improvements coming to Chatham roads

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

Work on improvements to sections of U.S. 421 and U.S. 64 will cause overnight ramp closures from April of this year to June 2020.

The N.C. Department of Transportation announced March 1 the awarding of a \$10.4 million to Wilson-based contractor S.T. Wooten Corporation for milling, resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction for 63 miles of roadway in Chatham County.

Aaron Moody, public relations officer for DOT, told the News + Record that the improvements are "normal resurfacing needed for roadway maintenance." According to a press release, work on these projects could begin as early as April and are scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2020.

Resurfacing work will require ramp lane closing at the U.S. 64 interchange with Business 64 on the west side of Pittsboro and at the interchange of U.S. 421

and Pittsboro Goldston Road near Goldston. The DOT press release stated that the ramps will be resurfaced at night and closures are not allowed from 6 a.m. to 8

DOT will also make improvements to 27 sections of secondary roads totaling 49.046 miles in Chatham County as part of the project. The sections include 7.186 miles of Russells Chapel Road, 3.206 miles of Tody Goodwin Road and 3.167 miles of Beaver Creek

### CHATHAM SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

# Teens get a head start on their future

BY DAVID BRADLEY News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — As the sun was going down in Siler City on a recent Thursday evening, the future was about to get brighter for a select few young high school students — rising 9th-graders — seeking one of the coveted open slots at the Chatham School of Science and Engineering.

Since its opening three years ago, the school has been providing a two-year course of study at the high school level before its graduates transfer to take college classes at the Pittsboro campus of Central Carolina Community College. Students focus on science and engineering classes, and achieve an associate degree with college transfer ability.

Some 50 interviews were taking place to select 30 students to fill open slots at the school as its first group of students transitions from the School of Science and Engineering to the Central Carolina Community College.

"We've gone from our first year, with a small number of eight kids in the program, to now, with this new class coming in, we'll be over 100 kids, said Bobby Dixon, the school's principal.

A smaller student body allows a smaller student-to-teacher ratio, he said. More care and attention can be devoted to the needs of the individual student in small class size.

Computer science and engineering are part of the curriculum, but there are those with a different

"The focus is on science and engineering, but also we have students who want a jump start on getting into college," said Fae Goodman, who works as college liaison between the high school and CCCC. She said that some of the students may "have an interest in the humanities or social sciences.3

A standard high school in Chatham County offers college prep classes, advanced guage programs, but the School of Innovation the Chatham County Schools' site which hosts the School of Science and Engineering offers classes that will result in an associates degree. That is what makes the program unique, and desirable for students who want to

take a different path. What we offer is actual college," Dixon said. "We offer an actual associates degree, so that when our kids graduate, they will graduate as a college transfer. Which means they'll finish with 60 college credits, transfer credits, which are accepted at any of the North Carolina public universities.

The credits can be transferred to any of North Carolina's public universities because of matriculation agreements. Students who graduate from the program don't have to worry about the next step to a degree.

"Any student that graduates from our program is guaranteed acceptance at one of those universities, depending on which ones they choose, and which ones that they qualify for," Dixon said.

The first step is qualifying for one of the 30 available slots. Interviews are a part of that process, and hopeful students at the interview time had already been working toward acceptance, showing their grades and showcasing other qualifications. Impressing the leaders of the school was the next step, but there isn't a cut-and-dried group of factors to get in. The school isn't looking only for straight-A students.

We're not necessarily looking for academically gifted students, Dixon said. "We're looking for students who have the determination and the will and drive to work hard. Because it is a difficult task to take high school at the same time as you are taking a college course. Many of the college courses satisfy high school credits, so instead of taking a high school history class, you would take a college history class that would satisfy as school credit, but also earn you college credit. So it takes a student who wants to do their best and they want to

put forth the effort." The transition to

becoming a college student before the age of 18 is not an easy one, but Goodman serves as a guide for the students. It's more than being a coach, she said. She teaches them how to be a college student, and she functions as a guide to her students in the ways of college life.

'I come over here to teach them how to take a college course,' Goodman said. "Before they have to take one that's high stakes. I'm a resident on the Pittsboro campus. I am the advisor, counselor, coach, and chief harasser of our students over there. So when they come over for their junior year, I'm the person they see all the time who's kind of keeping an eye on them, to shepherding them through the process. We watch them like a hawk."

Goodman said that one of the most important things to remember is that the students are still young people who need support.

"But we find when we give them room to grow into the role of being a college student," she said, "they do very well with that. We follow them very closely."

Deciding on a field of study is part of that process of personal growth, and part of Goodman's job is to show students the tools available to make those important decisions.

"We try to give as many tools to work through that process on their own of thinking on their own and also some structured work in one of their preparatory classes to get them ready for that," Goodman said.

When the students apply themselves, follow the programs and put forth the effort, the results will

show. "You know you have a high-flying student who does very well in high school, but can then translate that into a college course and prove that, 'Hey, I'm a high school student, but, I can still hang with the college kids," said Dixon. "I can take this course, and I can do well with the rigor, and perform and excel."

As the students adapt to their new environment, the students get suggestions about how to be in the new environment, and to change from previous behavior

patterns. "They'll know you are a high school student if you act like one," Goodman said. "It's super fun watching the students learn how to be adults in

a practical way. Current students at the school were the ambassadors for the night's interview event, and they had positive words to say about the school and their

'I liked the idea of getting a jump start on my college and also really liked the fact that there was a smaller environment," said Kayleigh Smith, 15. "I think it helped me to grow as much as possible when I can have a one on one



Students and their parents wait for for their turn to be interviewed for slots in the Chatham School of Science and Engineering. Principal Bobby Dixon, in blue, shares information about the school with the Teagues, who want to send their daughter, Michelle, to the school.

situation with everyone." Smith is focusing on law as a potential future.

'Right now I want to go into law, and become an attorney," Smith said. "I'm already part of the teen court program, and that's something I really want to do."

"There's always going be a path for students who are motivated, to go a little faster," said Goodman. "Our Chatham County students are getting their feet on a path already well trodden.

Michelle Teague, from Bennett, was applying for one of the 30 openings. Her mother, Christina Teague, was nervous about the process, because no one has been selected from Bennett before.

Michelle is interested in studying things in her comfort zone, such as reading, and wants to improve her math skills. Her preferred field of study is genetic scienc-

When asked about her future, Michelle said, "I think it might be a little bit brighter for me, considering that I'll have a little bit of help with what I'm gonna do."

Emma Dickerson, 15, is another student and ambassador for the program at the school. While talking about her experience at the school of science and engineering, she shared her belief that the school offers classes that her other high school didn't.

"It's a lot better than what I would have gone to," Dickerson said. "I like the smaller environment and the different opportunities here. Here I know everybody; it feels like a family.

Dickerson said that the classes that she can take at the school are also an improvement over the standard high school curriculum, with computer sciences offered, as well as health and college

Evy and Mark Taylor's daughter, Lily, is applying for the school. She enjoys dancing, but her parents know that there aren't as many extracurricular activities in the curriculum as there would be at a standard high school.



Staff Photo by David Bradley

Jenny Van Gils, Veronica Blell, and Edward Blell (left to right) hear from Fae Goodman (center, in red) about her position as liason for the students.



Staff Photo by David Bradley

Mark and Evy Taylor talk to ambassador Kayleigh Smith (right) about the school. Their daughter, Lily, is applying to be a part of the program.

"She's so serious in math and academics that I think it will be enough for her," Evy Taylor said. "We think she'll be happy.

One of the changes in education in the past several years has been the push toward having more women receiving training in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The school is completely on board with the concept.

"We provide opportunities for boys and girls," Dixon said. "Over the past three years we've had an increase in enrollment in young ladies, which is fantastic. We have connected some of our young ladies with North Carolina School of Science and Math, and they take some online classes. We have one of our young ladies who

was awarded the Rising Star Women in Technology award.

Students being admitted into the Chatham School of Science and Engineering will be notified this week.

In its three short years of existence, its students have done well, Dixon said, praising two who were invited to be a part of Phi Beta Kappa, the national academic honor

The program is free. "It costs parents nothing," said Dixon. "So if you have a high school student who could graduate with 60 credit hours of college and most college degree programs require over 120 hours or more, and you've just saved your parents two years of tuition. Which is a fantastic opportuni-

## **County Mulch Sale**

Solid Waste & Recycling Division 28 County Services Road (6 miles west of Pittsboro)

### **SATURDAY MORNINGS**

7:30 am to 12:00 noon \$5.00 per scoop ( $\sim$ 1 cubic yard)

We load. You haul. Don't forget a tarp!

Sales continue every Saturday, except for April 20, while supplies last.

(Estimated to continue through the middle of May.)



For more information: (919) 542-5516 www.chathamnc.org/recycle

### REE PRESCHOO Quality Preschool Openings Available Chatham County NC Pre-K has openings for eligible 4 year old children in its high quality classrooms for FALL 2019. Pre-K openings are available at Bennett School, Chatham Child Development Center, Children First Learning Center, Moncure School, North Chatham School, Pasitos Felices, Perry Harrison School, Robyn's Nest Creative Learning Center, Siler City Elementary School, Pittsboro Elementary, Telamon Head Start, and Virginia Cross Elementary School. The program is FREE for children who qualify. To be eligible for NC Pre-K, a child must turn 4 years old on or before August 31, 2019 and meet other qualifications. Applications are available at www.chathamkids.org/NCPK or at each school site. Call Sheen at 919-542-7449 ext. 131 for more information. NC Pre-K is administered by Chatham County Partnership for Children County Partnership for Children

# Mountaire chicken plant up and running

**BY CASEY MANN** News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The new Mountaire chicken processing plant is up and running, processing approximately 80,000 chickens a day.

Mountaire, a Delaware based poultry processing company, constructed the \$170 million, 255,000-squarefoot facility in downtown Siler City.

"We are still making progress," Mountaire Community Relations Manager Mark Reif said. "We are still at the soft start mode.

Reif said that when the plant first opened in January, it was processing 40.000 chickens a

day. The company has continued to "tweak certain things that need tweaking" during this soft start period, he said.

The company's pre-treatment facility, which treats wastewater from the poultry process, is also up and running, utilizing approximately one-fourth of its allowed allocation, according to

The Mountaire plant is currently employing bewteen 500 to 600 full-time employees but is continuing to hire, expecting to add a few hundred more employees.

The plant is only hiring for first shift at this time with the goal of hiring a total of 1,100

employees for that shift. Reif notes that the company is looking to add a second shift at some point but does not have a expected date for that expansion.

We'll make that decision when it feels right," Reif said.

Once the second shift is added, the company expects to employ a total 1,700 people.

The company's health and wellness center is also up and running. The center is available to treat any employee or family member that is a member of the Mountaire health

Reif anticipates the plant will be in full production with its first shift in June.