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Business is growing at Pittsboro's 'Plant'

Lyle Estill is the owner of The Plant at Lorax Lane in Pittsboro and Fair Game Beverage, which is located there. Estill has worked with other business owners to create an eco-industrial park at The Plant, housing a dozen diverse businesses and a community of like-minded folks. There, you'll find hemp products, mead, a cidery and more. Read more about The Plant in a photo essay on pages A6-A7.



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Out-of-county stations help Chatham fight fire

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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Did you know that Chatham County is so big that its 19 fire stations don't cover the entire area?

Chatham County currently contracts with two nonprofit fire departments and one municipality, in accordance with state law, to help cover areas that are too far away from current fire stations. County officials say the agreements help lower response times and homeowner insurance premiums in those areas.

Northview Fire Department in Sanford, Staley Fire Department in Staley and the City of Durham provide first responder and fire protection services and have for a long time, according to county Fire Marshal Thomas Bender.

"It's so important because it

makes response a lot quicker," Bender said. "They can get there a lot faster than any of our other stations can get there. That's of utmost importance."

Northview FD, located at 104 Perkinson Road in Sanford off of U.S. Highway 1 in Lee County, covers the far southern part of the county. Staley FD at 410 W. Railroad St. in Staley, Randolph County handles calls in the northwestern corner, and City of Durham firefighters in the Parkwood Fire District respond to calls in the far northeastern part of Chatham County.

Under state statute 69-25.5, counties may contract with "any incorporated city or town, with any incorporated nonprofit volunteer or community fire department, or

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Driving trucks with values

Family-owned Wilson Brothers taking new spin on trucking

BY ZACHARY HORNER
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BEAR CREEK — Jeff Wilson was more or less destined to end up working for Wilson Brothers.

The company, originally called W.A. Wilson Poultry, was started by his grandfather Walter Wilson in Moore County in 1940, who made a living hauling live poultry. The company moved to Bonlee in 1950, then to its current space in Bear Creek in 1956. When Wilson's grandfather died in 1970, his father Jerry and uncle Jimmie took over.

Jeff Wilson worked for 25 years at a different company in Siler City, but joined Wilson Brothers in 2010 to work with his parents. The company had shifted into feed manufacturing to accompany its trucking work, but when he came on board, it was trucking only.

The company faced a difficult time in 2018 when Wilson's father and cousin Michael died after a car accident during a snowstorm.

"He loved working," Jeff said about his father. "He was doing what he loved to do. It was a hard time. The suddenness was the hardest part. We lost two great men and a huge void was left in our family. They each



Staff photo by David Bradley

Wilson Brothers President Jeff Wilson sits in the cab of one of his company's newest trucks. Wilson said he spends some time out on the road himself, but can be found most of the time at the company's facility in Bear Creek.

had strong faith, and certainly that gives us some comfort to know that he's in a better place."

Wilson, who was elected

chairman of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation on Tuesday, stressed that most of his team came with him to Wilson Brothers and

that his team's priorities are faith and eternity, family and then work, in that order.

Now the third generation leading the company, Wilson

spoke to the News + Record about Wilson Brothers, the state of trucking in 2019 and

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BRENT PATTERSON, NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2006

War experience bolsters student's research work in bulletproof materials

BY RANDALL RIGSBEE
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"I thought I was dead," said U.S. Army veteran Sgt. Brent Patterson, recalling the confusion in the unsettled moments following an explosion in Afghanistan that left him and his buddies momentarily stunned amid smoke, dust and rubble.

"The building we were in fell on top of us," the former infantryman recalled. "Everything was quiet and black. When you get hit that hard, it takes a minute for everything to come back."

Surrounded by injured squad

members — one sustained a broken neck in the explosive IED assault — Patterson, though injured himself, began scrambling to help, providing first aid to his fellow wounded.

While Patterson said the July 2011 incident is "burned in his brain," it wasn't the first, or last time, the young soldier would come under fire during his final deployment in Afghanistan's mountainous Charkh district.

While there, Patterson survived three separate attacks by Taliban forces — all within the same small village, and, though separated by months, all within

a small radius — sustaining shrapnel injuries in all three of the violent encounters.

Patterson's heroism while wounded and facing intense enemy fire would later be recognized with the awarding of three Purple Hearts.

But his wartime experience also influenced his life in ways he couldn't have foreseen at the time, particularly in the work he has undertaken more recently in a college laboratory in Maryland.

As a student majoring in materials engineering at Frost-

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Submitted photo

Frostburg State University senior engineering major Brent Patterson processes nanocellulose suspended in liquid as part of the process of studying ways to create a very strong, plant-based product with the goal of creating new bullet-resistant materials.

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Orchid Gallery: making the elusive flowers bloom. **PAGE B5**

Young artist prepares for showing at Siler's Peppercorn. **PAGE B12**



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ON THE AGENDA

• **The Chatham County Board of Commissioners** is meeting at 6 p.m. on March 18 for its regular and work sessions. The meeting will be held at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse located at 9 Hillsboro St in Pittsboro. The agenda can be viewed by visiting chathamnc.org.

• **The Town of Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** is meeting at 6 p.m. on March 18 for a Chatham Park Tree Element Work-session. The meeting will be held at the Pittsboro Town Hall located at 635 East Street in Pittsboro.

• **The Siler City Board of Commissioners** is meeting at 7 p.m. on March 18 for its regular sessions. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Courthouse located at 311 N Second Avenue in Siler City.

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.

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

SATURDAY

• **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 vendors.

SUNDAY

• **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

• **The Temple Theatre** presents *Big River: Taste the Sweetest Taste of Freedom*, adventures of Huckleberry Finn, March 14 through 31. Mark Twain's classic tale sweeps down the mighty Mississippi as the irrepressible Huck Finn helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom at the mouth of the Ohio River. Their adventures along the way are hilarious, suspenseful and heartwarming. Propelled by an award-winning score from Roger Miller, the king of country music, this jaunty journey provides a brilliantly theatrical celebration of pure Americana.

For tickets: TempleShows.com or e-mail boxoffice@templeshows.com, or phone 919-774-4155, Monday - Friday, 2 to 6 p.m. Adults \$27, Kids/Students, \$15.

• **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.

• **The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Payers** will meet at 7 p.m. on March 21 at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments welcome. For more information, contact Shirley Ray at 919-929-5359 or ShirleyRay@aol.com.

• 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 the public.

• **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.

• **McIntyre's Bookstore Book Signing** - The Power of Divine Timing book signing with author, Joy Yascone Elms, at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at 220 Market Street, Pittsboro. Meet, greet and learn to count your blessings instead of challenges! Meet Astrologist and author, Joy Yascone Elms. A book signing and getting to know your Astrological sign and more! Meet Joy, celebrate life, count your blessing and buy the book - "The Power of Divine Timing. Joy was born and raised in Louisville, KY and now calls Pittsboro, her home away from home!

• **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.

• **Friends of The Lower Haw** is offering a free evening presentation of Native American Cultural History from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on March 28 by UNC students Ryan Dial-Stanley, Blake Hite, Jamison Lowry and Tanager Jacobs from the UNC American Indian Center <https://americanindiancenter.unc.edu/>. The program will cover an overview of the eight tribes of North Carolina from the 1600's to the present, including participation in the American Indian Movement. We'll have handouts with a recommended

reading list and children's activities, and displays of maps, flute, and other art objects. Chatham County resident Crist Holden will also be on hand with his collection of Native American artifacts rescued from the Jordan Lake area. The presentation will be held in the Bynum General Store/ Bynum Front Porch Music building in Bynum, <http://www.bynumfrontporch.org/>. The address is 950 Bynum Road, Pittsboro.

• **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. 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

• **Boy Scout Troop 93** in Pittsboro meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64 W, just past CCCC. Open to boys age 11-17. Visit www.bstroop93.org for more information.

• **Scout Pack 924** of Siler City First United Methodist Church meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for boys, grades 1 through 5. Come join the Cub Scouts.

• **Scout Pack 900** in Bear Creek meets Tuesdays nights at 7 p.m. at Meroney's United Methodist Church following the school calendar. See <http://pack900.com> for more information.

• Give children a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a **Foster and/or Adoptive parent**. Call 642-6956 to learn more.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous**, North Carolina District 33, call the Help Line at 866-640-0180 for the meeting schedule for this area.

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

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

• **Pittsboro Serenity Seekers Ai-Anon Family Group** meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, at Chatham Community Church, in the lower level of Chatham Mill, Pittsboro.

• **Caregiver Support Group** meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Pittsboro Senior Center. For more information, contact Susan Hardy at 919-542-4512.

• **Volunteers Needed** - Non-profit 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 Council 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.

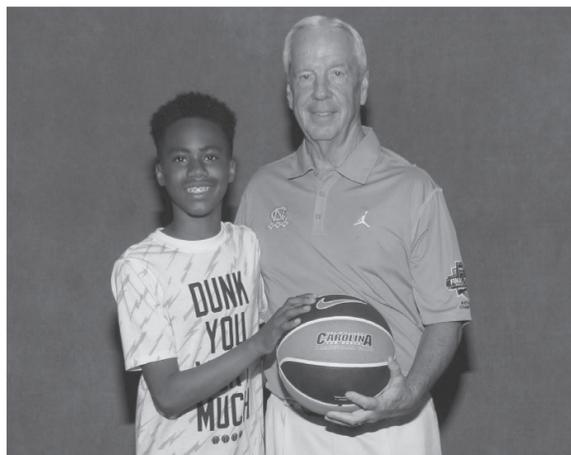
TOUCHSTONE ENERGY SPORTS CAMP

Central Electric awards two Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships annually to local students in Chatham, Harnett, Lee, Moore, or Randolph counties. A young man will be selected to attend the Roy Williams Basketball Camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a young woman will be selected to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at N.C. State University in Raleigh.

To be eligible to apply, the student must be in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the upcoming school year, have permission from a parent or guardian to attend the overnight camp and must provide their own transportation if selected to attend.

The deadline for all applications is March 31.

Visit CEMCPower.com to apply, or to find out more information on the scholarships.



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Free well testing available for Chatham residents

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Chatham County residents had their well water tested for free earlier this month thanks to a partnership between UNC-Chapel Hill and Virginia Tech.

The partnership is studying contaminants that can make their way into ground water through industry, storm runoff, and by naturally occurring means.

"Everybody should get their well tested," said Andrew George, Community Engagement Coordinator for UNC-Chapel Hill's Environment, Ecology, and Energy Program, "especially if it's been flooded."

Testing kits were picked up Tuesday from the two locations and returned on Wednesday from the Wesley Samuel Annex, next to Liberty Chapel Church at 1915 Old US 1 Hwy in Moncure and at Central Carolina Community College in Conference Room 2 in

Building 42 at 764 West Street in Pittsboro.

Any private wells, used for indoor or outdoor purposes, were eligible for testing.

The results of the testing will be mailed to participating residents after four to six weeks. George will then hold a community meeting — date and location to be determined — to summarize what the study reveals.

George estimates that up to 60 percent of wells in Chatham County have not been tested, noting some residents are fearful because their wells are old and residents may be afraid to hear the results or what might happen to their wells as a result of the testing.

That's why George has secured a "certificate of confidentiality" for the study, which George notes was a challenge.

"People were fearful of their results going public," George said. "That's why I have the certificate. Even in a court of law, I can't share your results

unless you want me to."

George, who holds a PhD, has been conducting the study of wells across the state to measure the amounts of a variety of elements, including Hexavalent Chromium-6 sometimes simply called Chromium-6, a carcinogenic that George says has been "popping up" all across the state.

George has collected samples across the state, mostly around coal ash sites. This includes testing 80 wells in New Hanover near the Duke Energy Sutton plant, 40 wells in Stokes and 20 in Wayne. In one day last week, he collected 775 in Iredell County, mostly from residents who live near Lake Norman, which was found to contain the radioactive substance radium last year.

In Chatham County, George has been working with a group of Moncure residents, the Chatham Citizens against Coal Ash Dumping, to organize distribution and collection

of well samples for their neighbors. However, anyone in Chatham County with a private well could also take advantage of the program.

The kits contained three bottles with simple instructions for residents to collect samples. The water was collected first thing in the morning, prior to using it.

The first bottle was filled with water right out of a faucet or spigot and collected before even a toilet is flushed. George explained that this first sample is to check the condition of the pipes that lead from the well to the home.

"We want to see if they are old pipes or if there is anything that can be leaching from the plumbing," George said. "That's where a lot of contamination comes from."

George noted that the first bottle will let the researchers and homeowners know if there is lead or copper in their water. He also noted that most state agencies don't test

the first draw as they are often testing the groundwater, not necessarily the water in the home.

The second and third bottles were filled after the water flushes for about five minutes. These bottles test the well water itself. The second bottle tests for metals that may be in the ground that can affect the water including manganese and arsenic which are naturally occurring and can be problematic for individual's health.

The third bottle allows for testing of Hexavalent Chromium-6. The bottle contains a liquid compound to ensure that the Chromium-6 doesn't convert to something else, binding to the compound.

George notes that Chromium-6 is not something that is typically tested during normal well tests. The ability to test for the compound is the reason George chose to partner with Virginia Tech as they are able to identify it. George's counterpart at Virginia

Tech, Mark Edwards, was the first to discover lead in the water in Flint, MI.

"We've found it in 25 percent of all the wells checked previously," George said.

Chromium-6 doesn't have a federal standard or limit assigned to it. It is a common metal associated with coal ash, but with no federal standard, there is no level to measure somebody's water quality.

The state, following the coal ash spill at the Dan River, passed its own standard in 2014 based on readily available science at the time. The state determined the risk was based on a one in a million standard or .07 parts per billion.

"It's basically like a drop in a giant Olympic sized swimming pool," George said. "That's all it take to affect a person's health. And that's according to the state's department of environmental quality and department of health and human services."

PATTERSON: 'Still a ways out' from performing bulletproof material

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burg University, Patterson has been working on developing new, organic bullet resistant materials.

It's something Patterson, a Pennsylvania native who later moved with his parents to Chatham County, likely would not have envisioned for himself while a student at Northwood High School, where he graduated in 2006.

"It was good," Patterson said of his high school years, but admits in the next breath that, during his teens, he wasn't the most academically-motivated student, failing Algebra II and demonstrating little interest in science classes.

"I didn't take high school very seriously," he said. "I literally met the basic, minimum standards of Northwood. But I did graduate."

His relatively uninspired high school performance may have been because he already had plans for life after graduation: to work alongside his father in mechanics.

And Patterson did just that after graduating, working for his father's business, performing me-

chanical work on tractor trailers. He did that for a while before his father encouraged him to join the military. "He wanted me to be completely happy," Patterson said.

It was a path he'd already considered. A middle-schooler when the 9/11 terror attacks occurred in 2001, Patterson wanted to help.

"I wanted to go fight," he said. "And I got my wish."

He researched the various branches of the military, choosing the Army and, following four months of Army training, spent the next five years in military service, 27 months of that time overseas.

He found himself at loose ends once more when his military service ended.

"Basically, I didn't know what to do," he said. "I wasn't the person I wanted to be."

The young veteran ultimately made a decision to use his military benefits to advance his education. He enrolled at Frostburg University, but still had some more soul-searching to do to find the right major.

Dreaming of opening his own gun shop, he first majored in business management. But that

wasn't the right fit. He briefly considered architecture as a prospective field, but that didn't stick either.

He eventually honed in on engineering, the "only career choice I could see myself being happy with."

"I completely committed to it," he said, "always doing homework and studying. I grew up."

His military career — particularly the harrowing combat he'd experienced in Afghanistan — would prove to be instrumental in his schooling, guiding him towards, and informing, the work he's currently doing at Frostburg to create a better, organic bulletproof material.

Under fire overseas, Patterson had experienced the shortcomings of available bulletproof materials, including Kevlar, the strong synthetic fiber developed at Dupont in 1965 and used commercially in various applications since the early 70s, particularly body armor.

"Kevlar is a bunch of super-strong fiber woven together," Patterson said. But when wet, he noted, bullets are able to penetrate "through the cracks."

For his college cap-



Submitted photo

U.S. Army veteran Sgt. Brent Patterson, center, was presented with a Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters at a December student veteran recognition ceremony. He is flanked by Julianna Albowicz, left, representative for U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen, and Robin Summerfield, representative for U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin.

stone project, conducting independent research to address a problem of his choosing, the Army veteran said he "wanted to do something bulletproof related."

The result is his student research project, "Organic Bullet Resistance: Pushing the Capabilities of Nanocellulose," which he and his team members undertook to work toward creating a sustainable, next-generation bullet-resistant material

using nanocellulose, an ultra-fine, nano-structured form of cellulose first identified in the early 1980s and only commercially available since 2010.

Patterson knew, in theory, that nanocellulose could be used to develop material stronger than steel or Kevlar, but no one had yet demonstrated that.

Last fall, he presented his project at the Materials Science & Technology Conference

in Ohio, where his presentation drew much attention.

But Patterson, who will graduate in May, said work still remains to meet his goal.

"We're still a ways out," he said. "The bullets are still penetrating."

But he and his research team, comprised of three other students, have made advances. And it's work Patterson said he hopes to continue to pursue after college. He envisions many useful applications for a successful nanocellulose product, perhaps even bulletproof shields that could be used in students' backpacks for protection in the event of school shootings.

Patterson said his experiences as a soldier were rough, and he's witnessed the devastating effects of such trauma on other soldiers. Some commit suicide, or engage in risky behavior as a coping mechanism.

"A lot of people struggle with it," Patterson said. "For whatever reason, I've been able to overcome it and learn from it. I would do it all over again. I really appreciate all my terrible experiences because it's made me a better person."

FIRE: Homeowner insurance benefits

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with the Department of Agriculture and Consum-

er Services to furnish fire protection." On its website, the county lists fire departments from

Pittsboro, Goldston, Bonlee, Bennett, Silk Hope and Siler City, as well as the North Chatham Fire

Department, as part of its group, but benefits from its partnerships with these out-of-county

groups as well. The fire tax from those areas — 15 cents per \$100 of property valuation

each year — are dedicated to special funds, from which 99 percent goes to the individual fire departments.

The citizens also benefit on their insurance premiums, according to Bender and Interim County Manager Dan LaMontagne. If a home is within six miles of a fire station, it reduces the cost of home insurance.

"People get a better fire rating if they're closer to the fire station," LaMontagne says. "It makes sense for us to contract with those."

He added that these types of contracts are not uncommon for rural areas like the outer parts of Chatham County.

Bender said those three stations can also provide assistance on calls nearby, even if the situations are primarily being handled by county-based departments. Chatham stations provide the same services for Staley and Northview's departments — it's a "win-win situation," Bender said.

But most importantly, he said, Chatham County citizens receive the benefit of committed firefighters who aren't restrained by county lines.

"District lines really don't mean a whole lot to them because they're going to be there when they're needed," Bender said. "The real heroes in any of this are the men and women that man those stations. They don't want to be called heroes, but that's what they are."

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Sunshine Week time to celebrate openness, knowledge

It's Sunshine Week across North Carolina and the nation. And no, that doesn't signify an end to winter and the rains that have hammered our region since the fall — although we can always hope — but rather, it's a week to focus on educating the public about the importance of open, transparent government and the problems inherent when government cloaks itself in excessive, unnecessary secrecy.

Government functions best when it operates without secrets. That's no secret, obviously. But without champions of freedom of information (including a free press and others who ask lots of questions) and elected officials working within government to make transparency a real thing, it's difficult to make happen.

It certainly doesn't happen by osmosis.

Fortunately, North Carolina is known as a "sunshine" state, a place where state law more often than not protects the public's right to know. Our open meetings and public records laws are pretty strong. The public and the press both have a history of working collaboratively with key First Amendment and open government allies in local and state government to protect the right we all have to know — to know what government is doing, to know how tax dollars are spent, to have access to documents and meetings and to ask (and get answers to) questions about government function, deliberation and decisions.

We should all hope it stays

that way.

It can, but only if we all care about it. For most people, Sunshine Week comes and goes with little fanfare. What's worse is that we live in an increasingly polarized culture, where battle lines are drawn on social media, where a president declares a free press "the enemy of the people," where lies and falsehoods are proffered up by elected officials of all stripes (and shared and re-tweeted blindly) and then swallowed whole by a gullible citizenry.

Think about it: that's no way to build community and improve a society.

The point is, we shouldn't take openness and transparency for granted. Nor should we trust without verification

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every claim made by anyone in government. Thanks to the general public's increased use of and reliance upon social media for news and information, and a declining interest in real government function, it's never been easier to pull the wool over the public's collective eye.

Those of us in the newspaper business like to draw our readers' attention to Sunshine Week and open government issues, particularly around the time of National Freedom

of Information Day (May 16), which coincides with James Madison's birthday. Madison, a founding father, was the co-author of The Federalist Papers and is known as the "Father of the Constitution," and he'd certainly cringe at some of the ideas being bandied about by politicians these days.

But he'd also remind us that the people, not the government, possess "absolute sovereignty." An important reminder, this week and every week.

Revisiting a welcome treasure off the beaten path

On a late afternoon ride home after visiting family in Durham a few of weeks ago, we decided to delay the homecoming for a side trip.



RANDALL RIGSBEE
Randall Reflects

Taking our time, we turned left off of US 15-501 before crossing the Haw River to enjoy a slow drive through Bynum. It had been a while since I'd taken that ride, normally focused on destinations further south. But I wanted to see an old acquaintance there, one I'd first encountered in the mid-90s when I was new to working in Chatham County.

Chatham County still new to me, Bynum was an uncharted wonder.

The old mill village wasn't far from my professional headquarters, the office of The Chatham Record in Pittsboro, so it was quick and easy to drive to, and located there was a nifty, old-school general store still in operation at the time.

In the summer of 1996, Bynum was the perfect place to escape the office for a few minutes once in a while. And I've always been a sucker for rivers, so Bynum, with the Haw River running through it, became my go-to quiet place to escape.

Back then, you could still drive across the one-lane bridge just to the west of the now four-lane 15-501 bridge (two lanes at that time, with the four-laning of 15-501 still a few years down the road) that crosses the Haw

River.

A few years later, the old Bynum Bridge — built by the North Carolina State Highway Commission in 1922, according to the 97-year-old plaque still affixed to the bridge's south side — was closed to traffic but, fortunately, kept open for foot traffic.

So after motoring through Bynum recently and enjoying the Where's the Waldo-like experience of spying native son folk artist Clyde Jones' unmistakable "critters" here, there and everywhere, we parked at the north side of the bridge for a stroll.

I hadn't set foot on that bridge in, like I said, years and the experience was like revisiting an old friend.

With sunlight fading, from any number of angles the scenery could have been a painting

and, as we do with cell phones these days, I took a few photographs of the beautiful sights to preserve the moment.

The pedestrian bridge was adorned with more graffiti than I'd remembered, but even graffiti holds a certain appeal in the right environment, and the old bridge seems an appropriate place for it, the work of people who love the bridge and wish to make it more artful, not deface it.

Nearby the bridge was something else that caught my eye: dangling from a power line, was a mysterious pair of shoes, laces tied, thrown and dangling from the power line.

You see this phenomenon — shoe laces tied and shoes dangling from a power line — from time to time. What statements they make, what purposes they serve, what

reason they were thrown away to begin with, I'm not sure. But in the context of Bynum's surrounding beauty and its venerable bridge, still bearing traffic — if only of the foot variety now — after all these years, the dangling shoes seemed to say, if I let my imagination take me there, "Welcome," or maybe "Safe travels."

Or maybe I was thinking such thoughts simply because it was a perfect ending to a perfect day, and I was feeling perfectly positive.

At any rate, it was a perfect decision to turn off the main highway, take a detour to an old, valued place, and revisit the 97-year-old bridge, which is just one of the things that make this somewhat tucked-away part of Chatham County such a treasure.

Mama not only female teaching life's lessons

As I've had more birthdays, I've come to realize just how much my folks actually knew and just how much I miss them. See, years ago when I wore a younger man's clothes and my parents were still around, I was — like Mark Twain said about his father — convinced they were both pretty ignorant about most everything and probably



BOB WACHS
Movin' Around

needed help coming in out of the rain.

The interesting thing I've discovered since they've been gone is, as Twain also said about his father, how much the old man had learned by the time the son was 21.

In some ways, I was an only child. I have two older brothers I love very much, although it might be hard to prove that since we don't see each other all that much. There's probably enough blame for all that since the roads run both ways but as much as anything, I think chief among the reasons are our

other parents — Mother Nature and Father Time. By the time I came along, both brothers were in school and doing all that comes with that so I had Mama pretty much to myself during the day.

We did all kinds of things then like sharing Pepsis and dividing the candy bar I'd get from Sam White's store just up the road from our driveway. She fed me throughout my childhood — really well — and took care of me when I'd get sick and let me sleep in her big ol' bed when that happened and listen to Bill Jackson on WPTF on her bedside radio and give me homemade tomato soup and toasted cheese sandwiches to get me well.

She taught me things — things like "yes, ma'am" and "yes, sir" no matter if you were black or white or had 14 green heads. If you were older, we were to show respect. I learned "please" and "thank you" and "may I..." I learned to open doors — buildings and otherwise — for folks. I learned not to stare at someone who might have a physical blemish but instead to treat them as any other individual. Now before you think all this is a love

letter to me from me, let me hasten to add that I didn't always do those things and even today I find myself sometimes stumbling but the lessons were there.

I say all that to point out that there are life lessons all around all the time and our instructors can take many forms. They may be our mama; they could be a friend; they could be our grandma or grandpa; I hope as I've moved into that last role that somewhere along the line I'm sharing a thing or two that's true and helpful.

But the other day I observed a life lesson about human nature from an unusual teacher: my dog. At our house, the room I call my "study" serves a number of purposes. I do go into it to read and pray and meditate about Sunday morning sermons and such. I also go there to read, or at least look at, the collection of books I have about baseball and the War Between the States. There's also a big stack or two of unread newspapers, some travel cases of cassettes and untold amounts of memorabilia. And occasionally, I may take a nap there.

It's also where I go to pound out this column and anything

else that may see the light of print. From where I sit, I can look out two windows since I'm in a corner. One side is the front yard but the other looks out on the pasture between our place and our son and daughter-in-law's homestead. There's a gate a few feet from that window and the dog comes and goes at will between the two places by crawling through a low place under the gate that she and her predecessors have walled out by such activity.

The other day, as I lounged in my desk chair seeking inspiration for either a sermon or a column, I heard the dog laying a really good barking on someone or something. Looking out the window, I saw she and a cow were nose to nose on opposite sides of the fence, thankfully. That happens often, although we've had the dog for some time and she's seen the cows many times before and, by breed, she's a "cow dog" — a shepherd — and ought not to be upset when she spies Bossy. But sometimes she's not the brightest bulb in the box.

Anyway, after several minutes of barking, the dog

lay down in front of her fence passage but was reluctant to try to get through because the cow was still there and because the hole was full of water from our recent rains. That seemed to upset her but the cow didn't seem to object to anything. I watched all that and wondered if we humans didn't sometimes (often?) act like that. We bark and make a fuss at something that doesn't go our way and then just lie down and quit while the "problem" still faces us. That continued for about 15 minutes until finally the dog said, "Hey. What the heck?" and slid through her hole and made her way to her objective. I watched her trot across the pasture and up the hill. She got to the other side, slid through another gate and went on her way. As I observed all that, I noticed that the dog had gotten dirty as she went through the water hole but she got what she wanted.

And there you go. How many times are we afraid to try something, afraid that our problem stands in our way, or afraid we may get dirty in the process?

In the absence of Mama, I'm starting to pay more attention to the dog and what she does.



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Don't let the Democratic Party leave me

"I didn't leave the Democratic Party, it left me."
This declaration is not new.



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

I heard it over and over again back in the early 1980s when old-line conservative Democrats, still smarting from Lyndon Johnson's civil rights legislation, were looking for a different pathway. And they were finding one. It was blazed by Ronald Reagan and Jesse Helms. More recently, we heard it from formerly loyal working-class Democrats who felt their party had lost interest in their concerns. They found Donald Trump's pathway more to their liking.

As the late state legislator Martin Nesbitt, an unapologetic mountain populist, warned me, when you lose these votes

once, you will have a hard time getting them back.

Today, Democrats are flirting with losing another important part of their coalition. Worried Democratic leaders see that some of the over-the-top campaign promises of prospective Democratic presidential candidates could drive away a slew of moderate progressive voters who support our competitive economic system.

Bernie Sanders, Vermont senator and current leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, self-identifies as a democratic socialist. Trump, of course, brands all the current candidates as socialists.

Sanders does not run away from Trump's branding. He takes credit for his ideas being in the platforms of many other Democratic candidates.

In their March 10 article in *The New York Times*, Jonathan Martin and Sydney Ember quot-

ed Sanders, "Those ideas that we talked about here in Iowa four years ago that seemed so radical at the time, remember that? Shock of all shocks, those very same ideas are now supported not only by Democratic candidates for president but by Democratic candidates all across the board, from school board on up."

Other candidates are adopting or copying Sanders's platform of Medicare for all and free college tuition, certainly important ideals but budget-bursting in implementation. Last week, Senator Elizabeth Warren proposed breaking up Amazon, Google, Apple and Facebook.

Warren and Sanders seem like moderates in comparison to the outspoken super-progressives like newly elected Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, known as "AOC."

In 2017, after the Democrats' impressive showing in the Virginia

elections, Republican columnist Peggy Noonan cautioned, "The threat for Democrats is that they'll overplay their hand — that heady with their first big win since Barack Obama's re-election, they'll go crazy-left. If they are clever they will see their strong space as anti-Trump, socially moderate and economically liberal. Will they be clever? Hunger encourages discipline, and they are hungry. But emboldened progressives will want to seize the day."

Noonan was right and is still right. Today, Democratic presidential candidates and many youthful activists are seizing the day.

Many young Democrats have no patience for or understanding of the hard-fought gains their parents worked so hard to win. "We have had enough of the centrist, corporatist Democratic — the type of Democrat that my mom would have voted for back in the 90s. We

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just don't have patience for the platitudes," one young Sanders volunteer told Martin and Ember.

But the new Democratic majority in the House of Representatives is due to victories in center-leaning, competitive districts, like the North Carolina Ninth Congressional District where hard-charging, but moderate, candidate Dan McCready nearly won on election day.

If McCready hopes to win the special election in the Ninth later this year, he must distance himself from any connection to socialism.

And if his Democratic Party wants to help him

win, it will not allow itself to be branded with Sanders's socialist tag.

Looking forward to the 2020 presidential election, the Democrats' greatest asset is widespread disapproval of President Trump.

But, if put to the choice, some traditional Democrats and even Trump haters would still vote for Trump rather than a candidate they view as a socialist.

D.G. Martin hosts "North Carolina Bookwatch," 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 times.

Conservatives should favor redistricting reform

RALEIGH — In the twilight of his political career, Ronald Reagan made the media rounds to discuss his administration, legacy, and unfinished business. During several of these interviews, Reagan went out of his way to criticize the longtime practice of gerrymandering electoral districts for partisan advantage.



JOHN HOOD
John Locke Foundation

"I think this is a great conflict of interest," Reagan told ABC news host (and North Carolina native) David Brinkley in 1988, "to ask men holding office, elected from districts, to change the lines of that district to fit the new population." Speaking to *Firing Line* host William F. Buckley a couple of years later, Reagan argued strongly that the redistricting process should be reformed. Describing the convoluted congressional districts in the Los Angeles area as resembling a "nest of snakes," Reagan complained that legislative majorities in California and most other states had "funneled" as many voters of the opposing party into "a few districts as possible" to subvert the will of the voters.

Bill Buckley, by the way, was also critical of partisan gerrymandering during his long career as a conservative columnist and commentator

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— ridiculing it a "Mickey Mouse" approach to governance, among other things.

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Reagan considered gerrymandering to be one of the major impediments to enacting his agenda in Washington. In his day, most legislatures were controlled by Democrats. Most victims of egregious gerrymandering were Republicans. That was certainly the case in North Carolina, where gerrymandering has a long, disreputable, and mostly Democratic history.

It's an overstatement to say that past districts drawn by Democrats weren't as slanted as today's maps because Democrats lacked modern technology. The most contorted legislative maps I've ever seen — districts that would have locked Republicans out of power in Raleigh regardless of the preference of the voters — were drawn by Democratic lawmakers after the 2000 elections and census. Only successful

litigation by the GOP kept this attempted Democratic gerrymander from sticking.

Most active North Carolina Republicans supported this litigation, by the way, and continued to advocate redistricting reform throughout the first decade of the 21st century. The only major exception I can recall was the late Richard Morgan, who helped keep his political partner (and future felon) Jim Black in charge of the North Carolina House even after Republicans won a majority of seats in the 2002 elections. Morgan insisted that legislatures should retain maximum autonomy to draw districts however they wished, even if Republicans were on the receiving end of the resulting gerrymander.

Needless to say, I don't think Republican leaders in North Carolina today should take governance advice from Richard Morgan. They should take it from Ronald Reagan.

Set aside for the moment the prudential case for Republicans to support redistricting reform — that given the uncertainty about who will win the 2020 elections, and how current redistricting litigation will end,

reform would keep Republicans from suffering the kind of gerrymanders they faced before 2010. North Carolina conservatives and Republicans should change the system simply because it's the right thing to do, because letting politicians choose their voters rather than letting voters choose their political representatives is incompatible with basic principles of conservative governance.

I am part of a cross-ideological coalition, North Carolinians for Redistricting Reform (NCRedistrict.org), that is backing a fresh approach to the issue this year. House Bill 140, otherwise known as the FAIR Act (for Fairness, Accountability and Integrity in Redistricting), would use both a constitutional amendment and a statute to place neutral, nonpartisan constraints on redistricting.

There will never be a perfect way to draw political maps. Perfection is impossible in any human endeavor — which happens to be another core conservative principle. But conservatives should not accept the current process as "the best we can do." It's not. Indeed, conservatives should take the lead in reforming redistricting. That's what Ronald Reagan would do.

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Let's leverage Chatham Park's tax base for the community's good

As a Chatham resident off and on since 1970 I have observed a lot change in our county — some good, some bad. That notion that depends greatly on one's point of view.



VIRGINIA PENLEY
Guest Column

I will admit that it is nice to have more dining options, grocery options and movie theaters. I'll also admit I didn't initially support some of the changes in and around Mann's Chapel, where I reside.

I did not dream of Briar Chapel or Fearrington evolving from a working farm to a preferred retirement location, nor the many other neighbors that have moved in and around me for the past 35 years to North Chatham.

These changes forever alter the landscape and view shed around me. But I came to enjoy my new neighbors and the positive impact they have had on Chatham County and our region and state.

For example, the new residents have generally supported cleaner water and better environmental practices, which is why in part we never see the Haw River dyed blue

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or red or soap suds and other more dangerous runoff floating downstream from Burlington and/or Alamance County any more.

Of course, we must be diligent because there are still allegedly sources of impact upstream that dump chemicals such as GenX in the river. This is a threat which should unify all Chathamites in order to eliminate it from the river and ultimately Jordan Lake.

I witnessed firsthand as a young person in Cleveland how rampant industrial pollution could light our river on fire. A few years later I graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and I recall the effort to protect the Eno River in the 70s by large groups who purchased land, created parks, endorsed forward-thinking policies and secured necessary rights and easements.

Today the Eno River Festival is legendary and the park and river are beautiful and a source of community pride. It's a success built upon a vision that was endorsed and carried forward by multiple generations.

If we missed our shot to make a difference in Chatham County in the 1980s and then the golden opportunity to make a lot of such land purchases when the market tanked in 2008 and 2009, why not make a real effort now?

I understand that the Haw River Assembly and its allies have successfully created the Lower Haw River State Natural Area, as well as the Bynum Beach county park with a total of approximately 1,000 forested acres of land along the Haw River that will protect the drinking water downstream in Jordan Lake, enhance wildlife habitat, and be a natural greenspace for Chathamites to enjoy.

This is a good start, but I think we can make a larger concerted push to purchase land and/or the rights to land en masse to protect water supplies and sensitive areas.

It seems that we could do more if we had a county policy of purchasing and preserving more land.

Since Chatham Park is already the largest taxpayer

in Chatham County before a single home has even been constructed, perhaps we should consider a bond to fund parks, green ways and other such purchases.

If preservation is really an important policy to support, then let us apply it on the 98.5 percent of Chatham County that is not Chatham Park as well.

Let's use the energy that has been narrowly focused on the Pittsboro Town Board regarding the "Tree Element" and amplify it for a greater public policy goal across the county.

This could be a good use of our AAA bond rating and low interest rates and certainly a good topic for the voters to decide as a policy issue on the ballot.

We can still get a lot of tree canopy and coverage in Pittsboro, but we can leverage Chatham Park's tax revenues, which are already the largest in Chatham, to preserve a lot more land and space in the county in and around Bennett, Bynum, Cary, Goldston, Moncure, Pittsboro, Silk Hope and Siler City.

At the end of the day, Chatham Park in Pittsboro will create a larger municipality over the next 30 years that will obtain the benefits of population density such as better transit options, better health care options and the ability to walk or bike to work or simply retire.

It can connect its greenways, bike paths and pedestrian conveyances, we can become healthier by having hundreds of miles of paths for residents to bike and hike upon daily.

And at the same time we can stop sprawl in the rest of the county by leveraging revenues and purchasing more land and easement rights to preserve what we all love about Chatham.

This would be an appropriate use and leveraging of the significant tax base that Chatham Park has already created and will create over the next 30 years.

Virginia Penley is a retired business owner who lives in the Mann's Chapel area of Chatham County. She's the first vice-chairman of the Sixth Congressional District Committee for the N.C. Democratic Party and a state executive committee member. She and her late husband were co-owners of Chapel Hill's Cat's Cradle in the 1980s.

Diversity at 'The Plant': Diverse businesses growing together

Oak City Hemp's Shop Master Floyd Hines (left) and owner Aaron Puryear (right) display some of the hemp flower products they sell.



Oak City Hemp carries a range of products including CBD tinctures.

Oak City Hemp

Aaron Puryear and co-owner Patrick McClanahan started Oak City Hemp to help people. The shop features a wide variety of hemp and Cannabidiol (CBD) products. CBD is non-intoxicating marijuana extract that is produced from the hemp plant. Recent studies of CBD focus on the compounds potential benefits for people suffering with anxiety, epilepsy and pain. Oak City Hemp sells everything from tinctures to topicals to flower to concentrate to vapes.

"We started because there was a lot of junk CBD," Puryear said. "People were getting sick. And we had friends and family using it and benefiting from it."

Puryear believes that the new-found interest and investments in the burgeoning hemp industry will help local economies and local farmers. Puryear and McClanahan opened up shop at The Plant because, Puryear said, "the vision fit."

"The energy was right," Puryear said. "Pittsboro reached out to us with open arms. They have been really welcoming from other businesses to customers. We have had nothing but support."



Chatham Cider Works' Jim Crawford outside the Quonset hut he refurbished for the cidery.

Chatham Cider Works

Chatham Cider Works is owned and operated by Maureen Ahmad and her husband Jim Crawford, a Chatham County commissioner. The idea to make cider came from Crawford's history in Pennsylvania, where his family often made cider in the family's barn.

"Jim's uncle used to keep a barrel of cider in the family barn, so he grew up with the flavors," Ahmad said. "When Jim and I toured a local brewery (Carolina Brewing Company in Holly Springs), it occurred to me that I could do the same thing. I could make my own. At the same time I heard about orchards going fallow in the mountains, and the fierce competition in the juice market, with foreign juice pricing local producers out of the market. We decided that a local apple cider would be a good thing for us to drink, and a good thing for local growers."

The Cidery is housed in a Quonset hut, a prefabricated structure of galvanized steel having a rounded arch ceiling that was developed during World War II, that was about to be sent off to China for recycling. Crawford, who supported himself through college as a carpenter, re-purposed the building for use as a cidery.

Chatham Cider Works offers several different varieties, including Carolina Crisp, a Backyard Blend, and Highway 64, a cider aged in barrels. Chatham Cider Works products can be purchased locally at the Fair Game tasting room, Vino, Oasis, and the Chatham Market.



Chatham Cider Works' Highway 64 variety of cider is aged in barrels.

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PITTSBORO — The Plant on Lorax Lane in Pittsboro has lived many lives. Owner Lyle Estill calls it a Cold War relic. In 1986, the facility was in operation trying to manufacture a new kind of aluminum, but with the end of the Cold War, the plant closed in 1996. In 2005, the site had new life as the home of Piedmont Biofuels and Abundance, a non-profit raising awareness around social justice. But when Estill's Fair Game Beverage opened, the consumer experience at The Plant changed. The facility now boasts 12 diverse tenants, from electricians and engineers, to organic and sustainable products, to craft distillers. Estill calls the facility an eco-industrial park which also hosts the Chatham Beverage District. The Plant hosts numerous events throughout the year, often hosted by Abundance, including A Taste Of Mardi Gras, the annual Death Faire, and a Renaissance Festival.



Lyle Estill shows off Fair Game's Flying Pepper vodka, a top seller.

Fair Game Beverage

Fair Game Beverage was the brainchild of Andy Zeman, a vintner from Saxapahaw. Zeman and Estill had been talking about using alcohol for fuels when Estill managed Piedmont Biofuels.

"I said, 'Hey, man, let's make something we can drink,'" Estill said.

Fair Game Beverage started making fortified wines and now focuses on making spirits. Chatham County resident Rose Dyer runs the distillery, which produces an apple brandy, a very popular pepper vodka, and two types of rum, all of which can be found at local ABC stores as well as in the Fair Game tasting room. The tasting room hosts more than just Fair Game spirits. It also has a cider bar and North Carolina wines. The tasting room also has a "pantry" with 45 North Carolina specialty food products such as Cackalacky Spice Sauce.

"We're authentic and have an authentic experience that we offer," Estill said. "We're not a bar, we're a tasting room. A lot of times, we're a warm up act. People start here then go to Postal Fish or 580 Craft Beer or the City Tap. We're the farm team for the food and beverage scene in Pittsboro."



At the Fair Game tasting room, guests can sample a variety of local spirits. Lyle Estill (left) joins Chatham County Commissioner Karen Howard (center) and Sharon Wright (right).



Copeland Springs Farm Owner Kristin Bulpitt hopes to open a kitchen at The Plant this April.



Kristin Bulpitt opened Copeland Springs Farm. She's planning soon to open The Kitchen, a new restaurant at The Plant, using food she's grown.



Copeland Springs Farms seedlings growing in one of their greenhouses.

Copeland Springs Farm

Kristin Bulpitt runs a farm at the Plant and will open Copeland Springs Kitchen in April at the site. Bulpitt grows a wide variety of vegetables, cut flowers, and shitake mushrooms at the site. She's had been going to farmers' markets, urging guests to try vegetables that were "outside their comfort zone" and decided to find a certified kitchen to make prepared items using different vegetable options. "It morphed into a business plan where there was a restaurant on the farm so that you can see where the food is grown," Bulpitt said.

Bulpitt began discussions with Estill and his wife, Tami Schwerin, about the farmland at The Plant. Bulpitt, noting the "fantastic community" the two developed at the site combined with the quality of the farmland and the space to build a commercial kitchen, decided to locate to The Plant.

"It met all my needs in a community of people who shared a lot of the same values and vision," she said. "And it compliments the other businesses."



Starrlight Mead's Ben Starr owns the business with his wife Becky. Together, their meads of earned numerous medals and awards.



Starrlight Mead's Distribution Manager Ethan Luke serves up a bit of mead in the tasting room.

Starrlight Mead

Mead is an alcohol produced from honey and is likely the oldest alcoholic drink known to man. Ben and Becky Starr opened Starrlight Mead in the Chatham Mills complex in 2010. Their meads run the gamut of flavor profiles with both sweet and dry varieties. After eight years, they ran out of space and began looking for a bigger space. Ben says he likes the "unique craft beverage experience" the plant offers. They built a new meadery at The Plant that opened late last year. The extra space allowed them to get more tanks and even a kegerator, which Ben is hoping to use to produce a lower alcohol, slightly carbonated, more approachable mead.

"When Becky and I started, we wanted to do it in a bedroom community because people want to do weekend tours," Ben said. "We found Pittsboro and fell in love--we love the people. But it's also in the center of the state so we get visitors from Charlotte to Raleigh to Fayetteville."

TRUCKS: 'We're competing for drivers...with a lot of promising opportunities'

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what family-owned companies mean to Chatham County.

What's the biggest difference between a big company and family-run operation?

At a large employer, you've got a lot of depth of resources. For example, here with HR, my wife and I, we're doing everything from the basics along with our team here, whatever it takes when you're guiding somebody through the process of hiring them. At a large company, you've got multiple clerks to do all the paperwork process. You don't have a specific job description at a small company. You must be willing to take on whatever responsibility there is at the time to get the job done. You've got a little bit more control, having your values that you can really instill in the company and drive that through.

What are the values that you want instilled at Wilson Brothers?

Going back to our mission statement, our basic objective is to provide a safe workplace, for everyone to have the opportunity to work to provide for their families. That's what we're ultimately trying to do. We want to serve our customers, serve them with excellent service but at the same time do so in a manner that everyone involved, as far as employees, is part of a safe operation, as well as those who come into contact around us.

We influence a lot of lives in the business that we're in because we're out there on the road. I'll tell you up front that we're not perfect. We get calls of concern from other drivers about our vehicles and we handle each one of those with the utmost importance and take them very seriously. We have opportunity at times to make corrections.

We've got basically 75 personalities representing our business every day. They are Wilson Brothers. They're the ones who are interfacing with our customers. They're our direct link to the community and to the customer base. We try to make sure they understand that and have them understand and know that they're the ones who have to be professional at all times, to conduct business in a manner that we require as far as mutual respect and treating everyone in that respectful way.

What's the biggest misconception about trucking as a job and as an industry?

One of the biggest struggles we have now, as a lot of the industry does, is securing people. Trucking is a sideline. We're in the people business. We're doing our best to work with people, and the by-product of that is that we're hauling loads. Securing good employees, it is a challenge. Fortunately, our turnover is less than a third of what the industry average is.

One of the things that people probably don't have a full perspective of, trucking is very heavily regulated. Drivers are structured on how much they can drive, how long they can drive. The minimum standards, minimum criteria to get a driver to work, it's a very rigorous process. It's a very highly-skilled job.

We require a minimum age of 21, and right now our minimum driving experience requirement is two years. But we can bring in certain individuals with 18 months experience, if they meet certain criteria, as a probationary period. We do a background check, driving history record (check) that goes back to the day they were 16. At that point, drivers have to be physically and medically fit. Our drivers, even though they may come in

with an approved medical certificate, are sent to our doctor to be qualified for what we're doing.

What is the state of the trucking industry in 2019?

The state of the industry is, as a lot of the economy, pretty robust right now. There's more freight to haul right now than there is capacity, in most instances. The industry went through some regulatory changes in 2018 that had some impact. You had some capacity that was changed due to some of that regulation. The industry had some drivers that were maybe not in the picture anymore. These were regulations that not only impacted hours of service but some health initiatives, which are good things. They're trying to improve the quality of the individual out there driving, and that's important and I support all that.

We're competing for drivers, for young individuals, with a lot of other promising opportunities out there. Trying to attract young individuals into the life of a truck driver, that's probably one of the biggest things the industry is facing right now.

In today's environment, more than 90 percent everything we touch or use was transported or came in contact with some type of commercial vehicle. I think as time goes on, it's going to become more challenging to maintain that same state of how positive it is on the consumer side for pricing because the transportation piece is becoming more and more difficult to maintain. We're probably going to see continued increased rates. In the end, it will impact all of us at the retail price side.

The energy piece is more and more volatile. We see how much (gas prices) swing of the course of seasons or a few weeks here and there. It used to be you'd go months at a



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Wilson Brothers' staff includes more than 50 drivers, and multiple members of the Wilson family, which began in 1940 in Moore County.

time and you'd see a penny or two movement. Now, especially with diesel fuel, it moves every day. Diesel fuel is one of the first pieces that's refined out of crude oil, yet it's more expensive.

How do you sell people on entering trucking as a career?

We're trying to provide an environment for people to work safely, to do so at a competitive wage and benefit. And for a small company, we try hard to have a pay and benefit package that can draw people in and provide for their families.

Probably one of the things that sets us apart compared to the overall industry, the life of trucking is very challenging. Most of the trucking opportunities for people with no experience, they'll go into a truck over the road and be gone for eight weeks, maybe 12 weeks at a time. That's a hard life out there, that long without being able to come back and have that family time, that home time. Even though you have your down time — a driver has to have 10 hours of rest every day,

and you get your 30-hour once-a-week restart — all that's in a truck. I think it's a pretty grueling, challenging life.

We're able to provide a driver an opportunity to drive that shift and come home mostly at the same time every day and have that home time, have the family time. For the most part, our drivers are working five to five-and-a-half days.

What role do small, family-owned businesses like Wilson Brothers play in Chatham County?

Not only in Chatham County, but in general, small business is important. But it's got to be a blend. We've had this great opportunity to partner and do business with one of the largest employers in the county [Mountaire Farms] now to expand our business and provide 28 additional jobs altogether, 25 drivers and a couple other support people. But the small business piece is so important because the majority of people employed are working for smaller size operations. I think they're the

backbone for providing the infrastructure and support for the larger business.

As far as Chatham County, I think we've got a great business base. We've got so many well-established small businesses. We've got so much to offer in this county. We've got a lot of family operations that are second and third-generation, and that's a rarity. People tell me all the time that it's very rare to see anything beyond third generation. The fourth generation gets pretty scarce.

I think we've got a lot of potential here in this county, and I think we need to be mindful of what has brought us success in the past, what has made this county. I'm going to be biased in this, but agriculture has a strong presence in this county. It has been a positive. As a result of poultry, you've got a lot of beef and cattle growth. To me, agriculture has been a strong positive for Chatham County. That's not saying everything we do has to be centered around that, but we need to be mindful of that and have that strong presence.

Chatham County invites residents to join us for our 2ND ANNUAL SPRING AG FEST at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center (CCACC) on Saturday, March 30, from 10 am to 2 pm in Pittsboro.

The Spring Ag Fest is a celebration of Chatham County's agriculture, forestry, and natural resources. The event will offer something for everyone: livestock, exhibits, demonstrations, food trucks, and more.



We have some exciting events planned at the Livestock Arena:

- 10:20 am: Flag Ceremony at the Livestock Arena
- 10:30 am: North Carolina Horse Council Parade of Breeds
- 11:00 am: English Riding Demonstration
- 11:30 am: 4-H Cattle Parade of Breeds & Costume Contest
- 12:00 pm: Break
- 12:30 pm: Cutting Horse Demonstration
- 1:00 pm: Working Dog Demonstration
- 1:30 pm: Barrel Racing Demonstration

PONY RIDES



Several Food Trucks will offer tasty options for breakfast and lunch. Thanks to the generosity of the Chatham County Farm Bureau, the first 800 visitors will receive a \$5 food ticket to spend at the food trucks!

For more details, including a complete list of exhibitors and vendors, visit the Chatham County Cooperative Extension website. The event is free and open to the public.

The CCACC is one mile west of the traffic circle at 1192 US 64 W Business in Pittsboro. Overflow parking will be at the Hwy 64 entrance to CCCC. Free shuttle service will be provided by Chatham Transit.

This event is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the Chatham County Center of NC Cooperative Extension, the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, Chatham County Farm Bureau, Chatham County Soil & Water, Farm Service Agency, NCRCS, and the NC Forest Service.



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CHATHAM CHAT | UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM COUNTY

Chatham's United Way funds agencies to nurture, strengthen community

The United Way of Chatham County is the largest annual provider of funds to Chatham's nonprofit entities. This week, we speak with its executive director, Dina Reynolds, about the United Way's 30-year commitment to supporting community organizations that provide a variety of services to individuals and families in Chatham who need help. Reynolds has called Chatham County home for more than 25 years. A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, she holds a B.A. in Journalism, as well as a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Duke's Continuing Education Program. She has worked in nonprofit fundraising and administration for 22 years — the first eight years as the Director of Development for the Chatham County Council on Aging and the last 14 years at United Way.

What is the United Way of Chatham County?

Established in 1990 through the efforts of Fearrington Village residents, the United Way of Chatham County is a local, independent, nonprofit organization that supports local resources to address Chatham's most critical health and human service needs.

We fund local nonprofit agencies that provide human services to county residents. The funding focus areas include Assisting with Basic Needs, Nurturing Youth & Family, and Strengthening the Community.

Local human service programs, supported by the United Way, include daycare, after-school activities, assistance with utility bills, transportation, senior services, emergency food & clothing and youth recreational opportunities.

United Way support ensures that the 45 percent of Chatham's students who are eligible for free or

reduced-cost lunches are fed during the weekends and summer months. It ensures that the nearly 2,500 residents in need of emergency assistance this year will have a place to turn. And it ensures that the 14 percent of Chatham's residents living in poverty will have opportunities to improve their circumstances.

To fulfill its mission, United Way recognizes that one consolidated fundraising campaign is the most efficient way to raise money for its participating agencies. United Way also recognizes its responsibility to allocate funds to its participating agencies to meet the community needs of the county in a cost efficient and effective manner. Recognizing the dignity and importance of every resident of Chatham County, we envision a community that is committed to improving the quality of life for all.

But the United Way provides much more than dollars. We work to identify community issues, convenes community groups and develops special initiatives.

Through its funding application process, United Way certifies agencies and holds them accountable for outcomes. Some have called United Way's certification process the "Good Housekeeping" seal of approval for nonprofit agencies. Each agency's application package goes through a 31-point certification checklist covering Financial, Legal, Governance and Human Resources issues.

Your United Way strategically invests in effective programs, innovative approaches and collaborative solutions. We also support invaluable services necessary to strengthen the community, including 2-1-1.

What is 2-1-1?
United Way partnered



DINA REYNOLDS

with the Chatham County Health Department to bring NC 2-1-1 to Chatham residents. 2-1-1 is an information and referral service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phone and online at www.nc211.org. It is a free, confidential, multilingual resource that connects Chatham residents to health and human services.

Callers receive contact information for all resources for their specific need. All of Chatham's human service agencies have entered the programs they offer into the database. Getting the info is as easy as picking up the phone and dialing 2-1-1.

Who operates the United Way?

The United Way of Chatham County is governed by a volunteer board of directors made up of Chatham residents. All policies, activities and procedures are determined right here at home. The community volunteers who work on the board of directors and the various committees come from all walks of life and reflect the diversity of our county.

What is United Way Worldwide?

United Way Worldwide is not corporate headquarters for the United Way of Chatham County. It is a national support organization designed to assist local United Ways across the world. It does not regulate local United Ways, yet does have standards all United Ways must adhere to in order to use the United Way name. United Way Worldwide provides also support services like

advertising, research on national social needs, educational instruction and strategic planning for methods that United Ways can use to improve their communities. The annual fee is less than 1 percent of campaign proceeds.

How does the annual campaign work?

The United Way holds a single community-wide campaign which saves all the agencies money, time, and effort and is exactly why the United Way was originally created. Member agencies rely on United Way as a consistent source of funds, which saves them money in processing, tracking and billing for donations. The more United Way is able to fund the programs, the less agencies will have to spend on staff, time and resources to conduct their own fundraisers. The critical advantage of United Way is that it can raise money for the organizations it funds far less expensively than they could ever hope to do themselves. In addition, each donor's gift is joined with other gifts to multiply the impact further than any one gift alone.

How much is spent on campaign costs and overhead?

Because of the large number of volunteers and in-kind donations, United Way of Chatham County's operating costs for the last fiscal year was a low 14.7 percent. As a point of reference, the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance sets the maximum recommended rate for overhead costs of nonprofit organizations at 35 percent.

Will the money I give to United Way stay in the community?

Yes. We often say United Way is local giving with local impact. The money raised in the Chatham County stays in Chatham County unless you, as the donor, request that it be sent to another United Way or a charity outside of our area.

How does United Way decide how much to distribute to each agency?

United Way invites campaign donors to review agency funding applications, conduct site visits and meet with agency representatives. The Program Review Panels analyze each agency's funding request, annual budget and programs. They distribute funds by reviewing the need of the agency, the need for the programs, the impact on those served and the effectiveness of the agency to provide the programs. Approximately 600 hours per year are spent by community volunteers who serve as stewards to ensure every donor's dollars are directed where they will have the most impact and make a difference.

How does United Way know how the funds are being used?

Agencies are invited to submit project proposals to address the most pressing needs of the county on an annual basis. All funding proposals are required to include program goals and objectives. Agencies awarded United Way funding are required to report their progress toward meeting the submitted goals on a biannual basis. This year-round oversight ensures that donor dollars are being utilized effectively and efficiently.

Do donors have the option to designate a specific agency?

Yes, if the donor wants to designate their entire or even a portion of their gift to one agency, they can do so.

What if a donor wants to contribute, yet doesn't feel strongly about designating to a specific agency?

Designations are op-

tional. If no designation is indicated, the contribution will go where the needs are the most critical. We call this the Community Care Fund. The United Way Program Review Panels will direct these contributions to agencies that have demonstrated the most needed and effective programs. This is the most common manner of giving.

Why should I invest in United Way instead of choosing a specific agency?

The United Way of Chatham County makes sure your money goes where it is needed most. We offer donors the opportunity to support the entire community and maximize their giving. By choosing to give to the Community Care Fund, United Way can direct funding to the most pressing needs in the county, based on research, to create lasting change.

What's Chatham County's Community Needs Assessment?

United Way is a member of the Chatham County Health Alliance, a collaborative group of local professionals and residents working together to improve health in Chatham County. The Alliance was established in March 2015 and it brings together both traditional and nontraditional partners to work together to find community solutions for issues affecting health in Chatham County.

United Way was among the sponsors of the Health Alliance's Community Assessment in 2018. The assessment provides a snapshot of the county and its residents- what they need, what challenges they face, what strengths and opportunities exist in the community and what we can do together to make life better. The results of the assessment are helping the Chatham Health Alliance, Chatham County Public Health Department, Chatham Hospital, United Way and multiple community organizations to identify Chatham's priority needs and create strategies to address them. Assessment results are available at www.chathamhealthalliance.org/community-assessment.

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Chatham Charter cherishing connection with CCCC

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

High school students taking classes at local community colleges is nothing new or unique, even in North Carolina and the central region of the state.

But Chatham Charter School is working to take that connection to the next level.

According to data released by the school

earlier this year, 40 of the 46 members of Chatham Charter's Class of 2018 completed either the College Transfer Pathway, designed to seamlessly introduce students into college life with several credits to their name, or earned Career and Technical Education certifications through Central Carolina Community College's Career & College Promise program.

Additionally, 84 percent of the Class of 2019 is on track to complete one of those paths, with one member projected to finish both.

John Eldridge, Chatham Charter's head of school, said the school's emphasis on dual enrollment allows them to compete with students in other counties and helps set them up for the rigors of college education.

"Whether or not you're going to go to a four-year school or a two-year school, the skills students are picking up in this area are time management, how to represent yourself — there's life skills that are involved in this, not just college preparation," Eldridge said. "It's our goal to make sure kids complete the pathways that are out there, but at least getting exposure to what's out there."

According to the report, Chatham Charter students have taken classes in areas ranging from automotive systems technology, medical assisting and sustainable agriculture to criminal justice technology, early childhood education and culinary arts.

"People have got to understand how outstanding of a resource that (CCCC) is in this area. We're very fortunate to be where we are with Central Carolina in this area."

JOHN ELDRIDGE, Head of School, Chatham Charter School

That variety of options, Eldridge said, is evident of CCCC's quality.

"People have got to understand how outstanding of a resource that is in this area," he said. "We want (our students) to be prepared for going into the workforce, and...we're very fortunate to be where we are with Central Carolina in this area."

Sara Newcomb, the college's director of secondary partnership, said the college works with more than 2,000 students in Chatham, Harnett and Lee counties through Career & College Promise, but Chatham Charter is "probably using it in a larger volume than our other schools."

Newcomb cited the school's scheduling format as a key cog in this wheel. High school juniors and seniors are put on a college-like schedule with Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday and Friday classes that take place on CCCC's campus in Pittsboro, allowing for students to take both high school and college classes simultaneously and without barriers.

"They are so innovative," Newcomb said. "They really think about how to integrate well with us. We're able to work

well together."

Eldridge said Chatham Charter has already seen alumni who have taken advantage of this program go on to collegiate and/or career success earlier than their peers due to this jumpstart. His own daughter, currently a student at Davidson College, picked up 39 college credits prior to high school graduation, and while not every credit transferred, Eldridge said the real-life education was invaluable.

"She had all that experience before she even left us, and I'll tell you, I didn't have that experience when I was 17, 18," he said. "I'm so thankful we're in a state that we see the value of that."

There's a likelihood that the number of students taking advantage of this program will jump with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners' approval in December of Chatham Promise. Graduates of any Chatham County high school who have taken at least 12 credit hours of CCCC classes would be eligible to get two free years of tuition at the community college. Eldridge predicted more of his students would seek that pathway with the institution of Chatham Promise.

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OBITUARIES

MOLINE KING OTWELL



Moline King Otwell, 87, of Siler City died Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Universal Health Care of Ramseur.

Mrs. Otwell was born in Randolph County on July 31, 1931, the daughter of Jewel King. Moline retired from Carolina Telephone as an operator, having worked in Siler City, Asheville, and Elkin. She had also worked for the First Wesleyan Church Day Care in Siler City. Moline enjoyed gardening, feeding and watching the birds and cooking, but her greatest pleasure was time spent with her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Otwell, Sr. and a grandson, Jeff Johnson.

She is survived by three daughters, Debbie Doby and husband Tony of Liberty, Karen "Polly" Hancock and husband Bob of Siler City, Cathy Crouse and husband David of Traphill; son, Dennis F. Otwell, Jr. "Buster" of Staley; grandchildren, Jenny Petty, Mike Johnson, Matthew Doby, Angie Doby, Marty Petty, Heather Seagroves, Amanda Clark, Melissa Hancock, Chris Hancock and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City. The funeral was held Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 3 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dennis Boone officiating. Burial followed in Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church Cemetery, Randleman.

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

Sanctuary Deliverance Church in Greensboro. He served as a deacon, trustee, security person and was a member of the pastor's aid and other committees.

Lee worked for Chatham Foods, Brookwood Farms, and served with the Siler City Police Department. He was a member of Light of the World Masonic Lodge #711 Lee was preceded in death by daughter Angie Snead and son Andrae Palmer.

Lee is survived by his wife Vonnell Palmer; sons, Arthur Lee Palmer and Anthony Palmer, both of Greensboro, Chester Palmer of Siler City; daughter, Kim of Siler City; brothers, Wade Palmer of Siler City, Mark Palmer of Greensboro, David Lineberry of Siler City; eleven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

ELI FRANKLIN BROOKS

Mr. Eli Franklin Brooks, 68, of Bear Creek, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Chatham Hospital.

A memorial graveside service was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Brush Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Eli was born on March 24, 1950 to William Glenn and Violet Marie Phillips Brooks. He retired from Olympic Steel, where he worked as a welder. In addition to his parents, Eli was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Fields Brooks; infant brother, William Alton Brooks and brother, Howard Brooks.

He is survived by his daughter, Brandy Brooks of the home; sisters, Elizabeth "Lib" Thomas of Bear Creek, Sarah Justice of Bear Creek, and Clara McMasters (Earl) of Staley.

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

CORNELIA GERTRUDE GRAY CARPENTER

Cornelia Gertrude Gray Carpenter, 90, of Sanford, died Friday, March 8, 2019 at Sanford Health & Rehabilitation.

A graveside service was held Monday, March 11, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at Bynum United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Cornelia was born in Fulton County, Georgia on December 15, 1928 to the late Otto Detterus Gray and Mary Jolly-Morris Gray.

Surviving relatives include sons, Glenn Johnson of Sanford, Atlas Johnson of Bear Creek, Marty Johnson of Pittsboro; sister, Alva Carter of Lilburn, Georgia; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Bynum United Methodist Church Cemetery, P.O. Box 6, Bynum, NC 27228.

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com.
Clarence "Buddy" Riggsbee

CLARENCE "BUDDY" RIGGSBEE

Burlington - Clarence "Buddy" Riggsbee, 88, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the

home of his granddaughter, Beth McGuire.

The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Mt. Carmel Church Cemetery by Pastor Holly Lux-Sullivan. The family will receive friends following the graveside service.

Mr. Riggsbee was born April 5, 1930 in Chatham County to the late Clarence Wescott Riggsbee and Rachel Gray Riggsbee. A retired truck driver with the NC Department of Agriculture, he was of the Baptist faith. Clarence was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Lewis Riggsbee, his parents, and sisters, Pauline Locklear and Hazel Massey.

He is survived by his step-daughter, Barbara Lewis Lillienthal; two granddaughters, three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Margie Barnes.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Alamance-Caswell, 914 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, NC 27215. You may sign the online register at www.lowefuneralhome.com.

ANTONIO MELVIN FEASTER

Antonio Melvin Feaster, 55, of Siler City passed on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at his residence.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

TONY R. SEYMORE

Tony R. Seymore, 60, passed Saturday, March 9, 2019 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Arrangements by: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

LEE EDWARD PALMER

Mr. Lee Edward Palmer, 78, of Siler City passed away Sunday, March 3, 2019 at UNC Healthcare Hospice in Pittsboro.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2019 at Unity Powerhouse Holiness Church with Pastor Cedric Lee and Pastor Danny Purcell

officiating. Burial followed at Chatham Memorial Park.

Mr. Palmer was born to Beulah Mae Johnson Palmer and Bishop Odysseus Palmer on June 30, 1940. He was a graduate of Chatham High School. He also graduated from the Police Academy (CCTC) in Sanford.

Lee was a charter member of

Innovative Rural Leadership: Bryan Thompson

N.C. Rural Center

Editor's note: Siler City Manager Bryan Thompson was recently profiled by the N.C. Rural Center. The Center's mission is to develop, promote and implement sound economic strategies to improve the quality of life of rural North Carolinians, with a special focus on individuals with low to moderate incomes and communities with limited resources. on its website. This story is reprinted with permission.

SILER CITY — More than a decade ago, Bryan Thompson was starting his career in local government as the town manager of Mount Gilead, a community of roughly 1,200 people in Montgomery County.

"I was fresh out of grad school," the Goldsboro native recalls. "And there is a divide between the classroom and the actual in-the-field work."

Thompson, who carefully considers each word and thoughtfully strategizes about his work, has always been interested in further developing his own skills, his own network. He knew about the NC Rural Center because of existing collaborations with the town of Mount Gilead. "The way that I viewed the Rural Center at the time was that it was a strong resource for many things."

Quickly, he learned that the Rural Center's leadership training program, the Rural Economic Development Institute, would be a great resource for him and his community.

"The REDI program seemed designed to pluck existing, emerging, or prospective leaders of the community to acquaint them with either knowledge, skills, resources, or networks."

But more than that, he says, the program seemed to "help members of that community help themselves," as they worked toward "developing a context for rural North Carolina, what it means to be a community in rural North Carolina, what are those challenges."

"That's why I gravitated to the REDI program." Thompson applied and was accepted.

He quickly understood the value of being in a room, regularly talking with people from rural communities all across North Carolina, tackling tough community issues in their own backyards.

"It wasn't a tutorial or an orientation. It wasn't clinical," he says. Instead, the program pointed directly to community



Submitted Photo

Bryan Thompson

success stories, how leaders got from Point A to Point B, and the hurdles they scaled along the way. "That has a lot to do with the backbone of support the Rural Center has from rural North Carolina. It's a very two-way relationship."

Thompson was especially interested in the discussion about solving problems and "being exposed to the varying challenges of different communities that may be indicative of the region," as he worked alongside his REDI cohort.

"Just to see the dynamism of challenges throughout the state, that we might share very similar experiences, but to one degree or another they take shape differently in our communities," he says. "While there are shared challenges there are unique circumstances or contexts related to those challenges."

However, those unique circumstances also offered their own lessons about innovative approaches and interventions.

"You find that even with a similar challenge shared through more than one community, each of those communities approached that challenge in a somewhat different way," Thompson recalls. "Sometimes that different way of going about it still resulted in a success. It opened my eyes that there's not just one right way of doing things. Some of

these communities not only have an appetite to meet challenges head on, but a creativity and vigor to think more dynamically about those challenges and driving to solutions."

Those lessons have been instructive in his own career.

He became the town manager of Erwin, in Harnett County, in 2008. Five years later, he took the top job in Siler City.

Siler City has a very large, multigenerational Hispanic population. "That presence has weathered economic hardship and is very

much a real fixture in our community," Thompson explains. When he came to Siler City, he knew that engaging the community holistically and providing services that spoke to its unique needs would be important. "Our deliber-

ate intention, I hope, in local government is always to ensure that we're providing the level and types of services desired by the community as a whole," he says.

Language and cultural differences are natural inhibitors to effective communication between the town government and this community, though, so Thompson and his colleagues had to get creative. "There are a number of things that have been done to try to address that in a meaningful way," he says.

Thompson and other community leaders participated in Go Global NC's Latino Initiative. The program, run through the UNC System, connects local leaders to a better understanding of their Hispanic communities. The 20-year-old program works with a multidisciplinary group of participants from government, nonprofits, and the private sector to cultivate a deeper understanding of the unique challenges North Carolina's Hispanic communities face. The program culminates with a week-long visit to Mexico, a trip Thompson says was incredibly valuable to his work in Siler City. "It gave us a better sense of who this portion of our community is as a people," he explains.

Siler City also partnered in an effort to apply for participation in the UNC Center for Global Studies' Building Integrated Communities (BIC) program. The three-year program includes intense focus on bridging gaps between a community and its Hispanic population. The BIC program recently delivered the results of an assessment that aims to understand immigrant experiences in the community and offers recommendations to Siler City about ways to support better inclusion.

Thompson has also participated in small group conversations in Hispanic neighborhoods in Siler City, working closely with a local nonprofit called The Hispanic Liaison. With other town department leaders, Thompson held meetings with residents to talk about municipal services and answer questions about the role the town can play in their lives. In addition to sharing information, the sessions build a bond among residents and leaders.

He says all of that

work—the connections made, the knowledge shared, the genuine understanding gained—harkens back to his time in the REDI program, and the similar takeaways he garnered through his participation in it.

"There are varying creative or even practical ways to address a thing, whatever that thing is, that issue, that challenge, that stumbling block, to get from where you are to where you as a community vision yourself to be. There's not one way to get there."

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By-the-numbers 'Marvel' falls short



NEIL MORRIS
Film Critic

The days when the mere presence of a female action lead was a progressive touchstone mostly ended with

Ellen Ripley. Gender discrimination on and off the silver screen certainly didn't end then, and a wealth of action genre pictures have contemplated gender oppression and inequality in thoughtful and rousing ways. We'll be unpacking the themes in "Mad Max: Fury Road" for decades (heck, it feels like we're living through them today), and "Wonder Woman" broke a glass ceiling in superhero films with a hero proud in her femininity. Indeed, both films present feminism as mankind's last best hope.

"Captain Marvel" begins and ends with a man mansplaining to a powerful woman that she'll never realize her full potential until she learns to control her emotions. But between these promising bookends is a

CAPTAIN MARVEL

GRADE: C +

DIRECTORS: Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck

STARRING: Brie Larson, Samuel L. Jackson, Ben Mendelsohn, Annette Bening, Clark Gregg, and Jude Law

MPPA RATING: PG-13

RUNNING TIME: 2 hr. 4 min.

languid, by-the-numbers slog that isn't just a sub-par superhero movie. It also falls far short of the elevated feminism promised in months of run-up to the film's release.

Hailing from the planet Hala in the Kree Empire, Vers (Brie Larson) is a member of an elite military Starforce, tasked mainly with combating the Skrulls, a race of shapeshifters who are at war with the Kree. Vers is obviously human, yet she possesses superhuman kinetic abilities, chiefly shooting ray beams from her hands. In an effort to circumvent the typical superhero origin story, directors Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck make Vers oblivious to her own life before she possessed powers. Still, despite knowing she's been with the Kree for only six years, she's

uninterested in how she got there, how the Kree indoctrinated her, and how she came about her pyromancy powers.

While on a rescue mission to extract a Kree spy, Vers is taken captive and mind-probed by Skrull leader General Talos (Ben Mendelsohn). This unlocks a series of latent images suggesting Vers enjoyed an alternate life on Earth that she doesn't remember. Talos interprets these images as clues to the location of a MacGuffin that will somehow win them the war.

As Talos and Skrull arrive to Earth, known to them as Planet C-53, Vers escapes and crashes in America circa 1995. The nostalgia is relentless: Vers lands in a Blockbuster Video, commanders communication equipment from a Radio Shack,

and the needle-drops span TLC, Garbage, Nirvana and No Doubt. Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) is called Nicholas Fury, and while both he and Phil Coulson (Clark Gregg) are agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., they're glorified cops and not yet Men in Black. They're also digitally de-aged, a visual distraction throughout the film.

While helping Fury stop the Skrull, Vers embarks on a sojourn of self-discovery. Learning that her true name is Carol Danvers, she also hopes to identify the people strolling through her synapses. Along the way, there are some shots at the Trump-era treatment of immigrants and a Vietnam-era discovery that the side of a war you've been fighting all this time may not be the side of righteousness. But beyond deciphering a few whos and hows, Vers's character arc essentially goes from being the most powerful person on the planet to becoming the most powerful person in the universe. Devoid of the mythological underpinning of Superman, the problem with Captain Marvel is that her near-omnipotent abilities

rob her story of any narrative tension.

So much of "Captain Marvel" feels flimsy, from the muddled visual palette to the film's plotting. Vers's Kree minders, mentor Yon-Rogg (Jude Law) and ruler Supreme Intelligence (Annette Bening), constantly remind her that they can remove her powers anytime they want, but their tether ultimately extends no further than an easily removable gizmo attached to her neck. A key expositional scene rests on the revelations found in a ridiculously omniscient airplane black box recording. The film is more diligent filling in the blanks of the Marvel Cinematic Universe than its hero's origin story, but if you've been waiting to learn how Fury got his eyepatch, then you're bound to be disappointed with this answer, too. And just when you thought you were done with the Tesseract, the boring blue cube is back.

Larson eagerly strikes a heroic pose, but her proud portrayal—partly enabled by Larson's walled-off manner—begins and ends with mugging for the camera and tossing

one-liners at the men in her way. There's zero emotional realization, no depth beyond a generalized curiosity of how we'll reach an inevitable finale. Indeed, Captain Marvel's appearance during an end credits scene that previews "Avengers: Endgame," another exercise in prolonged inevitability, seems appropriate.

Along the way, Boden and Fleck poke a little fun at exemplars of pop cultural masculinity: a Fonz lunchbox here, some "Top Gun" references there. A startled Vers blasts a cardboard display for the movie "True Lies," conspicuously removing Arnold Schwarzenegger's head while leaving Jamie Lee Curtis intact. But a few tee-hees aren't declarations of justice and inclusion. Inside the MCU, "Captain Marvel" doesn't approach the transcendent and revolutionary example of "Black Panther." And when contrasted against "Wonder Woman," "Captain Marvel" is singular in one respect: it's the first Marvel movie playing catch-up to DC. Based on the finished product, it still is.

SILER CITY COMMUNITY MEAL

Breaking bread and building community

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Once a month, volunteers come together to host the Siler City Community Meal with the goal of bringing the community for a free meal prepared by other community members. The Siler City Community Meal is held on the fourth Friday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m. at The Peppercorn at 138 N. Chatham Ave. in Siler City.

The event was created by Siler City residents Wilma Schroeder and Gwen Overturf. The two began thinking about the idea in 2017, believing Siler City was ready for a "regular free meal gathering" similar to the weekly free lunch hosted by St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Pittsboro every Thursday. The two even worked with St. Bartholomew's lunch organizer Karen Ladd to gain advice and direction for their idea.

"She was so helpful in laying the groundwork," Overturf said. "KT Lang, former chef at St. Bart's, was also a great resource for advice and continues to pass along food that has been donated to her meals held at the Kiwanis Club in Pittsboro."

The two held some initial interest meetings and researched for about a year until January of last year when the pair decided to jump in and start the event. With local proprietor Joan Underwood offering the pair the use of her Peppercorn location downtown, the first meal was held last March.

"From the very beginning, we've had the community's support and enthusiasm," Overturf said.

Over the past year, the Siler City Community Meal draws between 60 to 125 participants.

"In these times of deep division, we provide a safe place to gather and to meet people one might not have met in day-to-day life," Overturf said. "We strive for a balance of all economic standings, cultural/ethnic roots and gender identities. All ages are welcome. We judge our success not by the number of people who attend but by the equal participation of people from different backgrounds."

A Siler City Community Meal held three months ago was probably the most diverse attendance to date, according to Overturf. However, attendance from the Latinx community has dropped since then — something Overturf attributes to the recent ICE activities occurring across the state. Overturf sees the decrease in participation from the Latinx community as "disturbing since this community has supported

us so wholeheartedly." The group also hopes to engage the Asian and Middle Eastern community to encourage attendance. This outreach is a goal for the second year.

"One of our challenges is keeping a diverse attendance of all colors, cultures and economic levels," Overturf said. "It is also our most important focus."

The core volunteer group is comprised of seven women including Maggie Zwilling, Donna Johnson, Whitney Schmidt, Nancy Tanguay, Underwood, Schroeder, and Overturf. The group is hoping to diversify their core organizers as well.

"We are always looking for someone who doesn't look like our core group of white women to join us in planning and throwing this community party," Overturf said. "We need diverse planners, too, as much as diverse attendees and invite those interested in serving on the committee to let us know." The meal itself is supported by many local partners. Businesses including Brookwood Farms, Dockside, Artisan Hub, Rojo Canela, Angelina's, Main Street Grill in Staley, and Old Place Catering and Events have all donated food for the meal in the past. In addition, local farmers have offered their fresh produce and they work with grocery stores in the area as well.

"I am always learning organic ways support manifests itself," Overturf said. "I approached a department manager in a grocery store one day who said that they were not able to donate from that department but made a very generous donation of chicken for us out of her pocket right then and there. One day while grocery shopping I ran into one of our participants who immediately wanted to take me shopping with him to pick out the green beans, corn and drinks he felt we needed to serve. He paid on the spot. We have a donor who generously supports us each month. Due to this donation we've been able to invest in flatware, cups and many tools required to serve food to a crowd of people. We've learned that through sharing food we really ARE creating a community of diversity - just like we dreamed!"

Each month, the volunteers reach out to those who have offered to cook that month and arrange for the kind of food they want to prepare. The also ferret out any other details about the amount of food that will be prepared, serving containers to serve the guests and the time of delivery. The group provides a "balance of good, basic

foods offered and more esoteric, gourmet dishes." The group also lists the ingredients of each dish to ensure each attendee can adhere to dietary preferences and needs.

"We are blessed with community members who love the chance to donate food or cook almost every month and with those

who make generous cash donations the night of the event," Overturf said.

For the Siler City Community Meal First Birthday which they celebrate this month, Everett Leon Goldston, Family and Consumer Services teacher focusing on culinary arts at Chatham Central is partnering with the group

to cater a full meal. The event is an opportunity for Goldston's students to use the skills they are gaining in the classroom to practice cooking and serving the public. Overturf notes the partnership as a "windfall" for the event — not only will they have several delectable dishes, but they welcome the

youth volunteers and their involvement with the Siler City Community Meal.

The Siler City Community Meal Birthday will take place at 6 p.m. on March 22 at the Peppercorn at 138 N. Chatham Avenue in Siler City. For more information, visit the Siler City Community Meal Facebook page.

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'The golden age of comic book pop culture'

Comic books, film altered by proliferation of superhero movies

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

On March 28, 1941, the first ever superhero film hit the silver screen in the form of the first edition of a 12-chapter serial.

The series was called "Adventures of Captain Marvel," which followed a boy named Billy Batson who gained the power to turn into the super hero Captain Marvel by saying the word "Shazam."

Seventy-eight years and eight days later, on April 5, 2019, the movie "Shazam!" will hit theaters. The movie will follow a boy named Billy Batson who gains the ability to turn into a superhero by saying the word "Shazam."

For nearly 80 years now, superhero and comic book characters have graced the small and silver screens, raking in tons of money and fame for studio executives, actors and the characters themselves. This year will see at least eight movies based on comic books debut in American cinemas, with "Captain Marvel" — about a different character, Carol Danvers — having debuted at cineplexes March 8.

The recent glut of movies — highlighted by the Marvel Cinematic Universe and DC Extended Universe series of films — have affected both the comic book industry and Hollywood, as denizens of both will attest.

Silver screen icons

Movies based on comic books or superheroes regularly populate the end-of-year top box office grossing movies in the U.S. In 2018, Black Panther was first, followed by "Avengers: Infinity War" (No. 2), "Incredibles 2" (No. 3), "Aquaman" (No. 5) "Deadpool 2" (No. 6), "Ant-Man and the Wasp" (No. 9). Similarly in 2017, with "Wonder Woman" highlighting the slate at No. 3, followed by "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" (No. 5), "Spider-Man: Homecoming" (No. 6), "Thor: Ragnarok" (No. 8) and "Justice League" (No. 10). The year before was no different — "Captain America: Civil War" finished third, "Deadpool" was sixth, with "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice" No. 8 and "Suicide Squad" No. 9.

Neil Morris, the News + Record's film critic, has been reviewing movies on a regular basis since 2002. He said that while superhero films have "gobbled up some of the blockbuster market and possibly crowded out more traditional action films," it's been getting people to theaters, which is more difficult than it used to be.

"The cinema has to always find ways to survive," Morris said. "If superheroes are the tent-pole money makers, along with the 'Star Wars' of the world, if that's how studios are going to get by, if that's how theaters stay in business, then that is of a benefit. That is our era's way of keeping the cinematic experience alive."

The Marvel Cinematic Universe — which features characters like Iron Man, Captain America and the Hulk — has now released 21 movies since "Iron Man" came out in 2008. Morris cites it as holding a unique place in movie-making history because of keeping the same actors playing the same characters throughout and maintaining the same general storyline. That makes it different from another one of Morris' favorite series, the James Bond 007 franchise, which has had six different actors over 57 years.

"I just think the MCU's done it on a much longer, broader, leafier scale," Morris said. "The benefit is that you become invested in the characters. Having the same actor playing the same character through different films, there's an emotional tie-in that's not easily articulated."

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NEIL MORRIS, News + Record Film Critic, on superhero films

As far as the recent rise of superhero movies, Morris cites two examples: 2008's "Iron Man" starring Robert Downey Jr. and 2005's "Batman Begins" featuring Christian Bale in the title role. The former reminded people that superhero movies could be "fun, funny and good" after the dark "Batman" films of the 1990s by Tim Burton, while the latter "not only re-imagines the Batman universe, but the superhero genre at a time when it really needed that."

Not the funny pages

Siena Fallon, manager of Ultimate Comics' Durham and Cary stores, grew up around comic books. She was even named after a comic book character: Siena Blaze, a "D-list" X-Men character first introduced in 1993.

As a lifelong comic book fan, she's excited that more people are invested in the characters.

"It's so cool that I can talk to someone about Hellboy or Captain Marvel," Fallon said. "The average person wouldn't know who Thanos [the villain in "Avengers: Infinity War"] was (without the movies). It's so cool that these comic book characters are so involved in our pop culture right now."

Fallon said that we're living in the "golden age of comic book pop culture" and points to the glut of movies coming out just this year. "Captain Marvel" is in theaters now, with "Shazam!," a reboot of the "Hellboy" franchise and "Avengers: Endgame" releasing in April. The summer will see the arrival of "Dark Phoenix" (June 7), the next installment in the X-Men franchise, "Spider-Man: Far From Home" (July 5) and possibly another mutant group, "The New Mutants" (tentatively scheduled for Aug. 2). The year in comic book films will be rounded out by "Joker" on Oct. 4.

What the films have done for the comic book industry, Fallon said, is grow popularity.

"I think there's people who want to read all these old stories and want to see how these characters change over time," she said. "There's a lot of great source material out there that these movies pull from that I think people are interested in checking out."

Several of the more recent superhero films have taken direct inspiration from comic book stories. For example, "Captain America: Civil War" borrows the general concept from the "Civil War" story arc from 2006-2007. "The Dark Knight" takes inspiration from, among others, the 1998 graphic novel "The Killing Joke." The 2010 film "Scott Pilgrim vs. The World," one of Fallon's favorite comic book movies, was based on the graphic novel series "Scott Pilgrim" by Oni Press.

While certain characters and movies have inspired a rush to the comic book store — Fallon referenced "Black Panther" and "Avengers: Infinity War" in particular — she said there's a lot more people can learn about these characters beyond the films.

"There's a lot of really great standalone stories for these characters," Fallon said. "There's a ton of standalone Batman stories that you can read without ever having read a Batman comic in your life. All you need to know is his parents died, (he) got sad, (became a)

billionaire. Then you can do a deeper dive from there."

Perfect timing

Fallon also referenced the slate of television shows on Netflix and networks like The CW and Fox, series that have run for multiple years and have followings just as devoted as the films. She said creators in recent years have done "a great job" making the characters similar to their movie and TV counterparts, further deepening the connection between the Hollywood-produced and the pen and pencil-produced.

Morris said he thinks comic book movies are attracting the viewership they are because what's on the page is now more reflected on the screen. Films like the Christopher Reeve "Superman" installments had a corny element because the special effects were lacking, he said, but what's on the screen now allows characters to truly "come to life."

"There may have been a kitschy enjoyment of those films, but even at that time, we looked at it and knew it was corny," he said. "The visuals couldn't measure up to the comic books and what was on the page and how it translated to your imagination. It couldn't happen until now."

So the timing is near perfect for an onslaught of comic book-based



Staff photo by Zachary Horner

Lining the shelves at Ultimate Comics Durham are the latest issues of comic book arcs, including 'Captain Marvel' and 'Black Widow.' These characters have gained significant popularity through popular movies that have grossed billions of dollars in recent years.



 Neil Morris N+R Film Critic	 Siena Fallon Store Manager, Ultimate Comics Durham	 Zachary Horner N+R Reporter
Wonder Woman	Spider-Man trilogy	The Dark Knight
Black Panther	Hellboy (2004)	Black Panther
The Dark Knight	Scott Pilgrim vs. The World	Batman Begins
Batman Begins	Captain America: The Winter Soldier	Thor: Ragnarok
The Incredibles	Thor: Ragnarok	V for Vendetta

films. And as the list grows, the characters and stories permeate pop culture, something Fallon couldn't stop being excited about.

"It's insane to me that the average American knows who Thanos is," she said. "I don't know how [Thanos creator] Jim Starlin feels about it, but to me, it's nuts. You would never have thought that people would have known who Hellboy is."

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Bears blown away by Hurricanes

BY DUCK DUCKSON
News + Record Staff

BAYBORO — Hurricanes are known for their ability to wreak havoc upon anything in their path, a fact that Chatham Central was quick to discover March 5.

The Lady Bears fell 71-28 to the Pamlico County Lady Hurricanes in the Regional semifinals of the NCHSAA 2019 Women's 1A East basketball state playoffs.

With Janiya Jones firing in nine of her game-high 26 points in the opening stanza, the Lady Hurricanes stormed to a 24-7 lead after one period and out-

scored Chatham Central every quarter in route.

"We didn't shoot the ball well at all and didn't get back on defense, while Pamlico County had a great fast break and transition game," said Lady Bears' coach Lynda Burke.

"In addition, we had way too many turnovers while letting them control the boards.

Improving to 27-2 for the season with its 17th consecutive victory, top-seed Pamlico County advances to Saturday evening's Regional Finals at Capel Arena in Fayetteville, where the Lady

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Chatham Central's Lauren Oldham (12) battles for a rebound in earlier state playoff action. Oldham and the Bears fell hard down at Pamlico County last Tuesday evening in fourth-round play.

Staff photo by Lee Moody



Carrboro cans Northwood in historic girls' lacrosse match

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Northwood's first-ever girls lacrosse match didn't go as planned on the scoreboard last Tuesday evening in Pittsboro, as the Chargers fell 15-4 to Carrboro.

But make no mistake about it, the future is bright for the Lady Chargers.

While the records will show a loss, the positives were many for a Northwood team that boasts almost 40 members and battled the visiting Jaguars the entire way.

All told, four different players, including three freshman, tallied a goal for the white-clad, green-and-gold-trimmed Chargers.

Katelyn Walsh, a junior, led the way with a goal and an assist while Kendall Laberge chipped in a goal and three ground balls.

Gwen Hoeg and Cordelia Holst also added goals, while Jenna Konowitz, another freshman, recorded an assist.

In the field, freshman Jenna Knowitz scooped up three ground balls while sophomore Kaya Hill added three more, and senior Danielle Allen and sophomore Madi Horrell one more apiece.

In goal, Horrell went 50 minutes and collected 17 saves as the Jaguars managed 32 shots on goal.



Staff photo by Lee Moody

Northwood's Kendall Laberge (right) and Nailah Robertson (2) battle for a loose ball last Tuesday night in Pittsboro versus Carrboro. It was the first-ever girls lacrosse game for Northwood.

Wildcats' softball blanks Jets 4-0

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — Kelsey Craven hurled a two-hitter to propel Eastern Randolph to a 4-0 shut out of visiting Jordan-Matthews March 7 in 2A PAC 7 Conference softball action.

Craven allowed just singles to Avery Headen and Jocelyn Mitchell in the 1st and 7th innings respectively while issuing no walks and striking out nine.

Eastern Randolph (2-0 conference, 4-0 overall) gave Craven all the run support it needed in the home half of the 1st when Aniyah King reached on a one-out bunt single, Craven doubled to right center, King scored on a passed ball, and Craven crossed home plate after a costly J-M error to make the score 2-0.

After LeeAnn Lilly was hit by a pitch in the 2nd, Jordan-Matthews (1-1, 1-4) was retired in order in the next four innings until Emery Moore was plunked by a wild pitch in the 7th, and Mitchell singled to right field with no outs. Eastern Randolph turned a double play moments later to squash the threat in the 7th.

Mitchell did a good job keeping the Jets in the contest but the Wildcats finally gained some separation in the bottom of the 6th when Craven singled, Shyanne Gay mashed an RBI triple, and Savannah Beaver grounded out to second to plate Gay, upper the lead to 4-0.

For the game, Mitchell went all six innings and allowed five hits, four runs (two earned), no walks while striking out two.

Craven was 2-for-3 with two runs and a double to lead the Eastern Randolph offense while Gay was 1-for-3 with a run, an RBI and a triple, King 1-for-3 with a run, and Courtnee Carter 1-for-3.

Jordan-Matthews out-duels Chatham Central 4-1

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

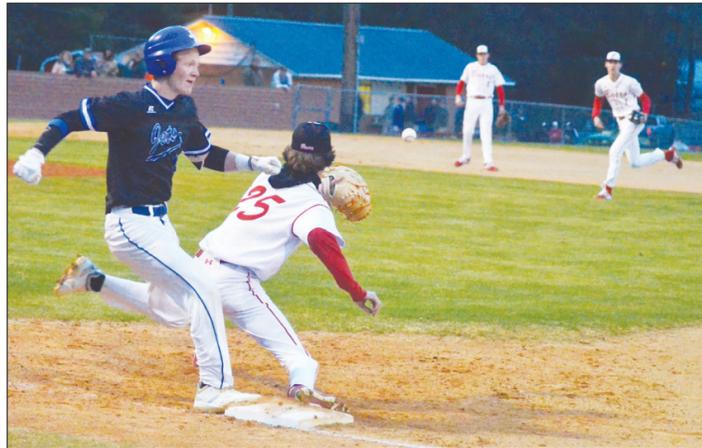
BEAR CREEK — Camden Fuquay and Samuel Murchison combined for a two-hitter here Thursday night to lift visiting Jordan-Matthews to a well-played 4-1 victory over rival Chatham Central in area high school baseball action.

Fuquay worked 5.2 innings and threw 75 pitches and allowed one hit, one run (earned), and one walk while striking out three to garner the victory on the mound. Murchison notched the save by working the final 1.1 innings and yielding one hit, a walk and fanning three.

The J-M tandem overshadowed a nice effort from Chatham Central ace Caleb Staley who went 5.1 innings and allowed five hits, three runs (two earned), and three walks while striking out five. Staley gave way to Micah Gurley in the 6th, who went the final 1.2 for the Bears, and allowed an unearned run and a walk while whiffing two.

The contest was scoreless in the opening three innings as Fuquay and Staley dominated.

Jordan-Matthews threatened in the top of the 1st behind an infield single by Christopher Morgan, a CC error, and a line drive base hit to left field. J-M's Thomas Smith, who had grounded into a fielder's choice earlier, rounded third in an attempt to score, but was thrown out by Bear leftfielder Tyson Measamer who



Staff photo by David Bradley

Jordan-Matthews' Christopher Morgan beats the throw to home team Chatham Central's Hunter Strickland in the top of the first inning Thursday. The home field advantage didn't work, as Central lost 4-1.

uncorked a nice throw to catcher Carter Fuquay, who applied the tag on the sliding Smith to end the threat.

Neither team had a batter reach base during the next three innings with the exception of J-M's Luke Hinshaw drawing a walk in the 3rd inning.

Jordan-Matthews finally broke a scoreless tie in the top of the 4th when the visitors pushed across the run with two outs. Staley had gotten a strikeout and fly out to begin

the frame, but Fuquay beat out a ground ball to short and Seth Moore followed with an RBI-single to right center which plated courtesy runner Caleb Campbell who had stolen second moments earlier.

Trailing 1-0, Chatham Central went down in order for the fourth consecutive time in the home half of the 4th.

This set up the Jets scoring again to take a 2-0 lead in the 5th sparked

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Northwood girls crush Southern Lee 15-3

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SANFORD — Northwood plated five runs in the top of the 1st inning here on Thursday afternoon on the way to crushing host Southern Lee 15-3 in area non-conference softball action.

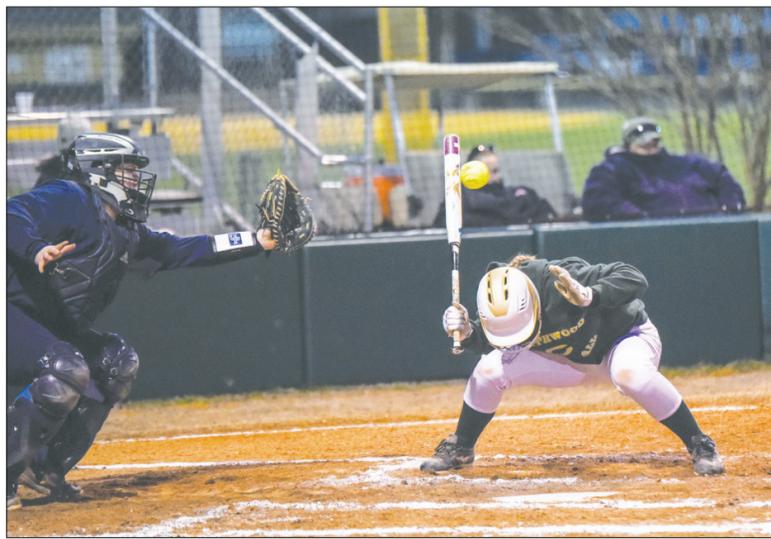
The Chargers added six more runs in the 4th and four more in the 5th to cruise to the easy win.

Northwood (3-1) received a stellar mound performance from senior Hannah Weigle who picked up the mound victory by going all six innings and scattering five hits while yielding three runs (one earned) and one walk, and striking out nine.

Offensively the Chargers were locked-in all day long, wrapping out 15 hits while also drawing eight walks.

Allison Coker led the Northwood plate assault with a 3-for-4 outing that included two runs scored, a walk and three RBI.

Going 2-for-4 with three runs, three RBI, a double and a stolen base



Northwood's Grace Leonard ducks out of the way of a high pitch last week in area softball action in Pittsboro.

Staff photo by Lee Moody

was Lauren Davis while Mayci Springle added a 2-for-3 effort with two runs, an RBI, and two walks, Jamie Christensen a 2-for-4 day with two runs, two RBI and a walk, and Emma Douglass a 2-for-4 contest with two RBI.

Also, Caroline Dorshimer ripped a double and scored a run in a 1-for-1 effort while Chandler Adams was 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI, Chloe Lineman 1-for-3 with two runs, a walk and an RBI, and Grace Leonard 1-for-4 with a

run. Northwood was scheduled to host Cedar Ridge on Tuesday, Jordan-Matthews on Wednesday, and to travel to Cedar Ridge on Friday. The Chargers then entertain Southern Durham in a double-header next Tuesday.

Vikings shoot down Jets in double-header sweep

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

CAMERON — Union Pines flexed its muscles with a double-header sweep of visiting Jordan-Matthews in area softball action March 6.

In the opener, Union Pines (3-1 overall) scored four runs in the 4th before adding an insurance run in the 5th to close out a 7-3 win.

The Vikings had jumped to a 2-0 advantage after plating runs in each of its initial pair of at-bats before the Jets countered with two runs in the 2nd behind a leadoff single to left from LeeAnn Lilly, an RBI-double to center from Eve Long, and Aubree Wilson stealing home.

Jordan-Matthews took a 3-2 advantage in the 3rd when Emery Moore singled and later scored on an RBI-single from Lilly.

Union Pines would rally with its four runs in the 4th highlighted by a Cameron McCutchen triple.

Offensively, the Jets were paced by Moore who was 3-for-3 with two stolen bases and a run scored, and Lilly who was 3-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Long was also 1-for-2 with a double and an RBI while Avery Headen was 1-for-3.

McCutchen scored three runs with an RBI and two walks for Union Pines, while Kaitlyn Richardson was 2-for-2 with a run, an RBI and a walk, while Samantha Allred was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

Kaley Evans picked up the win on the mound for the Vikings after hurling all five innings

and allowing eight hits, three runs (one earned), no walks, and striking out four.

Mitchell suffered the loss after working all five innings and yielding seven hits, five runs (two earned), four walks and fanning four.

In the nightcap, Union Pines rolled to a 10-3 victory behind a four-run 2nd, and a five-run 4th.

Four errors proved too much to overcome for Jordan-Matthews as only four UP runs were earned.

Mitchell went four innings and was dealt the loss after allowing seven hits, seven walks and whiffing three.

Union Pines saw Allred garner the victory on the hill with five innings worked. Allred collected six strikeouts in the win while allowing eight hits, three earned runs and three walks.

Moore was 2-for-3 with a run in the loss while Mitchell was also 2-for-3 with an RBI, Headen and Ashlyn Ray 1-for-3 with a run, Lilly 1-for-3 with an RBI, Aubree Wilson 1-for-2 with a walk, and Claire Beck and Long drew a walk apiece.

Moore also stole a pair of bases while Headen added another.

For Union Pines offensively, Richardson was 2-for-2 with a run, an RBI and a walk, and Allred was 2-for-3 with two RBI. McCutchen was a terror again at the leadoff spot for the Vikings, going hitless, but walking twice, scoring three runs, driving home another, and stealing a pair of bases in UP's total of eight for the contest which included two more by Evans.

Knights slay Grizzlies in tennis

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Chatham Charter boys tennis team disposed of visiting Clover Garden 8-1 March 7 in a 1A Central Tar Heel Conference contest.

Chatham Charter (1-0 conference, 2-0 overall) dropped the initial contest of the day before making short work of the Grizzlies.

Clover Garden's Matt Hall captured the top-seeded singles affair 3-6, 6-1, 10-8 in the most competitive match of the day over Tristan McInturff.

From that point forward, however, it was all Knights as the locals rattled off eight consecutive wins.

At No. 2, Carson Lamb defeated Blake Foley 6-1, 6-1 before Martin

Meglar cruised past Elijah Tucker 6-3, 6-1 at No. 3.

Leading 2-1, Chatham Charter added two more victories with Josh Lineberry routing Cody Mason 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4, and Cody Morgan earning a 6-2, 6-1 win over Dante Chavez at No. 5 to increase the locals advantage to 4-1.

A forfeit at No. 6 singles clinched the match win for the Knights, who added a sweep in doubles to close out the 8-1 triumph.

In No. 1 doubles action, Lamb and Morgan took down Hall and Mason 8-4 before Harrison Fogleman and Lane Crowder eased by Foley and Tucker 8-5 at No. 2.

Clover Garden would forfeit the final doubles contest to make the final 8-1.



Chatham Charter's Tristan McInturff prepares to serve in high school tennis action last week in Siler City. The Knights took down Clover Garden and Jordan-Matthews in a pair of early season wins.

Staff photo by Lee Moody

Sports frenzy upon us



DON BEANE
Sports Editor

My first intentions for a column this week were not about sports, but about the traffic situation on U.S. 64 around Walmart.

After seeing yet another wreck in that area last week, which once again drew my ire, I was dead set on writing my column about it. But my Managing Editor Randall Rigsbee advised me that maybe since this column runs in the sports section, maybe it should be about sports. And he is right.

If anyone is interested in getting a group together to push stop lights at the end of Progress Boulevard and Silk Hope Roads, count me in. The NC DOT higher-ups from Raleigh can come down and bully Siler City into putting medians in the middle of the highway all the way down 64, which will have a negative impact on our businesses, but they can't address this situation which has already been the scene of a growing number of wrecks, including at least one fatal. It's time for voices to be heard.

Now to sports. What a great time of year it is.

Basketball season is winding down and spring sports have gotten underway.

Here in Chatham County, the hoop dreams of area clubs in winning a state title are over, but it certainly was an exciting season, especially the last few weeks. Saturday will be a dream for lovers of high school basketball as eight state championships between the girls and boys 1A-4A classifications will be decided. So if you don't have St. Patrick's Day or ACC tournament plans, the 1A and 3A title games will be played at the Dean Dome in Chapel Hill, and the 2A and 4A championship contests will be held at historic Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh.

And by the way, the NCAA tournament and March Madness are almost here. Another exciting event, especially with UNC and Duke so strong, and N.C. State certainly dangerous enough to make a run if the Wolfpack gets in a favorable bracket.

The 2019 spring sports season promises to be entertaining, at the least. All four county baseball teams look strong after a few seasons where traditional powers Chatham Central and Jordan-Matthews were very young. In fact, don't be surprised if Chatham Central and Chatham Charter

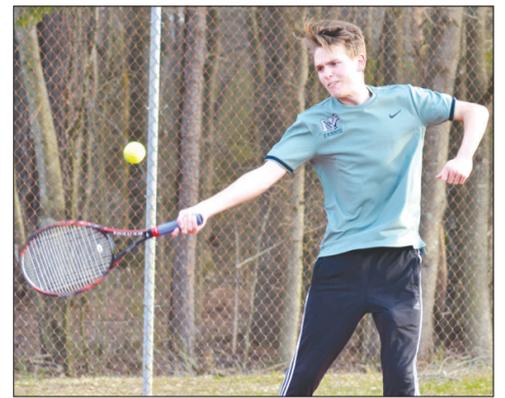
make runs at the 1A Central Tar Heel Conference title, Jordan-Matthews at the 2A PAC 7 crown, and Northwood at the 3A Big Eight Conference title. There is a lot of good talent on the diamond in Chatham County and there will be some exciting nights in the coming months here locally.

In softball, Chatham Central, Jordan-Matthews, and Northwood should all make impacts in their conferences. Chatham Central, in particular, has a chance to make a serious run at a state title with a lot of returning talent from a team that lost in the 3rd round of the 1A state playoffs last year to eventual state champion Alleghany.

Away from the diamond, there is also boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls track and field, boys tennis, boys golf, and girls soccer going on. The Northwood boys lacrosse team is one that had budded into one of the strongest in the state, while the Lady Chargers are making history with its first team ever.

There will be hardly a day that goes by that a team from one of the five Chatham County schools isn't playing in at least one sport.

So if you are sitting at home trying to find a way to spend your night, get out and support Chatham County's student athletes. I promise you will be glad you did.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Chargers go for the win

Northwood's Ryan Christensen volleys a powerful return of the ball back across the net in his match against Chatham Central Thursday night.

AWAY

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Hurricanes will meet second-seed East Carteret (22-3) with the winner moving on to play for the 1A state title the following Saturday against the West champion at the Dean E. Smith Center in Chapel Hill.

Held to their lowest point total since a 62-27 loss to Union Pines on December 30, 2015, while suffering their worst defeat since a 57-16 setback to South Davidson back on February 8, 2013, the Lady Bears saw their 12-game win streak come to an abrupt halt as they closed out the year with an overall ledger of 22-4.

Jakiya Jones tallied 14 points and Mirachell Maher chipped in 12 for the victors, who connected on 44 percent (31-of-71) of their field goal attempts and commanded a huge 45-23 rebounding advantage while collecting a dozen steals.

Abby Elkins topped Chatham Central with 10 points, Maddy Elkins contributed nine and Mary Grace Murchison added eight as the Lady Bears shot just 22 percent (nine-of-41) from the floor while committing two dozen turnovers.

Entering the second quarter with a 17-point lead, Pamlico County expanded its advantage to 40-9 midway through the frame and 43-15 at intermission. But the Lady Hurricanes' intensity picked up again in the third stanza as the Jones pair, along with Maher, combined for 17 of their team's 21 points in the period as Pamlico County stretched its lead to 64-22 heading into the final eight minutes and coasted to the lopsided win.

"In spite of tonight's outcome, I'm really proud of our girls for having a lot of success this season," Burke said. "And with all but three players coming back, I'm looking forward to another great run next year."

Reaching out

Northwood's Kendall Laberge (1) reaches out for a loose ball on Tuesday night in Pittsboro.



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Jordan-Matthews' Felix Sifuentes prepares to strike a shot back against Chatham Charter last week in local high school tennis action.

Knights edge Jets in Siler City showdown

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — In a battle for bragging rights on the hard court, Chatham Charter edged Jordan-Matthews 5-3 last Monday afternoon in area high school boys tennis action.

Doubles proved to be the difference in the contest after singles play ended in a 3-3 draw.

In singles, Felix Sifuentes put Jordan-Matthews in front early with a 10-4 victory over Tristan McInturff in top-seeded action.

Chatham Charter responded with a 10-1 triumph at No. 2 by Martin Meglar over Chris Cifuentes to tie the score at 1-1.

The back-and-forth trend continued all the way through singles as the Jets picked up wins at

No. 3 and No. 5, and the Knights claimed victories at No. 4 and No. 6.

At No. 3, J-M saw Harrison Brewer double up Josh Lineberry 10-5 while at No. 5 it was Erik Lujan holding off Harrison Fogleman 10-7.

For Chatham Charter at No. 4 it was Cody Morgan downing David Herrera 10-3 while Lane Crowder whipped George Topete 10-3 at No. 6.

With the match on the line, doubles would decide the outcome, and Chatham Charter struck first in the top-seeded battle when McInturff and Meglar teamed up to down Sifuentes and Lujan 8-4 to send the Knights up 4-3.

At No. 3, Fogleman and Crowder would clinch the Chatham Charter win with an 8-3 triumph over Topete and Jason Santamaria.

The No. 2 doubles contest was called a 3-3 draw between Lineberry and Morgan versus Brewer and Cifuentes.

Lady Chargers split pair in diamond action

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — The Northwood softball team split a pair of games early last week with a 17-1 drubbing over rival Chapel Hill in 3A Big Eight Conference action and an 11-0 loss to Union Pines in non-conference play.

The Lady Chargers (3-1 overall, 1-0 conference) began with a 17-1 victory over Chapel Hill March 4. Northwood broke open a 2-0 game with 12 runs in the bottom of the third before adding three more in the fourth to close out the easy triumph.

Throughout the lineup Northwood proved to be potent in the victory which saw the locals batter Chapel Hill pitching for 15 hits while also drawing six walks.

Jamie Christensen, a junior, paced the Chargers offensively with a perfect 4-for-4 afternoon at the plate which included scoring three runs, driving in three more, stealing two bases in as many attempts and belting a double.

Adding a 3-for-3 day was Hannah Weigle who scored three times, drove in a pair of runs, walked once, and ripped a double. For good measure, the senior Weigle also picked up the win on the mound after going all four innings while allowing just one hit, an unearned run, walking two, and striking out 12.

Other top hitters for the Chargers versus the Tigers were Emma Douglass and Chloe Lineman who both went 2-for-3. Lineman scored three times, walked once, blasted a triple and scored two times while Douglass scored a pair of runs while driving in another.

Closing out the offensive attack for Northwood was Lauren Davis who went 2-for-4 with a run, three RBI, and two stolen bases in two attempts, Erika Sells who was 1-for-3 with a run scored, Allison Coker who went 1-for-1 with two



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Northwood's Hannah Weigle (6) gives chase off the mound to corral a foul ball last week against Union Pines.

RBI, two runs, and two walks.

Also for the Chargers, freshman Grace Leonard scored a run and walked while sophomore Caroline Dorshimer walked in her one plate appearance.

Against Union Pines March 5, the wheels just fell off the wagon for Northwood as the visiting Vikings erupted for eight runs in the fourth inning to blow open a 1-0 game, eventually resulting in the 11-0 UP triumph.

Samantha Allred, just a sophomore for the Vikings, stole the show on Tuesday as the UP hurler went the distance, hurling the shutout in six innings while allowing just two hits, no runs, a walk, hitting a batter, and whiffing nine.

Mayci Springle was 1-for-3 in the loss for the Chargers while Weigle collected the other Northwood

safety on the way to a 1-for-3 day. Christensen drew a walk for the locals in the loss while later being hit by a pitch from Allred. Northwood committed nine errors in the field during the contest.

Weigle suffered the loss after going six innings, yielding 12 hits, 11 runs (three earned), one walk, and striking out seven.

Kaley Evans paced Union Pines offensively with a 3-for-4 outing that included three runs scored, two RBI, and a double while Allred was 2-for-4 with two runs, an RBI and a double, Payton Ring 2-for-4 with an RBI, Taylor Parker 1-for-4 with a run and a two-run triple, Megan Foster 2-for-4 with a run, an RBI and a triple, C. McCutchen 1-for-2 with a run, a double and two walks, Skylar Lilly 1-for-3 with a run, and Faith McLean 1-for-1.

Jets bomb Red Raiders in twinbill sweep

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Jordan-Matthews made short work of visiting High Point Andrews as the Jets bombed the Red Raiders 14-0 and 13-0 in a twinbill sweep on March 5.

The Jets (2-1 overall, 2-0 conference) plated 14 runs in the bottom of the 1st inning in the opener and never looked back in taking the easy victory in two and a half innings.

Thomas Smith led the way offensively for Jordan-Matthews in the win with a 2-for-4 outing that included two runs scored, four RBI and a pair of Triples.

Seth Moore added a 2-for-4 day with a pair of runs while Samuel Murchison was 2-for-3 with two RBI, two runs and a triple.

Adding to the nine-hit J-M attack in the opener was Christopher Morgan going 1-for-2 with two runs and a walk, Kevin Cano 1-for-1 with an RBI and a walk, and Luke Hinshaw 1-for-1 with a run and a walk.

Chipping in two RBI and a walk was Tucker Moore while Camden Fuquay added two walks and a pair of stolen bases. Luke Martinelli also stole two bases while

Chris Rios and Hinshaw added a stolen base apiece.

Picking up the win on the mound for the Jets in the opener was Cano who worked two innings and allowed two hits, no runs, two walks and fanned three.

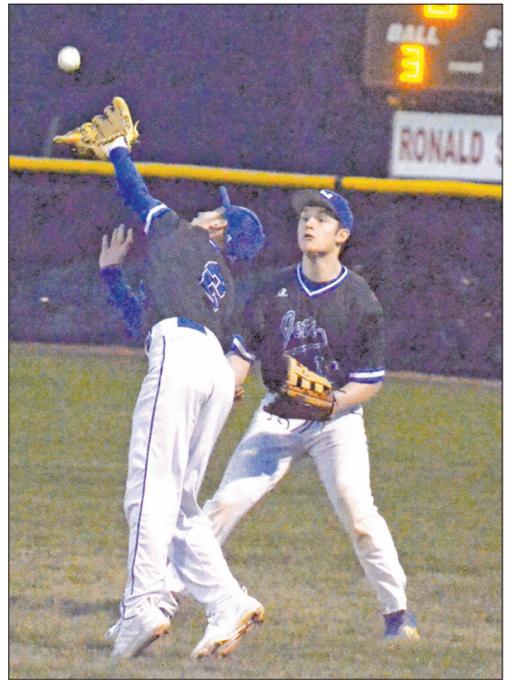
Hinshaw earned a save by working the third and allowing no hits, one walk, and whiffing three.

Terrell Carrollton and Jordan Elliott each 1-for-1 for the Red Raiders in game one while starter Trevion McCallum suffered the loss after not getting an out and giving up three hits, six runs (all earned), and three walks.

In the night cap, Jordan-Matthews exploded for eight runs in the first before adding five more in the second on the way to belting Andrews 13-0.

Murchison was 2-for-2 with two runs and four RBI for the Jets at the plate while Morgan was 1-for-2 with a run, a walk an RBI and a triple, and Moore 1-for-2 with a run, two RBI and a walk.

Adding to the J-M offense was Smith who went 1-for-1 with a run and an RBI, Fuquay 1-for-2 with two runs and an RBI, Caleb Campbell 1-for-2 with two runs and an RBI, Landon Vickery



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Jordan-Matthews misses the catch but wins the game in the bottom half of the first inning, Jordan-Matthews infielder Seth Moore misses the catch in right field at Chatham Central High School Thursday night as outfielder Landon Vickery looks on. JM won the game 4-1.

1-for-2 with a run and an RBI, and George Jacinto added a walk.

Moore stole three bases for the Jets who swiped 10 in the contest. Fuquay and Morgan added two stolen bases apiece while Martinelli, Murchison, Smith, Vickery, and Colby Poirier added one each.

Rios picked up the win on the mound for Jordan-Matthews after working the first inning and walking one and fanning one.

Also seeing mound time for the Jets was Tucker Moore going .2 innings and allowing no hits, no runs and no walks, Martinelli 1.1 innings while yielding no hits, no runs, walking one and whiffing four as the J-M trio combined for a no-hitter.

Trey Perdue suffered the loss for the Red Raiders after working both innings and allowing eight hits, 13 runs (eight earned), four walks, and striking out three.

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by Landon Vickery and Hinshaw drawing walks, the pair swiping third and second respectively, and Vickery hustling home to score on a sacrifice fly by Vickery to right field.

After the Bears went down in order yet again in the bottom of the stanza, Jordan-Matthews

plated a run in the top of the 6th to extend its lead to 3-0. With one down, Fuquay reached on an error for the Jets, courtesy runner more moved to second on a wild pitch, and Moore stroked an RBI-single to right center to plate Campbell.

Gurley would come in to get a strike out and a pop up to third base to end the threat.

Chatham Central finally showed some life offensively in the home half of the 6th when Drew Cox coaxed a lead off walk before Fuquay fanned the next two batters.

The Bears weren't done, however, as Lofton Dodson singled off Fuquay to drive him out of the game before Michael Moore greeted J-M reliever Samuel Murchison with an RBI-single to center to plate Dodson and cut the deficit to 3-1.

Things got even more interest-

ing moments later when Measmer walked to load the bases, but Murchison worked out of the jam by getting Staley to ground back to the mound for the final out.

Jordan-Matthews tacked on an insurance run in the top of the 7th behind a CC error, a walk to Smith, and another Bear error which allowed pinch-runner Luke Martinelli to score.

Working with a 4-1 advantage, Murchison struck out the side to sit Chatham Central down in order for the sixth time in seven innings while clinching the road win for the Jets.

Moore paced Jordan-Matthews at the plate with a 2-for-3 effort with two RBI while Fuquay, Morgan and Rios were all 1-for-4.

Chatham Central was led offensively by a 1-for-3 effort with an RBI from Moore while Dodson was also 1-for-3.

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Lady Jets overwhelm Red Raiders

BY DON BEANE
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Jordan-Matthews exploded for 17 runs in the bottom of the 1st inning en route to an 18-8 beat down of visiting High Point Andrews in two and a half innings on March 5.

The Jets improved to 1-0 in the 2A PAC 7 Conference with the win and to 1-1 overall.

Jocelyn Mitchell closed the contest with a no-hitter after working all three innings and allowing no hits, no runs, one walk, and striking out five. Mitchell also paced Jordan-Matthews at the plate with a 3-for-3 effort that included two runs scored, and RBI and a triple.

Emery Moore also had a great day for the Jets offensively as the

senior slugger went 2-for-2 with two runs, a home run and four RBI.

Adding 2-for-2 day with two runs and a double was Ashlyn Ray and Erica Canada while Ellia Wright was 1-for-1 with two walks, Claire Beck was 0-for-1 with a run and two RBI, Jasmine Scotten 1-for-2 with two runs and an RBI, Aubree Wilson 1-for-1 with two runs, two walks and an RBI, LeeAnn Lilly 0-for-1 with two runs, a walk and an RBI, Eve Long a walk and a run, Auburn Campbell a walk, and Avery Headen 1-for-2 with two runs and a walk.

Abby Fuller took the loss for the Red Raiders on the mound after going .1 innings and allowing eight hits, 16 runs (three earned) and five walks.

NCHSAA basketball state championships title pairings set

BY DON BEANE
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CHAPEL HILL — The NCHSAA East and West Regionals were decided this past weekend in the four classifications and the 2019 State Championships are set for this Saturday.

In 1A action, Pamlico County and East Surry will square off in the girls contest at noon in Chapel Hill at the Dean Dome. Pamlico, which eliminated Chatham Central in the 4th round, advanced to the finals for the third straight season with a convincing 60-37 whipping of East Carteret on Saturday down in Fayetteville.

East Surry, meanwhile, took the West Regional in Hickory with a last-second three-point shot to rally past Murphy 41-38.

The 1A boys will feature Henderson Collegiate against Bishop McGuinness at 2:30 p.m. in Chapel Hill at the Dean Dome. Henderson Collegiate knocked off Washington County 69-59 for the East Regional

title down in Greenville at ECU, while Bishop McGuinness edged North Rowan 42-40 in the West in Hickory.

Also at the Dean Dome, the 3A girls will go at 5 p.m. with Southeast Guilford taking on Cuthbertson. SE Guilford won the East Regional with a 62-49 win over E.E. Smith, while Cuthbertson downed Freedom 41-37 to take the West Regional crown.

At 7:30 p.m. in the Dean Dome, Burlington Williams will try to down the buzz saw that is Southwest Guilford for the 3A title. Williams upset Eastern Alamance 58-49 to take the East Regional, while Southwest Guilford blasted two-time defending 3A state champion 88-58 to win the West.

In Raleigh at Reynolds Coliseum, Saturday action will begin with the 4A boys final of South Central and West Charlotte at noon. South Central took the East Regional by trouncing Raleigh Millbrook 70-50 while West Charlotte won the West by destroying Winston Salem Reyn-

olds 85-51.

The 4A girls final will feature Southeast Raleigh against West Forsyth at 2:30 p.m. Southeast Raleigh, champions from the East, advanced by beating Cary 58-51 on Saturday while West Forsyth mashed Charlotte Butler 57-39 that same day to win the West.

In the 5 p.m. contest to decide the 2A girls, Farmville Central will tangle with Mountain Heritage. The East Regional champion Farmville Central girls made the state finals after hammering Kinston 76-56 on Saturday while Mountain Heritage captured the West Regional by blasting Forbush 70-45.

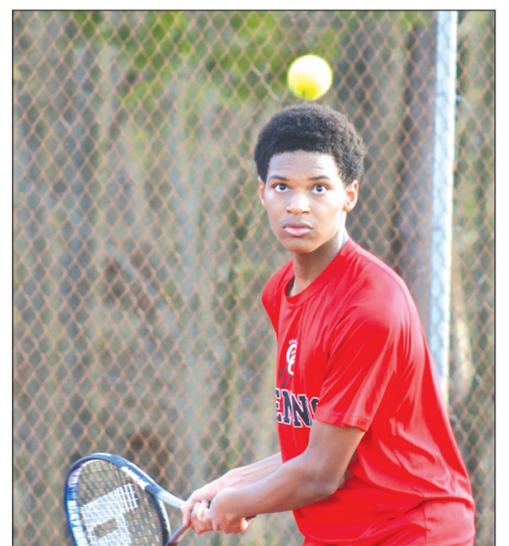
The Farmville Central community will hang around for the 2A boys game as the Jaguars hit the court against Forest Hills with a state crown on the line. Farmville Central won the East Regional by dominating Greene Central 78-59 while Forest Hills pulled away in the fourth to take the West Regional with a 71-62 triumph over East Lincoln.



Staff photo by Lee Moody

Finding the net

A Carrboro shot finds the net past Northwood keeper Madi Horrell (4) on Tuesday night in Pittsboro.



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Staring down the ball

Chatham Central's Sidney Cheek judges the speed of the ball before returning it across the net Thursday at Chatham Central High School.

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All things orchid: Orchid Gallery helps with delicate, exotic flowers

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Orchids are elegant, unique and delicate. And with long-lasting blooms ranging from the simple to the exotic, they're prized and highly sought-after plants.

But even though they're prolific, they can be difficult to nurture and care for.

At Pittsboro's Orchid Gallery, which has been growing, distributing and babysitting orchids and similar flora for 26 years, the flower's dramatic impact makes the effort worth it.

Jeff Baldwin and his mother, Rita, started the Orchid Gallery when the younger Baldwin was a junior in college, studying forestry at N.C. State. His mother, who had spent her entire career as an English teacher in Durham, decided she was done with teaching. She sold the family home and bought an old horse farm off Hanks Chapel Road.

"It was at a time when people just said 'You gotta go to school, it doesn't matter what for,'" Baldwin remembered. "But the last two years I was at State, this was operational."

The pair built the first greenhouse soon after. Baldwin said early on, his mother placed a personal, small collection of 20 or so orchids in the greenhouse, quickly followed by a collection of about 100 she picked up from a widow of a collector in Florida.

They initially sold all sorts of house plants, including amaryllises and ferns. But as a customer base began building, some would see the orchids and begin asking questions and seeking advice.

"They would say 'I have this orchid and I don't know what to do, I can't get it to bloom,'" Baldwin said. "And before you knew it, we had a greenhouse full of plants that didn't belong to us."

The Orchid Gallery will definitely babysit your orchids. When they're finished blooming, customers will bring them to Baldwin, who will tend to them,



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The Orchid Gallery carries a variety of orchids which fill the greenhouse with vibrant colors and delicate fragrances.

watering, fertilizing and giving them everything they need — and will contact you when they are ready to bloom again.

"It's the customers that made the business," Baldwin said.

Sometimes customers give Baldwin tropical plants he isn't familiar with, but he quickly learns what they need. That was the case, he said, when he first received a sprout from an Hymalaen denrobium orchid. That plant has small flowers that bloom around Valentine's Day, right when the plant comes out of dormancy. The blooms bud off of stems that hang prior to the growth of leaves.

"We do research," he said. "Sometimes I don't know what to do when we first get it."

The Orchid Gallery does more than just grow, sell, and babysit individual plants. They also have a robust wholesale and rental arm.

For example, Baldwin supplies orchids to homes and businesses and then swaps them out every four weeks to keep blooms visible.

He does this for many businesses, including the Carolina Inn and the Oak Leaf in Chapel Hill. He will also be supplying orchids for



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Some of the Orchid Gallery's happy customers.

the Furniture Market in High Point this year.

"We really do anything that has to do with orchids," Baldwin said. "We also give advice and re-potting services. Sometimes people accumulate orchids then don't know what to do with them. We tell them what they're doing right or wrong."

February through May is the "busy" season for the Orchid Gallery because it's a time when many orchids bloom. Baldwin and his staff stay busy harvesting and contacting people to pick up their plants.

On a recent day at the Orchid Gallery, customer after customer came into the greenhouse. Some

were picking up plants that were ready to bloom. Some had question about why plants did one thing or another. One customer brought in two orchids that she had recently purchased which had leaves that were browning.

"Do you have it near a vent?" Baldwin asked. "The air, whether its heat or air conditioning will dry it out. This looks environmental."

The customer, who was also dropping off spent orchids and picking up some in bloom, left with her orchids and guidance on helping them thrive.

And starting in June, the Orchid Gallery is a different kind of busy —



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

The Orchid Gallery is located on Hank's Chapel Road in Pittsboro. A revamped horse farm, the gallery is a hidden gem on a gravel driveway.

plant busy. The majority of the time during the early summer months is spent trying to give the plants the environment they need to grow.

"The microclimates in the greenhouse are constantly changing," Baldwin said. "We're constantly moving fans and things around based on the climate they like."

In the colder months, Baldwin uses propane to heat the greenhouses but also has a wood stove as a back up.

"It's a seven-day-a-week job," Baldwin said. "It doesn't matter if it's Christmas or a birthday. When the plants need water, they need water."

"It's aging me for sure," he said. "But I love walking through here in the morning with a cup of coffee. I love being with the plants. It's a challenge to see if you can get things to bloom better every year."

Baldwin and his wife, Augustina, manage the Orchid Gallery now. Rita now focuses on creating fine art, having converted the horse barn into a studio. Baldwin is also an artist and is mentoring his two staff members, Grant Austin and Sam Miller-Finkel, to be able to take bigger role in the day-to-day of the shop so he can have time to focus on his art.

Austin is a plant person. About three years ago, he would come to the Orchid Gallery once a week with his young children. Baldwin asked

him if he wanted a job. He started working one day a week then moved to two.

Then Austin had a devastating accident. While he was recuperating, his friend, Miller-Finkel, filled in. The accident provided a time for Austin and his wife to re-evaluate what they really wanted in life. When Austin healed, he returned to the Orchid Gallery full-time.

"When you can relay on people, it makes all the difference in the world," Baldwin said, praising Austin and Miller-Finkel. "I feel like we have a really great crew. We're at where we've been trying to get to for 25 years."

There's an element of care that exists at the Orchid Gallery that doesn't happen with bulk orchids that you get from a grocery store. Baldwin never ships his orchids on wheels. They are delivered by plane and they pick them up themselves. That detail and care creates an almost Zen-like experience when you sit inside the greenhouse.

"We're a destination spot," Baldwin said. "I think a lot of people come here because it makes them feel good. We have a good clientele and a lot of people who are like family."

The Orchid Gallery is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays at 2698 Hanks Chapel Rd. in Pittsboro.

Social media threat against Chatham Central deemed false

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff
The Chatham County Sheriff's Office declared

on its Facebook page Thursday that a "rumors of a potential threat" to Chatham Central High School were deemed to be "unfounded and not

based on any credible danger."

Sara Pack, the sheriff's office's public information officer, told the News + Record Tuesday that

the rumors were "picked up...via social media," but were quashed through "multiple interviews and a thorough information."

Pack added that no charges are forthcoming related to the rumors.

"This is an example of how rapidly false or twisted information can

spread online," Pack said. "We will continue to investigate all leads to exhaustion, especially when it comes to any potential threats toward our schools and students."

Sheriff Mike Roberson said in a statement Thursday that the department takes all threats "seriously," even if they're just rumors.

"The safety of our youth is always a top concern for law enforcement and school personnel," Roberson said. "Although we do not anticipate any elevated risks, we recognize that the fear spread by false information is very real. We will continue to work with school administrators to ensure our schools are a safe and positive learning environment for students and staff."

The sheriff's office posted additional deputies on Chatham Central's campus on Friday to "offer support and reassurance to students and their families," according to the department's Facebook page.

John McCann, Chatham County Schools' public relations coordinator, told the News + Record that there were 175 total absences at Chatham Central on Friday, but emphasized that it would be impossible to say the threat was exactly why that many students missed class. In high school, absences are counted if a student misses at least more than half of one class period.

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Student discipline report of no alarm for CCS

BY ZACHARY HORNER

News + Record Staff

The N.C. Department of Public Instruction released student discipline figures for the 2017-2018 school year last week, and while Chatham County Schools saw one number rise, district officials say there's nothing to be alarmed about.

According to the report, there were 582 short-term suspensions of students from all grade levels last school year across the county, an increase from the 553 last year. Tracy Fowler, the district's executive director of student services, said that number tends to go up and down from year to year.

"I think that these are numbers that may fluctuate up and down some," she said. "Sometimes you've got specific things that are happening more with individual kids. There's nothing alarming as a trend."

Fowler added that the number has decreased significantly in recent years, and the data reflects that. Last year's total is much less than

short-term suspensions in 2012-2013 (902), 2013-2014 (898) and 2014-2015 (664), for example.

"We were hitting between 800-900 short-term suspensions (per year), so we have had a pretty significant decrease over the last few years," she said.

The report also stated that the district saw 25 reportable crimes from high school students, a drop from 44 in 2016-2017. The number of high school dropouts went from 42 two years ago to 47 last year.

Across the state, the number of reportable crimes by high school students decreased by 1.6 percent and the dropout rate fell by 5.6 percent. The most frequently reported crimes were possession of a controlled substance in violation of the law, possession of a weapon excluding firearms and powerful explosives and possession of an alcoholic beverage. The report also stated that one in 10 high school students in North Carolina received at least one out-of-school short term suspension.

STUDENTS NAMED TO DEANS LISTS

GAINES NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Alyssa Gaines of Siler City was named to the Dean's List at Anderson University, Anderson, SC for the fall semester, 2018.

In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

LOYOLA NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Jose Garcia Loyola of Snow Camp has been named to Sherman College of Chiropractic's Dean's List for grades earned during the Fall 2018 Academic Quarter. Dean's list students have achieved a grade point of at least 3.5 average for the quarter.

The school is located in Spartanburg, SC.

NEWS BRIEFS

Pittsboro board approves requests

The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, receiving updates and approving two requests.

The board received an update from Jim Nass, Chairman of the town's Affordable Housing Committee. The committee, following previous approvals from the board, has been working on setting up an Affordable Housing non-profit. In addition, the committee is working with a consultant to take previous affordable housing recommendations approved by the board and put them into ordinance language. The first draft of the ordinance language should be ready for the committee to review on March 26. The committee is also working with town staff to set a schedule to bring the recommended ordinances to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration.

The board approved an increase in sewer allocation for the Modern Deli and Drinks — also known as "The Mod" — for a planned expansion project. Pittsboro Town Engineer Elizabeth Goodson presented the request to the board as well as a status update of the amount of sewer allocation available based on the capacity of the town's wastewater treatment plant. Goodson noted that, at least on paper, with the number of allocations already approved, the plant will be at 90 percent capacity. The board preliminarily approved a new force main and pipe to connect to Sanford's Wastewater Treatment plant, increasing the town's capacity for wastewater, but the permitting for the project has not yet been secured.

The board also approved an amendment to its ordinance regarding alcohol on town or public property during special events. The amendment was requested by Main Street Pittsboro in anticipation of many of the special events it will organize this year. The amendment would allow, with proper ABC permitting, the sale and consumption of alcohol on Pittsboro streets when closed for events.

chathamnc.org or by phone at 919-545-8466.

Pittsboro's First Sunday seeking vendors for 2019

The Pittsboro Business Association's First Sunday Artisan Market and Fair will be held from noon to 5 p.m. the first Sunday of the month from April through November.

The 2019 vendor application is online now and can be found at on the www.shoppittsboro.com website.

A standard booth space is 10'x10'. Each vendor is responsible for his or her table, chairs and shade.

Booth sharing is not permitted. All vendors including non-profits and youth must apply, be approved and prepay to participate at the Pittsboro First Sunday Artisan Market and Fair. All food vendors must obtain proper permits or obtain exempt status by filling out an exemption application.

Links to the sites that provide required permits can be found inside the application.

- Fees for vendors:
 - Artisan vendor - \$30 per event
 - Non-artisan vendor - \$30 per event (limited spaces available)
 - Non-profit vendor - \$15

MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a BBQ chicken dinner from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on March 29 at Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Take out only or will deliver with a 10-plate minimum. Tickets, \$10 per plate, include 1/2 BBQ chicken, slaw, baked beans, roll and dessert. The church is located at: 2016 Mt. Carmel Church Road, Chapel Hill.

PINEY GROVE UMC

There will be a singing at 7 p.m. March 23 at Piney Grove United Methodist Church, featuring the Victory Side Quartet.

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All are welcome. The church is located at 2343 Piney Grove Church Road, Siler City.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Missionary Baptist Church of will celebrate Men's Day and the Male Chorus Anniversary, March 16 and 17. Saturday will be the "Father and Son" Prayer Breakfast at 9 a.m. The speaker will be Rev. Keishawn Niblett from Greensboro.

Services will continue at 10 a.m. Sunday morning with speaker Rev. Cicero Summers. Lunch will be served after that

service.

The Male Chorus will celebrate their anniversary at 2:30 p.m.

The church is located at 914 Martin Luther King Blvd., Siler City.

PITTSBORO CHURCH OF GOD

We invite you to join us for our Women's Retreat from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on March 16 and our annual Women's Day on Sunday, in the 11 a.m. worship service.

A continental breakfast will be served prior to the Women's Retreat on Saturday, and a repast will follow the Sunday worship service.

The facilitator for Saturday will be Reverend Dr. Alycia Marcena of Durham, and the Sunday morning speaker will be Reverend Charrell Leach. Come join us.

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

The youth of Community Baptist Church will host a barbecue chicken meal from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m. on March 22. Plates are \$9 and include chicken, green beans, slaw, roll, dessert, and drink. Delivery available for 10 or more plates. Proceeds will help with youth summer trips.

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Monday, March 18

BREAKFAST: Mini waffles, Peaches (**Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Chicken Grinder, PB&J w/Smoothie Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Mandarin Oranges (** Add Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, March 19

BREAKFAST: Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Mandarin Oranges, Hashbrowns (**Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit, Mini Waffles w/Cheese Stick, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Gold Rush 100% Juice Box, Chilled Pears (**Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage Biscuit w/Eggs, Fr Tst Stx w/Egg & Sausage, Ham & Cheese Combo, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Gold Rush 100% Juice Box, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit)

Wednesday, March 20

BREAKFAST: Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Chicken Nuggets w/Roll, Beef & Broccoli Rice Bowl, Ham & Cheese Combo, Glazed Carrots, Seasoned Peas, Chilled Applesauce (**Chicken Nuggets w/Roll, Beef & Broccoli Rice Bowl, Chicken Tender Wrap Combo, Glazed Carrots, Seasoned Peas, Chilled Applesauce, Fresh Fruit)

Thursday, March 21

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce, Hashbrowns (**Breakfast Pizza, Fresh Fruit)
LUNCH: Oven-Fried Chicken Drumsticks w/Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Fresh Fruit (** Oven-Fried Chicken Drumsticks w/Roll, Corn Dog Nuggets, Deli Club Wrap Combo, Deli Ham Chef Salad, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit)

Friday, March 22

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

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POLICE REPORTS

CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Justin Stovall, 34, of Siler City, was charged March 5 with driving while license revoked. He was held under a \$500 bond with a March 26 court date in Pittsboro.

Macy Johnson, 21, was charged March 5 with failure to appear. She was held under an \$11,500 bond with a March 14 court date in Pittsboro.

Uriah Foxx, 20, of Siler City, was charged March 5 with failure to appear. She was held under a \$700 bond.

Lisa Downs, 45, of Stoneville, was charged March 5 with misdemeanor larceny. She was released under a written promise with an April 3 court date in Greensboro.

Connie Brewer, 27, of Pittsboro, was charged March 7 with assault with a deadly weapon and communicating threats. She was released under a written promise with a March 26 court date in

Siler City.

Daniel Everwine III, 51, of Siler City, was charged March 7 with failure to appear. He was released under a written promise with a March 29 court date in Asheboro.

SILER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nelson Gaimez, 33, of Siler City, was charged March 8 with driving while impaired. He was held under a \$10,000 bond with an April 9 court date in Siler City. Gaimez was also cited for having no operator's license.

Fernando Cortez, 25, of Siler City, was charged March 10 with felony breaking and/or entering and second-degree trespassing. He was released under a written promise with an April 1 court date in Pittsboro.

Willie Johnson, 56, of Siler City, was charged March 11 on warrant service for offenses committed in another jurisdiction. He was released under a written promise

with an April 2 court date in Siler City.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Tracey Kane of Raleigh was cited March 4 for failing to reduce speed/hit and run and driving while license revoked on U.S. 64 in Pittsboro.

Wanda Hamrick of Sanford was cited March 5 for failing to reduce speed on Lystra Road in Pittsboro. Shereatha Terry of Apex was cited March 6 for failing to reduce speed on Mt. Gilead Church Road in Pittsboro.

Neil McGowan of Fuquay Varina was cited March 6 for reckless driving and hit and run property damage on N.C. 42 in Pittsboro.

Jeffrey Moran of Chapel Hill was cited March 6 for failure to maintain lane control on U.S. 64 in Pittsboro.

Xiao Qi of Durham was cited March 6 for failure to maintain lane control on Farrington Road in

Pittsboro.

Jonathan Burke of Siler City was cited March 7 for failure to maintain lane control/driving left of center on South Second Avenue in Siler City.

Shayna Cotten of Pittsboro was cited March 8 for exceeding safe speed/failure to maintain lane on Lystra Road in Pittsboro.

Aaron Gaddis of Siler City was cited March 8 for having unsafe tires and failure to maintain lane control on Silk Hope Road in Siler City.

Tiffany Brim of Sanford was cited March 9 for improper passing on Alston Chapel Road in Pittsboro.

Barika Hayes of Greensboro was cited March 10 for failure to maintain lane control on U.S. 421 in Siler City.

Harry Rattelman of Moncure was cited March 10 for failure to maintain lane control/driving left of center on Moncure Pittsboro Road in Pittsboro.

Siler City police continue investigations

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — The Siler City Police Department has been working to close several recent crimes which have garnered headlines both locally and across the state.

The department is still working to solve the vicious assault and stabbing of a Siler City Walmart associate that occurred last week. The victim, Frauke Charlotte Kopietz, 57, of Bear Creek, was taking a break at about 12:45 a.m. when two suspects approached her with the intention to

rob her. When the robbery was unsuccessful, they proceeded to stab her multiple times. The victim was transported to UNC Hospital for treatment.

According to Siler City interim Police Chief Jeanne Miller, investigators are processing forensic evidence. Video surveillance of the suspects has been posted to the Siler City Police Department Facebook page. The department is also offering a \$1,000 reward for any information that can help lead them to the suspects in the case. Persons with information can call Lt. Dean Johnson at 919-742-5626.

The department is continuing to work on charges for the two suspects identified in an incident at Walmart where razor

blades were attached to shopping carts. Several days ago, a Siler City man posted on Facebook, and reported to at least one local television station, that he had found razor blades attached to a gas pump at the Circle K on Highway 64 in Siler City.

Police have reviewed all the video from the gas station including before the man arrived and while he was there. Miller notes that no customers prior had problems with the handle nor did it appear that anyone did anything suspicious.

"When he pulled in, he handled the pump normally," Miller said of the tape. "His version is not what we're seeing on the video." Miller said that the man, after taking a picture,

alerted the clerk inside of the razor blade, which was not the same type found in the Walmart incident, then left the scene before police arrived. The Siler City Police Department was able to identify the man based on credit card receipts for his gas purchase.

Police have now identified at least six different individuals who may have been involved with a vandalism spree in Siler City. Miller noted that the spree actually occurred two different times causing more damage than previously reported. Miller notes that one juvenile has been charged and expects others to follow. As the suspects are juveniles, Miller was unable to provide more information on their identities for the moment.



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Mountaire helps Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Carolina

Margaret De St Aubin, Ed Spence, Joshua Lee, David Simmons and Becky Spence, (left to right, top row) were part of the donation event as Joy Roberts, bottom left, accepted a \$2,500 donation Monday from Mark R. Reif (bottom right) of Mountaire Farms. Reif, the human resources employee and community relations manager at Mountaire said, "Mountaire Farms believes we should be a good corporate citizen through our support and involvement in activities that are beneficial to the lives of those in the communities in which we conduct our operations. Mountaire is particularly interested in the Boys & Girls Club because it focuses on the care of children in the community who many times are in the most need. The Boys & Girls Club can have a great impact on providing for a brighter future of these children, both physically and educationally."



Submitted photo

Back to school

During a Feb. 28 visit at Chatham Central High School, Chatham County Board of Education Chairman Gary Leonard (center) dropped by the classroom where he not only taught freshman English but also where he took the subject as a Chatham Central student. Camille Hinshaw (right) works in that room teaching English to freshmen and sophomores. Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Derrick D. Jordan (left) used to teach high school English, as well.



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CHATHAM@WORK | JOY ROBERTS

About: Joy Roberts is the Unit Director at the Wren Family Boys & Girls Club in Siler City. The San Diego native has been with the club for nearly three years. Roberts lives in Sanford and has two sons and earned a bachelor's degree in Biblical studies.

What was your first paying job, and what did it teach you?
Burger King in Stuttgart Germany on military post. I learned responsibilities.

What's the most difficult job you've ever had?
Fast food

What was your most embarrassing moment at work?
I was running, jumping and playing with the kids and I fell.

Your standard order at a coffee shop?
Vanilla bean Frappuccino or mocha Frappuccino

Coke or Pepsi?
Pepsi

When will robots take over the world?
Never

Stay up late or get up early?
Get up early

On a snow day, you'd:
Stay home and binge-watch

Netflix and Firestick

Dogs or cats?
Dogs

Ever danced in the rain?
Yes

What's the best use of a snow day?
Sewing

What's the most amazing thing about you that most people wouldn't have guessed?
I lived in Stuttgart Germany while I was in high school

Your strongest trait:
I'm compassionate

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Joy Roberts is a staff member of the Boys & Girls Club at the Wren Family Center in Siler City. One of her themes at the Club is to stress 'No Bullying!' Some of the children who attend the club created artwork around this theme.

Staff photo by David Bradley

3M's Pittsboro plant hosts EDC tour

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Nearly two decades ago, 3M's plant opened south of Pittsboro, manufacturing the granular material that goes on shingles and quarried from Andesite rock that's on site.

The 3M manufacturing site, which hosted a Chatham Economic Development Corporation-sponsored tour March 7, is 95,000 square feet and sits on about 2,100 acres, though the quarry is only using 500 of them. The quarry itself is managed by Luck Stone which gives 3M first pick of the rock for its purposes, selling the remaining quarried stone to commercial and residential customers in the area.

Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry, Pittsboro Commissioners Jay Farrell and Bette Wilson Foley, Alan Byrd of Chatham County Emergency Management, and Cathy Swindell, Director of Industry Services at Central Carolina Community College who managed the training of 3M's first employees when it opened, took part in the tour. According to Blake Arnett, the plant manager, 3M as a corporate entity brings in \$32.8 billion in revenue each year and has had 100-plus straight years of dividends. The Pittsboro plant employs 56 full-time employees who earn at least \$20 per hour, which places its employees within the 95th percentile of earnings in Chatham County. In addition, the plant supports about 90 additional jobs outside of 3M for its production.

The mining permit for 3M is valid for about 130 more years, at which point the quarry will be 900 feet deep, according to Arnett. After the quarry is spent, the land will be used by local governments as one of the largest water reserves in the state. Currently, the quarry is on its fourth lift, which is the term for each level down the quarry goes. Arnett notes that the company is only using a portion of its entire land in order to ensure enough buffers for the surrounding properties.

"We are good neighbors," Arnett said. Arnett also noted that the company has been making strides each year to reduce pollution and improve sustainability. For example, the company uses reclaimed water, about 250,000 gallons per day, which is treated at the Pittsboro Wastewater Treatment plant. At the time, it was the first in the area to do so. This year, the plant has a goal of being landfill-free, working to ensure that any waste is recycled or handled in other ways to reduce its footprint. The company has also modified its trucks to increase fuel economy and reduce the stress the trucks put on the road surfaces.

The process for manufacturing the roof shingle granules begins in the quarry. Luck Stone quarries the stone and provides the 3M manufacturing plant with Andesite rock that is about four inches in diameter. That rock then goes through a crushing and screening process. The rock rolls around in large steel barrels to crush. It is then taken via conveyor



Staff photo by Casey Mann

The 3M plant hosted a tour with members of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation, Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry, Pittsboro Commissioners Jay Farrell and Bette Wilson Foley, Alan Byrd of Chatham County Emergency Management, and Cathy Swindell, Director of Industry Services at Central Carolina Community College who managed the training of 3M's first employees when it opened.

belt to screening; there, screens allow rocks that are just the right size to fall through. Anything too large is sent back to the crusher while anything too small is transferred to a "mountain" on another part of the property. This process occurs about four times per rock, each time reducing the size by four.

Once the rock reaches its optimal size, approximately one-sixteenth of an inch, it is brought to another area of the plant for coloring. The rock is tested for dust content before the coloring process. Once the product is dyed, a coating is used, and the stone is placed in a kiln to set. The finished product is then placed in one of 100 shipping silos in preparation for trucks to deliver it to their customers.

At 17 years, the Pittsboro 3M plant is the youngest in the 3M corporation. During that time, the company has worked to develop good relationships in the community and develop talent from within the organization, according to Arnett. For example, when 3M constructed its water tower for the reuse water from the Pittsboro Wastewater Treatment Plant, it donated the remaining land around the tower to the town of Pittsboro. That land is now known as Rock Ridge Park.

The company also donates regularly to non-profits in the area including the Salvation Army and Rebuilding Together. The company has also provided \$3 million to Chatham County Schools and \$35,000 to Central Carolina Community College. 3M also works with CCCC on its apprenticeship program where employees go to classes in the evening, eventually earning a Diploma in Industrial Systems and Industrial Maintenance Mechanic Journeyman's certification.

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Bear Creek, NC 27207
F21,F28,M7,M14,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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NORTH CAROLINA
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This the 21st day of February, 2019.
Pauline R. Lyna, Executor
712 Arbor Brook Drive
Cary, NC 27519
F21,F28,M7,M14,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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This is the 20th day of February, 2019.
Cindy Council Martin, Executrix
c/o Lewis & Anderson, PLLC
Attorneys at Law
PO Box 4825
Chapel Hill, NC 27515-1825
F28,M7,M14,M21,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF GILBERT C. BROWN

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, 2019.
Gerald Steven Brown, Executor
c/o Samantha Reichle, Atty.
Trust Counsel
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 BYNUM 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.
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, 2019.
Karen Atkins, Executor
361 Windsor 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 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.
Joseph Clemente, Executor
5871 NC Hwy 56E
Castalia, NC 27816-9410
F28,M7,M14,M21,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

18 E 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
F28,M7,M14,M21,4tp

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 Scottton, Regina Siler, Yolanda Scottton, 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 recorded 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 undersigned, 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 directed 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 PM on March 21, 2019 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Chatham, North Carolina, and being 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, 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.

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A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.
If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the 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 reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, 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 agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC.
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c/o Hutchens Law Firm
P.O. Box 1028
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Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311
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Case No: 1237055 (FC.FAY)
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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 Public Registry.
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 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 & Ravelen, 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 IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale.
THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED.
Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale in being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty related to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or related to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release,**

and any other encumbrances or exception of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the record owner(s) of the property according to the Chatham County Register of Deeds is Heartridge Builders, LLC. This Notice of Sale shall be posted and advertised as required by the said Deed of Trust and as required by law, and after the sale, a Report of Sale will be entered immediately following the conclusion of the sale, and such sale shall remain open for raised or upset bid as by law permitted and required. 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 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 written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the Notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the Notice of Sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the Notice of Termination [N.C.G.S. §45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated in to the effective date of the termination.
If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons for such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee, 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.
This 26th day of February, 2019.
Main Street Trustees, LLC,
Substitute Trustee
By: Andrew J. Abramson,
Manager,
PO Box 829, Salisbury, North Carolina 28145-0829,
Telephone: 704-633-5000.
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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, 2019.
Calvin Dark, Executor
201 Ponderosa Road
Siler City, NC 27344
M7,M14,M21,M28,4tp

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.,



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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
CHRISTY DIXON YENYO
Plaintiff
vs.
CHARLES JOSEPH YENYO
Defendant
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 upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This the 7th day of March, 2019.
CHRISTY DIXON YENYO,
Plaintiff

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
19 E 93

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, 2019.

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
19 E 114

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

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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 as arrangements for the deaf, 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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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 payment 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

19 E 91
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 pay-

ment to the undersigned. This the 7th day of March, 2019.
Kenneth W. Michaels, Executor
138 Lot B Grayson Bostic Rd
Forest City, NC 28043

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

19 E 100
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 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.

Mark O. Costley, Executor
1414 Raleigh Rd, Ste 445
Chapel Hill, NC 27515
Clarity Legal Group
Exchange West at Meadowmont
1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 445
PO Box 2207
Chapel Hill, NC 27515

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

18 E 657
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of ANNE L. SCRBACK 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 Glashiields Way
Apex, NC 27539

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of CHARLES LOWELL WRYE, 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 12th day of June, 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 March, 2019.
Cameron Spivey, Executor
Estate of Charles Lowell Wrye
Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC
501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The United Way of Chatham County will hold its annual meeting on March 28 at 11:30 a.m. It will take place in the Multipurpose Room of Building 42 of Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro. The public is invited to attend.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

19 E 101
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of NANCY D. ALLEN 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 14, 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 March, 2019.

David L. Allen, Executor
6411 Shiloh Rd
Liberty, NC 27298
Charlie D. Brown, Atty for Estate
Brown Estate Planning
P.O. Box 920
Graham, NC 27253
336-447-8056

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NOTICE to CREDITORS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of ADAIR BEASLEY WIESS, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of June, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 14th day of March, 2019.

Sandra Adair Murvin, Executrix of the Estate of Adair Beasley Wiess
2858 Canterbury Road
Birmingham, AL 35223
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

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NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

13-CVD-346
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled COUNTY OF CHATHAM vs. TRACI MICHELLE CAMERON and spouse, if any, and all possible heirs and assignees of TRACI MICHELLE CAMERON and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder, et al, 13-CVD-346, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 27th day of March, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Chatham County, North Carolina, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning AT AN EXISTING IRON STAKE IN THE Northern right of way of North Drive as shown on subdivision map entitled "New Hope Park", said stake further being identified as being located North 58 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds East 185.16 feet from a point where the centerline of North Drive intersects a PK nail in SR #1931, said stake also being a corner with Henry Macon Goodwin and runs thence from said beginning point as line of Godwin North 09 degrees 15 minutes 16 seconds East 199.71 feet to an existing iron pipe in the line of Macon Goodwin; thence as line of Goodwin South 80 degrees 38 minutes 43 seconds East 251.6 feet to an existing iron pipe, corner with Goodwin and O.M. Mann; thence as line of O.M. Mann South 79 degrees 33 minutes 57 seconds East 3.83 feet to an existing iron stake in line of Mann, corner with Walter Lynch; thence as line of Lynch South 09 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West 30.13 feet to an iron pipe stake, thence as another line of Lynch North 80 degrees 38 minutes 43 seconds West 55.48 feet to an existing iron pipe; thence another line with Lynch South 09 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds West 169.81 feet to an existing iron stake in the Northern right of way of North Drive; thence as the Northern right of way of North Drive North 80 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West 165.14 feet to an existing iron stake; thence continuing as the

Northern right of way of North Drive North 81 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds West 30.47 feet to the point of BEGINNING and containing .936 acres, and being all of Lot 1 and the Western half of Lot 2 and an ally as shown on a subdivision map entitled "New Hope Park", as shown in Plat Book 9, Page 82 Chatham County Registry, as shown on map entitled "Survey for Laura C. Johnson", prepared by Van R. Finch-Land Surveys, P.A., dated June 23, 1995. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. Parcel Identification Number: 0011364

The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter. This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Chatham County Register of Deeds. This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25. This the 3rd day of March, 2019.

Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner
P.O. Box 25
Trenton, NC 28585

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of BARBARA O. COOK late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of June, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 8th day of March, 2019.
Jerry Cook, Executor
The Estate of Barbara O. Cook
Post Office Box 1806
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
BOX 1806
PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312
(919) 542-5605

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
CHRISTOPHER EUGENE IVEY
Plaintiff
vs.
STEPHANIE BAKER IVEY
Defendant
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION COMPLAINT FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

TO: STEPHANIE BAKER IVEY
CHATHAM COUNTY, 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 4th day of April, 2019, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This the 14th day of March, 2019.
CHRISTOPHER EUGENE IVEY,
Plaintiff

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of

the Estate of CATHERINE RICE PARKER 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 14, 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 March, 2019.

Ralph Leonard Parker, Executor
1157 E. Ferrell Rd
Apex, NC 27523

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of ELOUISE C. 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 June 14, 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 March, 2019.

Linda B. Rimer, Executrix
200 Overlake Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of HARVEY EUGENE LEHMAN 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 14, 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 March, 2019.
Michael P. Gates, Executor of the Estate of Harvey Eugene Lehman
c/o Porsha Washington
Deal Law Group, PLLC
3017 South Church Street
Burlington, NC 27215

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - TOWN OF PITTSBORO

The Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners will hold the following Public Hearing on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock in the Town Council Chambers of the Pittsboro Town Hall, 635 East Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina, to consider the following item: 1. Proposed Rezoning, Third Wave Housing, REZ-2019-02 Rezoning request for parcel 80091 totaling 3.406 acres located at 196 Chatham Business Drive, from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to O-I CZ (Office and Institutional Conditional Zoning District). The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the proposed rezoning request. The complete records are on file at the office of the Town Planning Department located at 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite 400, and are available for inspection during regular business hours or by appointment. Substantial changes in the proposed plan may be made following the public hearing. The public is invited to attend. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Alice Lloyd, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at afloyd@pittsboronc.gov.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Chatham seeks applicants for vacancy on Appearance Commission

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Appearance Commission seeks applicants to fill a vacant seat. The commission especially need members with expertise in plant knowledge, landscaping and landscape design. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on March 22.

The Appearance Commission establishes and oversees programs to enhance the appearance of the county. The commission also reviews and comments on non-residential site plans for Business, Industrial, Conditional Zoning Districts and Conditional Use Permits. It typically meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month in Pittsboro.

The person appointed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy would serve until June 30, 2020, but would be eligible for reappointment for a full three years. All appointees must live in Chatham County.

The online application form can be found at <https://chathamnc.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommitteeForm>. Contact Lindsay Ray at 919-542-8200 or lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org to have a copy mailed or emailed to you.

Chatham household hazardous waste event scheduled for Saturday

The county's first Household Hazardous Waste event of the year will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Pittsboro's Solid Waste & Recycling Main Facility, located at 28 County Services Road.

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 Solid

Library holds spring book sale

Chatham County Public Libraries will host a spring book sale in March, with more than 18,000 hardbound and softbound books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, and LPs will be available for purchase.

- Sale dates:
- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 28
 - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, March 29 (half-price day)
 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 30 (\$5 to fill a large paper grocery bag)

The library is located at 197 N.C. Hwy. 87 North in Pittsboro. Each sale offers a completely new assortment of titles in very good to excellent condition, and all are organized by category, subject or format. Proceeds from the sale are used to benefit the library for underwriting various programs; purchasing needed books, materials and equipment; and improving its technology and services.

For questions, email booksale@friendscccl.org

Waste & Recycling Division at 919-542-5516.

2019 Spring Ag Fest date announced

Chatham County invites residents to the 2nd annual Spring Ag Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 30 at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center.

The Spring Ag Fest is a celebration of Chatham County's agriculture, forestry, and natural resources. The event will offer something for everyone, including livestock, exhibits, demonstrations, food trucks, and more.

Events planned at the Livestock Arena include a barrel racing demonstration, cutting horse demonstration and a sheep herding demonstration, as well as a N.C. Horse Council Parade of Breeds and a 4-H livestock exhibition.

Livestock including cattle, sheep, poultry, goats, horses, rabbits, and more will be on display for an up-close look. Free pony rides for children will be sponsored by the Chatham County Farm Bureau.

Indoor and outdoor exhibitors and vendors will highlight local farms, farmers' markets, sustainable agriculture, agricultural support and advocacy, agribusiness, beekeeping, livestock, forestry, green industry, wildlife, conservation, and much more. Several food trucks will

offer options for lunch. Thanks to the generosity of the Chatham County Farm Bureau, the first 800 visitors will receive a \$5 food ticket to spend at the food trucks. The event is free and open to the public.

If you are interested in exhibiting around the theme of agriculture, forestry, or natural resources, contact Victoria Brewer at 919-545-8303.

For questions about the Spring Ag Fest, email Debbie Roos at debbie.roos@chathamnc.org.

The CCACC houses the offices of Chatham County Cooperative Extension, Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil and Water Conservation, and the Forest Service. The event facilities provide year-round meeting and workshop space for agriculture, horticulture, forestry, natural resources, family and consumer science, and youth programs. However, the CCACC is available for rental by organizations and individuals for all types of events, including conventions, trade shows, weddings, workshops, and banquets. It is the largest flexible meeting space in the county.

The CCACC is one mile west of the traffic circle at 1192 US 64 West Business in Pittsboro.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

9-year-old readies for her first art show

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Nine-year-old Darby Janette Powers says creating art makes her feel “amazing!”

On Saturday, the Peppercorn in Siler City will host a very special art exhibit of her works. She’ll be showing off her artistic talents, aided by her artist father, Darren “Johnny Glaze” Powers. The elder Powers has been working in art for more than a decade, getting his start at Central Carolina Community College using his G.I. Bill to take its sculpture program. Now a resident at the N.C. Arts Incubator, Powers is using his skills in clay to bring Darby’s art to the masses.

Darby says her interest in art is rooted in family saying that her father’s and brother’s love for making art drew her to creating her own. Powers says combining his art with his children’s was a natural progression. Art has always been a family affair.

“I wanted to spend more times with my kids,” Powers said. “The whole time I was at CCCC, I was engaging them.”

At that time, it was mostly his son Owen spending time in the studio. Powers and his son did a similar showing in 2012 when Owen was 5.

When Powers became the art teacher at Haw River Christian Academy, he began exploring different mediums such as painting in order to teach it effectively to his students. Darby would practice what Powers was working on teaching.

“It was really a way to spend time together,” Powers said. “It was a progression of spending studio time with them to spending time with them at school.”

Taking from her sketch



Staff photo by David Bradley

Darby Powers is excited to show her work and share her enthusiasm for art with Siler City.



Staff photo by David Bradley

Art has always been a family affair. Owen Powers (left) had his first show in 2012 with his father, Darren (center). Now it’s Darby’s (right) turn.

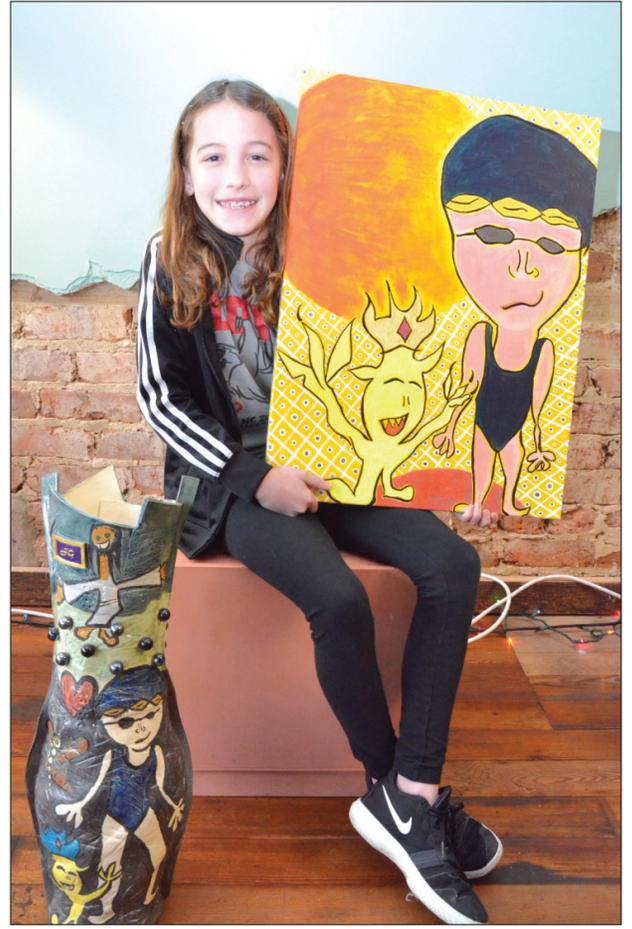
books, Powers picked works that told “sentimental stories,” something that spoke to him, and began working to recreate her art on pottery. He used

clay slabs to make vessels and pots, then he faithfully redrew Darby’s pieces onto the clay, merging the two pieces of art into one familial piece.

“She did all these when she was really little, some are from up to six years ago,” Powers said. “I try to keep it as true to their original drawing as possible. Some of the pieces were big enough that I was able to combine multiple drawings to let it tell a story.”

The father-daughter created art will be showcased from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at the Peppercorn at 138 N. Chatham Ave. in Siler City.

“I have a feeling it’s going to go well,” Darby said. “I’m really



Staff photo by David Bradley

Darby Powers will have her first art exhibit this Saturday at the Peppercorn. Her father, Darren “Johnny Glaze” Powers combined her art with his own for this special showing.

excited. I want people to know how much I love art and how much I enjoy it.”

And Darby’s art is progressing as well. Though her favorite type of art is “just drawing because you just need a pencil and paper,” her father notes her growth in painting is exciting.

“Darby is still making interesting, playful artwork,” Powers said. “She doesn’t need me anymore to upscale and recreate her drawings on canvas anymore because she is doing it all on her own. I’m really impressed with her painting because she has a good feel for mixing and coordinating colors when she paints so when her next show comes around you

can expect great things.”

The show, hosted at the same location as Powers’ first exhibition when a student at CCCC, ushers in a sense of wistful nostalgia.

“As much as we both love creating art, it is the time we get to spend doing it together that we love the most,” he said. “Finally putting this show together after so many years and looking back on how much she has grown... and how much of her childhood I have got to share with, both fills my heart and breaks it. Children grow up way too fast and they really do need our love and attention. We should never take the time we have with them for granted.”

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School board delays calendar change decision

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — Hobbled by concerns over survey clarity and teacher feedback, the Chatham County Board of Education decided to wait on solidifying the 2019-2020 school year calendar.

The board had been considering altering the high school schedule to allow for first semester exams to take place before Christmas break, but members spoke Monday during a regular meeting about receiving comments from teachers explaining concerns over the change and how it might limit certain classes and cause logistical problems.

A recommendation by the district’s teacher advisory council brought two schedule possibilities before the board. Option A would keep the traditional calendar with nearly equal number of days in the first and second semester and the first semester ending in January. Option B would keep the traditional calendar for elementary and middle schools, while high schools would operate under a shorter first semester to allow first-semester final exams to be taken prior to Christmas break.

Justice Mansour, an English teacher at Northwood High School, spoke during the public comments section about a survey the district had sent out.

“I think most of us really didn’t think about the ramifications,” Mansour said. “Ideally we’d end before winter break, but the schedule doesn’t work

out logistically. We’ve also heard that it would affect scheduling.”

She also expressed concerns about loading honors classes for high school students in the fall and Advanced Placement classes in the spring instead of spreading them out, saying that would create a heavier burden for students.

The debate comes as the N.C. General Assembly is considering several bills that would allow for calendar flexibility for Chatham County and the state as a whole. Multiple officials have said the state has been hearing demands from school districts while being lobbied by coastal counties that count on a later return to school for more tourism revenue.

“Unfortunately, it seems that our legislature is looking harder at our tourism industry lobby than they are our kids,” said board chair Gary Leonard. “We would love to have exams before (Christmas) but they don’t let us start earlier.”

So instead of taking a vote, which was a possibility Monday, they waited and will issue a new survey, a decision supported by District Superintendent Derrick Jordan.

“I, personally, from an instructional standpoint, had some concerns about the shorter semester,” Jordan said. “But I also realized that there are a number of reasons why people are in support of Option B. We want to provide as much information as possible so that the board can ultimately make the best decision.”

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